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GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Seven Receive Diplomas from Westminster Theological Seminary.

The exercises of the twenty-sixth annual commencement of the Westminster Theological Seminary began Sunday morning in the Methodist Protestant Church, when Dr. Hugh Latimer Eldredge, president of the seminary, preached the baccalaureate sermon. His subject was "Leadership, or the Minister as a Spiritual Guide." At 8 p. m. Rev. Louis Randall, of the class of 1892, preached the alumni sermon.

Monday night the Stockton Literary Society held its exercises in the seminary chapel, and Tuesday morning the board of governors held its annual meeting.

Tuesday evening a large audience gathered in the Methodist Protestant Church to witness the conclusion of the commencement exercises. After singing by the congregation, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, of Baltimore, president of the Maryland Annual Conference, offered prayer, the seminary glee club sang, and Hugh Latimer Eldredge delivered the class oration. The address to the graduating class was delivered by Rev. Dr. M. D. Helmick, of Elkins, W. Va.

Following these exercises diplomas were presented to the members of the class by President Hugh Latimer Eldredge. The young men who received these diplomas are Alfred Henry Ackley, Paterson, N. J.; Edward Lassell Beauchamp, of Baltimore; Alvin Boyer Dunsy, of Elkins; W. Lewis Worrall Gordon, of Manorville, N. Y.; Joshua Ronald Horsey, of Crisfield; Merion Eugene Hungerford, of Baltimore; and John Ralph Wright, of Cumberland, all of whom were graduated with the title of reverend and have entered the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Following the presentation of diplomas came the awarding of prizes. The recipients of these evidences of merit and the prizes awarded are as follows: John Ralph Wright, for Hering Hebrew prize; Joshua Ronald Horsey, the Grimes Greek and the J. Norman Willis thesis prizes; Alfred Henry Ackley, the Bates memorial historical theology prize; Edward Lassell Beauchamp, the Queen hymn and Bible reading prize; G. G. Shurtz, of West Lafayette, Ohio, the Drinkhouse impromptu debate prize; W. H. Hodges, of Morgantown, W. Va., the Dr. Forline's Thesis prize.

The exercises closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. J. L. Mills, of Baltimore.

HIGH AUTOMOBILE TOUR.

Number of Cars Will Pass Through Westminster Saturday, May 15.

O. G. Hoff, salesmanager of the Baltimore branch of the Oldsmobile Motor Company and H. G. Ward, automobile editor of the Washington Post, passed through Westminster last Friday, marking the course to be taken by the Washington Automobile Club in its run from Washington to Emmitsburg and return on Saturday, May 15. Some fifty cars will take the run and about 100 members of the club will make the trip. Starting from Washington they will go through Frederick, Hagerstown, Waynesboro, Emmitsburg, Westminster, and back to Washington. The Main-Court Hotel, this city, is one of the checking points. The route to be covered is 164 miles.

Besides the above-mentioned tour, the Automobile Club of Maryland has selected the route on which to hold a sealed wheel endurance run. The trip will be from Baltimore to Frederick, to Emmitsburg, to Gettysburg, to Westminster, and back to Baltimore. The cars will be divided into four classes—touring cars up to 30 horsepower, touring cars above 30 horsepower, roadsters and tourabouts under 30 horsepower, and roadsters and tourabouts over 30 horsepower. The plans call for the cars leaving rather early in the morning, and the running schedule will take up about seven or eight hours.

Autos Pass Through Westminster.

On Tuesday, about noon, twenty-one dust covered automobiles passed through Westminster on the route to Harrisburg. The vehicles were at 3 o'clock and were due in Harrisburg at 8.

While passing through Westminster one of the cars, driven by Earl Cox, frightened a horse belonging to Jos. W. Smith, attached to a buggy, causing it to run away and collide with another buggy owned by Harry Stoner. Cox was arrested on the charge of violating the speed law, but on his agreeing to pay for the damage done to the buggy, he was released and not pressed. The damage and costs amounted to \$18.50 and caused him an hour's delay.

Just this side of York another one of the cars collided with a horse, causing the machine to turn turtle, and cutting and bruising the driver and his assistant. The horse was instantly killed.

Crowds Going to Circus.

A great many Carroll county people are going to Baltimore on May 12 and 13 to the Ringling Bros. Circus. It will be the only opportunity this year and the railroads are preparing to handle thousands of visitors from the surrounding territory.

Ringling Brothers have made many important improvements since they last appeared in this part of the country. At Madison Square Garden, New York, where the season began, the performances were attended nightly by the biggest crowds that ever saw a circus in Manhattan, and the Newspapers were not backward about saying that the Ringling Brothers were presenting, in every respect, the best entertainment of the kind ever given there. The performances in Baltimore will be identical with those given in the Garden, not the slightest change having been made in the long program.

The circus offered this year is one of wonderful novelty. Instead of the usual single thriller presented by other circuses, the Ringling Brothers are heading their bill with no less than seven of the greatest and most sensational acts that have ever been presented anywhere on earth.

WEDDING BELLS.

Hamm—Kreidler.

Sunday morning, May 2, at 8 o'clock, at the Reformed parsonage, Hanover, James H. Hamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hamm, of Bachman's Valley, this county, and Miss Bessie V. Kreidler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kreidler, also of this county, were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. J. H. Hartman. The bride is a most estimable young lady, and the groom is an employe of Uncle Sam, having been a rural mail carrier during the past three years. The happy couple went to housekeeping at once near Bachman's Mill, this county.

Breitwiser—Klairs.

Miss Mary E. Klairs, of Philadelphia, was married to Harry E. Breitwiser, formerly of Westminster, but now of Philadelphia, Wednesday, April 28. Sister of the bride was bridesmaid and Charles F. Breitwiser, of Virginia, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride wore white silk, with gloves and shoes to match. The groom wore a black suit. Supper was served at the bride's home, after which they left for Westminster, Baltimore and other points. After returning they will reside in Philadelphia. A reception was given by his parents on Thursday evening, April 29. They received many presents. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Breitwiser, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Breitwiser, Miss Elizabeth Breitwiser, of Frederick, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. John Bauer, Mrs. Susan Fogie, Mrs. Henry Himler, Mrs. Rautzan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sias, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowe, Mrs. William Bowman and daughter Larue, Miss Elsie Bowman, Lottie Troxel, Henrietta Himler, May Breitwiser, Ethel Lowe, Avn Stoner, Mary Lowe, Ida Lowe, Andrew Himler, Robert Lowe, William Tawney, Wesley Bowman, William Troxel, George Wanz, Charles Breitwiser, of Virginia; William Harvey and Walter Breitwiser.

Christian Endeavor News.

For the Advocate.
The County C. E. Convention of 1910 is to be held in Lineboro, Carroll county, Md.

The newly elected officers of the county union are as follows:
President, Dr. James E. Shreeve, Jr., Westminster; vice president, Rev. G. W. Baughman, Uniontown; secretary and treasurer, Miss Sara Wertz, Lineboro; missionary superintendent, Miss Amelia Birnie, Taneytown; temporary superintendent, Miss Myrtle Caple, Sandyville; press correspondent, Miss Messier, Lineboro; pastoral counselor, Rev. Wm. Wheeler, Taneytown.

The banner for the highest average contribution per member for missions was awarded to the Westminster Lutheran society. This banner is to be replaced this year with a new one which is the gift of the Lineboro society. The Lutheran society is noted for its generous contributions to missions and other benevolences and for its deep interests in christian endeavor work.

The junior banner for the highest average attendance was awarded to the Westminster Episcopalian society. The junior banner for the highest average contribution per member to missions was awarded to the Uniontown Lutheran society.

This banner was a gift last year of ex-President Geo. H. Birnie.

At the earnest personal request of Wm. Shaw, of Boston, the Carroll County Endeavorers heartily agreed to take \$2 shares at \$5.00 per share, in the Memorial Building to be built in Boston as a home for the International society of Christian Endeavor.

The Christian Endeavor Convention at Hampstead is considered in every way a splendid success.

EMMA R. ECKER,
New Windsor, Md.

For Confirmation, See Wm. B. Thomas.

Down on the Messick dairy farm, near Cumberland, the Messick family has had a very interesting experience in representing a "bloodie," which they have used as a weight to keep the front door open for several years. The thunderstorms of the last day or two, it is supposed, according to tradition, have awakened the snakes, and yesterday afternoon a member of the Messick family was attracted by a rattling noise to their front porch and found a voracious rattlesnake in search of food. It had wiggled up the porch and was hanging by its tail from the door. The snake was about two feet long and as thick as a man's arm. It was very dark in color and had a yellowish head. It was very tame and allowed the man to handle it with his hands. The snake was dispatched and measured seven feet.

County Central Committee.

The members of the Democratic Central Committee of Carroll county met at the Advocate office on Monday, May 3, at 10 a. m. Every district in the county was represented, and was one of the best attended meetings the committee ever held. The principal subject discussed was the question of direct nominations, or the Crawford county system. On account of the expense which the adoption of this system would entail, and because of the impossibility of making a fair apportionment of the offices to the different districts, it was decided to adhere to the convention system.

Saturday, July 7, was named as the date for holding the primaries for the election of delegates to the county convention, which will meet the following Monday.

Mather's New Store.

The jubilee sale this week and next at the store of T. W. Mather & Sons is in celebration of the completion of the annex to their building, which gives them over 11,000 square feet of floor space. Nineteen years ago T. W. Mather, the senior member of the present firm, started business with a floor space of 1000 square feet. That the business of the firm has increased to 11 times its original proportions is a fact of which they have every reason to be proud, and the citizens of the community, who have made this success possible, will join with them in celebrating the event.

TOWN ELECTION.

All of the Present Officials Re-elected in Westminster.

A meeting of the residents of Westminster was held on Friday evening last at Odd Fellows Hall to nominate a candidate for mayor and five candidates for common council. Mayor Saylor called the meeting to order. Charles O. Clemson was elected chairman and Denton Gehr secretary.

Nominations being in order, Rev. P. H. Miller, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, nominated for mayor the present incumbent, John B. Saylor. In a highly eulogistic speech, Michael E. Walsh presented the name of John H. Mitten. S. Christopher Stoner nominated the members of the present council, Oliver M. Crouse, Paul Case, Granville Lippy, Harry K. Oursler and A. Bailey Morelock. No other candidates were named, and the meeting adjourned, after being in session but a few minutes. Just previous to adjournment Mr. Saylor referred to the statement of the Advocate that the cost of the paving of West Main street cost \$4,000, and said that this was incorrect; that the work cost only \$2000.

The election took place on Monday, and very little interest was shown, the vote being very much less than that of a year ago, when Saylor received 372 and Walsh 303, a total of 675. This year the vote was 270 for Saylor and 231 for Mitten, a total of 501, Saylor's majority being 39.

The vote for councilmen was as follows: Paul Case, 483; Harry K. Oursler, 450; Oliver M. Crouse, 452; A. Bailey Morelock, 481; Granville Lippy, 479. Glenn W. Horner, who was not a candidate, received 78 votes, and 11 were scattering.

New Windsor.

The following were elected in New Windsor: Burgess, Winfield S. Drach; commissioners, Boston John T. Beard, Arthur C. Smelser, Ernest I. Stouffer and J. Walter Engler.

Taneytown.

In Taneytown the election resulted as follows: Burgess, Joseph Roelky; commissioners, Dr. Frank H. Seis, Edward Kemper, Edward E. Reinhold, Judson Hill and James H. Reindollar.

The New Primary Law.

This year's primary elections in the Maryland counties are to be conducted for the first time under the new law legalizing primaries. The law does not require a direct vote, but leaves to the county committees to say whether the primary is to be held on the Crawford county plan or by the old convention system. Some of the provisions of the law are:

Separate polling places for each party, with privilege of respective county committees of fixing the primary date previous to the second Monday in September.

Appointment of three judges for each polling place by the election supervisors of each party, the minority member naming the judges for his own party.

Scratching from the ballot the names of the candidates not desired instead of placing a cross-mark opposite the names of the ones for whom the voter desires to cast his ballot.

Depositing the marked ballot in an envelope before giving it to the judge of election to be dropped into the ballot-box.

Base Ball.

The National baseball club of this city defeated the Uniontown club last Saturday on the latter's ground by a score of 26 to 28. The large score is due to wet grounds and a high wind that blew from the west, making the ball very difficult to handle.

The following was the lineup: Nationals—Stewart, 1; Everhart, c; Mathias, cf; J. Smith, 2b; Arnold, 3b; Eckenrode, 1b; L. Smith, p; Steffy, ss; Ellis, lf; Uniontown—Kempert, 1b; Fowble, c; Devilliss, cf; Zollicoffer, 2b; Graham, 3b; Haines, 1b; R. Zille, p; J. Zille, ss; Smelser, lf.

Birthday Surprise.

A very happy surprise was given at Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Study's, Piney Creek, April 25, in honor of Mr. Study's 39th birthday. A delightful dinner was served at one o'clock. Refreshments were served at 4 o'clock in abundance. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Eckard, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dodrer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dodrer, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Dodrer, of Hanover; Mrs. William Dodrer, Misses Gold, Crowl, of Hanover; Pauline Dodrer, Beulah Eckard, Ruth Dodrer, Grace Dodrer, Joanna Eckard, Agnes Dodrer, Ida Dodrer and Pauline Study; Elmer Wantz, of Pleasant Valley; Paul Byers, Oscar Myers, Charles and Glen Dodrer and Master Herbert Bryan Dodrer.

Cleaning-Up Day.

The mayor and common council of Westminster have designated Monday, May 10, 1909, as "cleaning-up day." Residents are requested to have all refuse placed in the alleys in the rear of their residences on that day, when teams will be provided to haul away all refuse so deposited. After this date, during the year, all alleys must be kept free from dirt and debris or the law will be enforced.

Let every individual do what he or she can to make the town clean and beautiful.

Class in Session.

The ninth annual meeting of the classes of the Reformed Church met at Ridgely on Wednesday. Rev. David J. Wolf, of Taneytown, was elected president of the Classis; Filder John Freyer, of Baltimore, vice president; Rev. S. C. Hoover, of Silver Run, corresponding secretary; Rev. T. B. Bready, of Walkersville, Md., reading clerk, and Rev. Lloyd E. Coblenz, of Taneytown, clerk.

Thirty-one ministers and 27 elders are in attendance. The classis will be in session five days.

Grace Lutheran Church.

Sunday school and adult Bible class 9 a. m. Divine service 10.30 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday at 7.45 p. m.

Signs and Events.

In the beginning of the world was made so that certain signs come before certain events.—Cicero.



Mayor and Members of City Council of Westminster.

TESTING SEED CORN.

How to Determine the Kind That Will Germinate.

A. E. Grantham, agronomist at the Delaware College Experiment Station, has issued the following bulletin on "The Buying and Testing of Seed Corn."

"Recently, the Experiment Station has received several inquiries regarding seed corn. These questions relate mainly to the adaptability of various varieties to certain soils and to the advisability of planting seed corn grown at a distance.

In general it is safer to secure seed corn from a neighbor, who is a successful grower than to send away for seed. Corn grown in the same locality for a number of years has adapted its habits of growth to soil and climatic conditions, and other things being equal, is more likely to yield well than seed brought from another section. The chances are that seed from a heavy soil will, when planted on an open sandy soil, fail to produce sound corn. Choose a variety with a medium seed cob and moderate depth of grain to mature well. Varieties with large cobs indicate a late maturing habit.

Seed corn should be bought in the ear for two reasons. First, in order that the type of ear may be examined; second, that the vitality of the seed may be satisfactorily tested. Shelled corn may have come from all kinds of ears, many of them undesirable for seed purposes.

Even when seed corn has been given the best attention it is a good practice to test every ear before planting as no one can determine positively by inspection which ears will not grow. If one is to test a large quantity of seed, it is important to have every ear furnish strong seed. Anyone can easily detect and discard the poor seed ears by the following method:

"After selecting the ears from which you wish to plant, lay them out in rows on a table, platform, or on the floor. At the butt of each ear inscribe a number on the floor, using chalk or pencil. Number the ears consecutively from 1 to the last. From near the butt of each ear, cut out and remove three or four kernels, ten in all from each ear. Now take a shallow box 3 or 4 feet square and about 3 or 4 inches deep, and in it place about 2 inches of sand, or old sawdust. Moisten the sand, or sawdust, and spread it evenly in the box. Cut up the ears, which have been marked off into 2 inch squares with a lead pencil. The squares are numbered in order from 1 in the upper left hand corner to the last square in the lower right hand corner. If one is to test a large quantity of seed at one time, several boxes should be used.

"Now place the kernels on the squares. Those from ear No. 1, on square No. 1, until the box is filled. Over the kernels place a cloth on which sprinkle 1-4 inch of sand. Moisten thoroughly and place the box in a room where the temperature does not fall below 70 degrees. In four or five days most of the kernels will have sprouted, and in a week those which have not germinated may be considered dead. Care should be taken not to disarrange the kernels on their respective squares when the upper cloth is removed. If the kernels on a certain square, say No. 14, fail to grow, it is possible that the grower to be reasonably sure that his seed corn will grow.

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"SMILING JOE" IS WELL.

After Nearly Four Years Strapped to a Board He Leaves Hospital.

"Smiling Joe," the boy whose picture has been printed in nearly every magazine and newspaper in the United States, left the hospital of Sea Breeze Home, Coney Island, May 2, sturdy, straight-backed and still smiling. He had been cured by four years' treatment of tuberculosis of the bones, a disease for which there was no hope.

"You've seen 'Smiling Joe's' picture—you must have seen it—showing Joe's poor little body strapped to a board, but with the broadest and merriest of smiles on his round, happy, brave, little face. When he was first taken to the hospital from his home in an East Side tenement he did not think he could last many months. Joe's grit and the doctor's saved him.

But he paid the debt, if ever a little shaver did. That picture of him, printed wherever American publications are read, was responsible for the raising of upward of a quarter of a million dollars for the support of the charity. The money came from every part of the country in the checks of rich men, dollars of workmen, pennies of children and mites of widows.

Nine out of ten of the donors wrote to the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor, which conducts the Coney Island place, that what had moved them to contribute was the face of that little fellow looking out from the pages of some periodical. Once President Roosevelt went all the way to Sea Breeze to shake Joe's hand and wish him all the luck in the world.

Today there was a "Smiling Joe" party at the home to celebrate the cure of its most famous patient. Then, with a lot of his fellows who are recovering, he rode in an automobile—his first automobile ride it was—through Brooklyn to the show lot and saw his first circus as a guest of Ringling Brothers. Then he came back to his parents in Manhattan as healthy a little chap as you'd see anywhere. And still just a-smiling.

George W. Will, a native and former resident of Taneytown, died Monday evening after a short illness at his home in Flemingsburg, Ky., aged 71 years. Mr. Will went to Kentucky in early manhood and had been a resident of Flemingsburg a quarter of a century. Though long away from Maryland, he never lost interest in the affairs of the State and especially of this county, but kept himself well informed of the news and in connection with his relatives and his many old friends residing here.

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