

THE LADIES' NUMBER.

ALL THE READING MATTER ON THE INSIDE OF THIS ISSUE, HAS BEEN WRITTEN BY THE LADIES OF TANEYTON, EXCEPT TWO READING ADS WHICH WE ARE COMPELLED TO INSERT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT.

This copy of the RECORD contains more reading matter than any heretofore issued and will no doubt prove to be the most interesting—at least it deserves to be. That our feminine friends can write, if they want to, is amply demonstrated, and it is a source of gratification to the editor to have this standing evidence of the fact. After this he will expect the ladies to show their interest in our paper, by contributing to its columns.—Ed.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

There are rumors of another cigar factory being opened in this place in the near future.

Telephone talk is now on tap; we are in for the kind which gives the most for the least money.

Is it possible that we will have several empty houses this spring? This is something new for our town.

Mr. Harry Harbaugh has been housed up with a gripe for over a week, but will soon be around again.

Mrs. Edward Crouse and Mrs. E. M. Crouse of Littlestown, visited the family of F. H. Elliot, on Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. Schell, of Baltimore, will officiate at both morning and evening services in the Lutheran church on Sunday.

Mr. Eli M. Dutera reports having caught a monster carp last week, which measured 23 inches, and weighed 5 pounds.

Mr. J. Hampton Taylor, the overseer at Trevanon, attended the funeral of Mr. Chas. McFadden in Philadelphia, on Wednesday.

Several communications for publication, have been received which have been omitted owing to the crowded condition of our columns.

Mr. John E. Davidson has purchased the interest of George H. Birnie in the Eclipse Cigar Company, and will be the sole proprietor after April 1st.

The Frederick Citizen has changed its name to *The Citizen*, for the reason that it is more modern. Call it by what ever name you will it is a very good county newspaper.

Our auctioneer, Mr. J. N. O. Smith, is rapidly coming to the front, as he is engaged for nearly every day in March. Jim has the "lip," there is no doubt about it, and he is using it all right.

In one of the old books described last week, was a copy of Perry Davis' almanac for 1860. It differs from the medical almanacs of to-day, from the fact that there is not the slightest sign of a joke in it.

The Lutheran church at Silver Run is nearing completion; the painters have commenced work, and the glass for the windows, and chairs for the auditorium have arrived. The dedication will be about the middle of May.

The ministers who are receiving complimentary copies of the RECORD are requested to send us the marriages and deaths at which they officiate. No other remuneration is expected, but this much we do expect.

It seems possible that there will not be the activity in building in this town this year, that we have been accustomed to for several years. Unless times get better the chances are that there will not be many great improvements.

Mr. George H. Birnie, the president of the Carroll County C. E. Union, is already making arrangements for the next anniversary, which will be held in this place some time in May, probably the 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Easter is coming, and the hens are preparing for the event by laying big eggs. Mr. David Sullivan reports one which measured 6 1/2 inches around the long way, and 4 1/2 the short way. They had better stick to the regulation size for a number of reasons.

The Delaware (Ohio) Gazette, published by Mr. Theodor, and edited by Jos. M. and T. D. Thomson of this place, issued a beautiful edition on the 27th, called the "Armory Souvenir." It is in honor of the new home of Co. K., 14th, Regt. O. N. G., and is a very handsome effort of press and printer.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Frederick & P. L. R. E. Co., was held at the office of the N. C. R. in Baltimore on last Friday and its present officers were re-elected. This is the road which passes through Taneytown, and which is leased to the Pennsylvania company; the old company however, must keep up an organization to keep alive its charter.

A reader at Waynesboro, sends the following: "A marriage took place here in the Methodist church on Friday last, the ceremony being performed by a well known in your vicinity; Miss Lillian Haines, third daughter of L. J. Haines, of Middleburg, to Mr. Charles E. Eyer, of Waynesboro. The groom is a professional base ball player, having been with the Cincinnati club last season, and will play in Pittsburg this year."

Our lively Harney correspondent seems to have a number of chips on his shoulder for some one to knock off. Some of his remarks are no doubt applicable to larger places than Harney. If we are allowed to furnish a little free advice, we should suggest that a good way to get the health of the editor to come around, would be to ask him; and good side-walks would come after incorporation. If the influential citizens will not take hold of these things, the only thing to do is to "pull up stakes" or "grin and bear it." Reform by simply "talking," is slow and unprofitable.

NOTES HERE AND THERE.

A revival, which was recently commenced at Walkersville, by Rev. C. W. Stinespring, has so far resulted in sixty conversions.

A fire occurred in the Harness store of Wm. D. McSherry in the Star and Sentinel building in Gettysburg on Saturday morning last. The fire was soon under control but not until nearly the whole stock was ruined. Loss, claimed \$6000, insurance \$4000. The building was slightly damaged, but fully insured.

An organization called the "Citizens League of Gettysburg" has been formed in Gettysburg for the purpose of "Educating the public mind on municipal and other public questions, and to labor for the highest efficiency attainable in the official life of the community, &c." The officials of the organization are municipal ministers.

The breaking of the ice on the Susquehanna on Sunday, again caused a great amount of damage at the unfortunately situated town of Port Deposit. Buildings were flooded to a depth from three to five feet, and a number of light frame buildings were washed away and broken to pieces. All the residents of the low portion of the town were compelled to leave their houses and seek safety on higher ground.

Clifton Park has been selected for the 1897 Exposition in Baltimore, because it possesses nearly all the advantages necessary for such a great show. The park contains over 200 acres and may be reached by both the B. & O. and Pennsylvania Railroads, and several street car lines. It is in the north eastern section and lies between Gay St., and Harford Ave., Washington Street extending strikes it at about the centre on the south.

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ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Mr. John Shriner meets with a Narrow Escape from Death.

The neighborhood of Otter Dale Mills on the Union Bridge road is very much excited over an affair which came very near a fatal termination on Wednesday morning of this week. It appears that some one in the vicinity has a deep seated hatred against young men by the name of John Shriner, who has been living with Mr. Thad. Starr, and that this feeling has existed for some time.

About four weeks ago a wheel and rubber blanket were removed from Shriner's buggy, which was left in the store of Mr. E. H. Elliot. He was a person, and a close search failed to discover their whereabouts. The barn has been watched more or less closely ever since, and on Friday night of last week Shriner and a son of Mr. Starr discovered that there was some one in the barn, whereupon the former who was armed with a double barreled shot gun proceeded toward the building, and saw some one make off with another buggy which he fired one shot at the retreating figure, and then the second shot just as the person was turning the corner of the building; the wheel was dropped, but, while the thief was likely hit, he made his escape.

Since that time a close watch had been kept on the building, but there was no further developments until Wednesday morning. About 9 a. m. young Shriner was in the barn throwing down hay for the horses, and while standing beside the trap door pushing the hay down into the entry below, he was suddenly and violently seized from behind by a man concealed on one of the barn floors and waiting for the opportunity, fired a shot from a revolver which passed through the crown of Shriner's hat, lifting it from his head, the ball striking a door and passing through.

Shriner was very much scared of course, and found himself down on the ground floor without knowing clearly how he got there. He proceeded at once to the house for reinforcements, but when search was made a few minutes later, the person of murderous intent had fled.

On Wednesday night a considerable number of watchers were around the buildings, which are fine ones and very extensive, and on Thursday a large number of men, including an officer from Union Bridge made a thorough examination of the premises with the result of finding the missing wheel hidden under the hay, as well as the rubber blanket. On the latter written in red pencil was the following: "If a shot on Shriner, I'll kill you, I'll kill you, if I have to take you out of bed." The writing is very legible and well executed, and was of course put there since the first shooting on last Friday night.

Shriner is very much troubled over the affair, as it perfectly natural, and has thought it best to leave Mr. Starr's employment. This is a case which should be fully investigated and the guilty party brought to justice. The outcome of the affair it is hoped will give a warning to other more serious consequences, and that while morally guilty of murder, the offender will not continue his expressed designs on Mr. Shriner's life.

The Telephone Question.

Mr. McC. Davidson has been having some correspondence with the Baltimore and Chesapeake Telephone Company in reference to the extension of its line to this place, and can give all interested persons some information on the subject. It appears that the Company is willing to come here, if the necessary poles can be placed sufficient to purchase the poles necessary to extend the wire from Uniontown, which would be in the neighborhood of \$250.

The Company would then build the line to this place, and establish an office in the town, and keep the line in repair and operating order thereafter. The cost of private instruments has not yet been spoken of. A certain percentage of the receipts of the office, would be allowed by the company for dividends, on subscriptions, and as remuneration for the person having charge of the office.

This project will be thoroughly investigated, and if a satisfactory contract with the company can be made, the plan is stated, there could be no trouble to raise so small an amount as \$250, particularly as it would likely be interest bearing, and would secure as well a much needed improvement for our town.

Mr. Hazitt representing the new County company was here during the week and secured a number of subscribers, and will in all probability secure more if the line is built.

The two companies are trying to locate here, the prospects seem bright for one line at least. This Chesapeake Telephone Company has a number of county connections, while the new company apparently rests its claim principally on superior county service, and a charge of \$18, per annum for a private instrument. This is the situation at present, but the recent Supreme court decision which affects telephone patents, may also have an effect on the question as it concerns us, and which may develop later on.

Against the Dug Hill Co.

The Court of Appeals by Judge McSherry has handed down a decision in the case of Schermer vs. Dug Hill Insurance Company, which reverses judgment and grants a new trial.

The tannery of the appellant was burned in 1882, and he made application to the company for insurance. This case was refused by the company, but had put in a steam engine, without the company's permission, about fifty feet from the tannery, but connected by a leather belt. The opinion says that forfeitures by mere implication are never honored by law, and if allowed must be because the direct terms of the agreement are violated, and the addition of the engine was not one of these conditions. The insurance policy provided for a forfeiture if engines were used with tanning machines. This was evidently to prevent their use near inflammable farm buildings. The opinion holds that there was a tacit agreement to the use of the engine by the insurance company learning of it and not taking the proper steps for vacating the policy.

Deaths' Victories.

HUBER.

John M. Huber, a prominent business man and citizen of Gettysburg, died on Sunday morning last, having been ill less than a week. Mr. Huber was a member of Co. C, Cole's Cavalry during the war, and under the administration of Hayes and Arthur was admitted to the office of internal revenue. His wife, who was Margaret Scott Swopes, formerly of Taneytown, and two sons survive him. He was in his 51st year.

BUFFINGTON.

Mr. James W. Buffington, once a resident of this place, and well known in this section of the county, died at his residence in Baltimore on Sunday morning last. He was a son of the late Levi Buffington, whose family has many connections in this county, and was at one time a clerk in the store of Mr. E. H. Elliot. He was a man of brilliant business qualifications and wide experience, and of late years had been engaged in the produce commission business at 1000 Hillen St., Baltimore. Interment was at Westminster on Wednesday morning.

McFADDEN.

Mr. Charles McFadden, a well known railroad contractor of Philadelphia, and the owner of Trevanon stock farm near this place, died on Monday evening at his home, No. 1711 Arc street, from a congested lung, after attending to business on Monday, and did not complain of feeling unwell until a short time before his death. He had eaten a hearty dinner, and shortly after was attacked with a cold, coughing, and died in a few hours. He was born in Liverpool, Perry county, Pa., on December 13th., 1830, and began railroad work when but 19 years of age. He commenced contracting in a small way, and built a number of short lines; later he built a large number of lines, principally in Pennsylvania, and at his death had built more miles of railroad than any man in the United States.

It will be remembered that while Mr. McFadden was building a road near Wilkesbarre, his paymaster was surprised and killed by Red Nosed Mike and his gang, and that he spent large sums of money, and never gave up the hunt until the murders were brought to justice.

He was a widow, and two sons and four daughters. His son John who is well known here, is engaged in the hardware business on Market St., Philadelphia. Mr. McFadden usually visited his Trevanon property every summer, on which is one of the finest residences in this county.

Christian Endeavor Anniversary at Union Mills.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Methodist church at Union Mills held anniversary services last Sunday morning and night, that were largely attended by persons from a distance, both in Carroll county and Adams county, Pa.

The morning exercises began at ten o'clock with prayer and praise services led by Miss Mollie D. Tagg, followed by an eloquent address of welcome by Mr. Geo. W. Yeiser, president of the Society, and a response on the motto "Forward" by Geo. H. Birnie, President of the County Union.

After that, the anniversary sermon—a very able and instructive address, was delivered by the Rev. A. N. Ward, of Western Maryland college.

At the evening service the History of the Society was given by W. Archer Birnie, president of the County Union. C. E. Pledge by Geo. H. Birnie. An open conference was then held, conducted by Mr. C. E. Dryden of Western Maryland college, in which the relation of the C. E. Society to the church was discussed, and the services were closed by a benediction being led by Mr. John Burgoon. The Union Mills society is only a year old, but they are enthusiastic and thoroughly in earnest and are exerting a strong influence for good in the neighborhood.

We would say once more, wake up! citizens, and show the public that you are not dead, but that you are a progressive people, and all go together and get things fixed up so that they will be respectable at least.

Some of our citizens think that it would be a wise act to have the health officer of this county pay us a visit, and certainly we are extremely anxious to have him here, if possible, because we know that there are quite a number of places that require his attention; in the first place our drainage is very imperfect, and all the refuse water from houses, and even barnyards, is run down into the streets and left standing there, which causes a very bad smell especially in warm weather; then there are stables, back buildings, and many other things that should be cleaned up, and the only way that we can see to have this done, is to have the health officer come and say to the parties interested, that it must be done, and we know of no other than the health officer to perform that part of the work.

Sometimes we are inclined to think that we are not doing all we can do, and nothing is done right. Well that is the simple truth, nothing is right, just simply because those who have the authority fail to discharge impartially the duties devolving upon them.

Now we feel safe in saying that if some of these gentlemen, who have so often invited will take the trouble to visit us they will find that we have a good clever set of citizens, who only ask for what we know is just and right.

Mr. Jacob Yealy and family moved to Baltimore this week; we are sorry to see Mr. Yealy leave, but we hope the change is for the better, and that Mr. Yealy may succeed in procuring a good position.

Mr. William Bachman and family moved to Hanover on last Tuesday. At this writing people are gathering up to attend Mr. J. L. Hesson's sale.

We are informed that Mr. Robert Wright will go with Mr. A. J. Lightner to Baltimore, to clerk in his store.

Miss Sallie Snider who has been spending several months with friends returned to this place on last Sunday, and it is supposed will reopen her millinery store for the spring trade.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

Westminster.

The town was in darkness last Saturday night, until about 10 o'clock, oil lamps were lighted; it was caused by the armature at the power house of the Electric Light Company being burnt out. It was repaired Sunday and light turned on at the usual hour Sunday evening.

Malachi Buckley, an old soldier died suddenly at the residence of Mr. Ephraim Grimes this city about eleven o'clock Monday. He had been boarding at Mr. John Leffert's restaurant. He was not feeling well and went to Mr. Grimes who was an old friend, and died shortly afterwards. He received a pension from the government and was trying to sign a voucher for the quarterly pension of about \$60, when he was stricken down. He was a native of Cork, Ireland, and was in his fifty-fourth year; he lost his right arm in the battle of Antietam, as far as known no relatives survive him, but he had a son who died some years ago. He had in his possession when he died, deeds for lots of ground in Brooklyn, N. Y., which he willed to Mr. Leffert with whom he boarded. He was not a member of the G. A. R.

His remains were inter