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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SET FOR TRANSFER AND ABATEMENTS.

School Board Make Few Changes in School Trustees.

County Commissioners.

The board at this week for transfer and abatements.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, May 1st.—Lucinda A. Ecker, administratrix of Harry E. Ecker, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

The last will and testament of Geo. L. Peterman, deceased, admitted to probate, and letters of administration with the will annexed, granted unto John E. Moschenheimer, who received order to notify creditors, also returned inventory of debts.

The last will and testament of Edman H. Weaver, deceased, admitted to probate, and letters testamentary thereon granted unto Cornelia L. Myers and Nettie A. Weaver, who received warrant to appraise, and order to notify creditors, also returned inventory of money.

Joshua Koutz, administrator of Savilla Koutz, deceased, returned inventory of debts due.

Larkin A. Shipley, executor of Horace A. Shipley, deceased, settled his third account.

Tuesday, May 2nd.—Samuel J. Renner, administrator, w. a. of Ida M. Renner, deceased, reported sale of personal property, also received order to sell stock.

John Koutz, administrator of Savilla Koutz, deceased, received order to sell stock.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Geo. O. Brillhart et al., trustees, to John Wagner, convey lot in Westminster, for \$1600.

Wm. B. Thomas and wife to The Fred H. Knapp Co., convey lot in Westminster, for \$400.

John H. Koerner and wife to Anna M. Warner, convey 70 acres, and 48 square perches, for \$2500.

Anna M. Warner and husband to John F. Koerner and wife, convey 70 acres and 48 perches, for \$2500.

Christian Baker to Wm. F. Utz, convey 2 1/2 acres, for \$300.

John E. Warden et al., executors, to Samuel J. Warner and wife, convey 54 acres and 35 2-10 perches, for \$5900.

Winfield Scott Wolfe, trustee, to Meda E. Wolfe, convey lot in Union Bridge, for \$1250.

John H. Koerner to Nettie M. Jones, convey 130 acres, 3 roads and 9 perches, for \$3000.

John D. Roop and wife to James Elmer Myers, convey 198 acres, 3 roads and 9 perches, for \$8000.

Fleetha Heldbridge to John Orndorff, convey 2 acres and 34 perches, for \$250.

Nettie M. Jones and husband to Edward W. Case, convey 22 acres, 3 roads and 3 perches, for \$2500.

Annie Leppo et al. to John E. Orndorff, convey 2 acres, 2 roads and 23 perches, for \$75.

John E. Orndorff to Amelia Waiters et al., convey 23 acres, 2 roads and 23 perches, for \$807.50.

John H. Stem and wife to John S. Barnes, convey 154 perches, for \$500.

Eliza J. Phillips et al., convey 8 acres, for \$1.

Eliza J. Phillips to Ida M. and Chas. H. Phillips et al., convey 3 acres, 3 roads and 18 perches, for \$1.

Charles H. Phillips and wife to Ida M. Phillips, convey 57 acres, 3 roads and 18 perches, for \$750.

Arthur Hill et al. to Edgar C. Banker and wife, convey 14 acres, 1 road and 11 perches, for \$225.

John E. Katz and wife to Harry F. Kuhn, convey 3 lots in and near Manchester, for \$2500.

Samuel G. Sterner and wife to Ephraim J. Wildasin and wife, convey 15 1/2 acres, for \$1.

Martha J. Woodward to Lewis K. Woodward, convey lot in Westminster, for \$5.

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Charles H. Smith to Harry L. Pickett et al., convey 1 acre, 1 road and 34 perches, for \$700.

L. H. Thomson and wife to Chas. H. Lemo and wife, convey 7 acres and 4 perches, for \$600.

Laura M. Angell and husband to Joanna Eyer and husband, convey 22 acres, for \$1800.

Herbert J. Essich et al. to Samuel J. Kessinger, convey 4 lots in Union Mills, for \$250.

School Commissioners.

A regular meeting of the Board of School Commissioners was held on Monday, May 1, instant; all the members were present except Dr. William E. Gaver. The district school trustees are appointed in this month, and at this time the list is generally complete except in few cases where it is difficult to secure the service of acceptable and competent men who will agree to give their attention and time.

The Board reappointed the former trustees except in few cases of vacancies occasioned by death, removal or request.

Herbert J. Essich was appointed in place of S. S. Shoemaker. Union Mills—G. W. Yeiser, in place of H. Wirt Shriver.

Hampstead—P. A. Rineman, in place of J. W. Shank.

Greenmount—J. A. Dehoff, in place of Thomas Lowe.

Leister's—Geo. A. Leister and H. S. Witter, in place of John H. Leister and J. N. Sellers.

Hoopers—Geo. W. Garver, in place of H. W. Harr.

Retreat—Wm. O. Barnes, Chas. E. Haines and H. G. Lambert.

Lincoln—G. A. Englar, in place of Nathan Englar.

Reese's School, Binck's School and the Colored school at Sykesville were left temporarily without trustees, and in the hands of the Commissioners.

In all other cases the trustees at present serving were re-elected, except in the part of the County under School Commissioner, Dr. Wm. E. Gaver, and in his absence these schools were not considered. As early as possible it is the purpose of the Board to have the list of trustees completed so far as satisfactory recommendations may be made.

MOTHER'S DAY.

Open Parliament and Reception.

For the Democratic Advocate.

Under the direction of the teacher, Miss Gilliss, the Day's School Literary Society, held a Mother's Day open parliament and reception, from 2 to 4 p. m., Tuesday, April 25, in lieu of Arbor and Bird Day.

Some trees were planted to form a wind break, a suitable and very attractive program was rendered by the school and a short talk was given by Rev. Eldridge Mullinix.

After inviting the patrons to attend the examination for promotion of pupils, the open parliament began. It consisted of short discourses; the new method of teaching the primary grades; why beginners are not given books for eight or ten weeks; and the benefits derived from frequent visits to the school. At the earnest request of Miss Gilliss several of the ladies and some of the gentlemen took part in the discussion, and it is expected that good practical results will be seen.

The social recess was enlivened by serving coffee, tea and buns.

A pleasing feature of the day was the opening of the meeting by Paul Walker, President, and after the refreshments, he again took the chair, tapped the bell, and announced that the meeting was about to adjourn.

One of the pupils arose and moved a vote of thanks to the teacher and all others who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned in due form.

The pupils quietly donned their wraps, formed in line, then with graceful how the boys in concert bade the teacher good evening, and then the girls did the same, and all marched out soldierly to the humming of a tune.

The patrons propose holding a lawn fête to buy an organ, and expect to hold it some time in examination week.

FORGOT HIS ORGAN.

So Filkins Had a Little Talk With the Customs Inspector.

Filkins had just returned from a six months' tour of the continent, and his trunks and boxes were numerous. With considerably anxious care he had prepared his declaration, but when he came to the eagle eyed inspector plunger into his work a wave of fear spread over him. Could he by any possibility have forgotten anything? And if so and it was brought to light would he have to suffer the pain and humiliation of arrest? Rapidly he ran over in his mind the dutiable objects that he remembered having packed, and others had brought in—clothing, objects of art, books, bric-a-brac, jewelry, musical instruments—ah, his heart stood still—musical instruments—pianos, violins, flutes, organs—

With beating heart he approached the inspector.

"Is there any duty on organs?" he asked in a trembling voice.

"There is," said the inspector, fixing a cold, steeley eye upon him.

"Then," said Filkins, "I desire to withdraw my declaration for a moment."

"What for?" demanded the inspector.

"I wish to amend it," said Filkins. "I've had my nose repaired and made over on the other side, and I'd hate to have that organ seized because I'd overlooked it."—Harper's Weekly.

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION.

Officials Chosen in Westminster, Taneytown and New Windsor.

Election passed off very quietly in this city last Monday, there was a very light vote cast. Walter H. Davis, John J. Reese and Dr. Lewis K. Woodward, members of the present Common Council, who were elected last year for one year, were re-elected Monday for two years without opposition. Mayor Ernest J. Sponseller and Common Councilmen Dr. Jesse S. Myers and Paul Case, who were elected last year, hold over another year.

In Taneytown Samuel H. Mehring was elected burgess and Edward E. Reindollar, Dr. Frank H. Seiss, Judson Hill, Edward Kemper and George Arnold were elected commissioners.

In New Windsor a spirited contest occurred over the candidates for commissioners, and the largest vote ever cast at a municipal election in that town was polled. Wm. D. Lovell was elected burgess without opposition and A. C. Smelser, Samuel T. Lantz, Dr. J. Edward Myers, Charles T. Repp and J. E. West were elected commissioners.

In Green Valley Geo. W. Study, John H. Marker and E. L. Purnwall were re-elected.

Pleasant Gap—Samuel A. Myerly, in place of Jesse Albauk.

Alesia—Geo. W. Sandruck, in place of G. E. Werner.

Winters—Austin Myers, in place of N. T. Gelman.

Snyder's Run—E. M. Reed, in place of H. N. Zumbum.

DEATHS.

Overholtzer.

Harrison Q. E. Overholtzer, only child of Mr. and Mrs. D. Overholtzer, died at his home, near Taneytown, on Friday, April 29, aged 21 years, 10 months and 3 days.

His illness began five weeks before, with an attack of pleurisy, followed by double pneumonia, which later developed into typhoid, and terminated in death.

Funeral services were held at Grace Reformed Church, Taneytown, Tuesday morning, his pastor, Rev. D. J. Wolf, officiating, interment in the adjoining cemetery. The funeral services at the grave were in charge of the P. O. S. of A., pallbearers being: Oliver Lambert, Ernest Hyser, Roy Smith, Daniel Null, Earl Crabb and Harry Reindollar. The floral tributes were numerous.

The deceased was a young man of model habits and his death is keenly felt, not only by his parents, but by his many friends. He was a member of the P. O. S. of A. of a lodge and carried an insurance policy of \$1000.

Marquet.

Charles A. Marquet, aged 50 years, 6 months and 23 days, died at his home in Tyrone, after a lingering illness, on Sunday, April 30, at 4 o'clock p. m.

He is survived by a widow and two children; also two brothers, Jacob and John Marquet, of Tyrone; six sisters, Mrs. Nelson Bankert, Mrs. Upton Barker, Mrs. Curtis Whitman and Mrs. Sherman Gill, and a step-sister, in Baltimore.

MYSTIC CIRCLE CELEBRATION.

Social Occasion, Initiation of Members and Banquet.

The Fraternal Order of the Mystic Circle, Lodge 130, gave a most enjoyable entertainment last Monday night in the Davis Building. There were about two hundred members present, and it was a rare social occasion which will be long remembered by the participants.

A special train from Chambersburg, Waynesboro and Union Bridge, which arrived in this city about 8 p. m. and left at 12.30 a. m., brought 173 guests.

Worthy Ruler Peyton H. Gorsuch, of the order, made the opening address in his usual pleasing style; and other interesting speeches were made by a number of those present. A class of 50 was initiated into the order and the second degree was conferred by the Chambersburg degree team on applicant from Union Bridge.

Too much can not be said in praise of the fine work of this team, which added much to the enjoyment and success of the evening.

After the initiation ceremonies a banquet was served in the Fireman's Building, the menu consisted of sandwiches, pickles, coffee, ice cream, strawberries and cake.

The Mystic Circle has been steadily gaining in membership until it is now one of the most popular orders in the county.

The out-of-town members who took part in the meeting were J. D. Myers, Superior Recorder, of Philadelphia; Allen P. Shriner, superior chaplain of Bethlehem, Pa.; J. T. McCune, grand ruler for Maryland Jurisdiction No. 1, of Baltimore; and J. Borzagar, superior department, and Mr. Keone, special superior department, of Waynesboro, Pa.

Adds Another Victory.

For the Democratic Advocate.

The Mechanicsville Athletic Club of Gamber, added another victory to its list on Saturday, April 29, by defeating the strong Woodbine Club, at Woodbine.

The M. A. C. boys had a slugfests match, knocking Butler and Grimm out of the box. F. Jenkins relieved them, but Mechanicsville treated him worse than his predecessors, scoring 8 runs in one inning.

Five of Woodbine's runs were received on M. A. C.'s errors, leaving them but 2 earned runs.

Bitzel pitched the best game of the season. During his 7 innings in the box only one hit was made of him. The feat of one pitcher over a batting of Shiple, who made 2, two-base hits and one single, and Paynter's catching.

The M. A. C. boys will play the Sandvillie club, at Sandvillie, on Saturday, May 6. A good game is expected. Mrs. Mary Tracey will pitch for Sandvillie, while Arnold or Bitzel will be in the box for M. A. C.

Line up: M. A. C., Paynter, c; Myrtle, 3b; Bixler, p. r; Monroe, 2b; Lynto, ss; Arnold, p. rf; Shiple, lf; Jordan, cf; Buckingham, 1b; Schaub, 1b.

Woodbine, Butler p. c; Hanson, 3b; Poole, lf; Pickett, cf; Jenkins, 1b; Owings, 2b; Bloome, ss; Delamatt, rf; Grimm, c, p.

Score by innings:
M. A. C. 0 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—15
Woodbine 4 0 2 0 0 1 0—7

Arbor and Bird Day.

For the Advocate.

Arbor and Bird Day was observed at Highland View School, last Friday. After a well prepared program of planting of trees and flowers was enjoyed by the visitors as well as the pupils.

Program as follows:
The Tree Planting Song; recitation, "Pussy Willow, Arts, Jenkins; recitation, "The Little Girl," by David Floyd Barnes; exercise, "Trees I'll Plant;" recitation, "Who Loves The Trees Best?" Arthur B. Shipley; recitation, "The Building of the Nest," Helen M. Freyman; song, "Bring Back the Birdies to Me;" exercise, "We are the Trees;" recitation, "What Do We Plant?" by Wilson; dialogue, "The Child and the Leaves;" recitation, "Violets," Fern E. Jenkins; recitation, "I'd Rather be a Daisy," Marguerite Barnes; song, "Peeping Thru the Snow;" recitation, "He Didn't Think," F. Vernon Grimes; recitation, "Brownie," by Mrs. Leslie A. Barnes; exercise and song, "Bright Birds;" recitation, "Spring is Most Here," Rolla L. Stambaugh; recitation, "Bluebird," Eather M. Wilson; exercise, "Tiny Trees;" recitation, "An Easter Legend," Ethel B. McQuay; recitation, "Wild Geese," Lillian M. Sauble; exercise, "Little Runaways;" song, "Summer is Coming."

High School Goes to Thurmont.

Last Saturday the High School baseball team went to Thurmont and played the team of that place. We were defeated in a poorly played game, 17 to 9.

Cobb pitched a very good game for us, but the game was lost when he went into the box. Chest caught a good game and led in batting, getting three singles in four times up.

The game was called at the end of the sixth inning to allow us time to catch the train.

Score:
W. H. S. 2 0 7 0 0—9
T. H. S. 2 7 5 0 1 2—17
Batteries—Lambert, Smith, Cook and Chest. Dameth and Fryer.

CATTLE BLOWN AWAY.

Terrific Windstorm Does Great Damage at Somerset, Pa.

Somerset, Pa., May 1.—A terrific wind storm of cyclonic nature that accompanied a thunderstorm late this afternoon shattered windows, moved houses and barns from their foundations and wrecked machinery, uprooted trees and lifted cattle from the fields, depositing them in a heap a hundred feet or more away.

Hundreds of windows in 2 school-houses were blown in, causing a stampede of the children, but they were quieted down by the teachers before any injury was sustained. It is estimated the wind blew 60 miles an hour. No estimate of the damage has been made.

WEDDINGS.

Manger-Bowers.

Nellie R. Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Bowers, Liberty street, was married to Clarence R. Manger, Pennsylvania avenue, at the Reformed parsonage, by Rev. J. W. Heinicke, near this city, on April 26.

Lockard-Marshall.

Miss Edna Evelyn Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Marshall, of Pleasant Hill, was married to Clarence W. Lockard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Lockard, of Owings Mills, last night at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Eather E. Sauger, pastor of Amer. Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, Pikesville, assisted by Rev. Dr. Joseph Fletcher, rector of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church, Reisterstown.

Good Roads Advocate Anzengr Neighbors by Pointed Signs.

Kansas City, Mo.—That the good roads movement is taking hold of the public of Missouri even in the counties which have been backward in the building of highways, is evident from the peculiar signboards which may be seen by the passerby on a half mile of public road which passes through the farm of Henry Taylor, near Caddo, Webster county.

Taylor has long been an ardent advocate of better roads in the Ozark counties. He has talked good roads; he has written good roads; he has ever demonstrated what could be done in the way of making fine roadways in the Ozarks by working that part of the public thoroughfare which lies along his own land so that there is no better half mile in the State.

But all Taylor's efforts to interest his neighbors seemed vain. The farmers would listen respectfully to their neighbor as they sat on their line fences. They would even agree that Taylor's road was an exceptionally good one, and would vote as soon as I get my corn laid by I'm dinged if I don't get out that strip of mine and fix her up like a street." But when their corn was laid by their wheat had to be cut, and when their wheat was cut their hay had to be put up and the corn was done something else needed their attention.

The result was that Taylor became tired of talking and writing and preaching good roads, and sought some other means of arousing the latent road working energies of his neighbors. He conceived the idea of pointing signboards which would call the attention of travelers to his own good roads and of the rough, muddy, uncarved roads of his neighbors.

So one morning early travelers on the road along which Gen. Lyon and his brave soldiers marched to the battle of Wilson Creek were surprised to see high boards at intervals along the highway. The two that attracted the most attention were a quarter of a mile apart. One of these was placed on Taylor's road at the juncture of a mile of bad road, so muddy in wet weather that a load can hardly be hauled over it and so rough in dry weather that it is anything but a pleasure to ride over it.

The other board was placed at the other end of Miles' road.

Taylor's unique method of getting better roads seems likely to bring good results, although it has made several enemies for the originator and came near resulting in the shedding of blood. The night following the appearance of the boards Taylor's neighbors tore them down.

The believer in good roads prepared another set of signs similar to the first and put them up again and he learned the first were down as it was his daily task for several mornings to replace the signs which were torn away during the night. To save lumber and paint Taylor has now taken to remove the signs himself at night and replace them the next morning. No one has bothered him since that time. Before he adopted this course, however, Taylor decided to find out who was taking down the signs, so he lay in wait near one of them one night and caught a neighbor in the act. There were hot words followed by the persistent use of the drag and the encounter for several days.

Since Taylor's active measures impressing upon the minds of the people the necessity of good roads several other farmers have begun working the roads along their farms. It is by the persistent use of the turning plough that Taylor has built his part of the highway. He began two years ago to drag the road after each rain. He ploughed out the side ditches and gradually worked this dirt into the middle of the road with the drag. He has his good road grade, the side ditches to drain the bed. He keeps all weeds and brush cut.

He has averaged, he said, not more than fifteen minutes a day since he began building the road from the unimproved condition in which it was before he decided to use good roads through his farm. He has gained many times the cost of his efforts by being able to haul any load over it in any season. The road is always solid, and the pleasure he gets from traveling it more than compensates him for the time he has put in on the road.

W. M. INSURES MEN.

Extends Relief Department All Over Its Railroad System.

Plans have been adopted by the members of the relief department of the Western Maryland Railway company for the extension of the benefits of the department over the Maryland division of the road. Heretofore only employes on the West Virginia division of the line have been entitled to relief benefits, but under the new plan of broadening the scope of its work, the department will now become operative over the entire Western Maryland system.

The latest move made by the relief department is of the utmost importance to the employes of the Western Maryland, for it will mean that 2,000 additional railroad employes, including engineers, firemen, conductors, switchmen, yardmen and clerks will be given an opportunity to become members and thus share in the relief benefits of the department. No employe of the Western Maryland need join the department unless he desires to do so. There is nothing compulsory about it, but it is believed that every employe in the Maryland division will apply for membership.

Because of the fact that the relief department was established on the West Virginia division of the Western Maryland, the old official name of the Western Virginia Central Volunteer Relief Department will be retained and the operation will be the same.

Under the reorganization, the work of the department was brought up to a high standard of efficiency, and it was stated today that the insurance given by the relief department is about the cheapest that can be obtained by the employes of the road.

In the last year the relief department paid out the sum of \$23,000 in accident, sick and death insurance.

Dynamite Helps in Missouri Farming.

Carthage, Mo.—Production of forty-five bushels of corn an acre where five bushels had been the usual crop was the result of an experiment with dynamite on the Jasper county poor farm last season. So promising is the method that a powder company has offered to give enough powder to carry on a five acre test with different crops next season. Corn, wheat, oats and cowpeas will be grown on the tract. Several Jasper county farmers will make individual experiments.

To John Parker, superintendent of the farm and foreman of the county experiment farm, operated under the direction of the State Agricultural College, is due the credit of the new method of dealing with hardpan and shooting life into sour, hard and water-eritic soils.

The Jasper county poor farm is well named. It must have been a county of practical jokesters that set it aside, for there is not a poorer piece of ground in the country. It is the type of soil that is called "poor white" and "white trash," besides a few unprintable names, by the men who have tried to grow crops on it; a flat farm, probably of shale formation, with a hard pan under it like a rubber blanket.

"I was passing a neighbor's house one day," said Mr. Parker, "and I saw him draining a pond by boring a hole in the bottom of it and putting in a stick of dynamite. It gave me the idea, for I told myself that I had a good right in the middle of the field where I was not to plant corn, and I set to work to drain it."

To do this he bought an old-fashioned inch and a half auger, had the shaft made longer by welding on a piece of steel, obtained some dynamite, caps and fuse and went to work. The first hole he bored was four feet deep, the one stick of dynamite was put in it and the dirt tamped around the fuse with a broomstick.

When the dynamite exploded it made a raised spot, like a giant potato hill, thirty feet across, but did not even blow the fuse or make any holes on top of the ground.

The tape line showed the ground cracked for fifteen feet from the holes. The rest of an acre was treated in this way, plowed and planted in corn. The result was very satisfactory.

That particular acre was the lowest part of the field, too low to drain. All through the wet spring that acre of ground was as dry as the rest. Later in the summer, during a drought, it stayed greener than the rest of the field, showing that the water was stored below and was drawn up by capillary attraction to feed the corn. When the corn was husked out the acre which yielded only five bushels yielded forty-five bushels.

Digging that Mr. Parker has done on the farm convinces him that the soil is exactly the kind to respond to the treatment. The top soil is only about a foot deep, comes a foot and a half of hardpan as tough as is usually found and then a layer of gravel and clay that lets the water down through.

"The breaking up of the hardpan was just what was needed," said Mr. Parker. "It let the water down and gave the soil air to correct its sourness and help the water below at a time when it was needed. The result was entirely satisfactory."

"The blasting required only a day to do the work and \$2 worth of dynamite to put the holes thirty feet apart. A total expense of about \$3 made the difference between a good crop and no crop at all."

The experiment came to general notice when ten prize winning ears of corn were exhibited at the county corn show, bearing the label "Grown on dynamited hardpan."

CRANBERRY.

Mrs. Ida Friese and son, of Carrollton visited her daughter, Bertha Schuck, at Cranberry.

Emma Shaffer, of Mexico, spent Sunday with Edna Hershey, at Cranberry.

Miss Daisy Honery, of Cranberry, has gone to Hagerstown, where she will spend a few weeks visiting friends.

Charles Hershey, of Harrisburg, Pa., has returned home.

John Flohr is putting a new fence around his garden.

John Abough is building a new barn on Manchester road.

PERSONALS.

Dr. Leonard Zepp, of Bivalve, Md., is in this city.

Miss Gladys Vanderford is spending several weeks in southern Maryland.