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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A series of meetings will commence in the German Baptist Meeting-House at Sam's Creek tonight, December 9, and will continue ten days or two weeks.

Sheriff Motter has appointed William Wilson, of Manchester, Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Wilson was Deputy for Sheriff Haines and has served under other Sheriffs.

Mr. John H. Benner's family, near Frizellburg, mourn the death of their cat "Barney." He was about twenty years old and was a great pet in the neighborhood.

On Monday morning last Mr. Samuel Baumgardner died at his residence in Bachman's Valley. His remains were interred at Bixler's cemetery on Wednesday.

At 7 a. m. on Thursday last the mercury registered 14° above zero, and milkmen, butchers and mail carriers suffered very much. The wind was from the northeast and was very penetrating.

J. H. Landis, intending to remove from Carroll next spring, has resigned as School Commissioner, and Governor Lowndes has appointed Lewis H. Eppley, of Manchester district, in his place.

It is said the daughter and four sons of Mr. Jacob Rupp, at Miller's, Manchester district, are skillful musicians, and whenever it is known that they are to take part at a church or Sunday school service the building is crowded.

Mrs. Oliver Mowery, of near Kingsdale, Pa., who had been suffering for several months from cancer, died at her home last Saturday night. She was buried on Tuesday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church. She leaves a husband and one child.

St. John's Beneficial Society elected the following officers Tuesday evening: Michael E. Walsh president; Paul Case vice president; Amos W. Hawn secretary; N. H. Baumgartner treasurer; Martin J. Leahy orator, and Theodore Massicott messenger.

Mr. B. F. Crouse has resigned as Chief Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court and has been succeeded by Mr. George A. Miller. Mr. William D. Lovell, of New Windsor, has been given a place in the office and entered upon his duties last Monday.

Owing to scarcity of water in the New England states and the strong demand for paper all kinds of paper and envelopes have advanced in price. The cost of the paper the ADVOCATE is printed on is three dollars a week more than it was a month ago.

Mr. John F. Weyler was re-elected warden of the penitentiary on Wednesday, and Mr. Ferd. A. Diffenbach, formerly of Manchester, was reappointed assistant warden. Mr. Diffenbach has made an efficient officer, and his many friends in this county will be greatly pleased at his retention.

While riding a bicycle down a hill, near Sherman's Church, on Friday afternoon of last week, Thomas Brady, an employe in Wm. Gettier's cigar factory, Manchester, was severely injured. The chain on the wheel broke throwing him to the ground with great force, breaking his nose and cutting his forehead.

Mr. James E. Smith has had a new roof put on his residence at the corner of Main and Church streets, this city. He has built an addition to the house, which will furnish two roomy and convenient offices. Mr. Smith will use one for his insurance business, and the other will be occupied by his son Claude as a law office.

Mrs. Charles House, of Hanover, Pa., died in Baltimore on Saturday afternoon last, in her 48th year, leaving a husband and three daughters. She was a sister to Mr. Charles Snyder, near Harney, also to Mrs. Emanuel Fink, of Taneytown, and Mrs. Jos. Reaver, of Harney. Her remains were interred in Hanover on Tuesday.

The Westminster Deposit and Trust Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent., clear of all taxes, payable December 30th, 1899, and have decided to pay four per cent. per annum on weekly and monthly deposits from January 1st, 1900. The amount of deposits at close of business December 2nd, 1899, were $237,004.90.

Mr. Abraham Prugh, one of the oldest citizens of Carroll, died last Monday at his home, near Gamber, aged 95 years. He had been confined to bed for several weeks. Two sons and two daughters survive him. He was a brother of the late David Prugh, for many years School Commissioner, who died last year aged 85. Another brother, Peter Prugh, also lived to be 85.

On Tuesday last the large dwelling of Mr. Henry Streaker, near Berret, came near being destroyed by fire. It was discovered by one of Mr. Streaker's sons, who at once notified the men who were working near the house. They at once put forth all possible efforts to extinguish the flames but did not succeed until the house was somewhat damaged.

On Monday night last Salem Lodge, No. 60, I. O. O. F., this city, elected the following officers:—Ed. H. Manning, N. G.; Dr. Harry F. Baer, V. G.; Wash. L. Brown, F. S.; George A. Miller, R. S.; Henry B. Gramer, C.; E. D. Bowersox, M.; Trustees, John J. Reese, Ed. H. Manning, George A. Zahn, Gershom Huff, Wash. L. Brown. Rep. to G. L., Harry J. Turfle.

Judges Rinehart and Frizzell, of the Orphans' Court, who were re-elected at the late election, gave a dinner on Tuesday at The Westminster to Judge Schaeffer, who was not a candidate, and who retires next Monday, to be succeeded by L. Calvin Jordan. Besides the Judges, Register of Wills Brooks and Deputies Manning and Gosnell, were at the dinner. The feast was served in a private dining-room and was fit for kings.

John W. Hoffacker, a builder, of Baltimore, a native of Manchester district, this county, filed a petition in the United States Court on Wednesday asking to be adjudicated a bankrupt. His liabilities amount to $22,608.90 and his assets are nothing. The heaviest creditors were given as follows: David M. Andrew, $3,826; F. O. Singer & Co., $2,849.07; J. S. Gosnell & Co., $2,772.51, and Daniel Donnelly & Son, $2,513.29.

The office of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County, in this city, has been renovated, and is now bright and cheerful and more convenient for the transaction of business. The walls have been wainscoted up about 3½ feet. Above is a solid blue paper, while the ceiling is prettily papered also. A long desk has replaced the old counter, and a wire screen surmounts the desk. New doors and windows have been put in, and lineoleum covers the floor.

Mr. Amos Armacost died at Waverly, Baltimore county, on Sunday, aged 80 years. He was born near Hampstead, this county. At the age of 21 he went to Baltimore, where he worked at his trade, stone mason. Later he became a contractor and put up some large buildings in both Baltimore and Washington. He built the foundation for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Station in Washington. He was three times married, his last wife, who was Miss Mary Moore, surviving him.

Door to Virtue Lodge No. 46, A. F. and A. M., of this city, will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of George Washington, with fitting exercises, at Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening next, the 14th instant. The program will include appropriate music and addresses by prominent Masons. All members of the fraternity are invited to be present and participate in this tribute to the memory of their distinguished brother. The lodge will convene at 7 o'clock.

On Tuesday evening last a coal oil lamp was accidently upset in the residence of Dr. George D. Fouke, of this city, by one of the children. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Hayden, in her efforts to extinguish it had a silk skirt scorched and a white one burned considerably. Fortunately the Doctor was in an adjoining room and by a piece of carpet soon extinguished the flames. Beyond the scorching of the carpet and breaking of the lamp, no other damage was done than above stated.

Mr. Wm. B. Thomas, the oldest banker and broker of this city, has enlarged his business. Hereafter he will buy and sell real estate, rent farms for owners and tenants, and receive time deposits on interest. In addition to the efficient assistance of Mr. Theodore A. Kauffman, who has been with him for a number of years, he has placed his son, Mr. W. Frank Thomas, in the bank. The latter has been assisting his father for some time and will now become permanently attached to the business.

Mrs. Marian Senseney, wife of Mr. John Q. Senseney, died at her home in Middleburg on Friday, December 1, in her 65th year. Mrs. Senseney had been sick for some time, and was known to be in a serious condition, therefore her death was not a surprise. The family has been living in Middleburg about two years, where they have made many friends. For many years they lived at Linwood, and formerly at McKinstry's Mills, at both of which places the deceased was well known. Besides a husband she leaves ten children. Her funeral took place on Sunday at the M. P. Church, Union Bridge.

Joseph Englar, Linwood, has had his residence painted. James Waltz did the work.

Between 1500 and 2000 people visited the Snader barn ruins on Saturday and Sunday. They came for miles in all directions.

The Bowers Brothers, near New Windsor, had a herd of 17 cattle dehorned. Dr. A. L. Lambert did the work. (16 cows and 1 bull.)

Mr. Geo. W. Yeiser, a merchant of Union Mills, will leave on February 10th next, for a trip to Europe, Egypt and parts of Asia, and will be absent about three months.

The Westminster Fire Department on Wednesday night unanimously endorsed Mr. Chas. V. Wantz, of this city, for State Fire Marshal. Mr. Wantz is strongly backed for the appointment.

Mr. Emanuel Stoner, nurseryman of this city, was elected as a vice-president for Carroll by the Maryland State Horticultural Society, which was in session in Baltimore this week.

The new Methodist Protestant Church at Woodensburg, Baltimore county, will be dedicated tomorrow, Sunday, at 10.30 a. m., and the exercises will continue during the day. Rev. Hugh L. Elderdice, President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, and Rev. F. T. Little, Baltimore, will officiate.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Criminal Docket was Cleared and Court Adjourned on Thursday.

State vs. Arthur Perry, indicted for bastardy; tried before a jury; verdict of guilty; sentenced to enter surety in the sum of $80.00. J. M. Reifsnider for State; Henning for traverser.

State vs. John T. Michael, indicted for forgery. Plea of guilty confessed. Sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary. J. M. Reifsnider for State.

State vs. Frank Brothers; indicted for bastardy; tried before a jury; verdict of guilty. Sentenced to enter surety in the sum of $80.00. J. M. Reifsnider for State; Henning for traverser.

State vs. Lorenzo B. Walker; indicted for assault and rape; tried before a jury; verdict of guilty on third count, and sentenced to two years in the House of Correction. J. M. Reifsnider for State; Henning for traverser.

State vs. Charles Bowers; for rioting, &c.; plea of guilty confessed; fined $5.00 and costs. J. M. Reifsnider for State; Steele for traverser.

State vs. Charles Bowers; for larceny of use of horse and buggy; tried before the court and adjudged not guilty. J. M. Reifsnider for State; Claude T. Smith for traverser.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Barn, Horses, Cows, Sheep, Grain and All Contents Consumed.

One of the worst fires in Carroll for some years occurred at an early hour last Saturday morning, on the farm of Mr. Philip B. Snader, a mile from New Windsor, on the road to Marston. About 3 o'clock his barn was discovered to be on fire, and the flames had gained such headway that the complete destruction of building and contents was a matter of but a short time. Nothing was saved. The barn was a large one, and up-to-date in its appointments. With it were burned five fine horses and a colt, six milch cows, nine steers, six sheep, about 600 bushels of wheat in the straw, 200 bushels of barley, 30 barrels of corn, lot of hay and straw, threshing machine, farming implements, harness and other property. The fire is of unknown origin, but the opinion prevails that the barn was set on fire. The loss probably exceeds $3,000, upon which there was an insurance in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County of $1700 on barn, contents and stock.

Remember the Poor.

As the joyous Christmas season draws near we again take this means of reminding the many kind friends who have aided us in the past that we wish to carry some of the brightness of Christmas to the homeless and aged, who are forced to seek shelter in our County Alms House. It is with pleasure we are able to report that during the past year our Sunday afternoon services have continued almost without intermission, even through the intense cold, and almost impassable roads of last winter, and the burning heat of the summer, and that they have been well attended by the inmates. All who were able to leave their rooms, both men and women, are found to be constant and attentive listeners, and some of them frequently take part in the services, either by prayer or testimony. As our friends have always responded liberally, we feel that it is not necessary to do more than make this appeal and to state that anything which may add to the comfort, or brighten up the rooms, of those who are unable to leave them, will be acceptable.

All money sent will be carefully expended for such articles as may be of special use or need. As the inmates come from all parts of our Heaven-blessed county, we hope to hear, as we did last year, from those outside of Westminster, and that other schools will imitate the example of the children at Medford, who, through their teacher, Mrs. Forney, sent a liberal contribution. Those finding it most convenient can send their donations to Miss Florence Miller, at the Lutheran Parsonage, or Miss Helen Glotfelty, who have kindly consented to assist us. With thanks for assistance in the past, and with the reminder that Christ says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me," we again ask those who are blessed with home and friends, to remember our county poor at the Almshouse.

M. B. SHELLMAN,
NANNIE RINKER,
Committee.

New Advertisements.

It's Going to be a Great Christmas—A. H. Wentz, Jeweler and Optician, Westminster, Md.

The Model Store News—Wm. F. Derr's Great Model Emporium, Westminster, Md.

Santa Claus' Headquarters—Miller Bros.' Popuplar Cash Stores, Westminster, Md.

Wm. B. Thomas, Banker and Broker, 83 East Main Street, Westminster, Md.

Headquarters for Christmas Groceries—Wm. N. Keefer, Westminster, Md.

Don't Forget a Christmas Present—Sharrer & Gorsuch, Westminster, Md.

Ready for Christmas—New York Bargain House, Westminster, Md.

Interest on Deposits—Geo. M. Parke, Secretary and Treasurer.

Load of Horses and Mules—Harry G. Shriver, Hanover, Pa.

Fine Farm at Public Sale—Mrs. John Payne, Shiloh, Md.

List of Unclaimed Matter in the postoffice, Westminster, Md.

Last Notice to Tax Payers—John G. Hoffman, Collector.

The White Palace—John D. Bowers, Westminster, Md.

Election of Directors—J. W. Hering, Cashier.

Farm for Sale—Wm. Mengel, Smallwood, Md.

Potash—German Kali Works, New York. Dividend No. 1—Geo. M. Parke, Treasurer. Guess—John J. Rose, Westminster, Md.

Legal Notices.

Amoss—Parke.

Miss Florenc May Parke, daughter of Mr. John Fleming Parke, of Baltimore, formerly of Westminster, was married at noon on Thursday, November 30, to Mr. William W. Amos, at Guilford Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, by the Rev. Joseph Dawson. The bride was attired in a tailor-made gown of brown broadcloth, with velvet hat to match, and carried white chrysanthemums. Miss Bessie Gertrude Parke, sister of the bride, maid of honor, was handsomely gownod in a brown suit to match the bride's, and carried yellow chrysanthemums. The ushers were Messrs. Joseph W. Parke, brother of the bride; Albert N. Horner, Clinton P. Parker and Walter Whyte Parker. After the ceremony the bridal couple left for a trip through New York State. The bride is a grandaughter of the late Joseph M. Parke, of Westminster.

Weather Record for the Week.

December 2—mercury 34 at 7 a. m. and 47 at 2 p. m.; clear; fine rain night before. December 3—mercury 36 at 7 a. m. and 51 at 2 p. m.; generally clear. December 4—mercury 33 at 7 a. m. and 34 at 2 p. m.; heavy rain between 1 and 4 a. m.; partially cloudy, blustery with several light snow squalls. December 5—mercury 23 at 7 a. m. and 31 at 2 p. m.; partially cloudy. December 6—mercury 24 at 7 a. m. and 31 at 2 p. m.; generally cloudy and blustery. December 7—mercury 14 at 7 a. m. and 33 at 2 p. m.; clear until noon; hazy afterwards. December 8—mercury 25 at 7 a. m. and 45 at 2 p. m.; clear.

Personal Notes.

Mr. George E. Sharrer and family removed to Baltimore last Monday to spend the winter.

Mrs. Jas. A. C. Bond and daughter, Miss Alice, have gone to Baltimore to spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Englar, near this city, gave a dinner on Thanksgiving in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Englar, who were recently married.

Miss Lizzie Russell, of Reisterstown, is a guest of Mrs. Eliza Shreeve.

Col. and Mrs. Wm. A. McKellip are on their way home from Europe, and expect to arrive in New York next Tuesday.

FIVE YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY.

This Was the Sentence of John T. Michael for Forgery.

John T. Michael, of Uniontown, was arraigned for forgery in the Circuit Court when the sessions were resumed on Tuesday morning and by advice of his counsel plead guilty. A moment later he was asked by the Court if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, and replying in the negative Judge Bond sentenced him to the Penitentiary for five years, the shortest term the law imposes.

In view of the plea of guilty State's Attorney Reifsnider entered a stet in the other case of forgery against the prisoner. Michael was indicted for forging the name of Henry Benner to a note drawn in favor of Geo. H. Birnie & Co., bankers at Taneytown, on June 27, 1898, for $200, and forging the names of Henry Trontfelter, J. Henry Benner and Mrs. Benner to a note drawn in favor of Wm. B. Thomas, a banker of Westminster, on June 3, 1898, for $322.50. It was in this last case he plead guilty.

Michael was under $600 bail for his appearance at Court, but when he was wanted on Tuesday of last week he was non est. The bail was declared forfeited.

Michael went to Norfolk, Va., leaving Westminster the day before his trial was to come up. Sheriff Haines at once began a search for him, and put the officers of Baltimore on the lookout. Round Sergeant Hood, of the Western district, arrested Michael on Saturday evening, and Sheriff Haines went down and brought him to Jail here on Sunday night.

In view of the facts that Michael was captured, confessed his crime and received his sentence, his bondsmen were released upon paying the cost of his arrest.

Social Party.

[Reported for the Democratic Advocate.]

On Saturday evening, December 2d, there was an enjoyable social party at the home of James L. Strevig, known as Sunny Side Farm, in honor of Mr. Strevig, it being his 47th birthday. The evening was spent in games and social conversation. At 10 o'clock all were invited to the diningroom to partake of refreshments, which consisted of all the delicacies of the season, and were brought along by the many friends. Mr. Strevig also received many useful presents. At a late hour all repaired to their homes well pleased with the evening they had spent.

Among those present were Jas. L. Strevig and wife, John N. Kroh and wife, Wm. K. Leppo and wife, Eli Null and wife, A. S. Smeach and wife, P. C. Wertz and wife, Harvey Biggs and wife, John C. Miller and wife, Wm. H. Everhart and wife, George W. Merkel and wife, David H. Starner and wife, D. S. Warehime and wife, J. E. Coppersmith and wife, William F. Snyder and wife, H. C. Strevig and wife, Clinton Thomas and wife, Wm. H. Strevig and wife, Prof. J. W. Slaugenhaup; Misses Mamie Strevig, Alice L. Strevig, Mamie H. Warehime, Edna G. Coppersmith, Helen E. Biggs, Maggie E. Hosfelt, Mable A. Biggs, Carrie R. Hoover, Alice L. Dull, Sarah E. Null, Emma E. Ebaugh, Minerva I. Hosfelt, Docie Masenmore, Minnie C. Dixon, Addie E. Masemore, Effie M. Smeach, Maude M. Barnhart, Estella M. Bachman, Susie S. Feeser, Maggie R. Lippy, Addie M. Strevig, Lillie E. Bachman, Ida I. Starner, Maude Byers, Alma Flickinger, Estella F. Merkel, Carrie R. Hesson, Lillie G. Null, Carrie M. Kroh, Aggie J. Miller; Messrs. Wm. R. Null, John A. W. Strevig, Geo. T. Hosfelt, Lloyd A. Smeach, Lester H. Biggs, Jas. E. N. Strevig, Chas. E. Smeach, Elmer C. Lippy, Halten C. Sullivan, Sterling Leppo, George F. K. Strevig, Howard Merkel, Denton J. Wertz, William Ebaugh, H. Dewey Strevig, Wm. L. Strevig, E. Wesley Null, Chas. M. Sullivan, Irvin C. Kroh, Wm. M. Leppo, Paul W. Strevig, Chas. V. Strevig, Milton A. Yingling, James H. Reese, Clinton W. Kroh, Laton O. Byes, D. H. Asper, Harry S. Flickinger, Reuben S. Garrett, H. Elmer Byers, Wayne N. Kroh, Harvy C. Wertz, Aaron J. Miller, Wm. L. Zepp, David H. Leppo, Howard T. Feeser, Robert E. Leppo, Thurbert L. Wentz, Clarence E. Starner, Jacob H. Zepp, Chas. E. Sullivan, Wm. B. Royer, David Barnhart, Harry H. Thomas, George W. Biggs and Chas. F. Miller.

A Thanksgiving Surprise.

Reported for the Democratic Advocate.

On Thanksgiving day, between the hours of 11 and 12 m., Mr. C. H. Knipple, one of the leading merchants of Silver Run, was asked to step from his store as some one wished to see him outside. When he got out he was surprised to see ten teams in front of his place, and in each vehicle and in every nook and corner the smiling countenance of an uncle, aunt, cousin or some of his friends and neighbors, and he was greeted with, "good morning, Charlie, we thought we would come to see you and spend Thanksgiving Day at your house." He was the most surprised man ever seen, and while standing there scratching his head and trying to think how to accomodate and entertain so great a crowd, those in the vehicles alighted and the whole crowd made a rush for the kitchen, where they found Mrs. Knipple in the act of preparing dinner. The lady was so surprised that it was some time before she could speak, but the visitors rushed in and took possession of the kitchen, and soon the already well laden table was made to groan under the weight of ten large roasted turkeys and chickens, and an abundance of other good things. Everything was perfect; the dinner, the surprise, and the only thing regretted was that quite a number were prevented by sickness from attending the feast. When the hour arrived for the happy visitors to return to their homes, Mr. and Mrs. Knipple thanked all for the honor conferred on them, and acknowledged that the surprise was complete, and that it was the happiest Thanksgiving they ever spent. Those present were:

Rev. W. H. Ehrhart and wife, Hezekiah Crowl, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Knipple, Adam Shepp and wife, John Sholl and wife, John D. Sholl and wife, Harry Gouker and wife, Pius Gouker and wife, Aaron Eise and wife, Amos Feeser and wife, Mrs. Susanna Knipple, Mrs. Maud Erb, Mrs. Mollie Bemiller, Mrs. Jonas Legore, Mrs. Albert Hesson, Mrs. Abram Bankert, Mrs. J. A. Kesselring, Mrs. Mary Koon, Mrs. John Brumgard, Mrs. Amelia Bowersox, Mrs. John Copenhaver, Misses Birdie Knipple, Gertie Myers, Celia Burgoon, Alverta Hilterbridle, Arie Little, Elsie and Arie Knipple, Fannie Hess, Cornelia Sholl, Estie Everhart, Annie and Ruth Hess, Elsie Bemiller, Mary Gouker, Lottie and Esty Sholl, Mabel Beachtel, Emma Gouker, Ruth Knipple. Messrs. Oliver and Grover Knipple, Edward Cromer, Ralph and Clarence Feeser, Francis Gouker, J. Wm. Sholl, Gerry and Paul Hess, Edgar Bankert, Herman Knipple, Jesse Hellbridle.

Students Recital.

For the Democratic Advocate.

Mr. Howard L. Benson, musical instructor, this city, who entertained his many friends so delightfully last winter, and gave them so much pleasure with his musicales, held his first students' recital this season, at his home on West Main street, on Friday evening of last week. The recital was a decided success in every way, illustrating Mr. Benson's ability as a teacher, and reflecting great credit on the students themselves. The selections were all of a high class, requiring difficult execution, and were heartily enjoyed by all who had the privilege of hearing them. Following is the programme in full:

(a) Spanish Dance, No. 1.....Moszkowski
(b) Polonaise in F flat major.....Hoffman
Miss Shreeve, Miss Zepp.
Concert Polonaise in E major.....Bohm
Miss Reaver.
(a) Waltz in C major.....Wagner
(b) Barcarolle.....Wagner
Mr. Brundige, Miss Shipley.
Fantasia and Sonata in C minor.....Mozart
adagio, allegro, allegro molto.
Miss Zepp.
Norwegian Dance.....Grieg
Miss Glotfelty, Miss Lynch.
L'Argentine.....Ketterer
Miss Baile.
Valse Arabesque.....Lack
Miss Albaugh.
Minstrels Serenade.....Low
Miss Stonesifer, Mr. Shunk.
Rondo Capriccio.....Beethoven
Miss Shreeve.
Overture to La Grande Duchesse.....Wels
Miss Slagle, Miss Albaugh.
(a) Impromptu in A flat minor.....Schubert
(b) Etude in A minor, opus 25, No. 21.....Shopin
(c) Faust Waltz.....Gounod-Liszt
Mr. Benson.

Fine Porkers.

Hog killing commenced in earnest this week. Following are the weights handed us for publication:

Mr. Jacob Brehn, near Carrollton, seven, 335, 386, 363, 360, 268, 348 and 225.

Mr. Wm. E. Freyman killed two hogs for Noah Stonesifer that weighed 361 and 285 pounds, and five for Mr. George Galt that weighed 411½, 377, 440½, 330 and 277.

Cornelius Little three, 344, 344 and 324.

John T. Shuey, of New Windsor, killed six, weighing 450, 400, 390, 334, 320 and 320 pounds.

Mr. George W. Miller, of Westminster, six, 450, 426, 424, 415, 410 and 383.

Frank Dinst two, seven months old pigs, weighing 513 pounds.

John Hawk, New Windsor, killed two heavy porkers this week. One weighed 452, the other 498.

Thomas Byers, of Taylorsville, last week butchered three hogs, all he had, and singular to relate each weighed exactly 244 pounds. They were weighed with great accuracy.

Our Fountain Valley correspondent sends the following:

Levi Handley three, 318, 346 and 362½; J. Harris Heagy four, 1137; W. H. Heagy three, 234, 255, 290; Howard Warehime two, 256, 336; Lewis Nicholas two, 341, 364; Harvey G. Babylon three, 800.

Davis Myers, of Uniontown, killed four hogs weighing 506, 418, 458, 420.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

President Stem Retired on Monday and Mr. Dehoff Became a Member of the Board—Mr. Lemmon Elected President.

The County Commissioners met on Monday last and transacted some business. Jacob N. Dehoff, the new Commissioner, appeared after taking the oath of office before Clerk of the Circuit Court, and assumed a place in the Board, Commissioner Stem retiring after six years' service, two of which he was President of the Board.

The new Board elected Commissioner Lemmon President. The bond of John E. Masenhimer, re-elected County Treasurer, was approved. The sureties are John W. Hoffacker, Luther H. Hoffacker, John C. Denner, David J. Brown, Christian Hant and Henry J. Hoffacker.

The Commissioners, accompanied by Mr. Stem late Commissioner, visited the Alms House and made an inventory of the personal property. A visit was made to the Jail and the Board decided to purchase a new stove and make some repairs to the building.

John O. Devries, Lloyd Buckingham and Reuben N. Conoway were appointed examiners on a proposed road in Freedom district petitioned for by Hammond Bros. and twenty others.

Special pensions were allowed as follows: To Savilla V. Koontz, Westminster district, $2.50; to Thomas Myerly and wife, Middleburg district, $5.00 each; to Annie R. Fowler, Westminster district, $5.00.

Uniontown Items.

Mrs. Chapman Richardson, of Belair, Md., who spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. B. W. Kindley, returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Routson on Wednesday were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Myers, at Trevanion.

In a few days Dr. J. J. Weaver and wife will close up there house and spend the winter in Washington, D. C., with their daughter, Mrs. Ed. Fox.

Miss Margaret Ferguson, an aged lady of our town, is quite sick, with but little hope of recovery.

Elder S. B. Craft, of the Church of God, is conducting a series of revival services nightly in the Bethel. Rev. G. W. Baughman, of the Lutheran Church, filled the pulpit on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Myers returned from Baltimore on Sunday evening, and are at home to their friends now.

Miss Lousia Eckard, who has been quite sick with a heavy cold, is something better at this writing.

Mr. William Hoffman, of Baltimore, was the guest of his brother, Mr. Benjamin Hoffman, several days this week.

Miss Anna Shaw returned on Tuesday from a visit to friends at Littlestown and Hanover, Pa.

Mr. Amos Fowble, who recently lost his wife, has declined housekeeping and had sale on Saturday and left town. His children have been homed with relations.

Mr. Kenley Routson, of Baltimore, spent Thanksgiving day with his father and family.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Virginania Ruth Devilbiss, formerly of our town, daughter of the late John S. Devilbiss, to Mr. Wm. H. Hedges, both of Baltimore, on Thursday, December 14th, at the Methodist Protestant Church, Lafayette Avenue, Baltimore.

Party at Oakland Mills.

Reported for the Democratic Advocate.

A most delightful evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Steele on Thanksgiving evening, the occasion being a Thanksgiving party given to their oldest daughter, Miss Mamie. Many invitations were issued, and as Mr. and Mrs. Steele are famous for their extreme hospitality, all were accepted where it was possible to do so. The house was brilliantly illuminated by electric lights and decorated with festoons of evergreens.

As the evening drawed the guests began to arrive, and were met by Miss Florence Steele and her cousin, Mr. Walter Bell, who assisted Miss Mamie in receiving. Some fine instrumental music was enjoyed for some time, then various games were indulged in 'till Mr. Steele, who is always mindful of the inneman, invited them to the dininroom, where a table, loaded with confectionery, ice cream, cake, fruits, and all the viands of the season awaited them. After having done ample justice to these, all repaired to the parlor, except a few who slyly paired off to the library and hall, until the hours of morning began to dawn, when they bade good night and gave many expressions of the good time they had enjoyed.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Steele, Misses Mamie, Florence, Sadie, Anna and Margaret Steele, Master Robert Steele, Misses Maude Edmonston, Lizzie Frye, Mary Humphrys, Laura Bell, Sallie Bell, Lula Kohler, Emma Kohler, Jennie Shipley, Bessie Shipley, Mamie DeVries, Carrie DeVries, Pearl Bennett, Florence Rhodes, Bertie Parrish. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shipley, Misses Maggie Anderson, of Virginia; Misses Beulah Benson, Ella Benson, Evelyn Hamilton, Virginia Hamilton, Emily Davis and Florence Davis, of Baltimore; Messrs. Nicholas Watkins, Thos. Edmonston, Walter, Ernest and Wm. Bell, Norman Anderson, Jas. Kohler, Ollie DeVries, Geo. DeVries, Pierce Prugh, Elmer Wagoner, Standish Uhler, Wm. Stevenson, and Henry Davis, of Baltimore.

Frizellburg Items.

A birthday surprise party was given last Monday evening in honor of Master Murray Waltman, of this place. The evening was well spent with games, plays, social chats, etc. Refreshments were served by the kind hostess in abundance at 10 p. m., after which the company dispersed. Those present were Mr. Wm. Waltman and wife, Mr. William Arthur and wife, Mr. A. Kurtz Myers and wife, Mr. Chas. Stevenson, Mrs. Leonard Zile, Mrs. S. M. Bish, Murray Waltman, Ada Warehime, Carrie Stevenson, Bessie Zile, Bessie Snider, Grace Derr, Lula and Mary Myers, Maggie Handley, Annie Kaufman, Chas. and Luther Null, Harry Bish, Robert Myers, Frank Myers, David Snader, Herschel Brothers, all of Frizellburg; Lula Slessker, of Mayberry; Harry Hull, of Medford; Samuel Orwig, of Uniontown; Will Black and Joseph Stoner, both of Westminster.

The oyster supper last week was a success. The gross receipts were $59.60. Net receipts $27.10.

Chas. Myers and wife spent Sunday last at Samuel Otto's, New Windsor.

Dr. Jacob Rinehart and wife gave a Thanksgiving dinner to a few of their intimate friends. Those present were Dr. Jacob Weaver and wife, of Uniontown; William Davidson and wife, of Chicago, who is visiting his cousin, William Arthur, and the other members of the family. The principal delicacies of the season were served by the hostess, who knows how to serve a meal in the most artistic style.

Levi Maus, who had been ill for several days, is improving.

Philip Warehime and wife, of Baltimore, are home on a visit.

The free delivery mail system will begin in our village on December 15th.

Cover Items.

Miss Mamie Gunn, of Taylorsville, is visiting Miss Jennie Cain, at this place.

Mr. Reuben H. Alexander killed four hogs which weighed 480, 218, 216 and 190. Mr. George W. Grimes, five, 371, 336, 262, 254 and 180.

Mr. Lewis C. Franklin is having a washhouse erected in place of the old one.

Mr. Howard Shipley has raised the barn on his new home.

The students of Winfield Academy are busily engaged in preparing for their first recital which will be given on the evening of December 21. Notwithstanding the condition of the weather, this terrestial ball never stops for inclement weather, neither do the students of the Winfield Academy. Tickets will be out in a few days for the entertainment. Every person who comes to the recital will be allowed to vote for the gentleman or lady who in their estimation has made the best oration. The students who receive the most votes will be given a medal when honors are announced at the commencement, which will be held in June next.

A High Noon Wedding.

Reported for the Democratic Advocate.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dutterer, near Silver Run, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday of last week (Thanksgiving) at 12 o'clock m. The bride was Miss Annie V., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dutterer, and the groom Mr. Harvey Alvin, son of Mr. Fred. Bankert, near Silver Run. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. Stewart Hartman. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Annie Bankert, of near Taneytown. Miss Lizzie Dutterer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Chas. Hull, cousin of the bride, best man. The home was decorated with evergeen for the occasion. The bride was attired in a very becoming ash-brown serge, trimmed in white satin, and carried white chrysanthemums. The groom wore the customary black with white tie.

Immediately following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served consisting of turkey and all things to suit the taste. The bride received some very handsome presents.

Hicks' Forecast for December.

Weather Prophet Hicks gives the following weather forecast for December:

Regular storm period central on the 6th, continuing from 6th to 10th. General low barometer, change to warmer and marked winter conditions. From about the 8th to 15th there is an annual maximum of magnetic and electrical excitation. This is the beginning of the winter solstice, which continues until near the close of the month. There will be a quickening in storms, rain and snow about the 12th and 13th, but quick rise of barometer, with cutting cold, high northwest winds, just before and immediately following these dates. Another series of rain and snow storms at the full moon on the 17th, and will likely continue from 16th to 20th. Low barometer with heavy storms of wind and rain and snow will begin in the west on the 16th, followed by high barometer with violent blizzardous gales and drifting snow, touching the northern and central parts of the country in their progress eastward during the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. Cold wave likely to spread over the whole country, reaching southern extremes in modified degrees. A reactionary perturbation runs from 22nd to 25th. A low barometer with more storms of rain and snow will almost certainly traverse the country from west to east during these days, followed by a high barometer and change to very cold for several succeeding days. The last five days of December are likely to bring winter storms of wide extent and great energy. It will be safe to figure on heavy snow storms and blizzards during the closing days of 1899 and the opening days of 1900.

CARROLL MILK SHIPPERS.

They Organize to Protect Their Interests.

About one hundred dairymen and milk shippers residing along the Western Maryland Railroad, in Carroll and Baltimore counties, met last Saturday afternoon at the Firemen's Hall, in this city, for the purpose of organizing an association for the protection of their mutual interests as producers and shippers of milk. Ephraim Haines was elected chairman of the meeting, and Charles C. Engel, secretary. An organization was effected and a constitution adopted, under the name of the Western Maryland Dairymen's Protective Association. Officers and directors were elected for one year, as follows: President, Ephraim Haines, of Medford; vice presidents, Jacob Roop, of Manchester; Atlee W. Wampler, of Patapsco, and L. P. Slingluff, of New Windsor; secretary, Charles C. Engel, of Avondale; treasurer, Joseph Engler, of Linwood; directors, Reuben Sayler, of Union Bridge; Dennis A. Smith, of Wakefield; John Royer, of Westminster; Andrew Drechsler, of Carrollton; Chas. M. Sheeler, of Gwynnbrook, Basil Bohn, of Gwynnbrook; Henry K. Miller, of Millers, and Wm. Benson, of Upperco. The association becomes at once an auxiliary of the United Milk Producers' Association, of Baltimore.

Along the Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

The dairymen on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad met at Sykesville the same afternoon and formed what is to be known as the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Dairymen's Association by electing the following officers: Jas. B. Clark, of Ellicott City, president; Johnzie E. Beasman, of Sykesville, vice president; Wade H. D. Warfield, of Sykesville, secretary and treasurer. The officers, together with the following gentlemen, will constitute the board of directors: Samuel D. Shipley, Robert Pue, John W. Forsythe, F. I. Lewis and F. W. Gosnell.

Snydersburg Items.

Calvin Ebaugh has moved to the farm southeast of Manchester, from near here.

Peter A. Kerner is building a work shop on his farm. Wm. Walker has moved into his new house. Wm. Yingling, hear here, is repairing his house.

Wm. Grosse is kept busy butchering and making brooms.

Some weights of porkers:—Richard Smith two, 386 and 258, Abraham Snyder one, 276; Daniel Sellers four, 757; Charles Webster four, 979; John Brown four, 476, 480, 426, 394, and William Zepp two, 219 and 200.

A surprise party was giving at William Lloyd's by neighbors and friends. About 186 persons were present.

The oyster supper in this place was well attended.

Look out, boys, Sunday gunning is prohibited.

Foxes are becoming quite tame. Mr. John Bosley and others had at least 60 chickens and turkeys taken from their yards by foxes this fall.

Surprise Party.

[Reported for the Democratic Advocate.]

A very pleasant surprise party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Ditch, of near Pleasant Valley, on Thanksgiving evening, November 30. It was a very greeable surprise for them. Games of various kinds and social conversation were the amusements of the evening. Refreshments were served about 11.30, after which the games were continued until a late hour, when all retired to their homes after giving expression to their hearty appreciation of the evening's enjoyment. Those present were—

Mr. John