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ENTERED AT TANEYTOWN POSTOFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1899.

Appropriations to Colleges. Western Maryland College receives \$14,000 per annum, as per the following Acts of the Legislature: \$5,200, Chapter 230 of 1873; \$10,000, Chapter 270 of 1890; \$6,500, Chapter 106 of 1898, and \$13,000, Chapter 232 of 1898.

In answer to an inquiry for a list of all colleges and schools receiving state appropriations, we publish the following list as it appears in the Comptroller's report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1898, giving the distribution by counties:

Table listing state appropriations to various academies and schools across Maryland counties, including Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, and Worcester.

* St. John's College does not appear in the list, but is given among the general disbursements as having received \$10,190.99.

The "Academic Fund" mentioned is a certain distribution by the state to the several counties as per resolution 34 of the Laws of 1881, which says "That the Treasurer of the Western Shore shall equalize the donations granted to Academies and Schools in the several counties of this State so as to give \$800 for each county, to be paid by him to the said academies and schools ratably for each of those counties which do not now receive that sum."

There are a number of educational institutions of a special character not in the above list, which may or may not be entitled to receive the sums accredited to them. It is not our purpose to attempt a list of these appropriations, because they are in a separate class, their claims being based on arguments and facts not within the range of our ability to criticize.

Johns Hopkins University, for instance, receives \$50,000 a year for two years, and last year St. Mary's Industrial School received \$11,250, and Maryland Agricultural College \$15,142. The justice of the first appropriation named, is decidedly questionable, and at the time of its passage was severely criticised.

same trend, regardless of sequence, not hoping to escape criticism. In an imperfect manner we have aimed to place important facts before the people, many of which have not heretofore been published in popular form—in newspapers—and have already received more than sufficient commendation from our readers.

The appropriations made by the state to favored institutions, represent, either (1) misappropriated funds which might (2) be devoted to the extension of our system of free education, or (3) through their discontinuance, a reduction of the state tax rate. The county school tax rate, too, aids in determining whether the fund at the disposal of the school authorities shall be great or small, on which depends the pay of teachers, building of school houses, etc.

The school improvements, therefore, which we urgently need in this county, and to a large extent throughout the state, is simply a question of taxation, and it is the business of the people to see that the money they pay goes where they want it to go—if they can accomplish it. This is a subject worth considering, along the lines we have laid open. Next week we shall give a table of statistics, showing how Carroll compares with the other counties.

Farmers' Institutes.

The Department of Farmers' Institutes will, this season, go to the farmers with greater assurance, than in the past, that the work will be received and thoroughly appreciated in all the counties. Slowly but surely the assemblies have grown. A farmer once having attended these institutes is seldom among the absent when a like opportunity is offered; so, annually, more and more are convinced that there is much to learn, and that none are better to introduce new subjects for thought, and to open fields for observation, than the practical man, who has had experience on his farm, and comes before his equals to tell the result of his labors, how he succeeded, or why he failed.

Care has always been exercised not to misrepresent a worker but to place him before the audience in his true standing among his fellows. When it has been said a worker was practical, it has been positively known that such was so. It is the opinion of the Director that great harm might result from the words of theorists, if accepted as facts, and supposed to have been the result of practice.

This year, as last, two thoroughly practical and experienced institute workers have been engaged. Mr. James I. Rice, of Yorktown, N. Y., will be one; many will remember having seen him in Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore in 1897. His specialty is poultry, but he talks on other subjects equally as well, some of them are—Increasing the Productivity of the Soil by Crop rotation, Cultivation Cover Crops and Chemicals "Growing Fruits in Orchard and Garden" and of others in daily practice in his system of diversity on his farm. Mr. Rice will attend all meetings in all the counties this season.

Dr. J. C. Curryer, who is Assistant Superintendent of Institutes in Minnesota and in charge of the Horse Department, will be the other. The Doctor has been a great admirer and handler of horses since his very early boyhood and has been a large breeder for more than a quarter of a century in the West. His life study has been the natural laws governing the actions, dispositions and reproductions of our horses for legitimate uses to which they are best adapted. A few of his subjects are—"How to Commence the Education of our Horses" "How to select horses for special purposes." "Simple methods of starting the balky horse without punishment." "Feed and care of horses to keep them strong and healthy."

Dr. Curryer uses many large charts and outlines in his work, and, as far as practical, demonstrates it, in the plain, simple, farmer-like style. The Doctor's visit is taken as complimentary, coming as he does, as an assistant from another State to ours, with a leave of absence for three weeks to study, and assist in our work. We have been much indebted to his Superintendent, Mr. O. C. Gregg, for many sound, practical suggestions in institute work.

Dates have been withheld from publication, pending correspondence, that arrangements might be made to give each section an opportunity to meet and hear him. The first meeting will attend to be in Eastern, Talbot county, Jan. 27th, Hyattsville, Prince George's Co., Jan. 31st, after which he will be present at all meetings to the close of the season, Feb. 17th. His address will always be given in the morning sessions.

The Southern Maryland planters who were invited on the 28th, to inspect farms in Northern Maryland and near York, Pa., who will attend and address all meetings in the southern counties, are Messrs F. Snowden Hill, on "Some Observations on Growing and Handling our Tobacco Crop." Samuel Cox, Jr., "The Dairy in Southern Maryland" and J. P. Hamilton "Stock Breeding and Feeding as an Adjunct to Tobacco Culture." Other farmers will, in the several counties, be called upon to give contributions, and to base their remarks on experience.

It has been truthfully said that our Maryland Department of Farmers' Institutes has at command the best talent in the world. The regret is that a full five session Institute, cannot be held in every county each season. The meeting in Westminster will be on Feb. 10th, for which L. P. Shingler, New Windsor, is correspondent. The Frederick meeting will be at Middletown, Feb. 7th, with L. E. Keefeaver, Middletown, correspondent.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at R. S. McKinney's, Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

The School and the Community.

There remain three sorts of knowledge and training that the school ought to promote to a marked degree. One of these has to do with conduct in the ordinary social relations. The principles of practical ethics, not merely for the sake of intellectual perception, but for the sake of their incorporation into the very texture of character, should be one of the foremost concerns of school life. This fact has come to be very widely recognized.

Less widely accepted in practice, although now quite generally admitted in principle, is the duty of the school to play some important part in fitting the child for membership in the great producing community. All schools cannot teach the use even of the simplest tools, and much less, therefore, can they turn out skilled craftsmen. But all schools can, at least be so conducted that they do not positively unfit their scholars for by which they do obtain their livings when their school days are done. A successful county teacher will not of necessity turn the district school into an agricultural college; but it is true, nevertheless, that the wise county teacher will, in the most important sense, fit them for being better farmers and household economists.

Finally, it has come to be widely admitted among teachers and the friends of common-school education that, in this country especially, the schools ought to have a great deal to do with the important task of rearing young citizens. It no longer needs any argument to secure acceptance for the view that boys and girls in the schools ought not only to imbibe high ideals respecting the institutions of the country, but also that the spirit of patriotism should be encouraged side by side with the inculcation of a great deal of practical knowledge about the duties and obligations of citizenship.—From "The School City—A Method of Pupil Self-Government," by Albert Shaw, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for December.

Farm Labor is Scarce.

The wave of industrial activity and prosperity which has swept over this country of late has caused an enormous demand for labor, both skilled and unskilled. Factories and furnaces and mills are running everywhere, and they are attracting workmen from the country districts by their offers of good wages. The result is a scarcity of men for farm work. Farmers are having considerable difficulty in getting satisfactory help, and in some instances in getting any kind. Wages have had to be advanced in order to retain good workmen on the farm. The demands of these have been such that some farmers have decided to limit their operations rather than pay bigger labor bills.

The industrial revival has brought with it a vastly better consumption of farm products. Prices for leading articles are on a basis which should return a fair profit to the producer, but his capacity to produce is considerably reduced by the difficulty of securing the right kind of labor. Improved machinery, which multiplies the power of the farmer himself, has done much to ease the labor struggle; but there is no prospect of further improvement of his farm and work, so as to make every stroke of his own and his hired labor count, is apparently the only method by which the individual may overcome the disadvantage of the present condition. Like the manufacturer, the farmer must so arrange his business that no labor shall be wasted.—National Stockman and Farmer.

R. S. McKinney guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

Griffin Cutlery, including Safety Razors—a splendid thing for men who cannot shave themselves with the ordinary razor. With these it is impossible to cut yourself. Also a fine assortment of other good Razors, Scissors and Sterling Silver-handled Pen Knives.

REINDOLLAR'S COACH WORKS. A Full Line of Hand-made and Factory Carriages, Buggies, Traps, etc. REPAIRING A SPECIALTY! ALL WORK GUARANTEED! Shop in the rear of the Lutheran Church. J. W. M. HULL, Prop'r. TANEYTOWN, MD.

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For Christmas! Bibles. For Teachers and Pocket use. Large Print Bibles. Family Bibles ordered—\$2.00 to \$5.00. Hymnals. The new Lutheran Hymnals. Leather or Cloth Bindings. Reform Church Hymnals. Books. Orders taken for Special Volumes, or Books in sets. Will get what you want, at lowest price. Fountain Pens. The Lincoln Fountain Pen, \$1.00. With gold bands, \$1.75 and \$2.00. No better Fountain Pen made. Box Paper. A very large assortment. We sell good paper—not fancy boxes. All the new tints and shapes—cheap.

P. B. ENGLAR'S Postoffice Stationery Store, TANEYTOWN, MD. \$100 Reward, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, it acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists.

HULL'S Cash Jewelry Store has now on display, the Finest Line of JEWELRY ever shown in the town. Our selection of Christmas Presents cannot be surpassed, and includes a fine line of Ladies' and Gents' Gold, Silver & Silveroid Watches, Ladies' and Gents' Watch Chains, Eye Glass Chains and Hooks, Net-terse and Link Bracelets, Cuff Buttons, Brooches, Cuff Pins, Baby Pin sets, Seal Pins, and RINGS! RINGS! RINGS! All styles and prices. Sterling Silver Novelties. We also carry a full line of 1847 Rogers Silverware, including Knives, Forks, Spoons, Sugar Shells, Butter Knives, Silver Tea Sets, etc. Also Sterling (solid) Spoons and Butter Knives; also other ware.

F. M. YOUNT, TANEYTOWN, MD. Marble or Granite MONUMENTS. Head Stones and Markers. Work of every kind. B. O. SLOWAKER, TANEYTOWN, MD. On application, it is ordered, this 21st day of November, 1899, that the sale of the Real Estate of Samuel Reindollar, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by William M. Reindollar, Executor of the last Will and Testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said Executors, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 4th, Monday, 25th, day of December next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 3rd, Monday, 18th, day of December, next. The report states the amount of sale to be Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Four Dollars and Forty Cents. (\$9704.40). JACOB RINEHART, ALBERT SCHAEFFER, WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL, Judges. True Copy: TEST: JOSEPH D. BROOKS, Nov25-4t Register of Wills.

YOUNT'S. The Coming of Christmas! The world's greatest holiday approaches—only 17 days away. Time is short for preparation, but plenty long enough if you waste no more time, and decide upon what you are going to get for presents.

What shall the Gift be? A Few Suggestions. Men's Tan Leather and Fancy Embroidered Slippers. Women's and Misses' Blue Felt Juliets, black fur Trimmed, for home wear. Thistle Brand Rubber Shoes, and Lambs' Wool soles, for men, women and children.

Dolls, assorted kinds, prices 1c to \$1.00. Rubber Balls, Drums, Magic Lanterns and assorted toys. Juvenile Books, prices from 5c to 50c. Games, Crokinole Boards, Photograph Albums—plush or celluloid. Fancy Toilet Goods, in sets. Work Boxes, Comb Cases, Manicure Sets, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Whisk Holders, etc. Large size China Table Dish. China Plates, 10c to 15c each. China Pitchers, Chocolate Pots, Clocks. Large assortment of Cuff and Collar Boxes, Handkerchief Cases, etc., in Hand-painted Opal Ware. Stereoscopes and Views. Fine Umbrellas. Holiday Box Papers.

Gold Watches—Cases guaranteed for 20 years; Elgin or Waltham movement. The Yankee Dollar Watch. Rogers Silverware. Silver Cake Baskets, Crumb Tray and Scraper, Silver Sugar Bowls, 4-piece Silver Tea Sets; Syrup Pitchers, Butter Knives, Sugar Spoons, Table and Tea Spoons; silver-plated Knives and Forks in sets. JEWELRY—Finger Rings, Gold Pens and Holders, Brooches, etc. Rochester Nicked Ware, one of the most attractive lines in our stock; Rochester Tea Pots, Rochester silvered Pitchers, crumb Trays and Brushes, Serving Dishes, etc. Special Glass Dishes, 15c each. Ladies' Work Baskets. Carpet Sweeper—Bissell's Grand Rapids make. Fancy celluloid Photo Frames. Granite Iron Ware. Pearl-handled Pocket Knives and Scissors. Decorated Lamps and Toilet Sets. Ladies' Handkerchiefs and Linen Damask Towels, Tapestry Portieres, Men's Fine Gloves.

See Our Second Floor Store Room! F. M. YOUNT, TANEYTOWN, MD. Marble or Granite MONUMENTS. Head Stones and Markers. Work of every kind. B. O. SLOWAKER, TANEYTOWN, MD. On application, it is ordered, this 21st day of November, 1899, that the sale of the Real Estate of Samuel Reindollar, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by William M. Reindollar, Executor of the last Will and Testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said Executors, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 4th, Monday, 25th, day of December next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 3rd, Monday, 18th, day of December, next. The report states the amount of sale to be Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Four Dollars and Forty Cents. (\$9704.40). JACOB RINEHART, ALBERT SCHAEFFER, WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL, Judges. True Copy: TEST: JOSEPH D. BROOKS, Nov25-4t Register of Wills.

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STUMP PULLING. I have a late improved Stump Puller which I will hire on reasonable terms, on any plan which people may desire. Can easily pull from 30 to 100 a day. J. P. WEYBRIGHT, 9-23-3m Double Pipe Creek, Md. The One Day Cold Cure. For cold in the head and sore throat use Kermit's Cold Cure. It is the best and most reliable. M. FRANK McALEER, 1-14-9-1y

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, By Leaps and Bounds! These Great Stores are far in advance in elaborate preparations for a royal welcome to "Santa Claus" on the occasion of his next annual visit. This store will be Headquarters, as usual. We are showing all sorts of Useful Presents, as well as Dolls, Toys, Books, Games, etc., of every description. As usual, we will have old Santa Claus with us, and on Saturday before Christmas, Dec. 23rd., he will give a present to all of his little friends. EVERYONE WELCOME!

MILLER BROS' POPULAR CASH STORES, WESTMINSTER, MD. Jan-14-99. The Statement below gives the principal items in the January Statements of our Firm for the past five years, and shows the progress made in that time. The items are correct to the nearest dollar.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899. Rows include Loans, Bonds, Deposits, Capital Stock, Surplus.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRM. Geo. H. Birnie, John E. Davidson, Luther T. Sharets. H. David Hess, Martin D. Hess, Edward Shorb. Edward E. Reindollar, Edwin H. Sharets, G. Walter Witt.

CHRISTMAS! 1899. Santa Claus, Reindollar & Co. We have formed a Co-partnership with Mr. Santa Claus, for Three Days, beginning on the morning of December 21st., and ending on Saturday evening, December 23rd. He has been here and gone over our Stock, and, after diligent search, he concluded that it is a good one, and so large that we ought to be able to supply every want in the way of Flour, Feed, Lumber, Coal, etc.

Flour, Feed, Lumber, Coal, etc. He finds our prices way down on all FLOUR AND FEED, but has authorized a still further cut. Acting on his suggestion, we are going to sell—For Three Days Only—December 21st., 22nd. and 23rd., Mascot, (Spring wheat Flour), One-half or One Barrel, at \$4.00 per barrel. B. & L., (Winter wheat), One-eighth at 40c; Barrel at \$3.20. Best Patent, (Winter wheat), One-eighth at 40c. Barrel at \$3.20. White Lily, (Winter wheat), One-eighth at 20c. "All Cash—No Exchange."

Our Flour is THE BEST. This sale is good only for the days named; we will be just to all, and when we close business on Saturday evening, December 23rd., the special offer ceases. No mill can manufacture High Grade Flour at these prices. We can't, for any time, but we will for 3 days, allowing one barrel, or any part of a barrel, to one family, and no more. We will give with each purchase of Flour, a Souvenir—A Beautiful Calendar for the Year 1900, which will remind you that we are here for business; that we appreciate your trade; that we want it, and will always use our best endeavors to please you in Quality and Price. Don't forget the Dates! Come and Get the Flour! Return it if not up to Guarantee! One Barrel or less to each Family! Respectfully, &c., Santa Claus, Reindollar & Co., TANEYTOWN, MD. (For 3 days.)

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Santa Claus, Reindollar & Co., TANEYTOWN, MD. (For 3 days.)

Santa Claus now travels by train, and has reached D. W. GARNER'S. He has sent his Stock for the coming Holidays, and has telegraphed that he will make Our Store his Headquarters.

Come One! Come All! See my fine line of Christmas Goods, consisting of VASES, HANGING LAMPS, Stand Lamps, Mantel Sets, Ornamental Pieces, largest assortment of Queensware, in town—French China Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets, plain and decorated, latest designs at prices to suit everybody. The last Novelties in Glassware. CHILDREN'S TOYS, of all kinds; Plush Goods in Toilet, Cologne and Smoking Sets. Choicest Groceries, Spices, Sugars, Teas, Coffees, Currants, California and French Prunes, Evaporated Peaches, Apricots, and apples; Canned Goods of all kinds; Confectioneries. A fresh lot of Cocoanuts just received.

We cordially invite you to come and make your selection early, for we take pleasure in showing goods. We thank you for past favors and hope for a continuance of the same. D. W. GARNER, TANEYTOWN, MD.

NOTICE. Owing to limited floor space, we are unable to make such a display of our Fall and Winter Goods as we desire; nevertheless, the goods are nearly all in—our Mammoth Stock is now Complete and we shall be pleased to have you inspect it before going elsewhere to purchase your wearing apparel for the Winter. Our recent venture in HAT AND CAP business, in connection with the other departments of our store, is proving to be a good move. It is useless to quote prices on these articles, as our daily sales are sufficient proof that they are cheap.

Boots and Shoes. When in need of anything in this line, drop in. We handle the best footwear of every description that can possibly be bought for the money. Short profits necessitate quick sales. "Self-praise is no recommendation," therefore, we respectfully ask that you call and examine the goods for yourself.

Comforts and Blankets. Last year was banner year in this particular line of goods, more Comforts and Blankets having been carried through our doors than in any two preceding years combined in the history of the firm. This year we hope to do still better. With prices low, qualities good and designs beautiful, what will keep them from going? Nothing. They are going now. Very Respectfully, Reindollar, Hess & Co., TANEYTOWN, MD. (P. S.) Remember also that we handle Dress Goods of every description, both plain and plaid; Coatings (light and heavy); Carpets, Oilcloths and high grade Linoleums; Fancy Groceries, &c.

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