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Sale Register.

Notices of sales, for which bills are printed at this office, will be published under this head until day of sale for 50 cents. When bills are printed elsewhere $1.00 will be charged. Terms cash.

February 18, at 12 m.—All my household and kitchen furniture. Harry Black, on Ezra Routzahn's farm, near Meadow Branch. J. Thos. Roop, auctioneer.

March 1, at 10 a. m.—5 horses, 3 mules, 12 cows, some fresh by day of sale; 10 shotes; quarrying and blacksmith tools, 5 wagons, and all necessary implements; also household furniture. Wm. F. Fenby, on the New Windsor road, near Westminster. J. Thos. Roop, auctioneer.

March 3, at 12 m.—Stock, Farming Implements &c. George W. Hare, Alesia.

March 7, at 10 a. m.—2 horses, 2 mules, 9 cows, most of them fresh by day of sale; heifer, bull, farming implements of all kinds, as good as new; corn, potatoes and household furniture. Jeremiah Schaeffer, one mile north of Westminster. John W. Reaver, auctioneer.

March 9, at 11 a. m.—7 horses, colt, 2 mules, 10 dehorned milch cows, corn, potatoes, farming implements and household furniture. Wm. J. C. Bish, on the road leading from Wisner's mill to Wisner's schoolhouse, in Westminster district. Wm. T. Warner, auctioneer. M. J. M. Troxell, clerk.

March 14, at 12 m.—2 horses, 2 cows, 4 shotes, corn, fodder, hay, seed potatoes, utensils and household goods. Aaron W. and Lewis F. Long, near Roseville. John W. Reaver auctioneer.

March 14, at 9 a. m.—Horse, 4 mules, 6 cows, bull, 4 shotes, brood sow, and a large variety of farming utensils. Reuben J. Humbert, on the Silas Bish farm, near Westminster. E. N. Davis, auctioneer. *

March 15, at 10 a. m.—4 horses, 7 cows, bull, heifer, shotes, and farming implements. Peter Wertz, on the Fridinger mill road. S. H. Crawford, auctioneer.

March 16, at 12 m.—Complete Threshing Rig, clover huller, large saw mill, shingle mill and splitter, automatic blocking machine, feed cutter, corn crusher and table saw; horse, 3 cows, 7 shotes, farming implements, harness, and household furniture. Wm. H. Stansbury, on the Westminster and Manchester road, near J. M. Mathias' store. John W. Reaver, auctioneer.

March 18, 11 a. m.—2 horses, 2 mules, 9 cows, 1 heifer, 2 bulls, 4 brood sows, 12 shoats, binder, mower, Scientific corn and cob mill, grain separator and horse power, wagons, farm utensils, corn, rye and oats. Alfred H. Young, on Uniontown turnpike, near Morelock's schoolhouse.

March 20, at 10 a. m.—4 horses, colt, 10 cows, and all necessary farming implements and household goods. Samuel Wagner, near Roop's mill, in Uniontown district. J. Thomas Roop, auctioneer.

March 21, at 9 a. m.—6 mules, 3 horses, 15 cows, 10 Durham bulls, 4 brood sows, 10 shotes, and a full line of farming implements necessary for a large farm. Theo. King, on the farm of the late John Leister, near Pleasant Valley. Wm. Warner, auct.*

March 22, at 9 a. m.—6 horses, 2 colts, 21 cows, sow and pigs, horsepower and jack, grain separator, tomato ensilage cutter and 40 feet of carrier, 3 farm wagons, heavy spring wagon, spindle wagon, farming implements and harness. J. Walter Englar, near Wakefield, on the farm of the late David W. Englar. J. Thomas Roop, auctioneer.

March 23, 10 a. m.—5 horses, 20 head of horned cattle, shoats, wagons, separator, binder, mower, DeLaval cream separator, butter worker, swing churn, farm utensils, &c. Ira J. Young, west side of public road leading from Meadow Branch turnpike to Pleasant Valley. J. N. O. Smith, auct.

March 23, at 9 a. m., near Bloom, Franklin district, all my stock and farming utensils, including 5 horses, 3 mules, 5 cows, 10 sheep, 3 sows and pigs. John B. T. Sellman.

March 24, at 9 a. m.—9 horses, 15 cattle, 200 barrels of corn, farming utensils and household goods. Harvey Freeman, Agent, near Frizellburg. J. Thos. Roop, auctioneer.

March 25, at 9 a. m.—5 horses, 12 milch cows, principally Jerseys; thoroughbred Jersey bull, 14 shoats, 3 brood sows, with pig; new 10-horsepower portable Geiser engine, 16 inch French burr chopping mill, DeLaval No. 3 cream separator, Ross feed cutter and carrier, wagons, binder, mower and farm utensils of all kinds. J. Harry Young, 1 mile west of Westminster, between Uniontown pike and New Windsor road, and on the farm of the late John Young. J. N. O. Smith, auct.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Miss Kate Murray and Miss Amanda Stewart are in charge of the Aged People's Home of the M. P. Church, this city, succeeding Mrs. Baile.

George Formwalt, as administrator, has sold the farm of the late Henry Formwalt, in Myers' district, to Harvey Boose at $53.50 per acre.

About 7.30 p. m., on January 13, snow began falling and continued until a late hour. A high wind prevailed and the snow drifted considerably.

Joseph A. McKellip, of Baltimore, formerly of Westminster, has been re elected a director of the Boys Home, Calvert and Pleasant streets, Baltimore.

Chicken thieves are doing great work in Myers' district. Recently 31 were stolen from Jacob Koontz out of 70, and 21 from John Crawford, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Arthur S. Annett, representing the manufacturing department of the United States Census Bureau, is canvassing this county looking up statistics for the year 1904. He will visit every manufacturing plant in the county and we bespeak for him a cordial reception.

Last Tuesday evening Westminster Council, No. 1537, Royal Arcanum, gave a smoker at its council room in the Wantz Building, at which time Grand Officers D. J. Juvenal, Grand Treasurer, and A. V. Owings, Grand Orator, were present and installed the officers elected in December for the ensuing year.

The County Commissioners this week allowed John C. Buckey, tax collector for New Windsor district, on $4,606 erroneous assessment on the levy of 1904, and Joseph L. Franklin, collector for Westminster district, on $8,099 on the levy of 1901. A number of bills were paid, all of which were for small amounts except one to Spring Grove Hospital, which was $900.

Last Saturday the Directors of the Union National Bank this city organized and re-elected the old officers—J. Howell Billingslea president; Dr. Joshua W. Hering cashier; George Armacost teller, and J. Pearre Wantz bookkeeper. The officers then partook of dinner at The Westminster—raw oysters, baked fresh shad, turkey, fancy ices, cake, coffee, cigars, &c.

About 1 o'clock last Saturday morning the safe in the Pennsylvania Railroad office, at Bruceville, was blown open by burglars, who obtained about $40.00 in cash. The safe was badly shattered but the building was uninjured. Tracks in the snow, supposed to have been made by the burglars, led in the direction of Union Bridge. They were followed for some distance, but the trail was lost.

The Havre de Grace (Md.) Water Company, of which Carroll Albaugh is vice president; George W. Albaugh secretary and treasurer, and Frank A. Myers, superintendent, all of Westminster, is laying the foundation and brick flooring for an ice manufacturing and cold storage plant adjoining the filtration plant. The machinery for the ice plant has been purchased and will have a capacity of about ten tons daily.

The North Carolina Society, of Baltimore, of which Prof. Simpson, of this city, is a member, will hold its annual banquet on Friday, January 27, at the Belvedere. Dr. J. W. Hering, cashier of the Union National Bank of Westminster, will deliver an address before the Society. Dr. Elliott, of Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Winslow, of the Maryland University; Prof. E. H. Norman, of the Baltimore Business College, and a number of other prominent natives of that State, residing in Maryland, are members of the Society.

At Frizzell's Rose House, this city, last Tuesday night, quite a number of the members of Westminster Lodge, No. 41, I. O. M., enjoyed a supper. After satisfying the inner man, the burning to death of the Woolery children was discussed, and one of the members suggested that as an evidence of their sympathy with the parents, a donation be sent to them. Each member responded promptly and the result was a very generous amount. Their act was, indeed, true charity.

Edward Murphy, alias Morgan and several other aliases, who had been held in Baltimore for the action of the Carroll county authorities, for complicity in the Mount Airy Bank robbery, was released on Tuesday, and was immediately rearrested by Postoffice Inspector Gregory, and is now held, with Robert L. Stainbaugh and John King, on the charge of robbing the postoffice at Kingstree, S. C., for which all three men have been indicted. There was no evidence State's Attorney Steele knew of to connect Murphy with the Mount Airy robbery, and so informed the Baltimore authorities.

The law firm of Walsh & Walsh, of this city, has been dissolved.

There are twelve patients from Carroll in the Maryland Hospital for the Insane, at Catonsville.

At 10 a. m., yesterday, Friday, the weather bureau sent out the following bulletin:—Fair tonight and Saturday.

Owing to the illness of Rev. P. H. Miller, of Grace Lutheran Church, there will be no catechise this (Saturday) as announced.

In ordering change of address subscribers will confer a favor by giving old as well as new address. Considerable time is lost in hunting former addresses.

Mr. Wm. F. Fenby has sold his farm, containing 169 acres, to Messrs. B. F. Shriver & Co., of Union Mills. The farm is on the New Windsor road, near this city.

Elder Ezra E. Brown has purchased the property on Belle Grove Square, this city, known as the Samuel Shunk residence, from Wm. B. Thomas & Son, Bankers and Brokers.

Manager McCaslin of Albaugh's Casino announces an attractive program for next week, with a change on Thursday. The bill includes clay modeler and crayon artist, comedians, &c.

A convention of the Reformed Church was held at Taneytown on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Addresses were made by several clergymen on practical church work. The meetings were largely attended and much interest was manifested.

The newly elected officers of Charity Lodge, No. 58, Knights of Pythias, of this city, were installed on Friday night of last week, after which the members repaired to the Rose House, R. J. Frizzell, proprietor, and partook of an excellent oyster supper.

Dave B. Levis' production of "Uncle Josh Spruceby" will be given at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, next Thursday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The company has its own band and orchestra, and will give a street parade about noon. On the Eastern Shore the company has had good audiences, and comes here with good recommendations.

The ADVOCATE has been presented with a very beautiful pearl handle penknife by Mr. C. D. Jordan, Vice President and Secretary of the A. J. Jordan Cutlery Co., of St. Louis, Mo., and Sheffield, England. He also paid his subscription to the Advocate to May, 1909. Mr. Jordan, it will be remembered, is a native of Carroll and always retains a warm affection for his native heath.

A movement is being made to organize an Aerie of Eagles in Westminster. Some forty applicants for membership have already been secured, and as soon as ten more are obtained application for a charter will be made. Among those who have expressed a willingness to have "wings" are some of our prominent citizens. Harry C. Albaugh is the leader in the movement.

Efforts are being made by the chemical firm of Slingluff & Glacken, of the creditors of the Maryland Woolen Company, to secure about $20,000 for the purpose of leasing the mill on the Frederick road, Baltimore, and resuming operation. The woolen company was organized by Nicholas W. Steele, formerly of this county, and he was general superintendent of the industry up to last June, when the concern went into the hands of a receiver.

On Thursday afternoon the case of Carroll G. Raver vs. Blanche G. Myers and Clarence F. Myers, her husband, was heard before Judge William H. Thomas. It was a case of habeas corpus to produce the body of Ernest Ralph Raver in court, and the court directed that the said Ernest Ralph Raver be awarded to Grace O. Colp, of Baltimore county, until the further order of court. Brooks for petitioner; Steele for defendants.

CARROLL COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Meetings at Westminster and Taneytown—Several Well-Known Experts to be Present.

Wm. L. Amoss, Director of Farmers' Institutes, has arranged for two meetings in this county. The first will be held at the Court-house, in Westminster, on Monday, January 23, from 10.30 a. m. to 4 p. m., and the second in the Hall, in Taneytown, Tuesday, January 25, from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.

The topics for the Westminster meeting will be: Morning Session, Some Facts for the Farmer and Teacher by Dr. H. P. Miller, of Sunbury, Ohio, and Care of Milk by Edward Van Alstyne, of Kinderhook, N. Y. Afternoon session: Care and Management of a Farm Team by Dr. Miller, and Principles of Potato Growing by Mr. Van Alstyne.

At Taneytown the program for the morning will be Some Facts for the Farmer and Teacher by Dr. Miller, and Rational Cattle Feeding by Mr. Van Alstyne; afternoon session, The Farmer's Garden by Thos. H. White, of the Maryland Experiment Station, and Crops that Improve the Soil by Dr. Miller.

Personal Notes.

[Persons having friends as guests and desire the publication of the same will please send their names to this office. EDITORS.]

Mr. Charles Roop, of Baltimore, was a guest of his sister, Miss Sallie F. Roop, this week.

On January 13 a marriage license was issued at Towson to George H. Brenneman, 20 years old, of Sixth district of Baltimore county, and Miss Alice, 18 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brodbeck, of near Lineboro, Md. The application was made by the prospective groom, who had the written consent of his parents.

Mr. L. L. Billingslea, of Philadelphia, Pa., was a guest of his brothers, the Drs. Billingslea, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stoner, of near Hanover, Pa., formerly of this vicinity, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Edna Bell and John Emory Hostetter, on Thursday evening, January 26, at 6.30 o'clock. Miss Stoner is a granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Stoner and a sister of Mrs. Edward O. Diffendal, of this city.

Mr. Jacob Morelock, of Greenmount, is a guest at H. B. Hoffacker's.

Miss Eva Norris, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Lilian Brown, East Main street.

Miss Jennette Byers, of Santiago, Cuba, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gilbert, of this city. Miss Byers is a daughter of Mrs. Ellen Byers, of Emmitsburg, a sister of Mr. Gilbert. During the war with Spain she offered her services to the government as a trained nurse and was sent to Cuba. After the war she remained at Santiago, where she is now in charge of a hospital and is also the principal of a school for trained nurses.

Miss Agnes Stansbury, of Hampstead, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward R. Baker, of Howardville, Baltimore county.

Miss Helen Nourse, of Darnestown, Md., is a guest of Mrs. Edgar Nusbaum.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Sullivan, of Mount Wilson, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blizzard, near this city, last Sunday.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, January 16th.—John H. Repp, executor of Samuel H. Repp, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, money and debts, and received order to sell personal property.

Elias O. Grimes and Charles L. Thomson, administrators of Jacob Thomson, deceased, returned additional inventory of money and settled first account.

Dr. Clotworthy Birnie, executor of Frances Birnie, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and money.

Mary E. Smith and Harry S. Allison, executors of Chas. D. Smith, deceased, received warrant to appraise real estate.

Francies A. Taylor and Howard E. Taylor, administrators of William H. Taylor, deceased, returned additional report of sale and settled first and final account.

George E. Cox, administrator de bonis non cum testamento annexo of Melchor Cox, deceased, settled third account.

Letters of administration de bonis non cum testamento annexo on the estate of Daniel Baumgardner, deceased, were granted to George L. Stocksdale.

Tuesday, January 17th.—Nelson Grove and Charles Grove, Jr., administrators of Charles Grove, deceased, settled first and final account.

Samuel T. Otto and Charles W. Otto, administrators of Mary V. Otto, deceased, settled first and final account.

Jurors For February Term.

Judge Thomas on Thursday drew the following persons as jurors for the February term of the circuit court:

District No. 1.—Abraham J. Hahn, John H. Harman.

District No. 2.—John C. Hollenberry, Jacob D. Young.

District No. 3.—A. Franklin Crouse, Franklin H. Bowman.

District No. 4.—Ezra Little, Nimrod Green,

District No. 5.—Dennis T. Buckingham, Jacob Powder.

District No. 6.—Wm. H. Yingling, Samuel Miller, Henry K. Miller.

District No. 7.—Abraham S. Leister, Geo. A. Bixler, Jesse W. Myers, Emanuel D. Whitmore.

District No. 8.—John S. Myers, Elisha Jackson.

District No. 9.—George H. Baker.

District No. 10.—John C. Humbert.

District No. 11.—Charles W. Bowersox, Edward L. Buchman.

District No. 12.—Cleveland Anders.

District No. 13.—William D. Burall.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Two Children of Hamilton Woolery, of Westminster, Fatally Burned.

Two children of Hamilton Woolery, of this city, were fatally burned on Tuesday. The family live on Liberty street, corner of George. Shortly after 11 o'clock in the morning, while Mrs. Woolery, the mother, was engaged in the basement, she heard her children, Gladys May and Albert, screaming in the room above. Hurrying there she discovered the clothing of both children on fire. The screams of the mother, added to those of the children, attracted the attention of Joseph Hahn, living on the opposite side of George street. He went to the Woolery home, and found the cushion of a chair and the carpet on fire, and the clothing of the children afire. He threw the cushion out of doors, extinguished the flames in the carpet, and then began to assist the mother with the children. Charred flesh came off with the clothing, presenting a most horrible sight. Relief, however, came too late. The burning was deep and fatal. The little girl, aged nearly 4 years, soon became unconscious and died about half an hour later, and the little boy, aged nearly two years, died about 7 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. John G. Noss.

In the Reformed Church Messenger, of January 12, the following sketch of Rev. John G. Noss, written by Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, of this city, is given. Rev. Mr. Noss is well known to many of our citizens and the sketch will be read with interest by his former parishoners and acquaintances:

SKETCH OF REV. JOHN G. NOSS.

Rev. John George Noss, was born December 24th, 1838, in York county, Pa. He was the son of John Noss and the grandson of George Noss, a farmer of Lancaster county, Pa., and a soldier in the army of the Revolution. His mother was of French descent. Mr. Herman Noss, a lumber dealer of York, Pa., is an elder brother.

In his youth he served an apprenticeship as a saddler at York, Pa. Following the advice of Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., he prepared for college and was graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1862. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in 1864.

His first charge was a new English mission at Huntingdon, Ind. His labors there were not without success, but the enterprise was not well conceived and did not prove permanently successful. About the year 1871 he moved to the East and became pastor of St. John's Mission in West Philadelphia.

But the best work of his life was done in Carroll county, Md., from 1877 to 1895. The charge that he took there has since been divided into three charges and the growth of the Reformed Church in this section has been due most largely to the solid and substantial character of his ministry here. In 1877 he became pastor of the Westminster charge, then composed of St. Paul's Church, Westminster, Benjamin's (Krider's) Church, and St. Mary's Church, at Silver Run. During this pastorate he organized the Reformed Church at Pleasant Valley. When this congregation was established, realizing the necessity of a divison of the charge for its further development, he accomplished this end. Upon the division of the charge, in 1883, he resigned as pastor at Westminster and was elected pastor of the new Silver Run charge, which he served until 1895.

During this pastorate the beautiful and commodious parsonage at Silver Run was built, and also two churches, which is one of the largest and most beautiful country churches in the Potomac Synod. The ministry of Brother Noss here was fruitful in results. The congregation increased in numbers and in benevolence until it became one of the strongest congregations in the Classis of Maryland. In his ministry of eighteen years in Carroll county Rev. Mr. Noss left the impress of his strong personality and his conscientious devotion to truth and right on the characters and lives of those to whom he ministered, and he exerted an influence in his Classis and Synod which is still left.

In 1895 he resigned the pastorate at Silver Run and became pastor of the New Holland charge, in Lancaster county, Pa. In this, his present field of labor, his strong character and eminent ability are recognized not on only by his parishioners, but by his brethren in Lancaster Classis and in the Eastern Synod.

During his pastorate in the West he was for a time a trustee of Heidelberg College. He served also on the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. During the recent vacancy in the chair of dogmatic theology in this Seminary he was selected by the Board of Visitors of the Seminary to teach until the chair would be permanently filled by the Church.

He has two sons, both of whom are in the ministry. The elder—Christopher—has recently been called by the Church to the chair of dogmatic theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. The younger son—Charles Lewis—is pastor of the Brush Creek charge, Manor, Pa.

Rev. Mr. Noss possesses a rare combination of strength and tenderness in character. He has a strong physique, a logical mind, firm convictions of truth and right and the courage of his convictions. A forceful debater, a constitutional lawyer, when he speaks on the floor of Synod it is with no uncertain sound, and his opinions carry weight. Withal a lover of men and loved by men, he is a delightfully genial companion, and a true friend. Fond of the country and of simple pleasures, a devoted disciple of Isaac Walton, a very original but successful agriculturist, modest and unassuming in disposition, he is a good illustration of the simple life.

A Pleasant Surprise.

On Wednesday evening, January 18th, the members and friends of the M. P. Church at Uniontown took possession of the parsonage and "pounded" the pastor, Rev. C. E. McCullough and family, in a way that brought happiness and good cheer in the shape of a huge donation, consisting of flour, fresh meat, poultry, (both live and dressed) canned fruits and vegetables, preserves, jellies, groceries, lard, butter, apples and many other wholesome and useful articles; also a barrel of corn for Betty, the occupant of the parsonage stable. After an address by Mr. Milton Zollickoffer, which was responded to by Mr. McCullough, prayer was offered and the company sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love." The ladies then took charge and served the company, (numbering between 70 and 80) with cake, fruits, chocolate and coffee. The evening was spent in social converse and games by the younger guests. The church choir sang several choice selections, consisting of anthems, solos and a quartet. The company dispersed at a late hour all expressing themselves as having spent a very delightful evening.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

A Pleasant Event.

A very enjoyable party was held at the home of Mrs. William Graf last Tuesday evening. Vocal and instrumental music, games and conversation were indulged in until a late hour when refreshments were served.

Those present were: Jackson Brown and wife, Clinton Lippy and wife, Charles Mahala and wife, John Krentzer and wife, William Lloyd and wife, Wilson Bosom and wife, Charles Stoffle and wife, Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Wm. Graf; Misses Mabel Stoffle, Ida Shaffer, Mary Stump, Maggie Shaffer, Annie Graf, Emma Keck, Pearl Sherman, Ada Brown, Hattie Houck, Sadie Grat, Hilda McGee, Bessie Armstrong and Treva Shaffer; Messrs. Harry Yingling, Henry Gantzler, Cleveland Stoffle, Cleveland Myers, Chester Sherman, William Myers, Grover Graf, Selvin Sherman, George Ensor, Howard Graf, Will Sherman, Roy Mahala, Austin Lippy, Charles Hanley, John Reed, Henry Lloyd, Clinton Reed, Horace Reese, Will Reed, Charles Graf and Edward Shaffer.

Party Near Smallwood.

On Saturday evening, January 14, the many friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Magin gathered at their home, near Smallwood, and spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, of which vocal and instrumental music was the leading feature. Refreshments in abundance were served. Those present were:—Fred Magin and wife, Frank Frick and wife, Richard Baker and wife, Joseph Niner and wife, Edward Niner and wife, Charles Wagner and wife, Mrs. Mary Frick; Misses Emma Williams, Lizzie Turnpaw, Lily Niner, Lily Frick, Laura and Nettie Magin, Viola Frick, Nettie Niner and Hilda Niner; Messrs. Lloyd Shipley, Henry Wardenfelt, Levi Frizzell, John Baker, George Wolf, Harry Frick, Earnest Arnold, Herschell Arnold, Delbert Paynter, Leonard Frick, Earnest Niner, Clarence Magin, James Plack, Frank Magin, Walter Wagner, Willie Niner, Ferdinand and Albert Frick. On departing the guests thanked the host and hostess for their pleasant time.

Melrose Items.

Since the Rockdale engine became unfit for service, our freight is handled by a large engine similar to those used on the B. & O., which makes the hills of old Carroll echo, and re echo with its whistle.

Those men who were in the hand-car accident, reported in this items on January 7, have nearly all recovered sufficiently to resume work again in the ore mines.

The January issue of our magazine had a photograph of the new "Mission Worker" building on the front cover. The magazine goes to far away Alaska.

A man told your correspondent last week that he hurt his hand and it healed again, and I did not have it in the paper. Your correspondent has no time to hunt for news. Send in your news to Zepp, the printer.

Jonas Warehime and wife, and John S. Wentz, wife and son Edward, of Manchester, spent last Sunday as guests of Samuel Boyer and family. Mr. and Mrs. Warehime also visited Emanuel Sellers and family.

WESTMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Annual Meeting of the Company, Election of Officers, Banquet, Etc.

Last Wednesday night the annual meeting and election of the Westminster Fire Department was held in their Hall. In addition to the members, the City Council, honorary members and a number of invited guests were present.

Since the last meeting the various rooms and halls have been handsomely varnished and frescoed, and the color on the ceiling of the apparatus room changed from white to a light green. New coats, boots, hose and reels have been purchased, and the Company is in better condition now for fire-fighting than it has been since its organization.

President Roberts presided at the meeting. After the election of officers the reports of J. Pearre Wantz, secretary and treasurer, were read and showed the receipts and disbursements for the past year, and also of Frank T. Shaeffer, who was not present owing to a sprain received a few days after at the Zepp fire at that place.

During the year there were five fire alarms and one general call, the night of February 7, for the purpose of going to Baltimore to help stay the great conflagration on the 7th and 8th, where the men were on duty for six hours, when they returned home on the noon train and were heartily welcomed and congratulated upon their escape from accident.

The old officers of the Company were re-elected as follows: President, John M. Roberts; first vice president, Wm. R. Anders; second vice president, Geo. C. Eichelberger; chief, Frank T. Shaeffer; assistant chief, Florence Little; secretary and treasurer, J. Pearre Wantz; assistant secretary, Chas. O. Clemson; foreman of truck, J. Harry Cootes; assistant foreman of truck, John D. Biehl; foreman of reels, Harry K. Shaeffer; assistant foreman of reels, Wm. E. Frizzell; librarian, Wm. N. Keeter; assistant librarian, Meade Ohler; marshal, John H. Mitten; assistant marshal, S. C. Stoner; janitor, Luther E. Long.

After the business meeting the marshal announced supper and the three large tables were filled three times with members and guests, and even then there was enough and to spare. Stewed, fried and raw oysters, cold turkey, ham, celery and pickles, slaw, coffee, cigars, etc., were served with a liberal hand.

After supper speeches were made by a number of gentlemen, and all spoke in the most commendatory manner of the bravery and efficiency of the men, ready at all hours to risk limb and life to protect the lives and property of our citizens. The Fire Department is the pride of Westminster, and we wish there were more such companies in the State.

As the company is purely a volunteer one many citizens apply for honorary membership, thus by their annual dues contributing to the maintenance of the department. Thirty were elected during the past year.

The First Reigment Band rendered choice selections during the evening.

Easley—Hesson.

Thomas H. Easley, of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of Black Walnut, Va., and recently of Westminster, Md., was married January 18, at Harrisburg, Pa., to Mrs. Mollie A. Hesson, of Westminster, Md. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Forney, sister of the bride, in the presence of immediate relatives of the bride and groom and a few friends.

The bride was gowned in steel peande cygen trimmed in all over lace, and the groom in the conventional black. The bride's traveling dress was brown cloth, with hat and gloves to match. Mr. and Mrs. Easley left on the 3.35 p. m. train for a trip through the south.

They will be at home after February 1 at 6434 Glenmore avenue, West Philadelphia.

The bride is a sister of Mrs. Harry Kauffman, of Westminster, she was born and raised in Pleasant Valley, and taught school for several terms in Uniontown.

Shriver—Wayson.

A dispatch from Annapolis, Md., to the Baltimore Sun, dated January 16, says:

"Today Mr. Howell B. Shriver and Miss Claire M. Wayson went from Annapolis to to Baltimore and were married by Rev. David T. Neely, pastor of Aisquith Street Presbyterian Church. The groom is a native of Westminster, Md., where his parents reside, but for more than a year he has been employed as stenographer in the Hotel Maryland, in Annapolis. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wayson, of Annapolis. Both of them are just the marriageable age.

"Mr. Shriver met his bride a year ago. They gave no intimation of their plans to their parents. Yesterday the groom asked Mr. Melvin, the proprietor of the hotel, for leave and the couple went to Baltimore on an early morning train and shortly afterwards Mr. Melvin received a message from Mr. Shriver stating that he would return with his wife tomorrow."

Parr's Ridge Items.

Mrs. Wm. Harris is very ill at this writing, and Mrs. Noah Sullivan is also on the sick list.

On the 13th instant, Robert Flemming, aged 13 years, a nephew of Jacob Brown, while trying to take fodder from a band brake, fell about six feet and dislocated his right shoulder.

Howard Barnhart, wife and daughter Flo, of Reisterstown, and Miss Alice Reaver, of Baltimore, were guests of their brother, John W. Reaver, from Saturday until Wednesday.

Our public school has 45 pupils on the roll, and is in charge of Preston Reed.

Many wells in this neighborhood are yet dry, and some are receiving water.

Our auctioneer, John W. Reaver, has many large sales this spring.

The "C" Club will meet at at Daniel B. Shaffer's on the evening of the 21st.

Sandyville Items.

Nelson Blizzard and wife spent the past week in Baltimore as guests of Daniel Bower and wife.

Theodore Taylor and wife last Sunday visited John Slorp and wife.

William Green, of Carrollton, visited James Shilling last Sunday.

Edward Murray and wife, of Dennings, were guests of N. H. Shipley and wife last Saturday and Sunday.

"Doc" Blizzard is visiting relatives and friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Bertie Caple and son Sterling are visiting Mrs. George Zepp, of Arcadia.

Miss Martha Uhler, formerly of near Patapsco, died at the residence of her sister, in Baltimore, on January 13, and her funeral and interment took place at Sandy Mount M. P. Church last Sunday. She was in her 77th year.

Birthday Party.

The home of Mr. Robert McI. Shower, of Manchester, was the scene of a very pleasant event on Friday evening, January 13th. The occasion was a surprise stag party given by Mrs. Shower in honor of her husband's birthday. The guests, 15 in number, were delightfully entertained, and when departing expressed their pleasure for a most enjoyable evening, and wished their genial host many happy returns of the day.

Those present were: George A. Shower, Nelson Warehime, Charles Brilhart, H. J. Musselman, J. W. Hoffacker, Dr. J. H. Preston, Wm. H. Shower, John Masenhimer, Charles Motter, Harry Sullivan, John Lamotte, Jacob Mussleman, Wm. Bergman, Harry Lamotte, Walter Hanson.

Medford Items.

The Grange will meet in the hall on Friday afternoon, January 27th. A full attendance is desired. J. H. Davidson, the general purchasing agent, and Mr. Ecker, the organizer of granges, both of Taneytown, will tell us something of importance.

Charles Martin lost a cow recently from lung disease.

The public roads are now getting in good traveling condition, except those which had been closed by snow drifts.

Miss Susie Hann has been ill the past week.

Mrs. Collins, of Philadelphia, is visiting her father, Mr. Hann, of this place.

The ice houses of this vicinity have been filled.

Weather Record for the Week.

January 14—mercury 8 at 7 a. m. and 20 at 2 p. m.; (snow fell the night previous to a depth of three inches) generally clear; partly cloudy after 12 m., with occasional snow squalls. January 15—mercury 2 at 7 a. m. and 17 at 2 p. m.; fair and blustery. January 16—mercury 10 at 7 a. m. and 22 at 2 p. m.; fair and blustery. January 17—mercury 18 at 7 a. m. and 31 at 2 p. m.; generally clear; cloudy at night. January 18—mercury 24 at 7 a. m. and 35 at 2 p. m.; fair. January 19—mercury 25 at 7 a. m. and 42 at 2 p. m.; partly cloudy. January 20—mercury 28 at 7 a. m. and 36 at 2 p. m.; clear.

Sudden Death of Lewis Prugh.

Lewis Prugh, aged 62 years and unmarried, dropped dead about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the hotel in Gamber, where he was a boarder. Death resulted from apoplexy.

The deceased was an ex-Federal soldier during the civil war, and a son of the late Abraham Prugh. One brother, Upon Prugh, and two sisters Mrs. Stephen Shipley and Miss Anne Prugh, all of this county, survive him.

CORN AND PUMPKINS.

Annual Gathering of Farmers and Their Families at Sykesville—Awards on Corn, Pumpkins, Pumpkin Pie, &c.

Corn will be King at Sykesville next Wednesday, January 25th, for on this date Wade H. D. Warfield & Co. will award 5 premiums, each $5 in gold, as follows:

For the best exhibit of Yellow Field Corn.
For the heaviest Pumpkin.
For the best Pumpkin Pie.
For the heaviest load of Farm Produce hauled to them during the year.
For the Teamster driving the team hauling the heaviest load.

The awards will be made at the Lyceum. A band of music will be present and there will be speaking.

The contest is open to both Carroll and Howard counties. Great interest is manifested in these contests, and the day the premiums are awarded has become known far and near as "Corn and Pumpkin Day." It is strictly a farmers day—they meet, exchange ideas and discuss crops generally.

Rev. J. D. Detrich, who is acknowledged by the best authority to be the most successful farmer in the United States, will address the meeting. For twenty-five years he kept a herd of 30 head of cows on 11 acres of land, and raised everything they ate, excepting mill feed. At the expiration of that time he sold his 15 acre farm for $15,000.00, and received $2,500.00 for his stock. Mr. Detrick is now director of Harvest Home Farm at Glenlock, Chester county, Pa., which contains about 350 acres. His method is known as "Intensive Farming."

The ladies will be entertained by Miss Anna E. Brennen, of Baltimore, who will deliver an address on poultry. She is an expert in the business. Her lecture will be instructive and highly interesting to all interested in poultry.

Ramsey, the magician, will give a slight-of-hand exhibition for the amusement of the children.

It is all free—you are requested to attend, bring your family with you and be at the Lyceum at 2 o'clock sharp.

DEATH'S HARVEST.

Well Known Residents And Others Who Have Passed Away.

JONES.

Alverta Virginia, wife of John William Jones, died January 10, at her residence, near Mount Airy, of Bright's disease, aged 54 years. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lea Clary, Mt. Airy; her mother, Mrs. Rhoda Hyatt, of Monrovia; two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. William C. Shaw, Newmarket; Mrs. C. T. Turnbull, Monrovia; William E. Hyatt, Ijamsville; J. Bradley Hyatt, Glenwood; Lewis H. Hyatt, Eutaw Place, Baltimore. The funeral was conducted by Rev. F. O. Marriott, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Newmarket, January 12.

BILLINGSLEA.

Elizabeth Billingslea, widow of Dr. James L. Billingslea, of this city, died at the residence of her sister, Mrs. C. T. F. Howard, in Frederick, Md., on January 14, of general debility and grip, aged 80 years. She was a daughter of John Cover, of Middleburg district, this county. Mrs. Billingslea was the second wife of Dr. Billingslea. She was a woman of fine character and a devoted wife. Her funeral took place on Monday and was attended by Drs. Charles and J. Howell Billingslea, of this city, Mrs. Dr. James Frazer, of Baltimore, and Mr. Lewis L. Billingslea, of Philadelphia, step-children.

LITTLETON.

Rev. Charles Humphreys Littleton, a well-known minister of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, died at an early hour on January 17, at his home, 1905 Harlem avenue, Baltimore. His death was the result of a fall that occurred about two weeks ago at his home.

Rev. Mr. Littleton entered the ministry in 1851 and became assistant pastor on Newtown Circuit, Worcester county. He remained in the active ministry until 1885, when, at his request, he was left without an appointment and was superannuated the following year. In 1889 he again entered the active ministry and was appointed to Concord. In 1891 he was appointed to Crumpton, and in 1893 went to Deer Park, Carroll county, where he remained until 1898, when he was sent to Milton. In 1899 he was again superannuated. He was station