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THE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

What the Commissioners Have Done the Past Year.

From five localities in the county requests, and in some cases urgent demands, have come to the school board for new school houses, or for an addition to the present house. The Board has no money with which to undertake this work, and for that reason at a meeting held May 3, instant, the school commissioners passed a resolution that they would not build any house, nor add a room to any schoolhouse the present summer.

During their incumbency the board has built twelve new schoolhouses, and has added rooms to four more. These buildings have cost $25,340. Also in interest and principal we have paid out $13,470, on the school debt of the county. This board has placed hot-water heaters in the schoolhouses of Hampstead, Manchester, Union Bridge and Taneytown. A globe and a map of Maryland have been placed in every school room in the county, and other supplies and equipments have been provided for the schools so far as our money would admit.

There are about 140 school buildings. To keep this property from going to wreck, several houses have to be painted, floored or roofed, with other repairs every year. Not only is this part of our duty a constant trouble and care, but the repair bill is quite considerable.

In the year 1900, the teachers' pay roll in the county amounted to $39,902.95; the present year the teachers will receive at least $58,353.68. This shows that we are paying the teachers at present $18,451.75 more than they received at the beginning of the present administration. If it is the will of the tax-payers that the efficiency in teaching service be kept up or increased, and that increased accommodations be provided, in meeting these wishes of the people, the board will go just as far as the money furnished by the county will permit. In all cases the commissioners spend the money just as economically and honestly as they know how to spend it consistently with efficient service. In their adherence to a fixed policy, the board has not contracted a single dollar of debt, and we could not have accomplished what we have in the way of new buildings if the county commissioners had not on more than one occasion helped us out.

The trustees in the schools of the county will remain as they were last year, with the following changes rendered necessary on account of resignations, requests or removals from one district to another: Clear View, Lewis Reifsnider, George I. Harman and Harvey Shorb; Bear Mount, Calvin Starner, Jr., in place of Aaron Hiltabridle; Harney, Martin D. Hess in place of J. V. Eyler; Humbert, Harvey Morelock, added to the board; Silver Run, B. D. Kemper and Wm. Zacharias in place of Jacob Koontz and O. A. Haines; Good Hope, Theo. King in place of Wm. Frock; Shade, Howard Hyle and Wesley Geiman in place of L. D. Wantz and C. Starner; Warfieldsburg, Charles Rickell in place of J. C. Robertson; Mexico, Noah Hosfeld in place of Israel Utz; Ogg Summit, Harvey Ogg in place of Wm. Heagy; Keysville, Geo. P. Ritter in place of R. A. Stonesifer; Detour, George C. Naylor and Maurice Wilhide in place of W. Shorb and T. Kolb; Medford, Jesse Baile in place of Ephraim Haines, deceased; Charles Street, colored, Bayless Boyer, James Urven and Thomas Summers; Bauchman's, Dallas M. Wilson in place of Geo. Panebaker; Kroh's, Henry Shaffer, Thomas Kuhns and Andrew Miller; Old Fort, Wm. Sherman, George Ensor and Christopher Hunt.

Taneytown, Chestnut Grove, Mahlon, and New Windsor were for the present left in the hands of the school board.

S. SIMPSON, Secretary.

Dr. and Mrs. Slater Entertain.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Slater, of Baltimore, entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McGill, of W. Forest Park. The color scheme, pink and white, was carried out in flowers and candelabra. An orchestra, concealed by potted palms and plants, rendered selections during the collation.

Mrs. Slater was assisted in receiving by Mrs. H. E. Peterman, Mrs. Eugene Rogers and Mrs. Louis Reinhardt.

Mrs. Slater's gown was princess, of black net over silk, with panels in silver and jet: Mrs. H. E. Peterman, pink satin princess gown, embroidered in gold; Mrs. Louise Reinhardt, black lace over white satin; Mrs. Rogers, white silk princess.

Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McGill, Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Peterman, Col. and Mrs. J. McKellip Houseman, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. DeKalb, Mr. and Mrs. Louise P. Reinhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin J. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Mering, Mr. and Mrs. W. Price, Miss Ida Campbell, Maurice Englar.

Tea was poured by Miss Ida Campbell and Mrs. Wm. F. DeKalb.

Spare the Birds.

Eph. B. Repp, local secretary of the Audubon Society of Maryland, asks us to print the following:

"But for the indiscriminate slaughter of our native insectiverous birds, the pestiferous job of spraying the orchards, the tiresome task of replanting corn, to say nothing of the alarming increase of the brown-tail moth, elm-tree beetle and tent caterpillar, could all happily be avoided. The Audubon Society asks persons everywhere to spare the birds for the sake of safety."

Boy Terribly Injured.

George T. Keys, the five-year-old nephew of Mr. Peter Miller, of Gist, this county, is at the Johns Hopkins Hospital suffering with frightful injuries received by being run over by a roller, with which his uncle was preparing some soil for seeding, on last Thursday. One of the child's legs is broken, his jawbone dislocated and his face frightfully bruised. He approached the roller from behind, and before Mr. Miller could stop the horses the child was injured.

TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBIT.

Will Be Given Next Week in Hall of High School Building.

The traveling exhibit of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association will be located at the High School on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. The lectures, in addition to the exhibit, will be illustrated by the stereopticon, and will be both interesting and instructive.

This is one of the really fine things which occasionally visits communities like Westminster, but which are not always appreciated at their true value. The exhibit and lectures deal with a very vital subject, a subject which should be interesting to every citizen. Tuberculosis is a terrible disease; it is the cause of untold suffering; it is the enemy of the home and of society. The records of the State Board of Health show that almost 3,000 people died from it in Maryland last year, and that one-eighth of all deaths occurring in the state, was caused by this one disease. No home is safe from its ravages. It challenges every family, rich and poor. If you have a family of your own you should visit this exhibit and learn what precautions should be taken to prevent the disease. If you have friends in whom you are interested, you should see this exhibit. If you care for your own health and happiness, you should learn something regarding the nature of this disease. This exhibit is brought here solely for the benefit of the people of Carroll county, and it is to be hoped that they will avail themselves of this exceptional opportuity, for such it is.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at which time, Roy Stockwell, the assistant secretary, will deliver a lecture on tuberculosis, illustrated by the stereopticon.

On Wednesday evening, Dr. A. P. Herring, secretary of the State Lunacy Commission, will lecture on the care of the insane. This lecture will be illustrated by means of lantern slides, showing the condition prevailing in the various almshouses of Maryland, where the insane are at present housed. These pictures reveal conditions which have been severely criticised by many people in various parts of the state. Following Dr. Herring's lecture, a demonstration of the tuberculosis exhibit will take place.

Lectures will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings, at which various phases of the tuberculosis problem will be discussed. It is expected that local speakers will assist Mr. Stockwell in this work.

Although there is no charge connected with either the exhibit or the lectures, admission will be by ticket. These tickets are being distributed by a number of the business men in Westminster, including this office, and are to be had for the asking.

A Call for More Workers.

For the Advocate.

The May meeting of the W. H. and F. M. Society of St. Mary's Lutheran Church, Silver Run, Md., under the leadership of Mrs. Rev. J. O. Yoder, was well attended, nearly all the members being present. This was very encouraging. But why are not more of our Lutheran women interested and taking part in the work of our society? You ought to be more familiar with what the society is doing, and what it is failing to do owing to the need of more workers. Is it not worth working for? God only knows how great the needs are and how ripe the harvest is.

At this season of the year all nature has awakened from its slumber and is putting forth its new garb of bud and bloom. So we should catch the inspiration and each one seek to make this the best year in the history of our society by earnestly working and giving of our means. Then we can bring the blossoms of immortal hope into the darkened and lonely life of many a benighted one. You say there are so many departments of work to engage our interest. 'Tis true. But each one of us could take one special object (the missionary society) and yet not neglect the rest.

Our meetings are held the first Thursday of every month, at the church. Do you want the Master's commendation? "She hath done what she could." Then come and just give a few hours of your precious personal service. Do it not from a sense of duty, but because of love to your fellowman and your Master.

A MEMBER.

Miss Steiner at New Windsor.

Miss Emma R. Steiner, of New York, will give a moving picture and stereoptican lecture in the Presbyterian Church, New Windsor, on Thursday evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock. Miss Steiner's subject will be "Alaska and Her Wonderful Resources," and will include lantern projections of a trip from Seattle to Dawson and down the Yukon to St. Michaels, and moving pictures showing "Shooting the Rapids," "Dog Teams," "Nome Fire Brigade in Operation," "A 1,000,000 clean-up on the Bessie Placer Claim, near Nome" and "The Great Walrus Hunt" taken on ice floes in Behring Sea, the only film of its kind in existence.

Miss Steiner was born in Maryland, spent seven seasons in Alaska, and was recently appointed by Gov. Crothers as Maryland's representative to the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, to be held in Seattle this summer.

Free Treatment.

We have received the eighth annual report of the South Baltimore Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Charity Hospital. The objects of this hospital are to give to the deserving poor of the city and state the gratuitous services of physicians skilled in these special lines, also when necessary hospital accommodations, so far as the resources of the hospital will permit. Should our readers know of any needy patients in this neighborhood, suffering from diseases of the eye, ear, nose or throat, the hospital authorities will be glad to know of the same and if possible arrange to have them go to the hospital for treatment.

BEAUTIES OF SPRING.

One Writer Finds Inspiration in the Fresh-Plowed Field.

The inspired writer said that "There is one glory of the sun, another of the stars." So there is also a difference in beauty. There are the beauties of art and the beauties of nature, each delighting in their way. And in the presentation of the beauties of nature spring is the most liberal. The man whose eye is not brightened and who does not experience delight on beholding the beauties presented by spring is sincerely to be pitied. He loses a large part of the joy of living. There come the early days of spring, when the bright sun invites everybody out of doors to bask in the genial warmth and brightness, to watch the progress of the annual miracle that clothes the bare trees in living green, to see the spring flowers modestly bloom in their lowly beds, to hear the birds twittering their lively spring chatter overhead, and to watch the many and various pictures of beauty that are presented on every side, to the joy of the nature lover.

They are so many that some of them may fail of proper appreciation sometimes. There is the beauty of the fresh plowed field, for instance. Have you seen such a field, on passing by it on a drive into the country? And in passing it, did you see only the bare earth and let your glance pass over it and beyond it, as presenting nothing but beauty in its bareness? If you did you failed to make the most of the opportunity you had, and missed what would surely have been a great pleasure had you seen it. The plowman in the field, plowing his furrows, is a picture of contentment, of independence and of hopeful promise. Above him the sun shines in his golden splendor. Behind him lies the plowed area, loading the air with the scent of fresh plowed earth, presenting a clean surface marked by the furrows which are turned beside each other in the most regular parallels. Before him lies the unplowed section, filled with the stubble of last year's growth, unsightly and saddening like a life without a promise. And between them the plowman adding furrow to furrow smoothly turned, each furrow increasing the clean land of promise and decreasing the stubble land of spent opportunities and the rankness of weeds.—Augusta Herald.

NATURAL GAS FOR BALTIMORE.

Business Men Think It Will Mean Great Things for the City.

The Baltimore papers this week are giving column upon column to the announcement by S. Davis Warfield of plans for taking natural gas from the gas fields of West Virginia to the Monumental City and distributing it to sonsumers through the mains of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company at 58 cents a thousand feet for lighting, 45 cents for cooking and 40 cents or lower for manufacturing and heating purposes.

It is proposed, after paying a dividend of 4 per cent. on the $6,300,000 common stock of the Consolidated company, to pay to the city 40 per cent. of any further net profits.

Out of the 18 directors of the company, Mr. Warfield suggests that the Governor of the State and the mayor of the city should jointly name five.

This would undoubtedly give Baltimore a decided advantage over most of the Eastern cities as a manufacturing center, and as the project meets the approval of all the newspapers and business organizations there ought to be no difficulty about its consummation.

The Blue Bird.

When nature made the blue bird she wished to propitiate both the sky and the earth, so she gave him the color of one on his back and the hue of the other on his breast, and ordained that his appearance in spring should denote that the strife and war between these two elements was at an end. He is the peace harbinger; in him the celestial and the terrestral strike hands, and are fast friends. He means the furrow and he means the warmth; he means all the soft, warming influences of the spring on the one hand, and the retreating footsteps of winter on the other. After you have seen the blue bird you will see no more cold, no more snow, no more winter. He brings soft skies and the ruddy brown of the fields. It is sure to be a bright March morning when you first hear his note, and it is as if the milder influences up above had found a voice and let a word fall upon the ear, so tender is it and so prophetic a hope tinged with a regret.—John Burroughs.

High School Entertainment.

The following program will be rendered by the pupils of Westminster High School at Odd Fellows' Hall this, Friday, evening.

Chorus, "Summer Fancies," by high school pupils.

Opening address, Clarence Stouch.

Cantata, "Strange Visitors, or a Meeting of Nations," by grammar school pupils.

Comedy in three acts, "Miss Fearless and Company," in which the following persons take part: Leola Burgoon, Rose Miller, Mildred Buckingham, Elsie Coppersmith, Ruth Royer, Irene Kauffman, Elsie Gernand, Mary Weagly, John Whitmore, James Crawford.

Summer Homes for Children.

Persons wishing to board children for the Children's Aid Society of Baltimore, may send written applications to The Visitor, care of Advocate Office, Westminster, Md.

Good reference must be named and homes located near W. M. R. R. stations from Finksburg to Bruceville. Terms from 1 to 3 dollars per week.

Grace Lutheran Church.

Sunday school and adult Bible class 9 a. m. Divine service at 10.30 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Morning subject, "Faith and Its Evidences." Evening subject, "In Whom Dost Thou Trust?" Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Pilgrims Progress series.

MEETING OF F. M. C.

Grand Ruling Meets in This City—Elects Officers—Banquet.

The Grand Ruling of the Fraternal Order of Mystic Circle for Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia held its bi-annual session on Monday and Tuesday in their lodge room, Davis Hall, John street, this city, and was largely attended.

On Monday night a special meeting was held for the entertainment of members and their friends, at which about 150 were present and enjoyed good music by the Westminster Orchestra and piano solos and a number of addresses were on the program. The meeting was called to order by Grand Ruler J. T. McCune, of Hagerstown. Harry P. Gorsuch was master of ceremonies during the evening and announced the different selections.

The program was as follows: Welcome address, Harry P. Gorsuch; drill by degree team; address, A.H. Swartz, of Philadelphia; address, J. T. McCune, Hagerstown; address, Allen R. Shimer, Bethlehem; music by orchestra; drilling by degree team, which made a fine impression upon the members and guests; piano solos by Prof. Hubbard. Mr. Duckwitz, supreme ruler, of Philadelphia, was expected to be present to make an address, but was kept away by business. Mr. Swartz filled his place and pleased the audience. After the program was rendered an invitation was extended to all present to adjourn to the banquet room where a sumptuous repast was served, consisting of chicken, ham, sweitzer cheese, pickles, finger rolls, potato chips, coffee, ice cream and cake.

All present expressed themselves as to the meeting being by far the best ever held by this organization here.

Visitors present—J. T. McCune, Richard M. Spielman, Geo. W. Fridinger, Walter M. McCune, B. F. Stonebraker, Geo. W. Roessner, Mrs. Henry Matthews, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Laura E. Caldwell, Mrs. Walter M. McCune, all of Hagerstown; John D. Hann, Creagerstown; A. H. Swartz, of Philadelphia; Allen R. Shimer, of Bethlehem.

Supper Committee—John E. Eckenrode, J. Hoffman Fuss, J. Thomas Anders, Mrs. O. M. Crouse, Mrs. Geo. Babylon, Mrs. John E. Eckenrode and Mrs. E. O. Diffendal.

Reception Committee—Mrs. Alice Winemiller, Miss Florence Sheeler, Miss Margaret Eckenrode, J. Albert Mitten, Charles Mitten.

An all-day meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th, in the lodge room for the transaction of business and to elect officers for the next two years. F. H. Duckwitz, supreme mystic ruler of Philadelphia, being present, called the meeting to order. Mr. Duckwitz made a most impressive and able address in regard to the Mystic Circle which was most attentively listened to. A. H. Swartz, of Philadelphia, assistant supreme mystic ruler, and A. R. Shimer, of Bethlehem, supreme chaplain, also made able addresses. The following officers were elected at the morning session: Grand ruler, J. T. McCune; grand vice ruler, Geo. W. Roessner; past grand ruler, Geo. W. Fridinger; grand chaplain, Walter A. McCune; grand recorder, Geo. W. Fridinger; grand treasurer, Harry P. Gorsuch; grand marshal, B. Frank Stonebraker; grand warden, Geo. E. Baughman; grand guard, John D. Hann; grand sentry Richard M. Spielman.

After the election an adjournment was made for lunch. At 2 p. m. the meeting convened and installed all officers elected at its morning session. Short speeches were made by each officer installed. H. P. Gorsuch was elected supreme representative and Geo. W. Fridinger alternate to attend the meeting of the supreme ruling in Detroit, Michigan, July 20, 1909. At 4 p. m. the meeting adjourned to meet the third Tuesday in May, 1911, the place of the meeting to be left in the hands of the executive committee.

The Mystic Circle was organized in this city about 18 years ago with a membership of about 25, but held no regular meetings until about three years ago, when Grand Ruler J. T. McCune, of Hagerstown, who has charge of this jurisdiction, put the lodge in active working and added a number of new members at each meeting until the membership numbers about 70 at present. New members are added at each meeting and by autumn they hope to number 100.

Fancy Stockings.

The manufacturers this year have turned out specially attractive designs, which make one feel for one's pocketbook, or do a quick sum in subtraction from the housekeeping money. The newest of the fancy stockings are ornamented in exquisite embroideries, beaded and jetted with pendant tassels and loose garlands made separate from the stocking as a decoration. The new shoes and slippers, which are all cut with a very low vamp, give an added possibility for the display of fancy embroidery, of which the manufacturers have availed themselves.

Orphans' Court.

Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11.—Letters of guardianship granted unto Charles W. Murray, as guardian to Benjamin H. Miller, infant.

The last will and testament of Mary C. Wantz, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted to Noah T. Wantz and Harvey J. Wantz, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Stella M. Wilson, executrix of John W. Wilson, deceased, settled her second account.

Forest and Stream Club.

One of the most notable organizations in this city, which endured successfully for many years, was the old Forest and Stream Club. Some of its former members and other followers of Izaak Walton in this city have become enthused at the suggestion of reorganization, and a meeting has been called for that purpose for next Tuesday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the directors room of the American Sentinel Company, and all who are interested are invited to attend.

BASEBALL.

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for Opening Game in Westminster.

Through the kindness of Dr. Lewis and the College Atheletic Association the Westminster Baseball Association will use the college grounds this season, and will play its opening game with Frederick in this city Tuesday, May 25, 1909. The game will be called about 2.30 o'clock p. m.

All the business places in Westminster will be closed on the opening day between the hours of two and five. Immediately preceding the game there will be a parade, in which the First Regiment Band, the Westminster Fire, Engine and Hose Company No. 1, Company H, First Regiment M. N. G., and the business men of our city will participate.

The Western Maryland Railroad Company will make special rates from Baltimore, Glyndon, New Windsor, Union Bridge, Bruceville, Thurmont, and Hagerstown to this place and return by regular trains on the opening day.

While the association cannot announce in this issue its line-up, it wishes to assure the people it will have a fast set of men and a winning team. The names of the players and a program of what is to take place on the opening day will appear in next week's issue.

The order in which the procession will parade through Main street to the ball grounds on College Hill will be as follows:

Mayor and Common Council in open barouches.

Directors Westminster Baseball Association in tally-ho.

Ten automobiles with members of Westminster and Frederick teams.

First Regiment Band.

Company H, First Regiment, M. N. G.

Lady horseback riders in sombreros and khaki skirts.

Gentlemen horseback riders.

Redmen in costume.

Business floats.

The Sandyville Athletic Club defeated the Finksburg Athletic Club 5 to 4 last Saturday, May 8. Pitcher Shipley had them guessing throughout the game, striking out 11 men, although he said at the close of the game he had not let himself out and of course he wanted to let the other players have a chance.

The line-up was as follows: Lawndale—Elserode, 1b; Mummaugh, cf; Miller, rf; Spencer, ss; Barber, 3b; Leppo, 2b; Wisner, lf; Barrack, c; Shipley, p. Finksburg—Ward, 1b; Mann, cf; Rhoten, rf; Shaffer, ss; Rhoten, 3b; Brown, 2b; Ward, c; Spencer, p; Brown, lf. Umpire, William Spencer; time of game, 1.30; scorer, Barber.

The home team worked well together and Barber played his usual good game. Wisner, Barber, Shipley and Spencer led with the stick. The diamond was wet and muddy, and most of the errors were due to the condition of the ground.

The W. H. S. baseball club has organized a team for 1909 and have elected John Stansbury captain and John R. Everhart manager of the team.

The team will play their second game with the Fulton Eagles, from Baltimore, Monday, May 17, at 2 o'clock p. m., on college field. The line-up of the team is as follows, with some changes during the game, no charges being made to see the game: John Everhart, c; Ray Green, p; George Bell, 1b; John Stansbury, 2b; Guy Williams, 3b Charles Arnold, ss; Joe Smith, lf; Lamotte Smith, rf; Joe Little, cf; Lavine Billingslea, Chas. Little, subs.; Charles Geiman, scorekeeper.

On Saturday last the Gist baseball team journeyed to Mechanicsville, where they defeated the Mechanicsvill-Smallwood-Finksburg combination 15 to 6. The pitching of Tracey for Gist was grand, as he had the boys at his will. The Gist boys would like to hear from teams in Carroll county. Send all challenges to John Freeman, Gist, Md.

The Eastern College baseball team defeated Western Maryland on the grounds of the latter in this city Thursday by a score of 5 to 2.

A Pleasant Time.

Miss Daisy V. Myers, of Boring, Baltimore county, Md., entertained quite a number of friends at her home on Sunday last, and needless to say, all enjoyed themselves immensely. At about 2 p. m. all started for a good long outing or rambling expedition across the hills and valleys and through the woods gathering flowers and making merry in many ways. A. W. Spencer had his camera and took quite a number of snapshots of the different sceneries and landscapes and also of the members of the party in different attitudes and positions.

As the sun was sinking down the western horizon all started back for Miss Myers' home where dinner was waiting, and, quite unnecessary to say, all partook of it freely, as the long walk had given them quite a consuming appetite. Dinner being over, all took a short drive to the home of Miss Dora Myers, where a delightful time followed as they indulged in singing, music and playing jokes. Mr. Spencer also recited several selections, consisting of humorous, descriptive, dramatic, pathetic and patriotic recitations, which werewell received by the party. At 10.30 all were invited to the dining room, where refreshments were served in abundance, consisting of all the delicacies in season. At a late hour all departed for their respective homes, feeling quite tired, yet the pleasant time still lingering in their memories.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kensey Myers, of Boring; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cullison, of Hampstead; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wooden, of Baltimore; Mrs. Elizabeth Boone, of Dover; Misses Daisy V. and Edna Myers, of Boring; Miss Millie Spencer, of near Westminster; Misses Dora and Mary Myers, of Daniels Delight; Misses Ethel, Adelaide and Gertrude Wooden, of Baltimore; William Cullison, of Hampstead; C. Walter Myers, of Boring; Herbert Myers, of Daniels Delight; Eugene Myers, of Hagerstown; Walter H. C. Stocksdale and A. Winfield Spencer, of Westminster.

DEATH'S HARVEST.

Well Known Residents And Others Who Have Passed Away.

Morelock.

In this city, May 12, Louisa Morelock, widow of David E. Morelock, aged 80 years, 7 months and 20 days. She is survived by the following children: Prof. A. Bailey Morelock, Prof. Geo. F. Morelock and Mrs. Abram Williams, also three brothers, Noah Fleagle, of Florida; George Fleagle, of Mayberry, and Jacob Fleagle, of Taneytown, and a sister, Mrs. Levi Myers, of Pleasant Valley. After a brief service at the house Saturday morning the funeral will take place at Baust's Church. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

Dehoff.

Mrs. Isabella Naill Dehoff, formerly of this city and for many years a resident of Arlington, Md., died Wednesday after a week's illness at the home of her son-in-law, Howard Hoffman, in West Philadelphia, in her 61st year. Mrs. Dehoff was a daughter of the late Capt. David N. Naill, who repeatedly represented Frederick county in the House of Delegates and State Senate. Col. Henry Clay Naill, formerly surveyor of customs in Baltimore, is her brother.

Blizzard.

William H. Blizzard, who was at one time well known in Westminster, died at his home at Tobias Station on Thursday, May 6. He is survived by his widow. Funeral services were held on Sunday at Deer Park Chapel M. E. Church. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

Westminster Free Library.

The Westminster Library Association committee has addressed to all members a postal card, reading as follows:

"With a membership of 152, an income of $152 from membership fees and $15 from fines, the Westminster Free Library Association closed its first year with 237 books purchased, 190 books donated by the Enoch Pratt Library, and 6 by individuals, a total in the library of 433 books. The total circulation was 4,829 books, an average of 79 per week. After such a successful year, and with such a foundation laid, the future growth of the library is assured, if our citizens will respond promptly in the payment of membership fees. The fee is only $1.00. A committee will call on you within ten days. Please do not refuse. If you do not care for the library for your own use, help the cause for the sake of others.

The library is open every Monday and Thursday night and on Saturday afternoons, in the rooms over Smith & Reifsnider's office. Members and those wishing to become members will confer a favor upon the committees by paying their membership fees at the library promptly and thus save them much labor.

The annual meeting of the association was held on Friday night last. Because of the small attendance of members the election of officers and other important business was postponed to an adjourned meeting to be held at the Firemen's Building on Friday night, May 21, promptly at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present for a few minutes at that time.

Improving Seed Corn.

Mr. Brown, a corn expert of the United States Agricultural Department, was in Westminster this week superintending the planting of two acres with corn on the Miller farm, near town, owned by the B. F. Shriver Co. The seed corn used for planting were two varieties, known as the "Country Gentleman" and "Stowell's Evergreen," with which the government experts have been experimenting for some years. The planting was not different from that of ordinary corn, with the usual amount of fertilizer. Each ear of corn was numbered, and the ground planted with the grains from the ear was given a corresponding number, so that their growth may be accurately followed. Mr. Brown will make frequent visits to Westminster in order that he may watch the experiment at every stage of its progress.

Cow Peas Good for Hogs.

Fencing is becoming more expensive every year and we can hardly afford to fence a farm into four or six fields, as was the custom of our boyhood days, so we try to partially solve the problem by fencing the whole farm against cattle only, with permanent hog lots. The idea of a series of hog lots, all of them to be broken up at least once a year and planted to some forage crop, seems to gain favor as it is better understood. All of the lots may be sown to rye in the fall for winter or spring pastures; in one oats and peas to succeed the rye, rape to follow the oats and peas, while the other is planted in sorghum. Whenever a man has grown cow peas as a crop for grazing hogs he is never willing to go through a season without a patch of them.

A Few Hours of Pleasure.

The pupils of Spring Mills school spent Thursday afternoon in the woods, enjoying the beauties of nature. Flowers were gathered, examined and analyzed. After a little while all gathered under the shade of a beautiful oak, where a dainty luncheon was served. A few games were played and several songs were sung, after which they retired to their homes much pleased with the afternoon's enjoyment, which was so cheerfully given by their teacher, Miss Emma E. Cox. May she give them many more pleasures in the future.

Methodist Protestant Church.

Public Worship at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning theme, "Nature's Ministry to Piety;" evening, "Some Simple Safeguards of Goodness." Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 9.30 a. m. "Bunyan's Pilgrim at the Wayside Cross" in the young people's meeting at 7 p. m.

PERSONAL MENTION

[Persons who contemplate going away, or have friends visiting them, and desire publication of same, will please send the names to this office.]

Frank Rowe, of Baltimore, spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rose spent several days in Baltimore this week.

Frank Shaw and wife, of Williamsport, Md., spent Sunday in this city visiting their families.

Wm. H. Babylon, of Williamsport, Md., visited his sister, Mrs. L. A. Eichorn on Tuesday of this week.

Fitzjames Bartlett, who is attending lectures at the University of Maryland, was in town this ween.

Herman Zepp and son, of Connellsville, Pa., were guests of his mother, Mrs. Bettie Zepp, Liberty street.

Mrs. Fenby Hering, daughter and son, of Finksburg, are guests of Mrs. Virginia Armacost, of Bell Grove Square.

Miss Nellie H. Eichorn of W. Main street, spent a few days visiting her friend, Miss Reta Morningstar, of Meadow Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Lang and son George J. Lang spent Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. Luther E. Wimert, Pennsylvania avenue.

Mrs. Rosa A. Logue, of East Green street, has returned home after having spent several very pleasant days visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. William King, of New York city, visited her mother last week. Mrs. Robert M. Hewitt, who is seriously sick at her home near Sykesville, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conaway, of Lakeland, Md.; Miss Elsie Buckingham Stevenson and Joseph Smith, of Ruxton, Md., were guests of Isaac Long, Tannery, last week.

MAY TERM OF COURT.

So Far There Have Been No Cases of Importance.

The May term of the Circuit Court for Carroll County began Monday morning with Chief Judge Wm. H. Thomas on the bench, Associate Judge Forsythe appearing later in the week.

Thomas W. Kelley was appointed bailiff to the grand jury; Tobias Oursler, bailiff to the petit jury; Jos. T. Tawney and John Wolf, bailiffs at the gates. The grand and petit juries for the term were drawn, and constituted as follows.

Grand Jury—Daniel J. Hesson, of Taneytown, foreman; Theodore Crawford, Thomas F. Keerer, Theodore Zimmerman, John Wesley Ruby, Preston J. Duvall, David H. Leese, John D. F. Stoner, Meade Ohler, James A. Gosnell, George E. Wright, Noah Brown, Charles W. Meyers, George K. Dudderer, Elijah F. Hoffacker, Thomas G. Otto, John H. Leister, Henry Himler, James F. Humbert, Samuel D. Heltibridle, Obadiah Buckingham, Joshua Ditman, William I. Gearhart.

Petit Jury—Michael F. Hann, George W. Sullivan, David Bloom, Ephraim J. Yingling, George W. Slack, William N. Yingling, Miles L. Long, Joseph Formwalt, Oliver F. Wentz, David K. Brown, John Marshall Devilbiss, Harry Benft, Elias Erb, Otto G. Hood, William T. Boone, Jesse P. Weybright, William A. Fleming, William H. Roberts, Jos. Cookson, Arthur C. Bell, Eli T. Bennett, Henry C. Helwig, Albert V. Cover, Nathan Englar, Henry S. Bucher.

The dockets for the term contain 44 trial cases, 9 appeals and 45 originals.

The only case tried was that of Richard M. Martin, appellant, vs. Chas. W. Murray, appellee, appeal from William A. Abbott, J. P.; trial before jury; verdict for appellee for $40. Steele for appellant; Brooks for appellee.

NEWSPAPERS EDUCATE.

Influence of Good Papers Among School Children.

A teacher, who had been a long time engaged in his profession, and witnessed the influence of a newspaper on a family of children writes as follows: I have found it to be a universal fact, that those scholars of both sexes and all ages, who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who have not, are

1. Better readers, excellent in pronunciation, and consequently read more and understand better what they read.

2. They are better spellers; define words with greater ease and accuracy.

3. They obtain practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time required by others, as the newspapers have made them acquainted with the location of important places, of nations, their government, and doings on the globe.

4. They are better grammarians; for having become so familiar with every style in newspapers, from the common-place advertisement to the finished and classical oration of the statesman, they more readily comprehend the meaning of the text, and consequently analyze its construction with accuracy.

5. They write better compositions, using better language, containing more thoughts, more clearly and correctly expressed.

6. Those young men who have for years been readers of newspapers are always taking the lead in debating societies, exhibit a more extensive knowledge upon a greater variety of subjects, and express their views with greater fluency, clearness and correctness.—Pennsylvania School Journal.

Misunderstood.

"Sorry, sir," telephoned the butcher, "but we are out of sirloin. Why don't your wife order you a round?"

"What's that?" exploded Harker, at the other end of the line.

"I say, why don't your wife order you a round?"

"Why don't my wife order me a round? Man, that is all she does from morning until night! If you were nearer, I'd—" But the startled butcher had hung up the receiver.