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Sale Register.

Notices of sales, for which bills are printed at this office, will be published under this head for 50 cts., when bills are printed elsewhere $1 will be charged. See bills for particulars concerning sales.

March 12, 10 A. M.—3 Work Horses, 4 Milch Cows, 2 Farm Wagons, Farming Implements, some Household Furniture, &c., on Farm of Valentine C. Wentz, on road from Stonesville to Pleasant Valley, and 3 miles from Westminster. George C. Wentz. Wm. Brown, auctioneer.

March 16, at 10 A. M.—5 Work Horses, 6 Milch Cows, some of which will be fresh by day of sale, 1 Bull, 8 fine Heifers, broadtread and other wagons, buggy, Champion binder, all farming implements, lot of corn and potatoes, some Household Furniture, &c. Reazin F. Cook ¾ of a mile west of Warfieldsburg.

March 17—2 Horses, 4 Cows, large variety of Farming Implements and Household Furniture. Lewis C. Franklin, Franklinville. Berret and Crawford, auctioneers.

March 17, at 10 A. M.—4 Horses, 1 Colt, 9 Cows, 1 Bull, Wagon, and everything necessary in the management line for conducting a first class farm. Jos. T. Gist, near Westminster. Wm. Brown, auctioneer; J. F. Rinker and Joseph Shorb, Clerks.

March 19, at 9½ o'clock, a. m.—2 Mules, 2 Horses, 9 Cows, 3 Heifers, Bull, Champion Binder, and a great variety of farming implements, corn by the barrel, potatoes, some household and kitchen furniture. Joseph B. Faust, Avondale, Md. Wm. Brown, auctioneer. John T. Diffenbaugh, clerk.

March 21.—3 Horses, 11 Cows, 1 Bull, Hogs, Corn and Hay, 2 Wagons, Deering Binder and Farm Implements in general. 1½ miles from Westminster, near Krider's Church. George C. Crass.

March 22.—4 Horses, 5 Cows, 3 Heifers, 3 Bulls and all the Farming Utensils necessary for conducting a large farm. John T. Strevege, on Plank Road, one mile from Tyrone. Wm. Brown, auctioneer; Joseph Shorb, clerk.

March 25.—Family Mare, Young Horse, Alderney Cow, 2 Fat Steers, 2 Shotes, lot of Chickens, Farming Implements, Wheat and Rye growing, Furniture, &c. Peter Smith, on road from Taneytown to Getysburg. George A. Flickinger, auctioneer.

March 26, at 10 A. M.—3 Horses, 4 Cows, 1 fresh and 1 soon will be, 4 Shoats, Broad Sow, Farming Implements, and large lot of Household articles, by Jesse F. Shreeve, Administrator D. B. N., C. T. A., of Levi Shreeve, deceased, on the farm adjoining Westminster, West End.

March 29.—6 Horses, 1 a 3-year old colt; 7 Cows, 2 Sows, 14 Shotes, large variety of Farming Utensils, Corn, Oats and Timothy Hay. John H. Stem, executor of Joseph S. Cover, Winfield. Wm. T. Wilson, auctioneer.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A $2400 organ has been ordered for Grace Lutheran Church, this city.

Daniel Shaffer has rented the Shreeve farm, adjoining this city, and will occupy it on April 1st.

J. Wm. Earhart, of Union Mills, who has been confined to his room for about two months, is rapidly recovering.

H. M. Clabaugh and Dr. J. J. Weaver attended the meeting of the Republican State Central Committee on Thursday.

Mr. Nicholas Clary, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of lower Carroll, died on Tuesday at Mt. Airy, aged 82 years.

George B. Yantis, of Littlestown, Pa., said to be a first class hotel man, has rented Hotel Albion, this city, and will take charge April 1st.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet on Tuesday next, at Miss Herr's, No. 60 W. Main street. A full attendance is requested.

Gov. Brown has nominated and the Senate confirmed Basil Dorsey as Justice of the Peace for Freedom district, in the place of Milton Day, resigned.

As a result of the fracas in Littlestown, Pa., on Christmas eve, which resulted in the death Joseph Shindle, the court at Gettysburg, on Monday, refused licenses to all hotels in Littlestown.

Joseph E. Shreeve, of Johnsville, has sold his general mercbandise store to J. T. Largent, of Liberty, and will succeed Wm. H. Yingling in the grocery business, on Pennsylvania avenue, this city.

Mr. Emanuel Yeiser will raise his barn next week. It will be 40x61 feet, and one of the most complete in the district.. Uriah Starner is the builder. Mr. Yeiser's former barn was destroyed by fire on December 16th, last.

The sale of Harry C. Albaugh, near this city, on Thursday, notwithstanding the inclement weather, was well attended and prices obtained were good. Horses sold as high as $141.50, and two-thirds of the articles were paid for in cash.

Jacob Campbell died on Saturday last, at Hampden, Baltimore. He was a native of Westminster, having been born here in October, 1810. From 1860 to 1862 he was county treasurer of this county, and in the latter year was elected to the State Senate.

At a meeting of the members of the M. P. Church, this city, on Wednesday night, T. W. Mather was elected delegate to the Maryland Annual Conference and Joseph Bollinger alternate. A committee was appointed to purchase a pipe organ for the church.

The Maryland State Sunday School Convention will be held in Baltimore on April 6th and 7th. Each Sunday school is entitled to two delegates and pastors and superintendents are entitled to participation by virtue of their offices. The delegates will be entertained free, and railroad lines will give reduced rates.

L. E. Williams passed through Westminster on Tuesday with fifty fat cattle for the Baltimore market. Twenty were fattened on his farm near Taneytown and 30 on his farm near Warfieldsburg. Mr. Williams conducts a grazing farm in Virginia, and from it he last week sent about 70 fat cattle to Philadelphia, for shipment to Europe.

William H. Dorsey, a native of Freedom district, this county, died in Baltimore, on Wednesday, from heart trouble, in his 70th year. He was a well-known bank officer, beginning his career with the Patapsco Bank of Ellicott city, and then was with the Western National Bank of Baltimore and the Traders' National Bank of Baltimore.

Thomas Reagle, aged about 38 years, was brought here this week from near Manchester, and was adjudged insane by a jury on Thursday night, and was committed to Spring Grove Asylum by Judge Roberts. The unfortunate man was so violent he had to be tied, hand and foot. He has been subject to epileptic fits since he was seventeen years of age.

Mrs. John Brodweiser, living near this city, recently set two hens. Upon going to look after them a few days later she discovered both hens dead and the eggs gone. She came to town and procured some strichnine, which she put in some meat and laid it in the nest. The next day, when she went to learn the result she discovered an opossum lying dead, with his head in the nest.

Vinton F. Merryman, of Logansport, Indiana, son Mr. Charles W. Merryman, near Tannery, this county, came to Carroll some weeks since, and three weeks ago went to Baltimore to have a deformity of his breast bone and ribs corrected. Dr. Tiffany performed the operation successfully, and Mr. Merryman returned to his father's on Wednesday much improved. He will return to his home in Indiana shortly.

On Thursday just before noon, rain began falling. The mercury then stood at 39°. The wind shifted from south to west, and in less than an hour the mercury fell to 30°. A furious snow followed the rain, snow beginning to fall with the shift of wind and continuing until 3 o'clock, attaining a depth of several inches, notwithstanding the ground was wet. Clear weather followed. Yesterday morning the mercury had dropped down to 11° at 7 o'clock, and a strong west wind was blowing.

Harney Items.

Eleven wild geese have been in this vicinity for the last few days, but to this date none of our marksmen have gotten a shot at them.

Mrs. Eyler and daughter moved to this place last Wednesday to J. V. Eckenrode's house with her son, Elmer.

Rev. M. M. Burtner was returned to the Littlestown circuit, and will preach in the U. B. Church, of this place, next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

George Fream was in Westminster last Monday on a business trip.

Rev. J. U. Asper will preach in the Lutheran church, of Emmitsburg, next Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock.

On Thursday night of last week, Charles Hess, carpenter, of this place, had the misfortune of having his leg severely burned from the ankle to the knee, while extinguishing a fire in Miss Mary Hilterbrick's new house, on the road from Taneytown to Littlestown.

A GREAT PARADE ASSURED.

The Fourth Battalion, Howard Zouaves, and Other Military Organizations Coming, Besides the Great Southern Band, Hundreds of Wheelmen, Fire Companies, Brass Bands and Drum Corps.

The committee on the Easter Monday Celebration were greatly encouraged at their meeting on Tuesday night by the reading of the letters of acceptance and the many favorable reports of the various sub-committees. As stated last week Governor Brown and staff have accepted, and the acceptances of the Fourth Battalion, 275 strong, Howard Zouaves, Adjutant-General H. Kyd Douglas, Friendship Drum and Fife Corps, Westminster Fire Department, Hagerstown Bicycle Club, with 50 or 60 men, Keystone Wheelmen of Littlestown, Chesapeake and Riverside Wheelmen of Baltimore were added to the list. An acceptance was also read from Mr. Albert Mott, of Baltimore, Chief Consul of the Maryland Division, L. A. W., who will take charge of the bicycle division in the parade.

The invitation committee was directed to send invitations to the Washington Light Infantry of Hagerstown. It was decided to erect triumphal arches, one in the centre of the city and one at each end. It was concluded, also, to request the citizens to decorate their dwellings and places of business on the day of the parade.

By a unanimous vote Col. S. K. Herr was chosen Chief Marshal of the parade and the committee on arrangements was instructed to wait upon him.

The railroad committee waited upon General Manager B. H. Griswold, of the W. Md. R. R., on Tuesday, and chartered a train for the Fourth Battalion, Howard Zouaves and a special car for the Governor and his staff. Mr. Griswold gave the committee most liberal terms and assurances of cordial co-operation on making the Easter Demonstration a success. Excursion rates will be given on the main stem and all branches at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning to Westminster, good to return the day after the parade.

Below we give some of the letters of acceptance received by the committee:

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOURTH BATTALION.

BALTIMORE, March 5, 1892.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th nitmo tendering an invitation from the citizens of Westminster to the Fourth Battalion Infantry, M. N. G. to participate in the Easter Monday Celebration to be held in your city April 18.

Owing to my absence from the city I have not been able to consult with my officers until today, hence my delay in replying.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that my officers and men are unanimous in their desire to visit your beautiful city, and on their behalf permit me to tender our sincere thanks and to assure you and the citizens of Westminster of our great appreciation of the honor conferred upon us.

Replying to your inquiry, as to the number we will take, I would say that of officers and enlisted men there will be about two hundred and seventy-five.

Very respectfully your obedient servant.
WILLARD HOWARD.
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding.

ACCEPTANCE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL DOUGLAS.

HAGERSTOWN, March 5, 1892.

Thanks for the invitation to your parade and celebration on Easter Monday. I shall be glad to be present with the Governor on the occasion and hope all the arrangements for your pageant will be auspicious.

Very respectfully and truly
H. KYD DOUGLASS.

ACCEPTANCE OF FRIENDSHIP DRUM CORPS.

BALTIMORE, March 5, 1892.

Your communication of the 2d was read to the Friendship Drum Corps last night. We will be with you on Easter Monday, and will endeavor to have full corps of 20 men.

PHILIP H. FELTHOUSEN.

The Right Sort of a Board of Trade.

[For the Democratic Advocate.]

Middletown, Del., has a population of about 1500 and but a single railroad. It has a Board of Trade comprising fifty members, which was organized a year ago. Its first annual meeting took place on the 3d instant, at which the President of the Board, Samuel M. Reynolds, Esq., a leading, energetic and successful merchant, made a report of the operations of the Board for the year. Their first work was to secure from the Postmaster General better mail facilities, and the continuation of a service that it was proposed to take from them. The next step was to correspond with parties prospecting for locations for manufacturing plants. A shirt factory employing a large number of women, running 64 sewing machines, with a pay roll of $1000 per month, was located in the town. The Board is also contemplating the erection of a Shoe Factory, a Hosiery Mill, a Merchant Flour Mill, a Paper Mill and Straw Goods Factory, also a Canning Factory and a Fruit Basket Factory. The town also has a large Creamery which is paying out $60,000 annually. This creamery has greatly enhanced the profits of cattle among the farmers in the neighborhood. When it was first talked of it was treated with great indifference, but its projectors persevered, and they have been rewarded with splendid results.

From the contemplation of this most encouraging result of the joint efforts of the people of Middletown, we turn our thoughts to Westminster. More than a year ago a Board of Trade was organized here. What has become of it? Can it make a showing equal to that of Middletown? Has it tried to do anything? We ask for information. Westminster has more than twice the population of Middletown and more than twice the wealth. But its capitalists do not seem disposed to put their money into enterprises to afford labor to our people and to fill up our vacant houses with industrious and thrifty mechanics and operatives. They will put it into stocks, bonds, mortgages, and other securities, but not into productive industries which bring larger population and create a demand for more houses, more groceries, dry goods, marketing, and everything else needed to supply the wants of a prosperous and thrifty community. We have been told that there are forty vacant houses in this town. Another account says there are sixty houses here tenantless. Whether this be so or not, it is certain there is a considerable number. It is equally certain that this state of things demands of our citizens some effort to lift our town out of its present torpor and stagnation, and start it again upon a career of renewed prosperity. "But we can do nothing until we get another railroad," says some carping drone, with his hands stuck in his pockets. Middletown has but one railroad, and the same complaint of excessive freight charges is heard there as well as here. But its business men are driving ahead and making the best use possible of the facilities they have, instead of waiting for better. The right way to do is to lay hold with both hands of the opportunities we have, and if they are not sufficient for us, make them so by an indomitable energy and perseverance that stops at no obstacle and is turned aside by no impediment. Where there is a will there is a way. Let the business men of Westminster shake off their lethargy. If they would but use the means and opportunities they already have it would not be long before we should witness a rapid business awakening. X

The Rivals.

The citizens of Westminster enjoyed a rare treat on Monday evening last, at Central Hall, in the presentation by Mr. Charles F. Underhill, of Sheridan's masterpiece, "The Rivals." The dramatic power of the reader was evinced by the admirable manner in which all the characters in the comedy, eight in number, were sustained throughout. The scenes, incidents, and characters mentioned, were displayed as vividly by the single artist's power of delineation as though he had been surrounded and sustained by all the characters. The recital gave the audience marked pleasure and enjoyment, demonstrated by appreciative applause and peals of laughter. Entertainments of this character are elevating and instructive, and Prof. Diffenbaugh, through whose efforts the entertainment was provided, deserves the thanks of the community. A word of commendation is also due the young ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the evening's enjoyment by vocal and instrumental music.

Gamber Items.

At present there seems to be a great deal of sickness in this vicinity. Your correspondent is just getting out from a spell of sickness again. Upton Prugh and family are all on the sick list. Mrs. Kesiah Wilson, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is getting better. Mrs. Mollie Knight is also on the mend.

The frescoer is at work painting the audience room at Providence M. P. Church. This room had never as yet been finished.

Our Band contemplate giving an entertainment at Horner's Hall, in Finksburg, on Friday night, 18th inst. The program will consist of music by the band, dialogues, recitations, &c.

Court House Improvements.

The following order was passed by the Circuit Court on Wednesday:

It is hereby ordered this 9th day of March, A. D., 1892, that Hon. James A. C. Bond, David N. Henning, Col. Wm. A. McKellip, Charles E. Fink, H. M. Clabaugh, Charles T. Reifsnider and William H. Thomas are here byappointed a committee to look after and procure, with the consent of the County Commissioners, some modification of the present internal arrangements of the Court House, which may improve its sanitary condition and also such arrangement of the Court Hall as may improve its convenient use and better ventilation.

CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
I. THOMAS JONES.

SOCIAL EVENTS IN CARROLL.

Weddings—Parties—and Personal Items.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cowan, Jr., spent Sunday last with her parents, Senator and Mrs. P. J. Bennett.

Miss Belle Brady, of Harrisburg, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. Wm. H. Thomas.

Senator Bennett returned to Annapolis on Monday.

Miss Jennie Reese, of Hagerstown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Milton Reifsnider.

Miss Stewart, of Lancaster, Pa., is visiting her brother, Mr. Charles E. Stewart.

Miss Mamie Sloane, of Baltimore, was the guest of Mrs. Wm. H. Thomas, from last Saturday until Monday.

Mr. David A. C. Webster, ex-member of the House of Delegates, is dangerously ill with la grippe and heart failure at his home near Uniontown.

Mrs. James H. Willis and little daughter, of Oxford, Md., and Mrs. M. A. Jones, of Salisbury, Md., are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. Ezra Stem, at Sam's Creek, this county.

Col. Thomas Donavan, of Los Angeles, California, is at the Central Hotel, this city. He is visiting his native state for the first time in twenty-seven years.

Wm. J. Blackburn, of Wilmington, Delaware, who was a member of the First Delaware Cavalry, and was engaged in the fight with Stewart's Cavalry in this city in 1863, was here this week, to view the scene of the battle at the East End. He is now chief of police of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Starr gave a dinner on Tuesday evening last in honor of Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of Western Maryland College, who recently returned from a tour around the world. The menu, which embraced all the delicacies of the season, was served in courses. Among the invited guests were Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., Dr. J. W. Hering, Dr. Chas. Billingslea, John L. Reifsnider, E. O. Grimes, Isaaac C. Baile, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gehr and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brundige.

Mr. Levi D. Maus, Jr., of Tyrone, this county, who has been superintending the wholesale flour, hay and grain establishment of Messrs. G. B. Everett & Co., of Atlanta, Ga., since last October, is home on business which may necessitate his remaining for several months. Mr. Maus has had an opportunity of becoming partially acquainted with business in his adopted city and speaks enthusiastically of her increasing enterprises, etc. He says the South offers advantages to young men who are hustlers.

Col. Marion DeVries, of Stockton, California, was married to Miss Minnie Snead, of Dixon, in the same state, recently, and the event caused a flutter in society in both places. The groom is a relative of the DeVries family of Carroll, and though but 26 years of age, has already gained a high reputation as a lawyer and orator on the Pacific Coast. He is a graduate of San Joaquin Valley College and Ann Arbor (Michigan) Univerity. From the latter institution he graduated in 1886, and was unanimously chosen orator of his class, numbering 143. At the age of 21 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of California, and now has a large practice. He is signal officer on the staff of General Muller,. The bride was quite a society belle, and belongs to a wealthy family.

SURPRISE PARTY NEAR WESTMINSTER.

A surprise party was given on Friday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stoner, living near Westminster. Everybody had a merry time. Those present were: Misses Annie and Mollie Shriver, Grace Hering, Clara Albaugh, Mollie Wickert, Bessie Devilbiss, and Messrs. Charles Turfle, Vernon Reese, John F. Miller, Charles E. Hering, Frank Z. Miller, John T. Derr, Dory Derr, Charles Lockard, Eugene Reese, James Cassell, Frank Cassell, George Hunter, Jesse Powder, Westminster; Miss Etta J. Caple, George H. Caple and James Hill, East View; Miss Grace Orndorff, Hanover, Pa.; Misses Jennie C. Hering, Emma, Fannie and Maggie Caple, Fannie Shilling, Etta and Ada Bush, Emma Tanner, Carrie Devilbiss, and Messrs. John and William Westaway, Louis Tanner, Edward Crawford, Warren Bush, Ashland and B. Caple, Sandyville.

A PLEASANT PARTY NEAR MAYBERRY.

On Friday evening, the 4th inst., the hospitable residence of Mrs. Fannie Bankard, residing near Mayberry, was the scene of one of the most enjoyable social occasions of the season. Early in the evening guests began to arrive and continued to come until 8 o'clock. All were determined to spend a happy evening, nor were their expectations disappointed. The program included choice selections of vocal and instrumental music appropriately rendered, and amusing games and plays. So pleasantly did the evening pass, none thought of the approach of midnight, until they were interrupted by an invitation to the dining room, where there was a large table laden with all the delicacies of the season, served in profuse abundance, to which all did ample justice. Games were engaged in for a time, when the company dispersed, expressing themselves as having spent a happy evening long to be remembered. There were about thirty present.

A PARTY NEAR CARROLLTON.

A very pleasant party was given by Mr. Jesse Long to his numerous friends on Thursday evening of last week. After the guests had assembled and exchanged greetings, all engaged in social conversation for a short time, when the orchestra arrived and enlivened the occasion with some of their choicest music. In due time all were served with refreshments. Among those present were Misses Carrie Bankerd, Emma Bankerd, Edna Bankerd, Katie Welenovsky, of Westminster; Effie Mathias, Florence Reese, Annie Tawney, Laura Long, Sallie Bowman, and Mrs. Mollie Green, of Tannery; Hellen Magee, Amanda Long, Katie Miller, May Allgire, and Mrs. Lilly Long, of Carrollton; John R. Martin and Charles Welenovsky, of Westminster; E. B. Arnold, of Smallwood; Thomas J. Miller, of Gamber; Wm. N. Blizzard, Gustavus Taylor, Dore Blizzard, of Patapsco; Chas. Chew, David Green, Wm. Walsh, C. Magee, Geo. Walsh, Maurice Green, Edw. Menchey, D. Ward, Edgar Ward, J. L. Long, A. J. Long, J. Frank Long, of Carrollton; Thomas Bowman, D. W. Tawney, Mark Yingling, W. J. Mathias, E. Lockard, Wm. Snyder, J. Welenovsky, Shellman Green, J. M. Long, of Tannery.

Melrose Items.

Noah Peterman's sale of live stock, farming implements, etc., which occurred on Friday of last week, was not as well attended as it might have been on account of the muddy roads, but everything brought good prices.

Frank Herbst, who was very sick with scarlet fever last week, is rapidly convalescing at present.

Measles are prevalent in this neighborhood. Some had only slight attacks, while others had more severe attacks, terminating in fever.

Lewis Stueffl, accompanied by Misses Lettilda and Sarah J. Trone, spent Sunday of last week in Hoffacker's Valley.

The Chestnut Hill iron ore bank still continues to send away ore several times a week. There is still an abundance of ore at the mines.

Jacob Bixler and wife, of Indiana, are spending several weeks with friends in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

George Walker, of near Black Rock, died on Friday of last week. His remains were interred at Wolfgang's church on Monday.

Mrs. Kenner died one day last week, and was laid to rest on Friday.

Warfieldsburg Items.

Louis M. Sellman and mother attended conference in Baltimore this week.

Several large flocks of wild geese passed over our village last Monday evening.

On last Sunday evening while a gentleman was making a call upon a young lady in the neighborhood, some one took the authority to unhitch his horse from the buggy, relieve the horse of the weight of the harness, and hung them high and dry in the top of a poplar tree. The gentleman not being accustomed to such a high pin, was unable to find the harness, and had to leave the buggy and go home bareback.

Cornelius Little and Florence Smith, near this place, were married at the home of the bride, on Wednesday last, March 9th. Rev. J. W. Charlton was the officiating minister. Owing to the recent death of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Chilcote, the marriage was very quiet.

Our band has been practicing new music this winter and are in good shape, under the management of Prof. Bailey Morelock, for engagements this Spring and Summer.

Weather Record for the Week.

March 5—mercury 37 at 7 a. m. and 31 at 2 p. m.; rain, followed by snow up to 4 p. m.; clearing weather afterward. March 6—mercury 28 at 7 a. m. and 41 at 2 p. m.; clear. March 7—mercury 28 at 7 a. m. and 44 at 2 p. m.; clear. March 8—mercury 36 at 7 a. m. 38 and at 2 p. m.; rain until 3 p. m. followed by cloudy weather. March 9—mercury 36 at 7 a. m. and 48 at 2 p. m.; rain up to 9.30 a. m. followed by clear and blustery weather. March 10—mercury 39 at 7 a. m. and 30 at 2 p. m.; foggy and cloudy, heavy showers between 11 a. m. and 12 m. followed by heavy snow until 3 p. m. clear weather after that hour; high wind all night. March 11—mercury 11 at 7 a. m. and 29 at 12 m.; partially clear and blustery.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Appointments of the M. E. Conference—Meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society—Lenten Services in the Churches.

Regular afternoon services will be held in Ascension Episcopal Church at 4 o'clock.

Services, with sermon, in St. John's Church on Friday evenings at 7.30.

Lenten services at St. Paul's Reformed Church Wednesday evenings at 7.30.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor of Carroll county was held in Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, on Saturday afternoon last. R. H. Williams, of New Windsor, President of the Carroll county Union, presided. The object of the meeting was to consider the feasibility of districting the various societies of the county for the purpose of arranging them into smaller unions. After careful consideration it was decided to form two districts, the first to be composed of the two societies of Westminster, the one at Baust's Church and the one at Pleasant Valley, and the second to be composed of the societies of New Windsor, Uniontown, Mt. Union, Winter's Church and Taneytown.

The committee then discussed what steps should be taken by the County Union in attending the International Convention, to be held in New York City, from July 7th to 10th, inclusive. It was decided that representatives from the Carroll County Union should attend in connection with the State department, and not denominational.

Benj. F. Crouse, Miss Carrie Mourer, C. L. Queen and R. H. Williams were appointed a committee to prepare a program for the next semi-annual county convention, to be held in this city in August. C. L. Queen was appointed to secure rates over the W. M. R. R. for those desiring to attend.

The committee next considered the time of holding county conventions, several reasonable objections being urged against the present months, February and August. C. L. Queen was appointed to correspond with the presidents of the various societies regarding the above matter, and to designate May and October, as more suitable months for holding said conventions. Mr. Queen was also appointed to secure literature to be used in the covention.

Mr. Williams then called the attention of the committee to a society at Emmitsburg, which has not connected itself with the Union. Benj. F. Crouse was appointed to wait on the above society and investigate the matter. The committee then adjourned.

Those present were R. H. Williams, of New Windsor, President Carroll County Union; Secretary, C. L. Queen, of Westminster; Jno. R. Williams, of New Windsor; Henry Uttermahlen, of Tyrone; Benj. F. Crouse, Rev. P. H. Miller, W. P. Mills and M. C. Elliott, of this city.

This society seems to be growing in this county, especially in Westminster.

C. L. Queen, President of the Y. P. S. C. E., of the M. P. church, has appointed M. C. Elliott Corresponding Secretary of the visiting committee, this city. Members of other societies contemplating a visit to Westminster at any time should communicate the same to Mr. Elliott, who will appoint a committee to receive them at the station. Members of the home society contemplating a visit at any place where an organization of the kind is in existence, should also notify him, so that he can advise the secretary at the place to be visited, of the proposed visit.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.

The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been in session in Baltimore, closed on Wednesday, and will meet in Hagerstown next year. Bishop Foster, in his closing address, said:

"I want to express my gratification in having presided over this conference. It has been a laborious session, and if it were not for my remarkable health, I could not have stood it. It has been a pleasant session, and if there has been some little feeling, there has been nothing of extraordinary unseemliness. I say that with some mental reservation. I am glad to see our church so highly in favor, as is demonstrated by the attending congregation present.

"We have had a busy session, and several extraordinary items have been called up to be discussed and acted on. These added not a little to its exhaustiveness. I think I am a judge of men, and I must say that the five men (presiding elders) who have conferred with me have revealed a conscientiousness of brotherly kindness and affection. We have been rushed and oppressed with burthens of your concern. No one knows of the hours of labor, of prayer and of thought we have spent together in making these appointments. If there are sacred moments in my life, they have occurred when I have been adjusting conference appointments.

"One difficulty in this conference is that it is too much packed. It is a conference with two hundred or more places with only about five supplies, when it ought to have at least thirty. In view of this fact, no one should be received into your conference in at least five years to come. There are, however, some who knock at your doors who must be admitted.

"You will understand me when I say that it has been extremely difficult to adjust men with families to little, insignificant appointments that can pay but from $200 to $250 a year. It is better that these be left for supplies. This is an important matter, and I suggest that you reflect on it, for the conference is certainly too crowded to make appointments satisfactorily. Ten years from now I expect to be with you again, and I hope by that time you will have laid them to your heart and profited by them.

"There was a time in our church, a healthy time, when no preacher ventured to show any anxiety about his appointment. Then there were no prearranged plans and semi-contracts. I am not arraigning any one; but it is now a popular idea that a man must manifest an interest in his appointment. To-day preachers come to the conference in a fevered state of mind, and there is a great deal of preliminary work both before and after their coming. You know there is a great difference in preachers, and all will not suit the same place; and there are, too, forty appointments in this conference that it is a hardship to send a man to.

"There is a good deal of trash in the large membership of our preachers, brethren, and there are also many great men and heroes that have done this hard work, and they have built up Methodism.

"I have been perplexed a little with the presiding elder question. Not with your action of yesterday, but the large number of available men among you from whom I could have selected."

Immediately after the Bishop's address, the conference was surprised when Rev. M. F. B. Rice, of Union Square Church, arose and said he repudiated the statement made by Bishop Foster that there was some trash in the ministry, and asked him to withdraw the expression. This the Bishop refused to do, saying all understood what he meant.

Mr. W. L. McDowell submitted the statistical report of the conference for the year, which showed a general increase. The membership on probation is 4,081; full members, 39,455; local preachers, 144; deaths, 716; children baptized, 3,496; adults baptized, 343; number of churches existing, 397; probable value, $3,176,680, showing an increase of $62,250; number of parsonages, 114; probable value, $389,400; increase, $6,390; paid for building and improving churches and parsonages, $99,699; increase, $23,525; paid on old indebtedness on church property, $32,418; present indebtedness, $247,416; increase, $10,874; current expenses, $71,866; number of Sunday schools, 405; officers and teachers, 6,666; scholars, 51,708; contributed for ministerial support, pastors, presiding elders and bishops, $191,720; conference claimants, $6,802.

Rev. Page Milburn, conference treasurer, made a statement of the finances of the conference, as follows: Contributions for missions during the year, $43,168; for church extension, $3,468; Sunday school Union, $506; tracts, $516. Freedmen's aid, $2,565; education, $1,031; Bible society, $942; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $9,335; Episcopal fund, $2,560; Sustentation, $2,385; Episcopal Children's Day, $1,161; for sustentation fund, $3,957; annual minutes, $195; toward general conference expenses, $996; total, $89,516, being an increase of $2,411 over last year's receipts. The proportions contributed by the districts are: Baltimore, $24,138; East Baltimore, $15,947; West Baltimore, $16,864; Frederick, $6,760, and Washington, $16,787.

Following are the appointments announced by the Bishop:

Baltimore District.—William Edwards, Presiding Elder. Annapolis—First Church, W. L. McDowell, J. H. Dashiell, supernumerary; Wesley Chapel, Watson Case. Baltimore—Bennett Memorial, E. T. Mowbray; Bethel to be supplied; City Station, E. D. Huntley, O. H. Cummings, supernumerary; Guilford Avenue, J. F. Heisse; Fifth Street, Edward Hayes; Oxford, R. W. H. Weech; Eutaw Street, George E. Maydwell, W. T. D. Clemm and W. B. Geoghegan, supernumeraries; Fort Avenue, S. S. Greenwell; Hanover Street Mission, W. H. Reed; Madison Avenue, Dr. Lucien Clarke, of New York, W. D. Morgan; Mount Vernon Place, A. H. Tuttle; South Baltimore, W. M. Ferguson; Strawbridge, W. I. McKenney, S. A. Wilson, supernumerary; Wesley Chapel, W. R. Strickler. Woodberry—First Church, John Edwards; Grace, C. D. Smith; Roland Avenue, A. H. Thompson; Baldwin Memorial, T. M. West. Baltimore Circuit—T. E. Peters, C. E. Guthrie. Calvert Circuit—W. G. Cassard. Hunt's Circuit—James L. McLain; J. F. F. Gray, supernumerary. Lutherville—E. L. Watson. Mount Vernon—G. W. Cooper. Mount Washington—J. F. Ockerman. Reisterstown and Glyndon—W. A. Koontz; J. B. Hall, supernumerary. Smithville—J. W. Hammersly. Solomon's—William Anthony. South River—W. C. Babcock. West River—William Rogers, W. Morgan Cross.

D. H. Carroll, president Baltimore City Missionary and Church Extension Society, member Mt. Vernon Quarterly Conference; Thomas Myers, agent Maryland Bible Society, member Strawbridge Quarterly Conference; L. F. Morgan, agent Woman's College, member Madison Avenue Quarterly Conference; J. F. Goucher, president Woman's College, member City Station Quarterly Conference; J. B. VanMeter, professor Woman's College, member Mt. Vernon Place Quarterly Conference; F. J. Wagner, president Morgan College, member Madison Avenue Quarterly Conference; W. M. Frysinger, editor Baltimore Methodist, member City Station Quarterly Conference; H. H. Clark, chaplain U. S. N., member First Church (Annapolis) Quarterly Conference.

East Baltimore District.—J. J. G. Webster, Presiding Elder. Aberdeen—F. G. Porter. Baltimore—Appold, Charles O. Isaac; Bohemian Mission, to be supplied; Broadway, H. S. France; Canton, J. E. Amos; Carline Street, G. W. Hobbs; Chester Street, D. B. Winstead; East Baltimore, B. P. Brown, M. J. Law; Exeter Street, C. T. Wolfe; Greenmount, W. E. Curley; Harford Avenue, Richard Norris; Highland, William Harris; High Street, D. G. Miller; Homestead, H. M. Thurlow; Jefferson Street, G. C. Bacon; Madison Square, A. M. Courtenay; North Avenue, J. T. Willhide; North Baltimore, C. H. Richardson, J. W. Cornelius, supernumerary; Waverly, W. G. Herbert. Belair—J. M. Sharrow. Darlington—J. W. Fleming. East Harford Circuit—W. D. Mitchell, E. H. Lamar. Govanstown—G. V. Leech. Great Falls Circuit—Joseph P. Wilson, George W. Rice. Havre-de-Grace—S. M. Alford. Hereford Circuit—Thomas Wood, F. H. Havennor, Clinton B. Adams. Long Green Circuit—J. H. Marsh. North Harford—J. C. Smith. Parkton Circuit—W. F. Roberts, J. Tucker Lansdale. Sparrow's Point—W. W. Davis. Towson—A. E. Relley. West Harford Circuit—B. F. Devries, J. R. Isaac. George W. Hyde, chaplain Seamen's Bethel, member Broadway Quarterly Conference.

West Baltimore District.—J. St. Clair Neal, Presiding Elder. Arlington and Pimlico—W. W. Barnes. Baltimore—Columbia Avenue, J. P. Wright; David Rodgers' Mission, George C. Harris; Emory, B. G. W. Reid; Fayette Street, J. B. Stitt (J. A. McCauley, supernumerary); Franklin Street, B. F. Clarkson (L. M. Gardner, supernumerary); Fulton Avenue, Page Milburn; Garrett Park, G. T. House; Grace, Richard Harcourt; Harlem Park, J. McK. Reilley (R. W. Black, supernumerary); Memorial, Thomas S. Long; Monroe Street, Henry Nice; South Baltimore Mission, J. W. Hodges; Summerfield, J. W. Smith; Union Square, M. F. B. Rice; West Baltimore Station, G. C. Baker. Carrollton Circuit—J. T. Marsh. Catonsville—D. A. Foard. Elk Ridge Circuit—H. P. West. Ellicott City—D. M. Browning. Hampstead Circuit—Osborn Belt, J. E. Copes. Laurel—R. R. Murphy. Liberty Circuit—Linganore and Union Bridge, George R. Sanner and O. C. Marriott. Magothy and Mt. Carmel—W. H. Dell. Mechanicstown—J. C. Starr. New Windsor Circuit—Emory Buhrman. Patapsco Circuit—J. N. Davis. Relay—Frank A. Kilman. Savage and Guilford—Ezekiel Richardson. Summerfield Circuit—Solomon German. Walkersville Circuit, William J. Thompson. West Falls Circuit, W. L. Orem. Westminster—J. L. Walsh.

John Lanahan, agent book depository, member Grace quarterly conference; H. H. Harman, professor Dickinson College, member Fayette Street Quarterly Conference; Charles E. Young, professor Western College, member Harlem Park Quarterly Conference.

Frederick District.—Joseph R. Wheeler, Presiding Elder. Barton—J. W. Steele. Berkeley Springs—W. A. Carroll, J. O. Wrightson. Bloomington—To be supplied. Buckeystown—J. R. Shultz and R. S. Barnes. Bunker Hill—C. J. Price (one to be supplied). C