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## Local and Personal.

This is meant to be a purely LOCAL News column, to which the RECORD invites contributions. Events of local importance, whether current or in the near future, accidents, cases of extreme illness, society and church happenings, marriages, deaths, etc., should be reported to the Editor in writing; otherwise they may not appear.

Daniel Null was the lay delegate from Taneytown to the Lutheran Conference.

S. D. Mohring, of Littlestown, is a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention.

Miss Tillie Jones, a sister to Mrs. James Nickum of this place, died at Walkersville, on Thursday. Funeral this Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Master Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Koons, had the misfortune, one day this week, to fall down the stair steps, breaking his collar bone.

We received a good sized order for job printing, this week, from Cover Brothers, Narrows, Va. Our job printing, like circulation, is reaching out.

Send us 15c and we will mail you a copy of "Choice Maryland Cookery," one of the best books of recipes ever published. The price is only 10c, if not sent by mail.

The new internal revenue tax on tobacco and cigars will give the "center" a knock-out blow. To smokers who are not particular—just so you make smoke—had better lay in a supply.

Samuel Bricker, this district, had raised for him on Thursday a fine new barn. Mr. Bricker built a new house a few years ago, so he is very nicely fixed now in the matter of buildings.

It is thought that Rev. Wm. S. Freas, of York, Pa., will be extended a call to accept the pastorate of Grace Lutheran church, Baltimore, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. O. C. Roth.

Herbert Winters, salesman for the Model Bakery, had another runaway on Thursday, near Prizellburg, which resulted in a completely demolished wagon. Further particulars have not been learned.

Secret societies all over the country are keeping their members, who have enlisted in the U. S. service, "clear on the books," during their participation in active hostilities. Such action is very much to be commended.

Next summer, when it gets real hot and dry, persons living at a distance from Taneytown need not think the town is on fire when they see a great cloud of something like smoke rising over it, because it will be simply, dust.

William Stuart Cramer, formerly of Thurmont, a student at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, will graduate from that institution in June. Mr. Cramer is well known here as a tenor soloist, having frequently assisted in local music events.

Reports from all over the Blue Mountain peach belt show that there is likely to be a good crop, barring unlooked for dangers, not now likely. Some varieties were damaged and some totally destroyed by the cold weather, but the great majority of buds were not hurt.

We hope that our new board of commissioners will look after the condition of pavements and gutters, and compel the abatement of nuisances. Some people seem to assume that they "own the earth" and need not care for anything other than their own convenience.

Charles B. Kephart, son of D. Frank Kephart, has enlisted in Co. H, Fifth Regiment, 2nd Brigade, Pennsylvania Infantry. Mr. Kephart was a student at Gettysburg College. He has ordered the RECORD sent to him—an evidence that he intends to keep in touch with home.

The new burgess and commissioners were sworn in on Wednesday evening. Edward Kemper was elected president of the board and Levi D. Reid clerk. Burgess S. Miller was reappointed bailiff and tax-collector. The financial statement of the town will appear in our next issue.

Dr. P. D. Fahrney, of Frederick, spent the day here, on Monday, looking after the sale of a water motor to the RECORD. Doctor, or Elder Fahrney, is quite active in business circles in Frederick and is much interested in forming a connection between the Carroll and Frederick telephone systems.

"The RECORD is the best and newest paper I've ever yet seen in either Frederick or Carroll counties"—Dr. E. L. Buekey, Steubenville, Ohio. "We are delighted with your paper"—Mrs. A. L. Rowe, Blue Ridge Summit, Md. Every week we receive such flattering indorsements from subscribers.

Last week Mr. Jesse Fuss, of McKinsty, inserted in the Special Notice column of the RECORD an advertisement of a blacksmith shop for rent. On Wednesday of this week he had an applicant for the property from Austin, Potter county, Pa. Yet, some people have an idea that advertising does not pay.

John Shoemaker, a farmer of this district, is said to have lost thirteen hogs from poisoning, early last week. It is probable that strychnine was used, judging from the symptoms. It is certainly almost beyond comprehension that anyone so mean could live in our community who would work out a petty spite on dumb brutes, and it is to be hoped that he may be found out and made suffer to the full extent of the law.

## COUNTY AND STATE.

### News Notes of General Interest from various Sources.

The May term of the Circuit Court of Frederick county, which convened on Monday morning, adjourned Tuesday morning until the September term, there being no cases ready for trial and but a few on the docket.

The Western Maryland Railroad Co., has contracted for the grading, masonry and ballasting for its new extension between Hagerstown and Altenwald, and also for the construction of a roundhouse at Hagerstown.

The President has nominated Norman B. Scott, Jr., of Hagerstown, to be naval officer, in Baltimore, and Wm. F. Stone to be collector of Customs. Postmaster Warfield, of Baltimore, although a democrat, will likely be re-appointed.

Governor Lowndes has announced positively that he will not commission ex-Speaker Schaeffer to be State Fire Marshall. Mr. Schaeffer may appeal to the courts to compel Governor Lowndes to commission him, but in the meantime Mr. E. J. Lawyer, of Westminster, will continue to hold the office and draw the salary.

Mr. Harry W. Lewis formerly editor and proprietor of the *Liberty Banner*, and Mr. Arnold Whitmore, have formed a partnership under the firm name of Lewis & Whitmore and will from the first of next month enter upon the publication of a weekly newspaper at Mt. Airy. The firm will put in an entirely new plant.

Buchanan Moonshower, of Hagerstown, aged ten years, on Tuesday wrapped his feet in cotton saturated with oil and then applied a match. His feet were terribly burned, his clothing took fire, and he was badly burned about the face, body and hands. At first his injuries were not thought to be serious, but his condition is critical, and he is not expected to recover.

Miss Bessie, aged about 19 years, daughter of Frederick Stinebaugh, of Hagerstown, was taken sick immediately after getting on the excursion train in Baltimore on Wednesday night. When the train reached Hagerstown, she was unconscious and had to be carried home. It is thought she was drugged in Baltimore, the doctor detecting traces of chloral poisoning.

The executive committee of the Maryland Game and Fish Protective Association is making arrangement for the classification and publication of the new game and fish laws, as passed by the last legislature. The committee will hold a meeting within a few days to hear estimates on the printing of the laws, and to elect a successor to the late Dr. George W. Massanore.

Mr. David Shreeve, of Woolery's district, Carroll county, died Sunday, aged eighty years. Rev. Jesse Shreeve of Kennedyville, Md., is his brother, and he leaves four sons and two daughters, as follows: Jabez and Murray Shreeve, of Carroll county; John Shreeve, of Baltimore, and Louis Shreeve, of Indiana; Mrs. William Tanner, of Carroll county, and Mrs. James Childs, of Baltimore.

The following have been elected delegates to represent the Union Bridge Fire Company at the annual convention of the Maryland State Fireman's Association, which will be held at Salisbury June 8th, 9th and 10th: Wm. H. Marshall, Francis G. Eppley, J. Frank Baker, H. H. Bond and O. W. Hess. Alternates, E. F. Phillips, M. L. Saylor, C. E. Gray, F. M. Ogie and H. A. Broadbelt, Jr.

Hart Gilbert, of Gettysburg, died Monday afternoon from disease of the stomach after a short illness. He was a graduate from the Pennsylvania College, and became professor of languages at the Cumberland Valley State Normal School, and later was principal of Pennsylvania preparatory department. He was deputy collector of Adams county, and just before his illness resigned as editor of the *Gettysburg Star and Sentinel*.

The First Hose Company, of Hagerstown has decided to withdraw from the State Firemen's Association. The invitation to which it took part in the annual meeting of the association at Salisbury in June was declined. The company accepted an invitation to attend the dedication of the Union Bridge Fire Company's new hall on Wednesday, June 1, the company will go to Union Bridge in a body.

The organization of a bar association in this county was completed at a meeting held in Westminster on Monday night, at which the following directors were elected: Judge Charles B. Roberts, Ex-Judge James A. C. Bond, Charles T. Reifsnider, J. Milton Reifsnider, Charles E. Fink, D. N. Henning and William H. Thomas. Judge Roberts was made president of the association; Charles T. Reifsnider, vice president; J. Milton Reifsnider, secretary, and Charles E. Fink, treasurer.

The *Liberty Banner* says: James Robinson entered suit against "Pawnee Bill" before Justice White, in Frederick Saturday for \$100. It is said Robinson was employed as a laborer and was asked to take several horses to water. Among the horses was a bucking mustang. Preferring riding to walking, he mounted the mustang, but no sooner struck the animal's back than he was sent flying through the air and finally landed on the ground all in a heap. When he recovered from the shock and attempted to rise he discovered his leg was broken, and hence the suit.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

### Cases Disposed of during the First Week.

Monday May 9th, 1898. Court met. Chief Judge Chas. B. Roberts present. February term 1898 adjourned sine die.

Grand Jury selected and David Stoner appointed foreman. Dockets called, Trials 60, appeals 14 and originals 14. Franklin Smith vs Mrs. Della Murphy, Habeas Corpus for possession of child. Tried before Judge Roberts, who decided that the child should remain in custody of Mrs. Murphy with permission to father to visit said child once a month.

May 10th, 1898. Theodore C. Shriner and Martha J. Shriner his wife, appellants, vs Barbara Catharine Magin, appellee, with Wm. H. Bear, J. P. Before jury, verdict for appellee. Hoff and Reifsnider vs Reifsnider for appellants, and J. M. Reifsnider and Bond & Parke for appellee.

May 11th, 1898. Geo. K. Duttera, appellant, vs Wm. P. Cover, appellee. From Orndorff, J. P. Before jury; verdict for appellant. J. M. Reifsnider for appellant, and Henning for appellee.

### Charge to the Grand Jury.

Chief Judge Roberts, who presided at the opening of the May term of the Circuit Court for Carroll county on Monday, in his charge to the grand jury, dwelt at length on the prevalent methods by saloon-keepers of obtaining licenses for hotels and ordinary when they were only entitled to a license for a restaurant or a saloon. This has been done by a number of saloon-keepers in Carroll county in order to evade the law requiring a higher license. The special attention of the grand jury was called to this fact. He also impressed upon the jury "that they should not allow private prosecutors to intrude themselves in their presence and present accusations, as generally such parties are actuated by private enmity and malice."

### The Excursion Business.

Excursions over the Western Maryland Railroad were run to Baltimore on Wednesday and Thursday, and there will be another on Saturday. These excursions are aided by the Baltimore Retail Dealers Association, no secret being made that they are partly in the interest of city retail establishments. These excursions carry from 800 to 1200 people who likely spend, in one way or another, on an average, \$5.00 each; it is therefore, an easy to figure out the immense drain on the country which each one entails.

The merchants, of course, along the line of an excursion, make strong protests because of the loss of trade to them, but the real evil of excursions is in the waste of money. People with money, who need merchandise, have a right to spend it where they will, and likely get approximate value no matter where they trade, but a large sum of the cash taken to the cities on excursions is absolutely wasted, so far as any good is concerned to the one who spends it.

It is highly probable that there is no means of preventing these so-called cheap trips, even if it is clearly established that they do more harm than good; because, after all, the people patronize them because they want to do so, and the blame, if any, attaches to the people, rather than to railroad companies or city merchants.

### The Crop Prospects.

The Maryland crop bulletin, for the first week of May, has the following to say of prospects in northern central section of the state: The week was on the whole cool and wet. Crops were advanced in growth, but farming operations were delayed. In Baltimore county the temperature was 6° below the normal, while the rainfall was 75 inch above normal amount for the week. Wheat, rye, and grass are growing finely; some rye is heading. Some corn has come up, but most corn land not yet planted. Pastures are good. Early planted potatoes are coming up. Apple trees are covered with blossoms, and are not believed to be damaged by last week's rough weather. Fruit will be abundant from present prospects.

### Church Notices.

The joint communion services of the Presbyterian congregations of Taneytown and Piney Creek will be held in the Piney Creek church Sunday morning, May 16th, at 10 o'clock. No services in the Taneytown church that date.

Uniontown Church of God. Sabbath school at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10.15 a. m.; in the evening at 7.30. At Mayberry, at 2.30 p. m. S. B. CART, Pastor.

The preaching in the Taneytown U. B. church, next sabbath, will be in the morning at 10 o'clock, and at Harney in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are welcome. J. O. CLIPPER, Pastor.

### DIED.

Obituary, poetry and resolutions, charged for at the rate of five cents per line. The regular death notices published free of charge.

FLICKINGER.—On May 2nd., 1898, near Union Mills, Md., Mrs. Anna Maria C. Flickinger, aged 65 years, 11 months and 28 days.

WENTZ.—On May 8th, '98, in Union Bridge, Md. Harry Wentz in his 35th year.

SPELMAN.—On May 10th, '98, near Linwood, Md. Henry Spelman, aged 60 years, 7 months and 5 days.

DANNER.—On May 9th, '98, in Uniontown, Md. Ross Danner, aged 80 years, 5 months and 11 days. (See Uniontown correspondence.)

EIGENBRODE.—On May 11th, near Rocky Ridge, Md. William Eigenbrode, aged about 45 years. Interment in Rocky Ridge cemetery, Sunday morning May 15th.

## LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.

### An Interesting Session held this week in Haugh's Church.

The Spring meeting of the Middle Conference of the Maryland Synod, was held in Mt. Zion's (Haugh's) Lutheran church, May 9-11th. Rev. R. S. Patterson, of Woodsboro, is pastor of this congregation. The people of the church entertained the members of Conference in a very delightful manner. Dinner was served in the grove to all the members and a large number of others. The weather was most delightful, all that could be desired, and the attendance was exceptionally good. The discussions were all of much interest and of great profit. At times there was manifested some heat, but the spirit of the discussion was always within the bounds of courtesy. All the members of conference, with but five exceptions, were present. In most cases, careful preparation for the discussion of subjects was manifested.

The opening sermon was preached by the president, Rev. R. L. Ratterson, of Union Bridge, which was followed by the Holy Communion. The communion was a new departure for conference, but seemed to meet the need, and so the approval of the members of the body. Reports on the state of religion evidenced a very satisfactory condition of the churches of the conference. There were noted in the reports, advancement in the direction of increased membership, increased interest in the benevolent operations of the church, improved church property and regular attendance at church services. Revs. S. A. Hedges and S. J. Derr discussed the subject very carefully and were followed by Revs. R. L. Patterson and W. L. Rensberg.

What is Formalism; is Lutheran worship conducive to it? was discussed by Revs. G. A. Nixdorf, Chas. Reinwald, W. H. Blumenthal and D. F. Garland. The speakers all distinguished between form and formalism, and presented the principles of Lutheran worship and expressed the judgment that Lutheran worship is not conducive to formalism. Revs. R. L. Patterson, L. Kuhlman and D. F. Garland took part in the general discussion which centered on the question of the relation of the Sacrament and the Word, in worship.

In the discussion of "Modern Forms of Sabbath Desecration," Revs. P. H. Miller and C. L. Ritter opened the subject; others followed in general discussion. The most prominent forms of desecration of the Sabbath presented were, Sunday bicycling, visiting, newspapers, and excursions. The Sunday newspaper received vigorous condemnation, as did also Sunday excursions and bicycle riding.

The subject of "Scriptural Conversion" was carefully discussed by Revs. Nicholas and Kuhlman, followed by others. Revs. L. Kuhlman, W. L. Rensberg, S. A. Diehl gave the conference a most valuable discussion of the "Bible teaching concerning giving." The position was taken that a man, who teaches that we have to give to get, is leading us to God. This was offered as the bed-rock truth on which the law of giving is based.

The Conference will meet next session in Lovettsville, Va. Rev. L. H. Waring pastor. There were three other invitations, which of necessity had to be declined.

The following ministers were present: Rev. Luther Kuhlman, Frederick; Rev. P. H. Miller, Westminster; Rev. R. L. Patterson, Union Bridge; Rev. L. F. M. Myers, Frederick; Rev. W. L. Rensberg, Myersville; Rev. M. L. Beard, Middletown; Rev. George Baughman, Uniontown; Rev. W. H. Ehrhart, Silver Run; Rev. Charles H. Reinwald, Emmitsburg; Rev. S. J. Derr, Hampstead; Rev. G. A. Nixdorf, Frederick; Rev. C. L. Ritter, Burkittsville; Rev. R. S. Patterson, Woodsboro; Rev. S. A. Hedges, Jefferson; Rev. S. A. Diehl, Westminster; Rev. J. L. Nicholas, Berret; Rev. W. L. Heuser, Doubs; Rev. L. H. Waring, Lovettsville, Va., and Rev. D. Frank Garland, Taneytown.

The lay delegates were Daniel Null, W. L. Culler, Calvin Starner, Noah Routhahn, Jacob Koogle, David Miller, Isaac Haller, Dr. J. J. Weaver, Samuel G. Oiler, C. E. Frey, Jacob Rozer, John A. Horning, James Angel, Charles Strelnick and David Steiner. Conference adjourned on Wednesday at noon. D. F. G.

### Government Secrets Guarded.

It is noticeable that the newspapers are not now publishing a great amount of official news in reference to the war, which means that the government is carefully guarding its secrets in order that it may not be embarrassed by too much publicity. The news is largely speculative—on the order of the weather probabilities—and is not always to be depended on. While there cannot be news when there is none to tell, yet, it is clear to the close reader that but little of value is now being published, aside from that secured through the efforts of the press boats. The government is not taking publication.

### Table of Distances.

Following is a table of distances made with reference to our war with Spain:	
Madrid to New York.....	3,126
British Isles to New York.....	3,077
San Francisco to Yokohama.....	4,500
Yokohama to Hong Kong.....	560
San Francisco to Hong Kong.....	6,880
San Francisco to Manila.....	6,520
Hong Kong to Manila.....	640
San Francisco to Hawaii.....	2,980
San Francisco to New York via Cape Horn.....	13,610
Porto Rico to Washington.....	12,200
Cape Verde to Porto Rico.....	2,750
New York to Havana.....	1,215
Porto Rico to Havana.....	1,040
Canary Islands to Cadiz.....	780
Cape Blanco to Canary Islands.....	850
Key West to Havana.....	50

## FROM TAMPA, FLORIDA.

### An Interesting Letter from Headquarters U. S. Troops.

Editor CARROLL RECORD:—Far away from home and all that is dear in memory, my thoughts are wandering back to the haunts and the friends of by-gone days. There are many friends in Carroll, to whom I would like to write, and I have decided upon this plan to say a few words to them. I am no journalist, as you will observe, and my vocabulary is limited; therefore if I fail to describe as fluently as more accomplished writers would, do not criticise too severely.

On the 10th day of April, my command (on the command which I belong in compliance with General Order No. 5, Headquarters Department of the Lakes, dated April 16th., 1898, left Columbus, Ohio, for this place. Notwithstanding the April showers, there were prevalent on that day, immense crowds of admiring friends flocked to the barracks to bid adieu to the departing soldiers, and patiently waited for an opportunity to say "good-by" and bid "God speed your return," to some special friend and again take their places among the army of cheering citizens, to see the regiment march away, when the "assembly" would be sounded from the Post Commander's office.

At 8.30 p. m., the long expected call to arms was sounded, and, hurrying to and fro, strapping on knapsacks and other equipments of war, came the soldiers from their dear old spring bunks, which, of all dear friends, they were most loath to leave. As hard as it was to say good-by to the luxuries of comfortable quarters, devoted friends, true to their oath, not a man was missing, and to martial music marched bravely away to war. The line of march to the depot was one of triumph; the streets were crowded with patriotic citizens and the cheering was continuous; from Columbus to Tampa, at every station that we passed, the grand ovation was repeated, and many times the train was delayed with fragrant flowers from the delicate hands of Southern "ladies," whose patriotism is seldom equaled and never excelled. Well, to make a long story short, we are here on the white heights of Tampa, where the winds and smoothers everything except the tall pines that have managed to raise their lofty foliage so high that they offer no shade except about noon.

There is one consolation; all trees here are evergreen and do not leaf in the Spring, so when Summer comes we may have some shade. About 7000 U. S. troops are here in camp, and all branches and arms of the service are represented. The change of climate has not affected the troops and their health is exceptionally good, but few cases of sickness are reported and none of a serious nature.

We are patiently awaiting orders to go to Cuba, but do not know when they will come. We are getting trained down to camp life, and the hot dry weather—we can endure it as long as it remains Dewey around Manila—and we are looking every day for the strong arm of Sampson to encircle the waste of Cuba, the oppressed virgin, who has struggled so faithfully to free herself from the tyrannical Dons, and in Sampson's arms she may depend on Uncle Sam to send his blue boys over to call a surrender or wipe from the face of the island every Spaniard thereon. With kind regards to all, I will close for this time.

Your Friend,  
HARRY L. BAUMGARDNER.

In connection with the above, the following dispatch is of interest.—Ed. TAMPA, Fla., May 12.—Before Saturday night it is probable that the entire body of troops at Tampa and Port Tampa will be loaded on the big transports which are preparing at Port Tampa and all will be in readiness for the final word.

Every one of the eleven regiments of infantry, the fifth cavalry and the tenth battery of artillery received orders this afternoon to be ready to break camp at a moment's notice. Tonight these orders were supplemented by orders to pack everything except the tents.

For the first time restrictions were today placed on visitors to various camps. Guards were thrown out and no one was allowed to pass the lines unless on urgent business.

The utmost activity prevailed around the docks where the big fleet of transports is being prepared. Cargo load after cargo of stores, ammunition, rifles and army supplies of all kinds were switched on the tracks along the edge of the wharf and hastily unloaded by a small army of stevedores.

By nightfall six of the transports had been loaded and were ready for the troops and horses. Besides the supplies for the United States troops about 15,000 Springfield rifles and an immense quantity of ammunition for the equipment of the Cuban insurgents have been taken on board the various ships. Several train loads of troops from Chickamauga are expected to arrive over the plant system before morning and others will follow rapidly. One train with part of the Sixth Cavalry came in before midnight.

### A Snake story.

As John Die and Abe Martin were driving along the Warm Spring road, in Franklin county, they saw a flock of crows in a field picking at some object on the ground and apparently very much excited and angry. The two men left their team and walked across the field to where the crows were. There they found that the cause of all the trouble was a big black snake which the crows had attacked and were picking to death. They killed the snake, which measured over four feet and a half, and likely could not have been dispatched by the crows had they not had human assistance. Farmers say that crows and other big birds frequently attack and kill small snakes which they see crawling on the ground, but that a battle with such a big snake is a rarity.—Hagerstown Mail.

## Correspondence.

### More Correspondents Wanted.

The RECORD is fairly well represented over the county by correspondents, yet, we should like to have more, and will be pleased to welcome volunteers. We fully realize that, with the increase of daily and city weekly paper readers in the country, the county local paper must cultivate its special field the more closely in order to retain, and increase, its patronage.

Knowing this, it is our aim to make the RECORD so valuable in its special features, that no matter how many other, and larger papers may be subscribed for, the RECORD will still be a necessity because it has no formidable rival in its own smaller field. We therefore ask for news from places in which we now have no correspondent, and promise to try to find room for it. Send us news—early and often.

### Union Bridge.

Harry Wentz died on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His funeral took place on Tuesday, at 1 o'clock, from the home of his father, J. Calvin Wentz and from there to the Reformed church, where the funeral was preached by Rev. K. O. Spessard. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Gray Kadeliff, Joseph Baker, Ambrose Whitehill, Frank Morningstar, Frank Ogle and Frank Leiter. The deceased was for a number of years a member of the band, and for some time, the mail carrier.

The Band Concert held on Thursday, May 5th., was the best of the four that have been held. Besides the music rendered by the full band, under the leadership of Prof. J. W. Little, there was a cornet solo by Mr. Wm. Auman, and an Euphonium solo by Prof. Geo. Byers. The vocal music consisted of a male quartette, *The Wreck of the Maine*, by Messrs. Clarence Clemson, J. W., and Wm. O. Little and McC. Keefe; several quartettes by Messrs J. W. and W. O. Little, Ober. Solos were sung by Miss Susie Snavely, Mr. Clarence Clemson, Mr. W. O. Little and Mr. J. W. Little. Mr. A. L. Ober recited "a Dutchman's Dolly Varden," in his usual fine style which is a very comical.

Mr. Joseph Wolfe lost a fine cow on Monday. Rev. R. L. Patterson is making a month's visit at his home at China Grove, N. C.; the pulpit in his absence will be filled at Union Bridge by Rev. Macanlay, and at Keyville and Rocky Ridge by Revs. Ensor and Parker.

The Union Bridge band had an excursion to Baltimore on Thursday, May 12th. Rev. Samuel Derr, of Hampstead, visited his cousin, Mr. D. C. Derr, this week.

Mr. W. C. Gilbert is a member of the jury, which takes him to Westminster every day. Mr. William Grimes, Jr., while building a fence, had the misfortune to cut his foot very badly, with a broad-axe.

### Double Pipe Creek.

Our travels have led us to observe that Middleburg district has taken the lead in being tardy in road work. Up to this week but one road has been worked, and all this time the road machine has stood idle. On many of our roads we have the genuine, first-class almost impassible mud-holes, without any thing done to them, while our sister districts east of us have their roads in first-class order.

For some time we have been thinking of advising the appointment of a woman as one of the three road commissioners. We believe that they might get a corps of the fair sex with their aprons, which would fill many of the mudholes, and give the men but little rest until the roads were put in good order. If the cash system were used, we know of a certainty that it would be an inducement to many of the fair sex, to work a few days in order to get a new hat, etc. We noticed also, in our travels, one commissioner leaning on a shovel handle, while two men were picking rock. We were taught in our youth, that the law required a supervisor to have five hands working for him before he could properly exercise the office of "Boss."

The Love-feast of the German Baptist church, Monocacy congregation, will be held at Rocky Ridge, this Saturday evening, May 14, at 1.30 p. m. On Monday morning we were shown the thickness of a window pane at D. P. Creek; it was formed on an oil canvass thrown over some agricultural implements.

Mr. William Eigenbrode died on Thursday evening, May 11th. Funeral services Sunday morning at 9 a. m., at Rocky Ridge. Mr. Eigenbrode was aged about 45 years. He was a consistent member of the German Baptist church, and was an enterprising farmer near Rocky Ridge; he leaves a widow and one son.

By an order of Mayor Chilton the merchants of Frederick will be compelled to stop placing their goods and wares out on the sidewalk for display. This nuisance has been growing to such an extent for several years past that some of the shopkeepers have had their goods on the sidewalks, while others have erected wooden awnings over the pavements and have no stores at all other than a large lot or two in which they keep their goods over night.

## Uniontown.

Some of our citizens attended the raising of the barn of Mr. Joseph Englar at Linwood last Friday, and are loud in their praises of Mr. Tobias Martin, the contractor, of near Taneytown, who possesses the rare combination of accuracy and swiftness.

Mr. Charles Gilbert, of Cincinnati, Ohio, returned home on Tuesday, after a brief visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Gilbert.

Mrs. James O'Meara and daughter, Clara, of Baltimore, spent several days this week, with Mr. Clayton Hann's family.

Miss Sallie E. Weaver, last Saturday morning, while going for a pitcher of water in the back yard, slipped and fell on the board walk, sustaining a severe injury to her back and knee. We extend our sympathy to our sister correspondent.

Miss Fannie Slonaker has gone to Baltimore to spend some time. Quite a delightful evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Slonaker, at a surprise party given in honor of their eldest daughter, May, on Friday evening of last week. Music and plays were enjoyed until late in the evening, when the guests were invited to the dining room to partake of refreshments which were served in abundance. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Slonaker, May, Nora, Georgia, Carrie and Clara Slonaker, Misses Lucy Fleagle, of Middleburg; Fannie Slonaker, Mattie Hiteshev, Minnie Craft, Rhoda Fleagle, Romaine Holtenberry, Nellie Haines and Edna Craft; Messrs Thomas Haines, Samuel and Civerl Craft, Will Hiteshev and Carroll Weaver, of Uniontown.

Elder W. Phillip Englar attended the lovefeasts held by the German Baptists at Greencastle and Waynesboro, returning home Monday.

Mr. R. J. Mathias has purchased the right of a feather renovator (patented by Mr. Samuel Gilson, of Shrewsbury, Pa.) for Carroll county, and Mr. Josiah Kolb for Frederick county. It has been seen tried by many of our citizens and proves to be a very useful invention.

Mrs. Ross Danner, wife of the late Adam Danner and daughter of the late Major Alexander McIlhenny, died Monday morning at the home of Mr. Wesley Rodkey, after a short illness, aged 80 years, 5 months, and 11 days. Perhaps no one in this vicinity was more widely known than Mrs. Danner. She was always in sympathy with the suffering and afflicted. During the late war she spent much time gathering supplies and comforts for the sick and wounded soldiers. She leaves an only son, John, who is living in the west. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon in the M. P. church by the pastor, Rev. B. W. Kindley, assisted by Elder S. B. Craft, of the Church of God. Interment in the M. P. cemetery.

Mr. Scott Billmyer will go to Gettysburg, Monday, for the season. Mr. Wm. Arnold has opened a buggy repository in the building lately vacated by Mr. John Heck.

Dr. J. T. Shreeve went to Baltimore, Wednesday, to meet his father and mother, and bring them to make their home with him. Mrs. Shreeve is recovering from a recent illness. Mr. Guy Cookson was kicked by a horse in the chest and face, on Wednesday afternoon. The accident however proved not to be as serious as was at first supposed. Dr. Luther Kemp rendered medical aid.



HOME CIRCLE.

Original articles solicited for this department on any subject relative to home comforts, whether of a social, decorative, culinary or general character. Also articles pertaining to Agriculture, Stock-raising, the Dairy, and other kindred topics. Contributions must be received not later than Monday evening to be guaranteed insertion the same week.

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The Danger of Drink.

While it is a well known fact that nearly every crime that is committed is either, directly or indirectly the result of drinking, does it not seem passing strange that so many good (?) men will continue to place their influence on the wrong side by their example to the young, in taking a dram now and then, saying there is no harm in it?

The Value of Little Things.

In this busy bustling life of ours, we are so prone to grasp after the greater things and leave the smaller ones—the little duties—to take care of themselves. If we could only remember, that by the conscientious performance of these smaller duties, greater ones may be accomplished. We are told, "Small beginnings make great endings." The Mississippi River, on whose bosom large steamers float, has its birth in a tiny lake in northern Minnesota.

Who can calculate the amount of good done by our dear lamented Miss Frances E. Willard. Thank God, her influence was on the right side, and may there soon raise up some one to fill her place in the grand and noble work of saving our boys. In the meantime, dear sisters, let us each do all we can by doing the duty nearest to us. Miss Willard recommended every young person to learn and speak the following verses:

Write it on the work house gate;  
Write it on the school boy's slate;  
Write it on the copy book;  
That the young may often look;  
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Where the sun-slain dead are found;  
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Write it in the nations laws,  
Blotting out the license clause;  
Write it on each ballot white,  
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Write it on our ships that sail,  
Borne along by storm and gale;  
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On the church and halls of state,  
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Is the Camp Meeting a Justifiable Religious Institution?

As I understand it, the "Home Circle" is a free-for-all institution for the discussion of subjects hardly discussable anywhere else; that is, for questions not of a news character, or of first public importance, yet which, in their own way, do possess importance because of their relation to religion, morals, home life, etc. Maybe I am interpreting the intention of your very interesting "Circle" to suit my own subject—making an excuse for my appearance—but hope that the position which I will take does not need an excuse, though the manner of its presentation very likely may.

The question agitating my mind is—Is the camp meeting a truly justifiable religious institution? After considerable thought, probably not well directed, I have arrived at the conclusion that it is a thing. It does not seem to me to be a thing to denounce, yet there does seem to be so many objections attending the holding of these meetings, that the evil appears to overbalance the good, and it therefore becomes a question as to whether or not they should not, at least, be discouraged.

There was a time, beyond doubt, when churches were less numerous and religious instruction not so easy of access, that the camp meeting and woods meeting filled a gap which existed and could not otherwise be filled. This time, however, has long since gone by, and now, instead of providing a place at which to hear the gospel preached, the camp meeting, in reality, takes people from the surrounding churches to a Sunday picnic, to see and be seen.

The camp meeting, apparently, tends to Sabbath breaking, rather than its proper observance. The excursion trains—in themselves scarcely included among the commonly accepted things appropriate to the Lord's day—certainly bring a comparatively small crowd of worshippers, yet not smaller, in all probability, than arrive in buggies and wagons, or on bicycles, counting those also who "foot it" across the fields and along the highways.

Of course, it may be said that it is not the fault of the intention of the camp meeting, that people attend it to have a "good time," and not to do good; that the religious services are meant to result in conversions and are of an inspiring character; that the promoters of the meetings are not to be blamed for, but strenuously oppose, the various forms of Sabbath desecration indulged in, etc., etc., and, while all this is true, yet it is only, after all, fair argument to excuse a form of worshipping God so open to criticism as to need a multiplicity of excuses.

tions, would go out of existence. In other words, considering only the conversions and increase in religious fervor resulting from the meetings, without pecuniary results, it would soon be the verdict that they do not pay for the trouble, and that the Kingdom of God is the more effectively served by and through the regularly appointed temples for that purpose. These opinions may not be right, but they are held by—

AUNTIE CAMP.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, and other ailments. For sale by R. S. McKinney, Druggist, Taneytown, Md.

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Piney Creek school, in those days, was quite different from what it is at present. There were no comfortable patent desks, but instead, a few clumsy wooden desks, a long writing bench which extended the whole length of the room on the North side, with a high slab bench over which the boys had to crawl or jump. There were plenty of long slab benches made by boring two holes in each end and one in the middle for the legs. On these we sat during school hours with no rest for the back or the feet.

In Winter, when the ground was covered with snow and ice, the boys would take those slab benches, turn up side down and use them for coasting down hill. The front boy was called captain and when the bench was loaded with boys, (and sometimes the girls would get on too) away they would go like a train of cars. It was not unusual to see the whole load up set in the snow. Then all the laughing and hallooing only made them more anxious to coast. These sports were attended with a great many accidents; one boy had his nose broken and required a physician to straighten it. He is now one of our prominent citizens, but the wound is still to be seen.

We must not forget to mention the old ten-plate stove in the center, around which we loved to cluster. On cold days we would get a slab-bench on either side, and a short one behind; there we would sit and talk, never thinking of our books until the class would be called. Now we have patent desks, a coal stove, the sides of the room nicely wainscoted, a long porch in front, a belfry and an excellent bell on the top, and the children to-day think we have one of the pleasantest school rooms in the county.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued to use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at R. S. McKinney's Drug Store.

How to Enjoy a Cigar.

After a cigar has been bought the end should be cut smoothly off by a clipper or sharp knife. The reverse end should then be placed in the mouth and the cigar blown through. This removes all the little particles of dust which cannot be avoided in the manufacture and prevents them from being inhaled into the throat and from producing coughing. The cigar should then be lighted, and particular attention should be paid to its being thoroughly ignited all over the surface of the end. This, instead of puffing away like a steam engine, the smoker will find that three or four puffs every minute make the best way to enjoy the cigar. The smoke should be kept in the mouth a short time in order to appreciate the flavor of the tobacco. Then it should be emitted slowly.

How to Make Leather Waterproof.

Dissolve beeswax in kerosene to saturation and heat the solution in a water bath; then add about one-tenth of spermaceti in a melted state. For use warm the mass again in a water bath and apply with a brush or a pencil to the dry leather, which has likewise been suitably warmed.

CARE OF UMBRELLAS.

How to Handle Them to Preserve Their Life and Usefulness.

In buying an umbrella you must take it on faith, for the most experienced shopper cannot tell how it will wear. Silk of a smooth texture weaves is a good purchase and light to carry. Gloria makes a heavier umbrella, but it outwears any silk making a man who never keep it strapped except when it is carried. Keeping it tightly rolled up destroys its durable qualities. When wet, dry an umbrella by shaking it with the handle down so as to prevent rusting the framework, as happens when the water runs off the other end and collects at the top.

When nearly dry, do not open the umbrella, or it will stretch out of shape while drying. Wipe off the handle when ready to put away, using a piece of chamois skin if there is any silver about it. Sun-drops a nice green umbrella spots when lightly wet. In such a case open it and set out in the first hard rain, the spots disappearing when it is thoroughly dampened.

To furl an umbrella properly grasp it firmly at the lower end of the ribs with the right hand holding the handle straight and even, and do not allow them to twist while you shake out the folds. Next wrap them evenly around the stick with the left hand and firmly fasten the strap over the smooth, firmly rolled umbrella.

If either black silk or gloria become spotted with mud, etc., clean with a bit of old silk dipped in warm water and ammonia. If colored silk needs cleaning, do it with a rag of the same color and naphtha, remembering that the latter is very explosive. If grass gets on the silk, remove with ammonia, rubbing it in and allowing it to remain for 24 hours. Naphtha also removes grease, but the liquid cannot be purchased everywhere and ammonia can.

A Woman's Discovery.

The history of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old household remedy, Brown's Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving great benefit. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

stove or in the oven; sprinkle over a layer of the granulated sugar and cover this closely with the berries. Cover with glass and stand in the sun's hottest rays. Move the dish as the sun changes its position. At four o'clock bring them in and stand aside in a closet or cool place. Next day put them out again in the sun; by this time they will no doubt have become clear, almost transparent, and thoroughly soft, but perfectly whole. Lift each berry carefully with a fork and put into a tumbler or bottle. Boil the syrup over the fire for a few minutes until it thickens; strain, cool, and pour it over the fruit."

STRAWBERRY SPONGE CAKE.

Beat the yolks of six eggs with half a pound of powdered sugar until very light, then fold in carefully the well-beaten whites of six eggs, and add slowly a cup and a half of sifted pastry flour. Bake in three layers. While this is baking, boil together one cup of sugar and a quarter of a cup of water until it threads. Pour the syrup white hot over the well-beaten whites of two eggs, and beat until stiff and cold. When the cakes are cold put one on your serving-dish, cover over with a thick layer of this filling, then cover thickly with strawberries, then another cake, more of the filling, more strawberries, and at last the upper cake. Put a thinner layer of the soft filling and cover thickly with very large berries.

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Strength of the Cubans.

Washington, May 11.—The courier who is on his way here with letters from Gen. Gomez to President Palma, of the Cuban delegation, has stopped at Tampa, and will not reach here for a day or two.

Concerning the strength of the Cuban force in the field, the Cuban representatives here say that representations fully bear out all that the Cuban authorities have ever claimed—namely, that there are in all about 40,000 men either under arms or ready to take arms as soon as guns and ammunition are at hand.

It is expected that Lieut. Rowan, the United States officer who made a daring and successful landing in Cuba, and proceeded inland to General Garcia's camp, will arrive at Key West to-morrow.

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Its Forts were Recently Reduced by the U. S. Fleet.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11. The report that the Spanish vessels were assembling at Cadix, is not confirmed.

THURSDAY, MAY 12. The American fleet under Rear Admiral Sampson bombarded San Juan de Porto Rico to day.

FRIDAY, MAY 13. The Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera was captured by the United States auxiliary cruiser Yale, which took her crew on board.

A FAMOUS SEA FIGHT.

ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN CHILEAN AND PERUVIAN IRONCLADS.

The Destruction of the Huascar of the Bolivian Coast—A Terrible Slaughter—What a Fight Between Modern War Vessels Means.

In The Century Claude H. Wetmore writes an article on "A Famous Sea Fight" describing the engagement between Chilean and Peruvian ironclads off the coast of Bolivia in 1879.

From the first of the battle the encouraging voice of Grau had come to the men in the turret through the speaking tube from the conning tower, but when the Blanco crowded into the thick of it and great shot struck the Huascar's sides as regularly as blows of a battering ram the orders of the commander were no longer heard.

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