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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Next week—the Ladies.

What is the matter with our county correspondents this week?

Well? Spring is coming boys! How about a base ball club for this season!

Mr. George H. Birnie will address the C. E Society at Union Mills on Sunday evening.

Mr. W. Jesse Roberts has taken a trip to Kentucky, and may return with one or more fine horses.

Subscribers who intend removing to other localities this spring should notify us as to change of Post office.

Major O. A. Horner of Emmitsburg has been elected department commander, the highest office in the gift of the G. A. R. in this state.

Mr. Daniel Null brought to our office a hen egg which weighs 3¾ ounces, and measures 8½ inches around the long way, and 6½ inches the short way. How is this for "hen fruit?"

James C. Davis a former resident of this district, now living in Baltimore county, has advertised his stock and farming implements for sale, with the intention of retiring from farming.

A very interesting Spelling Bee was held at Walnut Grove on Tuesday evening. The order was excellent and the spelling was good. Miss Lottie M. Reaver took the cup as best speller.

Rev. O. M. Ruark of Middleburg paid us a brief friendly visit on Friday last. The Reverend expects to be appointed to a more important charge near Baltimore at the next conference.

We have received a subscription and a very complimentary letter from Mr. Jesse Smith of Linwood. Modesty prevents the publishing of the letter, but we feel like publicly expressing our appreciation of it.

An effort is being made to organize a lodge of Knights of Pythias in Uniontown. It may be that this organization could succeed here, as it has quite a number of ex-members in the place, and is a good order.

Mr. Franklin Bowersox's new implement warehouse is nearing completion, and he will soon begin to get in his spring stock. The building is larger than the one he now occupies, and is at an equally good location.

Look over your office stationery, and if you are running short of letter heads, bill heads, statements or envelopes, let us print you a fresh lot. Those who live in other parts of the county should write for samples, with delivered prices.

The Y. W. C. T. U. will hold a public Temperance meeting in the Reformed church this (Friday) evening (March 1st.) All are invited to attend. Rev. R. S. Patterson of Woodsboro will speak, besides a few other exercises. A basket collection will be taken. Time 7 o'clock.

We have received from our friend Thomas D. Reindollar, stenographer for the Baltimore Centennial Association, a copy of Major Brackett's speech as delivered at the Carrollton Hotel last Thursday night. While it is very interesting, it is too lengthy for use in our columns.

The Montgomery County Fire Insurance Company has ordered the suspension of its policy on the Mentzel building on Frederick St., until a dangerous chimney is torn down and rebuilt from the foundation up. This chimney is at present a menace to the property as well the ones adjoining.

John H. and Venalda K. Fair, who have been East for about a month on a visit to their parents, started for Nebraska on Saturday evening. It is a pity that such good worthy fellows as they are cannot be kept here in the East; they are just the kind of boys to make a great success of life any place.

After April 1st, Mr. A. H. Zollickoffer will be the sole proprietor of the Taneytown Steam Flouring Mills. The firm name will not be changed, on account of the interference it would cause with the popular brands of flour turned out by this well known mill. See regular dissolution notice on another page.

A very pleasant social event occured at the hospitable home of the Misses Arnold on Thursday night of last week. A notice of it was unintentionally omitted last week owing to an unusual press of very important matter which had to be handled very close to the hour of going to press; then too, it was not handed in by anyone.

A subscriber at Double Pipe Creek, sends the following; Miss Alice Overholtz who has been visiting friends near Gettysburg, has returned to her home at New Midway. Mr. and Mrs. C. Stover spent last Sunday at Mr. John Albaugh's. Mr. James Martin's family was surprised on Saturday by a large number of friends from Bridgeport and Taneytown.

The funeral of Mr. George A. Flickinger, who committed suicide last Friday morning, was held on Sunday afternoon, and was attended by a very large number of people. The sermon was preached at the Reformed church by Rev. Bateman; interment in the Lutheran cemetery. Mrs. Flickinger will make her future home with her son William who lives in Union Bridge. There has been no further developments as to the cause for the commission of the act.

The P. O. S. of A. Camp at this place observed Washington's birthday by holding an entertainment in the evening in their hall. Addresses were made by Revs. McSherry, Rioseco, and Bateman, and P. B. Englar. Patriotic songs were sung, under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Kohler who presided at the organ, and was assisted by John J. Reid, cornetist. Mr. Chas. E. H. Shriner opened the exercises by reading the proclamation of the National President of the order, asking for the proper observance of the day. The Camp now numbers 83, with a number of applications pending.

NOTES HERE AND THERE.

The Frederick News Publishing Company has elected Lewis Edward Birely president, to succeed the late W. T. Delaplane.

Mayor Schieren, of Brooklyn, was in Baltimore during the week, seeking information in reference to street railways, particularly as to the fender question.

The new owners of the Gettysburg electric railway, have made advances to the government looking forward to an amicable adjustment of existing difficulties and further litigation.

The Frederick *Examiner* has been sold by Harp & Smith, to Mr. Cyrus F. Flook the present associate editor and business manager, who will organize a stock company in the near future.

Either Patterson Park or Clifton Park will likely be selected as the site of the Baltimore exposition. Both of these situations possess ample space, and peculiar advantages, and either would be a good location.

Nearly all the League Base Ball clubs will take their men south for a month's practice, before the opening of the regular season. The New York and Chicago clubs have gone down this week and the Baltimores and others will follow very soon.

Last Friday morning an attempt was made by four tramps to rob the B. & O. depot at Laurel. They were caught and taken before a Justice of the Peace who sentenced them to four months in the House of Correction.

The district convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of York, Cumberland, Lebanon and Perry counties, Pennsylvania, convened in York on the 22nd. F. M. Spangler, of Camp Hill, was elected president. The order had a large parade in the afternoon.

At Hanover the hardware store of Fox, Thompson & Co., formerly of Wilmington, Del., was destroyed by fire about half past 3 o'clock on the 22nd. There is but little insurance on the goods. The building is owned by Vincent Obold, of McSherrystown, who holds some insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

A committee for the revision of the hymns in the book of worship of the General Synod Lutheran church, met in York on Monday. This committee has in charge the revision of the words only, while a former committee has looked after the tunes, the two committees will soon get together and formulate a report which will be presented to the next General Synod which meets in Hagerstown in June.

Amos, the nineteen year-old son of Samuel J. Warner, and Calvin, the seventeen-year-old son of Lycurgus N. Starr, all of near Johnsville, Fred. county, ran away from home Monday to seek their fortunes in the wild West. They had about $35 in money and several suits of clothes with them. They got as far as Lore, Ohio, from whence they wrote back home that they were stranded and without money, and wanted to come back home, which they promised never to leave again unless driven away.—*American.*

MARRIED

HARNER.—HARNER.—On December 19th., at the Lutheran Parsonage, Uniontown, by Rev. G. W. Baughman, Mr. Emanual Harner to Miss Agnes S. Harner of Taneytown.

DOTTERER—HULL—On the 21st, at the home of the bride near New Windsor, Mr. John D. Dotterer to Miss Sarah Gertrude Hull.

SELL—OHLER.—On the 28th. of February, at the home of the bride, near town, Mr. Harry G. Sell to Miss Mary E. Ohler, both of this district.

SMITH—CLINGAN.—On the 28th. of February, at the Lutheran parsonage, Mr. John E. Smith to Miss Ettie M. Clingan, both of Taneytown.

SHORB—PERRY.—On the 27th. of February, by Elder Solomon Stoner, Mr. Harvey E. Shorb to Miss Martha A. Perry, both of this county.

GILBERT—WAGNER.—On the 27th. of February, by Elder Solomon Stoner, Mr. Charles H. Gilbert to Miss Emma L. Wagner, both of this county.

DIED.

RUFF—On the 21st., near Harney Mrs. Mary Ruff (See Harney correspondence.)

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Ruark will preach his farewell sermon at Keysville church on Sunday afternoon March 3rd., at 3 o'clock, and at Middleburg the night of the same date at 7 o'clock. Following the farewell sermon at Middleburg the Epworth League will hold its 2nd. Annual Missionary Anniversary beginning at 8 o'clock. The public are cordially invited.

Orphan's Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, Feb. 25th, 1895.—Susie Walker, administrator of Charles T. Walker, deceased, received order to notify creditors.

Wm. H. Shubkagle and Anna Jane Shubkagle, executors of Wm. Shubkagle, deceased, reported sale of real estate.

Larkin S. Bennet and James A. C. Bond, administrators of Martha A. Griffee, deceased, returned list sales of grain and settled first account.

Elias W. Oursler and Harry K. Oursler, executors of Wm. Oursler, deceased, settled first and final account.

The last will and testament of Burgess N. Williams, deceased admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Ephraim Williams and David D. Byers.

TUESDAY, Feb. 26th, 1895.—Report sale of leasehold property of Joseph Moore, deceased, finally ratified.

James W. Ocker, administrator w. a. of Joseph Ocker, deceased, settled second and final account.

Charles E. Fink, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of Joseph Moore deceased, settled first and final account.

Edward H. Shaeffer, Executor of Mary A. Dayhoff deceased, reported sale of real estate.

Curious Old Books.

Mr. E. O. Garner, of Copperville has left at our office four old account books, two of which are very interesting. One is an officer's account book, kept by George Creager, sheriff of Frederick county in the years 1804 and 1805, in which appears the accounts, and signatures to receipts, of a number of county officials at that time. To an autograph collector the book would be almost priceless, as it contains three signatures of Roger B. Taney, and two of Francis Scott Key: also a number of signatures of Lawrence Brengle, Wm. Clements, Henry Howard, Roger Nelson, Daniel Clark, Joshua Dorsey, J. Hanson Thomas, Richard Brooke, Arthur Shaaf, E. Rickson H. Stone, Nathaniel Rochester and Jacob Boyer; all of the receipts are dated from 1804 to 1807 and are of the following form.

Received May 28th., 1805. of George Creager, Sheriff, nineteen pounds, seventeen shillings, and eleven pence half penny, being the balance of my account of fees put into his hands for collection in 1804.

R. B. TANEY.

All the accounts are in £. s. d. and are as clear and legible as if just entered. The pound value was $2.66⅔. All the entries are not understood, but in all probability would be, by an old lawyer. There are also a number of accounts, with persons whose receipt do not appear; for instance, with John Read Magruder, Wm. Ritchie, Henry R. Warfield, John Gwinn, John Welsh and others.

In the back part of the book are accounts with the road supervisors, showing the amounts levied in each district each year and to whom paid, the receipts for which are all in the book with the signature of the person receiving the money. Carroll county was then a portion of Frederick county, and it would be interesting to know how the amounts then paid compare with the present amounts, but as each district is only referred to by number it is impossible to tell definitely the portion received by Carroll county districts, and then too, it is likely that the districts have since been changed. We find that David Kephart, of District No. 21, received in 1805, £12., or $32., which in all probability was Taneytown district. The various districts drew from £8. to £30. each, or from $21.33 to $80.00. The signatures are in many cases indecipherable, but we can make out the following; David Kemp, Joseph Staley, John Lugenbeel, John Frey, John Klay, Christian Shoemaker, Henry Poodman, Christian Kuhn, Jacob Newman, Jacob Biggs, Joshua Brown, Henry Weller, Philip Smith and a number of others.

This George Creager, sheriff, was married to a daughter of Jacob Appler and was the father of Mr. Johnathan P. Creager, Mary A. Creager, and Mrs. Mary A. Shaw, the mother of Mr. Marshall G. Shaw of New Windsor. The office of sheriff was at that time considered a high honor, and it is probable that Mr. Creager was a model officer as the book seems to be carefully kept. The items mentioned are taken from the ledger; the day book, or fee book, accompanies it and is clean, clear, and excellently preserved. In this book appears the names of a large number of persons, who were the ancestors of families now living in the same sections, but as the writer does not understand the entries, a portion of the interest in the records is necessarily lessened. All the entires are of this character.

John McKaleb, Dr.
To W. Ritchie 81. John Gwinn 3— 381. 3—

Another old account book among the lot received from Mr. Garner, also very interesting, is a book kept by his great grand father Jacob Appler who was a farmer and a man of considerable prominence at that time, and lived on and owned the farm now owned by Mr. Alfred Englar, at Pipe Creek, near Winter's church. The title to the book is as follows: "Iacob Apler, his book of accounts, May the first, Anno Domino 1793." The first 25 pages are in German and likely contains an account of work done by him for others, or is an account kept between him and persons working for him. Then follow a few pages of German and English mixed and about 20 pages refer almost wholly to dealings in hides and leather, which seem to show that Mr. Appler was a tanner. This covers a period from 1802 to 1814.

The later entries in the book are chiefly interesting because of the complete record of four Public Sales of personal property. The first was on April 20, 1818. The terms of the sale were as follows; "The terms of this present vendue are, a credit of eight months for all sums of five dollars and upwards, the purchaser giving note with approved security. All sums below $5.00 must be cash. No article to be removed without first having complied with the above conditions." Among the items of the sale we find charged to John Beplat, 10 bushels of oats at 63c. per bushel; Philip Englar, 2 tables $1.92; Ludevick Engelman, 1 bureau $15; Wm. Atwood, 1 bushel buckwheat $1.02; Henry Riley, clock case $7.00; Wm. Cox, 20 bushels rye at $1.13; Abram Appler, 11 cows ranging in price from $20. to $35.; Abram Appler, 1 bed $14.; Samuel Plaine, looking glass $6.65; Jacob Christ, 5 books averaging 90c; Jacob Shriner, dutch oven, 50c; Christian Senseney, spinning wheel 55c; Abram Appler, wagon and four horses with all the gears $700; &c., &c.

Next appears the terms for the sale of his farm of 195½ acres, which are very clearly and concisely set forth, and are very much like terms in use now. Following this are "the terms of the sale of the lands now in the possession of Philip Englar and William Plaine, as advertised &c.," both of the above being dated January 11th. 1830. Nothing is said as to the sale of either property. Next follows a copy of an article of agreement to rent the farm of 195½ acres, containing specifications as to crops, method of farming &c., &c. The writing in this part of the book is beautifully done and was the work of John Hyder. Then follows a sale of personal property on March 29. 1830. The terms were the regular $5.00, eight months terms as given now, except that no note was to be taken exceeding $25.00, and in case of larger amounts, the purchaser had to give more than one note. Some of the items in this sale were as follows; Cows from $11 to $26., averaging about $14.00. Wm Roberts, one sorrel horse $115.; Jesse Appler, one-eyed mare $15.50; hogs $1 50 to $3.50 each; Daniel Plain, 4 sheep $2.43¾ each; George Ott, 20 bushels rye at 51 and 53c; Christian Senseney, 1 set blacksmith tools $39; David Engler, desk and bookcase $15.26; Samuel Hains, U. S. Map $3.00.

The third sale was on March 27, 1839, and was principally small articles. It is note worthy that eight Bibles were sold. In 1843 another sale was held by Isaac Appler and William Roberts, executors of Jacob Appler, many of the bidders at which are still living in Uniontown and the neighborhood of Linwood.

As these sale lists are complete, for the four dates, a study of the articles and prices is both interesting and amusing.

Hymeneal.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hull, of near New Windsor, was the scene of a very happy event on last Thursday afternoon. At an early hour their friends assembled to witness the marriage ceremony, of their eldest daughter, Sara Gertrude, to Mr. John D. Dotterer, a prominent farmer of Double Pipe Creek.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the contracting parties proceeded by Messrs Orren Dotterer, and I. K. Myrely, of Baltimore as ushers, and Miss Annie Boteler as bridesmaid and Mr. J. F. Miller, as groomsman, presenting themselves before Elder Joseph Long, of York, Pa., who in a very beautiful and impressive manner pronounced the words uniting them in holy matrimony. Immediately the friends gathered about the newly wedded pair and congratulations where hearty, joyous and abundant. A bountiful collation was served and the remainder of the afternoon was passed in a very delightful and informal manner. Many elegant presents including a sewing machine, silver, china, linen, and other articles were received from friends and relatives of both bride and groom.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hull, Misses Ida, Bertha, and Mollie Hull, Messres C. E., J. W., and J. E. Hull, Mrs. Hannah Dotterer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Duvall, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leister, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stoner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Englar, Mr. and Mrs. John Drach, Mrs. Clara Englar, Mrs. Fannie Snader, Mrs. Elizabeth Roop, Mrs. Elsie Griffen, Mrs Rhoda Waltz, Mrs. Jessie Zepp, of Baltimore; Misses Mary and Grace Dotterer, Allie and Ida Snader, Florence Garner, Emma Ecker, Carrie Bare, Annie and Grace Warren, Annie Roop, Mattie Pfoutz, Nettie Ecker, Annie R. Roop, Edna Fritz, Rachel Pfoutz, and Ray Stoner; Messres J. K. Myerly, William Dotterer, Kenneth Murry, Uriah Englar, Jesse and Isaac Winters, Oden Warner, Joseph Bowers, Frank Garner, Edward Lescaleet, Samuel Bowers, Keener Bankert, Marshall Campbell, Walter Hull and Raymond Drach.

(Held over from last week.—Ed.)

Telephone War in this County.

Westminster. Feb. 22—A rate war between the Chespeake and Potomac Telephone Company and a new company projected in this city, appears to be imminent. Several weeks ago Mr. R. B. Hazlett, who is said to have successfully introduced the magneto-telephone system in Hanover, Pa., came to this city and proposed the establishment of an exchange. His plan was to sell telephones and erect lines until a sufficient number should be taken to justify the owners of the instruments in creating and maintaining an exchange. The organization of a company, except as thus outlined was not contemplated. Each subscriber was to become the absolute owner of his telephone and maintain his own line until all joined in providing an exchange. In the meantime the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company has not been idle, but has introduced a new metallic, switchboard in the exchange here, and has reduced rentals very materially, coming down as low as $24 per annum to renters of three on a line and an advance of about twenty five per cent. on that rate to single renters Now it has been determined to organize a company for the establishment of another exchange, with lines to Avondale, Medford, New Windsor, Linwood, Union Bridge, Middleburg, Uniontown, Frizzellburg, Taneytown, Smallwood, Bird Hill, Gamber, Eldersburg, Sykesville, Manchester and Hampstead. This will be an opposition to the Chesapeake and Potomac Company in the county, whose exchange at this place has only local connection with Avondale, Wakefield, New Windsor, Linwood, Union Bridge and Manchester. It is not known whether the new lines will be operated by the magneto or the battery system; but the annual rental proposed is $18. Citizens of this city and county are pleased and interested with this state of affairs, which promises them telephone service at moderate rates. The Chesapeake and Potomac exchange, besides its local lines, has connection with the long-distance system, which affords communication with cities west beyond Chicago and north as far as Boston. —*American.*

A Remarkable Case.

Cordelia Hill, the colored girl who shot and killed her father, Robert Hill, near Ripon, W. Va., the 19th. of this month, was tried before Judge E. Boyd Faulkner in the Circuit Court for Jefferson county on Saturday and acquitted. The facts disclosed by the evidence are about as follows: Robert Hill was chastising one of his children, without provocation. The child songht protection from its mother, and though she offered no interference, Hill became enraged at his wife, and began beating her unmercifully, when the accused came in with a revolver and fired at her father. The ball entered the base of his skull, killing him instantly. Cordelia is only about eleven years old. She had never had a firearm in her hands before; yet the one used is a self-cocking revolver, and she was standing at least six feet from her father when she fired the fatal shot. She has displayed no emotion since the occurrence, and was perfectly cool during the trial.

Hon. Matt W. Ransom of North Carolina, has been nominated and confirmed as Minister of the U. S. to Mexico.

Of every man and woman living today at the age of 25, one out of two will live, according to the tables, to be 65 years of age.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

Union Bridge.

Mrs. Eli Hiltabidle fell last week while walking on an icy pavement, and broke her left arm just above the wrist.

Miss Lois Tregellas, who has spent some time with friends and relatives in Baltimore, returned home on Thursday.

Mr. S. D. Senseney has rented the large store room in the Repp building, where he will continue in the Boot and Shoe business on a much larger scale. Mr. S. will take possession about the 15th. of the month.

Mr. A. Cohen will vacate the store room in the Repp building on Tuesday, March 5th., and move to Easton, Md., where he will continue in the clothing business.

The body of Mr. Samuel Engel, who died at Elliston, Va., on Wednesday, was brought here for burial on Thursday morning. His remains were taken from the depot to the residence of Mr. E. W. Stoner, whose wife is a sister of the deceased. The funeral took place on Friday morning from the Pipe Creek (Dunkard) meeting house. The interment was in the graveyard near the church. Mr. F. J. Shriner of this place was undertaker.

The carpenters and machinists in the W. M. shops are working ten hours on account of an increase of repair work.

Maidensville.

Mr. T. Kurtz Warner, was visiting friends about Frizellburg on Saturday and Sunday last.

It is not hard to guess who is the ugliest man in town at present. We hope for the credit of our town, that the wind will soon blow through his whiskers once more.

There is sorrow in one family in town, because grim death has removed their beloved—pet pig.

Mr. M. B. Fisher returned to his home in Waynesboro, Pa., on Tuesday evening after a week's rest at his father's, Mr. E. Fisher of this place, for the benefit of his health.

Our much suffering citizen, Mr. E. Fisher had the misfortune to have another accident which came near resulting seriously this time. While going over the stone bridge at the head race above the mill, his horse suddenly broke through with both front feet and falling into the hole, broke both shafts of the buggy. The horse however extricated himself without serious injury as far as could be seen.

Misses May Waltz, Effie Waltz, Mary Lyttle and Mr. David Hyde, of New Windsor, were guests at Mr. Geo. Waltz's on Sunday last,

We are glad the cold snap is over, for it nearly froze us out down here. Here are a couple of examples to illustrate how cold it was. One morning during the cold snap, one of our citizens went down stairs to the kitchen and found ice a half of an inch think on the kettle, on top of the stove which was red hot. Another gentleman had the misfortune, one cold night, to freeze his head while he was wrapped in the arm of Morpheus, on his downy couch.

Our enterprising and scientific farmer, Mr. A. Englar has procured for himself a patent article, in the shape of a manure spreader which is quite a curiosity in this part of the country. It does its work however in a thoroughly competent manner.

Tyrone.

After the cold snap or blizzard your Tyrone correspondent awoke from his sleep, and will give you the news so far as he knows it. So much has been published in the papers concerning the recent blizzard, that I refrain from saying anything about it, for we had no one to freeze nor allow their hair to be frozen in order to save a barber bill. The presumption is that most of our people are bald and that may account for that economy; neither had we any wells to freeze over. The only murmur we heard was from the young gallants, who were detained from visiting their best "girl" and they are the ones who swore vengeance against Pool's hog melt and Bro. Hicks.

The Reformed Missionary society will hold its monthly meeting in Baust church on Sunday night, March 3rd., at 7.30 o'clock, A program will be prepared for that occasion, consisting of music, speeches and essays. All are invited to these meetings The officers of the society are President Wm. H. Flickinger; Vice President Mrs. Marker; Secretary George C. Harman; Treasurer Wm. H. Formwalt. Collectors, Misses Maggie Foglesong, Maude Marker, Minnie Sheets and Mollie Carbaugh.

The grippe seems to prevail in this locality to a considerable extent.

The school at Bear Mount successfully taught by Mr. A. Williams, visited Baust church school on last Friday; quite an interesting time was spent.

Bruceville.

Old Sol is making the snow go faster than it came. We had a slight snow Saturday last.

Mr. James Kettamine has returned from a visit to friends at Highfield; we learn that he had a very pleasant time:

Mr. John Felty, of Harrisburg, Pa., was the guest of Mr. S. Weant last week:

Several gentlemen from Hagerstown were in town looking for a room to start a broom factory.

Mr. Frank Zentz, late proprietor of the Black Horse Hotel, Frederick, is here looking for a house to move in.

Mr. S. Weant has rented his large store room and stone dwelling house adjoining, to Mr. Kolb of Uniontown. There is no better store stand in the county; we wish him success.

Miss Maggie Hilterbrick, of near Taneytown, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Q. E. Weant.

There is a great deal of talk of how the roads were opened here this last snow; that sleighs could hardly get through. But we hear they do not get paid for opening them.

One of Mr. S. Weant's colts ran into a barb wire fence cutting an ugly gash in its front leg. Barb wire is a very dangerous thing to have on a farm where there are cattle.

Mr. Q. E. Weant, operator here for fourteen months, has accepted the position as night operator at Westminster, commencing work March first. Mr. E. Grant Fox, of Ladiesburg will take charge of this office.

Harney.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. Mary Ruff, an aged and well known lady in this community died suddenly; the cause of death is not known. Mrs. Ruff had been helping Mr. David Null to butcher during the day, and in the evening helped Mrs. Null to do her milking; nothing unusual was noticed. She was jolly and full of fun as was her nature at all times, and after she had returned home which is only a short distance from Mr. Null's, she went to the barn and milked her cow; upon going into the house she told her husband that she felt so queer, and seated herself in her big arm chair. Mr. Ruff ran out to call some of the neighbors and when he returned several minutes later she had fallen off of the chair. Mr. David Null started for Dr. Sponseller at one, but before he had reached the place she had died. Funeral services were held on Saturday morning at the stone church near this place.

Miss Jennie Myers, of Baltimore, spent last Sunday visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Myers, of Monocacy Roller Mills, near this place.

Mr. Edward Kiser, of Baltimore was here on last Saturday and traded his business stand in the city on Mr. J. L. Hesson's farm. Mr. Kiser has been in poor health for some time and thinks that country life will be a benefit to him. The exchange will be made as soon as possible.

On next Sunday morning Rev. Wagner will preach his last sermon for the conference year, in the U. B. Church of this place.

Our stores are being filled with public sale bills. We notice Mr. A. J. Lightner's on Monday, March 11th., and Mr. J. L. Hesson's on Wednesday March 6th.; both are quite near this place.

On Monday evening, while Mr. Abraham Ridinger was returning home from Taneytown with three of our prominent citizens in the sleigh, he had the misfortune to upset and tumble them all out into the mud.

Moving time will soon be here and quite a number of changes will be made, and while we suppose that nearly all have procured places by this time for another year, however, if any one has not we are informed that there are several houses in this place that are not yet rented.

Dr. E. B. Simpson has been suffering with rheumatism in his right arm; the doctor has been unable to drive for some time, but has managed to see some of his patients by getting some one to drive for him.

More About Edna Brown.

Miss Edna Brown, of Kaneville, now has a national reputation, and a letter addressed to her without adding the town, county, or state, would likely reach her. Mrs. Edna Garman, is her correct name as she is married to a young blacksmith, but Edna Brown is her stage name, so to speak.

It is altogether likely that she had not the least idea of starting such an immense affair as the stamp chain has turned out to be, but she had an idea if the million stamps could be collected she could in some way use them for the benefit of her crippled sister. The appeal, however, did not state the true facts in the case, and even if the end was praiseworthy, the plan was based on bald untruth, and has robbed her of a great deal of honor and credit which if united with her great notoriety, would make her proud of her fame.

Her apparently small and harmless request for a few cancelled stamps from a few people, who were requested to extend the invitation to their friends, has made her name and Kaneville, Ill., famous. The town is a cross-roads town on the prairie, five miles from a railroad. There are in the whole township of thirty-six square miles, only about thirty houses. The mail reaches there by stage twice a day, and the number of letters usually received is very small. The postmaster was much surprised one day when several letters arrived for Miss Edna, for every one knew she was married, and his astonishment increased when the next day the letters multiplied and continued to do so from that on until she received a bushel basketful a day. But this was only a beginning; it fairly rained letters, until the stage was filled with stuffed mail bags, and the postmaster was compelled to hire an assistant, although his salary does not amount to over $250. a year.

After the mail is distributed the floor of the postoffice is covered with stamps which sift out of boxes and bundles. These, it is needless to say, never see the light of Edna Brown's countenance. They are shoveled into the stove. Some of the letters even contain money orders, sent by sympathetic lunatics. Often whole sheets of stamps are sent just as they came from the postoffice except with an ink line drawn through. Of course one person cannot look over all of this mail so it is parceled out among the farmers' wives, who, for the satisfaction of reading the letters, open them and trim the stamps for the little cripple.

Every one is getting mad about it. The much abused postmaster of a small fourth class office draws $250 a year and is obliged to handle 17,000 letters a day and hire an extra clerk. The mail carrier is mad because he has no room in his stage for passengers. The neighbors are mad because they consider the whole thing a piece of imposition. No medical institute wanted a million canceled stamps or thought of such a thing. The farmers are mad because they have to wait an hour or two for the distribution of the mail.

Charges Against County Officials.

Mr. T. F. Main, superintendent of Montevue hospital, Frederick, has made charges against three of the county commissioners, Messrs Frank House, Wm. M. Morrison, and James H. Delaughter, that they had accepted from him as a bribe, $100. each, to appoint on the board of charities, men who would be favorable to him as superintendent. The grand jury has found bills against these gentlemen, as well as against Main. Each of the three commissioners deny the charges emphatically, and have engaged counsel. Mr. Morrison is from Emmitsburg district, a farmer, and has always borne a good reputation. The news of the result of the work of the grand jury has spread quickly throughout the county, and caused much surprise, and the trials are looked forward to with much interest.

GENERAL NEWS.

Ida Florine Lederer, who sought to obtain $50,000 damages from the New York *Tribune* for publishing the story of her marriage with Lederer, was awarded a verdict of six cents.

Fire broke out in the seventh floor of the eight-story coffee works of Arbuckle Brothers, on the river front, at Jay and John Sts., Brooklyn, last Thursday causing a probable loss of $200,000, and throwing about 275 men and girls out of work.

A big deal has recently been made in California by which 19,000,000 gallons of wine have been contracted for. This greatly encourages vineyardists, who expect to sell this years product at 15 cents a gallon, which leaves them a very fair margin of profit.

The Pope has received from the president of the Transvaal Republic a diamond weighing 971 carats. The stone was found by an African chief in the mines at Jagersfontein and is the largest known. It is of a bluish white cast, and practically perfect, its only blemish being a tiny spot, which is invisible to the naked eye.

The defeat of Senator Dolph for re-election was regarded as good news by the members of the press gallery. The Oregon Senator was an avowed enemy of the Washington correspondent who refused to see in Mr. Dolph a great man. A few years ago Mr. Dolph as chairman of an investigating committee attempted to compel the correspondents to tell how they learned the secrets of executive sessions.

It is stated in the Chinese papers that the Japanese have placarded Pekin with notices that they will not interfere with the business of the place or any of the peaceable inhabitants; that they expect to be there shortly, and the people are not to be afraid that they will molest or annoy them in any way. They further offer a reward of 400 yen for any information that may lead to the detection of any person who shall have pulled down these placards. The Chinese officials, it is stated, are afraid to order the removal of the placards.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan who floated President Cleveland's late bond issue, is a man who emphatically means what he says. His wealth is estimated at $40,000,000, and it is said that he gives more in charity than any man in the United States. In his home life he is good-natured and agreeable, but when down town is brusque and reserved, as a means of defense, as he is a great mark for the interviewer and charity seeker, and it is said that he can freeze a bore quicker than any man in the city.

Governor Morton, of New York, celebrated Washington's birthday by signing the following bill. "It shall not be lawful to display the flag or emblem of any foreign country upon any state, county or municipal building; provided, however, that whenever a foreigner shall become the guest of the United States, the state or any city, upon public proclamation by the Governor or the Mayor of any such city, the flag of the country of which such public guest shall be a citizen may be displayed upon such public buildings.

Postmaster General Bissell has at last placed his long talked of resignation in the hands of the President, to take effect on the appointment of his successor. The rumors that there have been personal differences between him and the President, seem to be wholly without foundation, and the resignation is because the position is not an agreeable one to him, and his law practice more lucrative. A number of persons are spoken of for the position, among them, representative Wilson, of W. Va., and General Tracy, of New York. (The President on Thursday, sent to the Senate the name of Hon. W. L. Wilson for the appointment.)

The sensation of the week in the Senate was the charge made by Senator Gorman and supported by carefully prepared figures, showing that Secretary Carlisle's statement of the condition of the Treasury contained a blunder amounting to over $30,000,000, and that there would be a deficit at the end of the year of $60,000,000. Mr. Gorman was at his best, and his friends regard his speech as one of the ablest he has made in the Senate. He cannot be termed an orator, but he is theatrical and forcible, which makes him an attractive talker. He not only had a good audience to inspire him but he was talking for big stakes. There will soon be a campaign of vital interest to him in Maryland, and his speech to-day is regarded as the opening note. By displaying his solicitude about the condition of the Treasury, and showing that there is not sufficient revenue to meet the current expenses, he is justifying his course on the tariff.

There is at present a revolution for independence in progress in the island of Cuba.

The New York *World* says: "Whether or not the present movement for Cuban independence is of any serious importance, it is hardly doubtful that the island has a future apart from that of Spain. It is eminently fertile, its climate is delightful, it contains 10,000 square miles more than Ireland, it commands the Gulf of Mexico and it is in the route of the world's trade between Europe, South America and Asia. With such advantages, the growth of the two Americas, the interoceanic canal and other inevitable changes will make Cuba of far greater importance than the thoroughly effete country to which it is now a dependency. Spanish domination is extremely oppressive in Cuba. It has had imposed on its million and a half of people a debt of $180,000,000. Its expenditures are in excess of its income, and of its entire annual receipts of $25,000.000 a full fifth is expended in troops to keep it in subjection to Spain."