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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Public schools will close next week.

Mr. Painter died at his residence at Melrose on Saturday last, aged about 82 years.

Mr. John H. Chew, near Patapsco, is confined to bed with a severe attack of jaundice.

Mr. Frank F. Shipley is preparing to open a grocery store at 239 East Main street, this city.

There have been a considerable number of additions to the ADVOCATE subscription list recently.

T. A. Barnes has been appointed postmaster at Eldersburg, in the place of J. E. Osborn resigned.

Mr. F. L. Hering, near Finksburg, is having his mill refitted with rollers and is making other improvements.

Mr. Anthony Schneider died suddenly near Warfieldsburg, on Monday night, of apoplexy, aged 66 years and 14 days.

The ADVOCATE honored the 146th anniversary of the Sage of Monticello on Tuesday last, by displaying the national emblem.

Mr. Jacob Bankert, near this city, raises the white Brahma chickens, one of which recently laid an egg weighing four ounces.

Don't fail to read the article elsewhere on this page in reference to celebrating the 100th anniversary of Washington's inauguration.

Mr. Wm. Oursler has sold his brickyard in this city to Mrs. Kendall. The business will be conducted by her nephew, Wm. Oursler.

Seventy-five deeds, 42 mortgages, and 24 bills of sale were recorded in the Clerk's office during March, and 20 marriage licenses were issued.

Mr. Francis Shriver, as trustee, has sold the property of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Price, at the West End, Westminster, to Judge Isaac C. Baile for $1200.

The Finksburg roan is still queen of the Reisterstown pike. Several horsemen claim to be able to take her down, but they don't invite the roan out for a breeze.

The congregation of Ascension Church, this city, will meet on Monday evening next at 7.30 o'clock, in the Chapel, to hear the report of the soliciting committee and to take final action thereon.

The stockholders of the Westminster and Meadow Branch turnpike company will elect directors on May 6th, next. The election will be held at the residence of Mr. Samuel Roop, at Meadow Branch.

Reports this week, from persons from nearly every section of Carroll, go to show that the wheat crop of Carroll looks well and very promising. Let the price go up next summer to $1.25 or $1.50 a bushel.

Frank Zahn, who was commissioned special police officer last fall, tendered his resignation to the Mayor and Council on Monday night. It was accepted and Mr. Zahn thereupon surrendered his badge of authority.

An election for town officers was held in Union Bridge, on Monday, and resulted as follows: Mayor, David Rinehart; councilmen, W. R. Straw, Philip B. Myers, B. S. Phillips, William H. Marshall and Joseph Wilson.

Who is postmaster at New Windsor? Dr. Buffington has resigned. Messrs. Job Hibberd, Frank J. Devilbiss and Winfield S. Drach have been successively appointed, but none of them have been commissioned.

Several persons were added this week to the list of patrons of the Westminster Water Company. Every family in the city should use the company's water, and the Company should be more enterprising in extending its mains.

A child of George Manger, this city, fell and broke his right arm on Tuesday, and on the following day E. J. Awalt's little daughter Maggie fell and broke her right arm. Dr. Edward D. Wells rendered surgical aid in both cases.

John F. Spies, of Watsontown, Northumberland county, Pa., has moved to the farm he recently purchased of the heirs of Jacob Myers, near Frizellburg. Wm. Harver, of Baltimore, his brother-in-law, is helping him to fix up the premises.

Sheriff Fringer sold on Monday last, at public sale, 10 acres, 3 roods and 16 perches of land, adjoining the property of Mr. Wm. A. Cunningham at the West End of Westminster, belonging to Corinda and George Snyder, to William Lippy for $150.

Next Wednesday is Arbor Day, by designation of Gov. Jackson, and the teachers and pupils of the public schools have been requested to observe it by planting trees and by such exercise as they may deem proper. It is not likely that there will be much tree-planting in Carroll.

Hon. Frank T. Shaw, Mr. Samuel Cover and Mr. Charles E. Lauver, members of the State Democratic Central Committee, attended a meeting of that body in Baltimore on Wednesday. On Thursday Dr. Shaw attended a meeting of the Board of Managers of the House of Correction.

A warrant was sworn out before Justice Moore on Monday last, by Jacob H. Sherman, of Manchester, charging Simon P. Heilig with obtaining from him a horse by false pretense. The accused appeared and gave bail for his appearance before the Justice for a hearing on Tuesday next, April 9th.

At the monthly meeting of the Sunday School Missionary Society of Centenary M. E. Church, of this city, on Sunday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Wm. H. Bell, Jr.; vice president, W. E. Buckingham; secretary, Miss Bertie Keen; treasurer, Miss Grace Weaver; curators, Mrs. S. K. Herr, Mrs. G. W. Cooper, Miss Fannie Fringer and Miss Georgia Franklin.

A movement is on foot to reorganize the Westminster Driving Association. There are a number of fine steppers in this city and neighborhood, and many others coming on, with no track upon which to train them. It is hoped the reorganization will be successful, and a permanent track provided. The old fair ground track probably offers the best inducements, and it would be well for the Association to purchase it.

Mr. Thos. W. Wells has sold his drug store at Hampstead to Mr. J. Douglas Miller, of Sandy Springs, Montgomery county, Md. Mr. Miller took possession on Wednesday. Mr. Wells is postmaster at Hampstead, but as he proposes moving away shortly, he will have to relinquish the office. There are about five candidates for the office, and a contest over it is likely to result, both as to who shall have it and as to location.

Parties from Finksburg have engaged the attention of Westminster magistrates this week. On Monday Wm. J. Gill had a warrant issued by Justice Crapster for the arrest of David R. Condon, upon the charge of assault upon Anna Smith or Gill. Condon gave bail in the sum of $100 for his appearance at court, and in turn swore out a peace warrant against Gill. On Thursday Miss Ada R. Baer had a warrant issued by Justice Moore against Gill, charging him with assault, with felonious intent. Gill waived examination and gave $500 bail to answer the charge in the circuit court next month.

Dr. C. S. Harstone, at the veterinary stable on north Centre street, last Saturday afternoon, removed from the hind leg of a mare belonging to Mr. James Zacharias, a cartilaginous tumor weighing over three pounds and of several months growth. The operation occupied about fifteen minutes, and was attended with considerable risk, as the tumor was located over a plexus of bloodvessels, necessitating unusual delicacy and dexterity, which the doctor exhibited in admirable degree. The mare stood the operation very well and the wound is responding to treatment in a very satisfactory manner.

In another column in this issue we publish the list of promotions at Central Hall Graded School, this city. This school has an able corps of teachers, and it will rank with the best public schools in the state, outside of Baltimore. Parents and pupils, perhaps, do not properly appreciate the advantages offered by this school, but they are highly favored by having such educational facilities at the public expense. Parents should note the progress of children, impress upon them the importance of education, encourage them to improve their opportunities, and see to it that they are regular and punctual in attendance. All citizens should feel a pride in this school, and give it every encouragement. More land is needed for a play ground for the children, and some effort out to be made before the commencement of the next school year to provide it.

Mrs. Sarah Yingling died at Mt. Pleasant, about four miles from Westminster, on Thursday, in her 86th year.

Speaking of the price of potatoes, a farmer remarked in the ADVOCATE office a few days ago, "Burbanks are worth about the price you can give them away at."

Gov. Jackson on Thursday remitted to Abram Stoner $500 of the $1000 recognizance forfeited by his son Samuel J. Stoner, who was indicted for false pretenses.

Mr. George H. Zimmerman has resigned the position of assistant cashier of the Frederich County National Bank of Frederick, to become the general manager of the Union Manufacturing Company of that place.

Walter Butler, colored, was brought to jail here on Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Tyler. Butler is charged with stealing a pocket-book from Frank Toop in December last. He was captured at New Market, Frederick county.

Messrs. Jackson Gott, architect; J. E. Matthews, road master, and W. R. Straw, assistant road master, were in Westminster on Thursday, making survey for the new depot the Western Maryland Railroad is to erect here this summer.

The real estate of Mr. George W. Zepp, advertised by Mr. Chas. T. Reifsnider, assignee of mortgagee, has been withdrawn from sale. The advertisement appears on the 4th page of this issue, the matter having been settled after that page had been put to press.

On March 26, ult., at the Lutheran Church at Woodsboro', Frederick county, Mr. Howard G. Winter, of Union Bridge, and Miss Lizzie Snyder, of Woodsboro', were married by Rev. S. A. Diehl. The church was handsomely decorated on the occasion, and a grand reception followed the ceremony.

Mt. Pleasant M. E. Sunday school, near Gamber, was organized on Sunday last with the following officers: Samuel C. Monroe, superintendent; G. A. Barnes, assistant superintendent; Wm. H. Lindsay, secretary; U. Grant Harding, assistant secretary; B. F. Gorsuch, librarian; Calvin Jordan, assistant librarian.

Two cases from Carroll came up in the Court of Appeals at Annapolis this week. Devilbiss vs. Bennett, trustee, was argued by Albert Ritchie and Judge Maulsby for the appellant and Hon. Charles B. Roberts for the appellee; Frazier vs. Keller was argued by James A. C. Boud for the appellant and George M. Pearce for the appellee.

The suit of Arthur Favorite, the contractor who built the Hanover and Littlestown turnpike, against that corporation for the balance of 15 per cent. retained by the directors for alleged non fulfillment of contract on the contractor's part, has been compromised by the payment to Mr. Favorite of $2,500. The sum retained, with interest to date, amounted to something over $3,000.

At the Maryland M. P. Conference in session at Lynchburg, Va., Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, president of Western Maryland College, reported a year of success, 178 students on the roll, a surplus saved of $4,532, used in improvements and reduction of debt. Gifts had been received of $4,000 for the building of a president's house on the campus, of other sums for its furniture, and of $4,000 for the equipment of a gymnasium.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

The Mayoralty Election—Financial Condition—Improvements, &c.

In less than a month more the citizens of Westminster will be called upon to select city officers. Mayor Schaeffer declines to serve again, and so far no one has signified a willingness to accept the mayoralty. As to the members of the council, we are not advised whether they will serve longer or not. These positions are not desirable, and much complaint is always made against the city government. Taxation is low, and the money realized is not sufficient to provide for the debt, keep the streets and crossings in perfect order and to maintain sufficient street lamps. People do not seem to take this into consideration when demanding improvements or in criticising the city officers. Instead of adverse criticism, the people should be thankful that a sufficient number of citizens are willing to give their time and talents for the public benefit, for the pay is insignificant compared to the services rendered.

We understand that the city finances are in good condition; that there is no floating debt; that the interest on the bonded debt has been promptly met, and that $1000 of the bonds have been retired. Substantial improvements have been made to streets, sidewalks and crossings, and some twenty-odd street lamps have been put up during the past two or three years.

There has been but little complaint against the present officers, and most of the complaining ones would find fault with any administration. It would be well, we believe, if the present mayor and council were continued. They are familiar with city affairs, and it is probable a more efficient set of officials could not be induced to serve. The people should take some action in the matter. They should take pride in the city and see to it that capable officers be elected; that the finances be managed to the honor and credit of the city, and that the improvements be continued.

Personal Notes.

Miss Edith Reese, of New York, will spend next week with friends in Westminster.

Mr. Geo. T. Lynch, of Baltimore, a former resident of Westminster, spent Monday here.

County Commissioner George W. Miller and wife left on Thursday for a short visit to Ohio and Indiana.

Miss Netha Preece, of Baltimore, who has been the guest of Miss Bertie Keen, returned home on Wednesday.

Mr. Clayton Nicholas is home from Chambersburg, Pa., having given up his position in the Taylor Works at that place.

Dr. Glenn A. Fenton, of Dallas, Texas, spent a few days this week with his aunt, Mrs. Jane R. Butler, west Main street.

Mr. Warfield and family, of Hagerstown, have taken the residence on Pennsylvania avenue, formerly occupied by Mr. E. J. Lawyer.

Mrs. Eugenia Hayden and her daughter, Mrs. George D. Fouke, went to Philadelphia on Thursday, on a visit to Mrs. Charles McFadden; nee Miss Nellie Hayden.

Mr. Nicholas Benson, of Gamber, is attending the Methodist Protestant Conference at Lynchburg, Va., as delegate from Providence Church. His wife accompanied him.

Mrs. Covington Barnitz, of Baltimore, was in Westminster last Saturday, and called upon a few of her friends. Mr. Barnitz and family do not expect to spend the summer in Westminster this year, as has been their custom.

Death of An Aged Lady.

Mrs. Susan Naill died in this city on Saturday last, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Isabel Deboff, on Liberty street, of paralysis of the heart. Mrs. Naill was the widow of the late Captain David W. Naill, of Frederick county, a surveyor and prominent citizen, who served a number of terms in the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates. She was in her 84th year, and leaves five sons and four daughters—Captain H. Clay Naill, of Frederick county, surveyor of customs under Arthur's administration; Wm. Wallace Naill and Jacob L. Naill, of Carroll county; John E. Naill and Theodore F. Naill, of Kansas; Mrs. David C. Baile, Mrs. John H. Chew, Mrs. Isabel Deboff, of Carroll county, and Mrs. Isaiah Nusbaum, of Frederick county, and numbers of grand and great grandchildren.

Her funeral took place on Tuesday, interment being at Greenwood's, two miles from New Windsor.

Surprise Party by Little Folks.

There was merriment at the residence of Mr. Charles C. Gorsuch, 35 W. Main street, Westminster, on Tuesday evening. Miss Helen, Mr. Gorsuch's little daughter, was given a surprise party by her friends, and a large number attended. A royal time was enjoyed by all. There were present—Clara Lewis, Charlie Kleff, Ossie Stitely, Tessie Buckingham, Carrie Haines, Larue Herr, Carrie Brown, Mary Haines, Lena Kepler, Willie Simpson, Jewel Simpson, Carrie Thompson, Zola Keen, Helen Crouse, Eddie Shriver, Tommy Anders, Elton Shriver, Willie Thompson, Willie Utz, Annie Main, Sammy Sullivan, Nettie Buckingham, Myrle Malehorn, Clara Bankard, Eddie Kleff, Agnes Gorsuch, Irene Woodward, Janie Woodward, Eddie Keefer, Willie Nelson, Willie Keefer, Harry Gorsuch, Emory Buckingham, Milton Sullivan, Gussie Friss, Ollie Friss, Nattie Keen, Lillie Woodward, Carrie Shriver, Arnold Kleff, Helen Gorsuch.

Gamber Items.

Our recent silence is owing to the price of potatoes. Whenever the price is low trade is dull with us. We have thousands of bushels in our cellars and no market. There will be a large plant this spring on account of the cheapness of the seed.

Politics are lively, some of our Republican friends have gone to Baltimore to stand the examination prior to taking their respective positions. Of course they will all pass and take their places. The post office here is of the most importance to our citizens. R. W. Barnes, the most prominent candidate, has been reported as having sold out his store. As yet this is not correct. He has been so reported, in order to make it appear that he is out of the fight for the office. He has a purchaser but nothing is settled yet.

Our canning factory will run principally on tomatoes this season.

Frizellburg Items.

Miss Lulu Best, of Frederick, is a guest at Simon P. Weaver's, in Germantown. Marion Dyer and brother, both of Frederick, are visiting at Mrs. G. N. Gist's near this place. Joseph Freeman, of this place, who remained in Washington a week or more after the inauguration of the president, returned home last week well pleased with the trip. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Snader spent Sunday previous to last at William Wantz's, in Fountain Valley. Miss Emily Rinehart and Miss Maggie Lampert, of this place, were guests at Worley Brown's, near Pleasant Valley, last week, a few days, and also accompanied the moving of Mr. Brown to Littlestown, Pa., where Mr. Brown will follow huckstering.

Ephriam Hailley, of Uniontown, moved in his new house near this place on Tuesday of this week. James Dutrow moved in Taney Flegal's house; Howard Welk moved in the house formerly owned by James Dutrow, but now by Mr. Welk; John Brown moved in Casper Frizell's house, formerly owned by John J. Schafer; James Dickensheets moved in William Frizell's house.

Charles Myers, of near this place, has the catarrh in his hand and is unable to work.

Our public school had its examination last week and the promotions made speaks favorably of Simon P. Weaver, the teacher.

George Welk, who had the mill property of George Babylon's at Meadow Branch rented for several months passed, has now moved away and Mr. Babylon will run the mill himself. John Reaver, of near Snydersburg, is Mr. Babylon's apprentice. It is rumored that Mr. Babylon will not make chop or flour when he begins to repair his mill next week, but such is not true. He will be deprived of making flour, but he intends to keep on chopping.

Simon P. Weaver, of near this place, has relinquished farming for the next year. He has stocked the farm and John Heltabridle, of Pleasant Valley, has moved in his tenant house and will farm on shares.

Frank Bull, who lately purchased a property in this place, of Uriah Yingling, is repairing the same.

William Brown is improving his property by putting up new fences.

It is Said

That a citizen of Westminster on April 1st had an unusually long splinter extracted from his hand several times by several April Fools;

That one of the disqualifications of Mr. Frank J. Devilbiss for postmaster at New Windsor, was his failure to vote for the last Republican candidate for President; that Mr. Devilbiss denies the allegation and can lick the allegator;

That if the Democrats in Taneytown district who cut their tickets on the State senator in 1887 are "good fellows," why should Republicans who vote for a Democratic neighbor be read out of the party and declared unfit to hold a fourth class postmastership;

That some of the dealers in stocks in Westminster would like to have less stock and more money;

That at Union Bridge Peter Hollenberger, Hammond Dern, William H. Morningstar, William Wood, John B. Eppley and Mrs. Lydia McCauley are applicants for the postmastership; that the second-named would make a Dern good man for the place, if he has never voted for a Democrat and can show the most "Democratic scalps;"

That no change will be made in the postmaster at New Windsor until after the fall election, and then Winfield S. Drach will be commissioned; that the delay is simply to get good party work out of all aspirants; that all will be encouraged to render their best services, with the hope that reward will follow;

That the Republicans who last year attributed the low price of potatoes to the Mills bill and the prospect of Cleveland's re-election, ought now to explain why potatoes were 40 cents a bushel then and from 10 to 25 cents now, under Harrison and a Congress Republican in both branches;

That the fight for postmaster at Westminster has narrowed down to two candidates—George E. Sharrer and John H. Mitten, of the *Sentinel*; that while Sharrer has strong backing among the politicians and business men, Mitten has also some strong backing among the citizens and the endorsement of the soldier vote at home and of some influential Grand Army men in Baltimore and elsewhere;

That one of the foremost opponents of Mr. Devilbiss stated at the Postoffice Department that his (Devilbiss') petition was signed by Democrats and Scalawag Republicans; that the Republicans don't relish this designation, and will be around in force at the polls when an opportunity to repay the compliment is presented.

Finksburg Items.

A short time since Tobias Stocksdale lost the best horse of his team, from inflamation of the kidneys.

We are glad to see that Rev. J. Anderson, of the M. E. S. Conference, has been returned to his last year's charge, which includes White Hope Chapel, at this place.

Mrs. Swartz, of Baltimore, has been stopping for several weeks with her son, Wm. Swartz, merchant of this place. Miss Ella Stocksdale, who has spent the winter in Baltimore, has returned to her home. Mr. Ideson, of Nebraska, lately paid a visit to his relative, Mrs. Thos. Ireland. Miss Bessie Ireland, of Baltimore, was up to see her brother, Thos. Ireland, a few days ago, and Thos. Lassell, from the same place, spent last Sunday with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. James Lassell. Mrs. Annie Lisle who has been living in Reisterstown during the winter, has moved up to her home near Glen Falls.

There are two cases of pneumonia in our village at this time.

The members of Mt. Zion Sunday School are preparing to give a concert about the middle of the month. They promise some good music.

Tobias Stocksdale is making preparations to begin building a new barn on the site of the old one, which is now being demolished.

Rev. J. Lassell preached his last sermon, before leaving for conference, at Mt. Zion, on last Sunday, and also administered the Holy Communion.

Does the Stonersville sorrel expect by training to beat the Finksburg roan? Possibly it may be mistaken.

Middleburg Items.

The flitting population is about all settled. But few changes were made in Middleburg. Andrew Ohler removed to Mrs. Hankey's farm, near Graceham, Frederick county, and Chas. Valentine moved to the warehouse at York road. Mr. Valentine is accompanied by his father-in-law, Mr. Samuel Angel, who will run the warehouse. John H. Diffendal, of York road, will be in the employ of Mr. Angel.

Rev. J. N. Davis, of Mechanicstown, visited Rev. W. C. Brian on Wednesday. Jas. Long, of Walkersville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Perry this week.

Lee Haines gave a party in Bowman's Hall on Monday night.

The baker from Taneytown visits our place twice every week. This is very convenient for the bread buyers.

Some towns have their John Chinamen, we have none; but it seems we have a real live John Turk, who proposes to do a big business in the sawdust and mucilage line. Have a care, John, all those men may probably clamor for office under the new administration. You'd be a benefactor to mankind if you would turn your attention to the manufacture of offices for the men we have already, whose longing eyes are cast lovingly toward the national capital. If you'll open a business of this sort we'll guarantee full hours, good wages and no strikes or shut downs for the next four years.

Destruction of a Valuable Mill.

The large brick flouring mill of Mr. Michael S. Brilhart, two and a half miles from Hampstead, was burned on Sunday night last about 9 o'clock. The mill had been rebuilt within a few years. About a year ago it was refitted with new machinery at a cost of $3,300, and was one of the best mills in the county. There had been no fire in the mill since Saturday, and it is supposed that it was set on fire by some malicious person. Some time ago Mr. Brilhart was notified that the mill would be burned, and suspicion points to a citizen of the neighborhood.

The glare of the fire was plainly visible in this city. The blaze lit up the surrounding country, and shortly after the flames burst through the roof nearly all the inhabitants within several miles were at the fire. They were powerless to extinguish the flames, and could do but little else than to stand and watch the destruction.

Mr. Brilhart's loss was about $7,000, upon which there was an insurance of $3,000 upon the mill in the Dug Hill Company and $500 upon the contents in the Carroll County Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Trustees' Sale of Valuable Real Estate, Dwelling House, and old established Business Place—David Stoner and J. J. Weaver, Jr., Trustees.

Great Attractions for Spring at Fred. D. Miller & Bro's., Westminster, Md.

The Young Percheron Horse Pilot—Jos. I. Gist & Bro., near Westminster.

Bark Wanted—England & Bryan, Proprietors Schlosser Tannery.

Assignee of Mortgagee's Sale—Samuel H. Hoffacker, Assignee.

Fine Timber Land at Public Sale—H. Haines.

Election Notice—John T. Diffenbaugh, Secretary.

Legal Notices. List of Unclaimed Matter. Public Sale—John Buckley.

MANCHESTER ITEMS.

Destruction of a Barn by Fire—Purchase of a Fire Engine—Changes of Residence—Masonic Banquet—Death of Mrs. Shower.

About 11 a. m. last Monday fire was discovered in the barn on the premises belonging to Emanuel Shafer and occupied by John Myers, on York street. The alarm was given and the bucket brigade was prompt in answering to the call, but before help arrived the entire structure was enveloped in flames, and the building, with a lot of corn fodder belonging to Mr. Shafer, and a chest of carpenter tools and some other articles belonging to Mr. Myers, were consumed. Every man present who is any good anywhere worked with a will, and by strenuous efforts succeeded in saving Eckenrode's barn, within twelve feet of the burning building, on one side, and Barwager's barn, about twice that distance, on the other side. Eckenrode's barn was on fire several times, and had it not been for a friendly rain and almost calm atmosphere the fire could not have been kept confined to the one building. The building and contents were insured for $150.

A meeting on Monday evening in the interest of fire apparatus was largely attended. The committee on apparatus previously appointed reported that they had been to Baltimore and contracted with Mr. Holloway for a chemical engine, subject to confirmation by the citizens, and arrangements were made to consummate the bargain. A committee was appointed to canvass the town to raise money for the first payment, and on Wednesday evening another meeting was held, and the committee reported that, with a number of citizens yet to see, they had secured $151.70, which, with the amount previously on hand, aggregates $289.70. Mr. C. J. H. Ganter was appointed to go to Baltimore next week and have the engine shipped, and arrangements will be made to test it on its arrival.

The members of Lebanon Lodge No. 175, A. F. A. M., gave their ladies a banquet at their hall on Friday evening of last week. At 8.30 all were invited to the lower hall, where a bounteous repast, catered by I. D. W. Stonesifer, was waiting, and after enjoying the luxuries prepared for the occasion they returned to the upper hall, where the evening was spent in social intercourse. Short addresses were made by Revs. W. F. Shriner and C. M. Eyster, and the whole was interspersed with music. Mrs. C. M. Eyster presided at the organ.

This has been a moving week in town, and the following are some of the changes: Nelson Warehime moved into the Gettier property; George L. Manrath into the house recently purchased of Jacob Wink; D. C. Frankforter into Chas. J. H. Ganter's house, and Mr. Ganter into the drug store building; Lewis Loats into the old cigar factory; Mrs. Berry into the house vacated by Loats, and the Misses Bixler into the house that Mrs. Berry left; Joseph Tregellas, merchant, moved to Union Bridge, and M. Nelson, of Jarrettsville, Baltimore county, purchaser of the Everhart stand, arrived with his household goods on Monday evening; John Myers moved into Emanuel Shafer's house on York street; H. A. Myers into the property of the late John Weaver; David Barns, purchaser of the Ritter property, occupies his new home; John K. Miller moved into the Barns property, vacated by William H. Hoffman, and Israel Bowser moved to the country.

Mrs. Mary Shower, widow of the late Dr. Jacob Shower, whose illness was mentioned in this correspondence last week, died on Friday, March 29, aged 83 years, 4 months and 23 days. Her remains were interred in the Reformed Church burying ground last Monday. Rev. C. Clever, of the Third Reformed Church, Baltimore, conducted the funeral service.

Miller—Fulton.

[Reported for the Democratic Advocate.]

Mr. Frederick D. Miller, one of the most popular young society leaders of Westminster, and Miss Alice, daughter of Mr. Charles H. Fulton, of Walkersville, were married at Glade Reformed Church, Walkersville, Frederick county, on Wednesday, April 30rd, at 1 p. m. A large number of the groom's friends from Westminster and Baltimore went to Walkersville on Wednesday morning to attend the wedding. The church in which the ceremony was performed was beautifully decorated with growing plants and flowers and brilliantly lighted, having previously been darkened for the purpose. Joseph Mazziotte and his assistant, the well known Italian harpist and violinist, played the wedding march. Promptly at the appointed hour the bridal party entered the church in the following order—First the pages, Masters Jimmie Bond and Louie Woodward, of Westminster, carrying the ribbons which formed the aisle through which the bridal party passed; next the ushers and bridesmaids; then two little flower girls, Misses Grace and Phœbe Neidig, of Frederick, dressed respectively in pink and blue, carrying between them a basket of flowers, and after them the bride and groom. At the chancel the party divided, three couples taking position to the right of the groom and three to the left of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. M. Hench, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. C. S. Slagle, of Westminster. The bride was beautifully attired in cream surah with tulle veil, long gloves, and carrying a bouquet of roses. The bridesmaids were most becomingly attired, two in pale blue, two in lavender, one in pink and one in yellow faille francaise; the ushers were in full evening dress and wore boutonnieres to match the color of his bridesmaid's dress. Mr. W. B. Burke, of Baltimore, acted as best man, and Miss Katie Goldsborough, of Walkersville, as best girl. The ushers were Messrs. John Sifford, of Frederick; John P. Brundige, Arthur Smith, Frank Z. Miller, brother of the groom, and Dr. Jos. T. Hering, of Westminster; the bridesmaids were Misses Carrie Wood, of Baltimore; Grace Winebrenner, of Frederick; Airy Winebrenner and Edie Routzhan, of Walkersville, and Phœbe Getzendanner, of Martinsburg, West Va. After the ceremony an elegant collation was served at the residence of the bride's parents, where a reception was held until 3 p. m. The bridal presents were numerous, beautiful and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Miller left on the 3.15 train for Philadelphia, New York and other cities. They were accompanied as far as Frederick Junction by a number of friends, who showered them plentifully with rice and congratulations. Amongst the guests from a distance were Mrs. Miller, stepmother of the groom, and his brother, Mr. Richard Miller, and wife, of "Walnut Hills," Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Jenness, Miss Robinson and Mr. Rice, of Baltimore; Mr. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Neidig, of Frederick; Mr. Dorsey Owings, of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. John L. Reifsnider, Mrs. Jennie Woodward, Mrs. Upshur Sterling, Misses M. B. Shellman, Maggie Huber, Grace Bowers, Lillie Woodward and Lottie Moore, of Westminster; Miss Nettie Shriver, Avondale; Messrs. Charles P. Cassell, William D. Reese, John Everhart, John D. Bowers, Prof. J. A. Diffenbaugh, John Reifsnider Jr. and Master Elting Reifsnider, of Westminster.

Haight Items.

The Sunday school of the M. E. Church South will reorganize on Sunday morning, next, at 9.30 o'clock. Rev. J. R. Andrew will preach at 11 o'clock.

Mr. John Doran, of this place, has a sow suffering from kidney trouble. She has been lying in one position for about three weeks, and had not moved her body in that time, until Monday last.

Miss Jennie Allen, of near North Branch, Baltimore county, spent part of last week with Miss Bessie R. Phillips, of this place.

It is reported that ghosts have been seen in this vicinity. The first one was seen by Jos. Allen, of Baltimore county, and resembled a big black dog. As Mr. Allen approached the supposed dog, his first thought was to kick it, which he did, or at least he thought he did. He found himself prostrated on the ground and the dog ghost had vanished as ghosts usually do. No. 2 ghost was seen on Wednesday last about 5 o'clock by some ladies while taking a walk. This was a white ghost, and from the description they gave, it resembled something, they could not tell what, as they were very much frightened.

Benning's Items.

Farmers are busy sowing oats, and the acreage sowed will be large.

Mr. Thomas Bond burnt a kill of lime this week.

Mr. Thomas Kelly is preparing to open his distillery for the purpose of distilling sassafras.

Quite a number of invitations have been issued for the birthday party of Miss Jennie Kiler, which will take place the 11th day of April.

St. James Sabbath School will reorganize next Sunday.

Two ladies while taking a buggy ride last Saturday met with an accident. A rail, by some cause, got caught in one of the hind wheels and broke it very badly, and they returned home on three wheels and a fence rail.

Baile's school will hold an entertainment on the 10th of April, "Arbor Day," in order to comply with the request of Prof. Newell.

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners were in session three days this week, and disposed of a large amount of business in settling with road supervisors, issuing road commissions and making transfers and abatements.

The following special pensions ware granted: To David Powel, Uniontown district, $10; to Elizabeth Stuller, of Westminster district, $5; to John Schlosser and wife, of Woolery's district, $5; to George Weaver, of Woolery's district, $8; to Margaret E. Spencer, of Westminster district, $5.

WASHINGTON'S INAUGURAL.

A Proposal for a Recognition of the 100th Anniversary.

Tuesday, April 30th, is the one hundredth anniversary of the first inaugural of George Washington as the first President of the United States. The occasion is to be celebrated with great pomp and ceremony in New York, where Gen. Washington took the oath of office. In various parts of the country the day will be duly observed. Westminster, and Carroll county, it is hoped, is not without patriotism, and the ADVOCATE suggests that some recognition of the day be made by our citizens.

It is rather late to have a demonstration of any great magnitude, but a public meeting could be held in Central Hall School Building, as upon the occasion of the celebration of Carroll's Semi-Centennial two years ago, and Washington's Frst Inaugural be read and an address be delivered. The program could be varied by singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Hail Columbia," and "Auld Lang Syne." These airs are familiar to everybody, and a grand chorus of four or five hundred voices might make the welkin ring by these inspiring airs. The vocal class taught by Prof. Smith recently could be reorganized and rehearse these pieces, and take the lead in rendering them. Ballads will be furnished free by the ADVOCATE not only for the class but for the whole audience.

What say the people as to this proposition? If the day is to be observed here, prompt action must be taken. Not much expense will be incurred and if the citizens will meet and appoint a committee to arrange program, select an orator and some one to read the Inaugural, the whole work will be accomplished.

The national committee, in charge of the New York celebration, have recommended to the people of all cities and towns, that church and bells on public buildings be rung at 6 a. m., 12 m., and 6 p. m, on the anniversary, and the committee appointed to arrange for the public meeting could also arrange to have the bells of the city rung.

Several brass bands might also be invited to take part in the celebration, and they could play the national airs at convenient points in the city, and at night it might be possible to arrange for a display of fire-works and an illumination.

BRUMMEL ITEMS.

A Wedding—Removals—Haunted Homestead.

Mr. John Hosfield died with abcess of the liver, and not with pneumonia, as has been reported.

Mr. George Stephan and Mrs. Catherine Snyder were married last Sunday evening at the bride's residence, Rev. J. U. Asper performing the ceremony.

Mrs. William Walker is improving somewhat, but is not able to be out. Mr. Simon Shaffer is confined to his house by a severe cough and cold. Mrs. Hosfeld is also sick.

Communion services will be held on Sunday, the 14th, at 10 A. M., at St. John's (Leister's) Church, and preparatory services will be held the afternoon preceding at 2.

Mr. William Lowe gave a party on Thursday of last week, before moving, to the young people of the neighborhood. It was an enjoyable affair.

Mr. Neudecker has painted his house. His son Jacob will occupy it, and keep bachelor's hall.

There were four flittings in our little village on Monday, notwithstanding the rain. Mr. Disber, of Baltimore, who has taken the hotel, removed to the country on account of his health. He is improving, and is doing a good business. Mr. James Baker has moved to Jacob Seller's house on the Snydersburg road.

Farmers have about finished seeding oats Wheat looks well in the neighborhood. Chicken cholera prevails here, and a good many chickens have died of the disease.

After Mr. James Baker's house fell down, the owner heard mysterious noises, and concluded the place was haunted. Those to whom he related his experiences, shook their heads in doubt. Messrs. Sharrer, Barnhart and Stephan went out to inspect the premises and verify the ghost stories. Mr. Stephan did not hear anything strange, nor see the mysteaious headless woman, but the others heard something like the rattling of chains. Mr. Sharrer said hold on till I get hold of your chain and I will make it fast to a tree, and then he slipped backward into the branch. Others have watched around the house, but heard nor saw anything strange. A large white Thomas H. Cat was the last real living creature seen at the place, and that was the last of the spook story.

CENTRAL HALL SCHOOL.

List of Promotions at one of Westminster's Successful Public Schools.

By order of the School Commissioners examinations in all the public schools are held in November and March. The questions are prepared by Prof. Diffenbaugh, the examiner, and are conducted by the teachers, who report to the board the grades of each pupil on printed forms sent by the secretary.

The following promotions were made at Central Hall School during the year just ending:

1ST GRADE TO 2ND GRADE.

Cora M. Schaeffer, Lena Snyder, May Haines, Harry Bankert, Willie Stem, Fannie King, Clara Baker, Cora Shaffer, Harry Thomson, Charles Webster, Eddie Shriver, Willie Thomson, Elting Shriver, Frank Mobley and Herman Haines.

2ND GRADE TO 3RD GRADE.

Eddie Stonesifer, Joshua Snyder, Guy Fowler, Luther Baer, Arthur Zepp, Hashabiah Simonson, Blanche Buckingham, Pauline Frizzell, Mary Light, Edna Schaeffer, Minnie Grumbine, Effie Swartzbaugh, Bertha Fogle, Carrie Thompson, Maggie Grumbine, Susie Webster, Faith Yingling, Cora Miller, Tessie Buckingham, William France, Hayes Fites, Harry Shaffer, Harvey Reaver and Eugene Lamotte.

3RD GRADE TO 4TH GRADE.

Bessie Grumbine, Eva Rinker, Carrie Fogle, Willanna Haller, Emma Bankert, Clarence Zepp, Ralph Royer, Arthur Stonesifer, Emory Buckingham, George Mobley, Melville Strasburger and Walter Zepp.

4TH GRADE TO 5TH GRADE.

Elsie Stevenson, Carrie Horner, Frank Shaw, Frank Miller, Mannie Hess, Nettie Zepp, Nannie Rinker, Tillie Baer, Estella Mitchell, Julia Wilhide, Clara Bowersox, Grace Breitwieser, Florence Hunter.

5TH GRADE TO 6TH GRADE.

Daisy Light, Mabel Buckingham, Ratie Buckingham, Aggie McDonald, Edwin Weaver, Guy Fringer, Frank Lamotte and George Brown.

6TH GRADE TO 7TH GRADE.

Minnie Groft, Minnie Orndorff, Carrie Frizzell, Edna Erb, Lizzie Weeks, Bertie Van Horn, Julia Yingling, Hammond S. Leas, Michael B. Cross and William E. Frizzell.

Proceedings of the Orphans' Court.

Monday, April 1.—Samuel L. Myers, administrator of Mary A. Myers, deceased, returned list of sales of personal property and settled first and final account.