

## 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.

Misses Lorena Lefevre and A. Beulah Englar are visiting relatives in York Springs, Pa.

Our chapter on "War reminiscences" failed to arrive this week, consequently does not appear.

Miss M. Ellen Snyder and Mrs. Mary L. Motter, spent Monday and Tuesday of this week, in Frederick.

The Linwood Union Sunday school will hold its annual picnic in the grove at Wint's church, on Sept. 4.

Mr. Upton Birnie, of Philadelphia, is spending his customary summer vacation with relatives in this place.

Mr. Geo. F. Miller, who has been here on an extended visit, left for his home in Toledo, Ohio, on Sunday last.

Mr. T. Rudisell Yingling and friend Mr. G. Floom, of Tiffin, Ohio, are spending the week with Dr. Motter and family.

Mrs. L. D. Reid has returned home, after spending a week with her brother Mr. U. G. Heltbride of New Windsor.

Rev. Dr. Dunbar and son of Baltimore, Rev. Mr. Kuhlman of Frederick, Md., spent part of Tuesday with Dr. Motter.

Messrs George E. Koutz and H. E. Went, left on Wednesday for Niagara Falls, where they will spend some time in sight-seeing.

Geo. W. Clabaugh, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. Geo. W. Clabaugh, Sr., of Philadelphia, are among the late arrivals at "Antrim."

It is a rare occurrence, that four of our resident ministers will be absent from their pulpits on Sunday. The "old one," we presume, will be "in clover" for the time being.

The editor now has two big cabbage heads. Mrs. Wm. H. Hess having presented him with a second one, a "whopper," measuring 39 inches and weighing ten pounds.

Edward W. Fleagle, of Yonkers, N. Y., who has been visiting his mother at Mayberry, has returned to his home. His brother, Elmer will pay a week's visit to friends in this vicinity.

The removal of the postoffice to its new location was accomplished at a late hour last Saturday night, without a hitch. Those who assisted with the "moving" have the thanks of the incoming postmaster.

The construction of the waterworks will mean a great amount of unskilled labor. A clause was very properly inserted in the specifications requiring as much as possible of this kind of work to be done by our own people.

The bids for the construction of the waterworks will be opened at the public school house, on Wednesday, August 25th, at 12 o'clock noon. Up to this time about forty requests have been made for the printed specifications.

Messrs Koutz & Long are preparing the foundation for a new bakery, in connection with their sales room on Baltimore street. It will be quite an extensive and complete affair, rendering necessary to handle their large business.

On Sunday, August 23rd, Messrs. Mehring, wife and two daughters, were the guests of H. D. Mehring and wife. Also on Thursday, Samuel A. Mehring, wife and daughter Bertie and her friend, Sister Kristina, from the Deaconess Home, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Mehring.

There has been an unusual number of visitors in town and neighborhood this summer—whatever that may mean—leads to the thought that this may be a good season for summer boarders, as a business. The suggestion might be held in consideration for next season, by those in a position to act on it.

Another effort will be made on Wednesday night, Sept. 1st, in Shriener's Hall, to revive the old G. A. R. organization in this place. We know of no good reason why there should not be a strong Post here, if they are desired anywhere, as there are many eligible in the neighborhood. Let every old soldier attend this meeting, anyway, and talk the subject over.

The new school house at Harney is completed, and ready for acceptance by the School Board. Dr. William Reinhold, of this place, representing the Board, inspected the building this Friday afternoon. Harney needs street and sidewalk improvements, as badly as the new school house, and it also needs telephonic connections. With the requisite amount of property directed effort, both of these improvements may be secured before the end of the year.

The upward tendency in the price of wheat reached the long-for goal Thursday, and 400 bushels were sold at \$1 a bushel on the Baltimore Exchange. This is the highest amount that has been paid for wheat in the regular market since 1892, when it sold for a few weeks at rates ranging between \$1 and \$1.06. The circumstances attending the present rise in cereals are such as to begot confidence that they may go even higher. Wheat has come up somewhat rapidly to the dollar mark, and yet the movement is not wholly speculative.

## COUNTY AND STATE.

### Items of Interest Gleaned from many Sources.

Peter Monahan, the Baltimore wife murderer, was hanged on Friday last. He declined to make any public confession.

Mr. John E. Rinehart, of 39 Chestnut St., York, Pa., is sojourning at Cape Charles. He will be gone two months, during which he will visit many places of interest, including Old Point Comfort, Norfolk and Richmond, returning by way of Washington, D. C.

The large freight traffic on the Western Maryland Railroad has compelled the company to increase its facilities for handling the business in Hagerstown. The company will build a large transfer station at the junction of the Western Maryland and Norfolk and Western Railroads, in the southern suburbs. The building will be 140 feet long and 14 feet wide.

An effort is being made to pike the public road from Emmitsburg to the Pennsylvania line. The county will pay for crushing the stone, if the people living along the road will supply them free of charge. As this is usually a very bad road in the spring, the project should receive the cooperation of those who travel it. This same plan might well be adopted on other roads, both in Frederick and Carroll.

The old Westminster Presbyterian church, Fayette and Greene streets, Baltimore, is being repaired. This church possesses an attraction for strangers in the fact that in one corner of the cemetery which partly surrounds the church lie the remains of Edgar Allan Poe, the poet. The present edifice was erected about twenty years ago, the original structure, which was built in the early part of the century, having been destroyed by fire. Since that time the elements have made war upon the exterior of the church and made it less imposing in appearance.

Mr. Harry Lowman, of Baltimore, who is staying at the Buena Vista Spring Hotel, went gunning for snakes a couple days ago. He came across a blacksnake of the racer variety. The reptile offered battle. Mr. Lowman fired at it at close range, but missed it. The snake darted at him and he ran, pursued by the snake, which caught him as he tripped and fell, and began wrapping itself around his legs. Mr. Lowman's cries for help brought a woodchopper to his aid, who succeeded in killing it. The snake measured 6 feet and 7 inches long.

Something of a political sensation was sprung in Hagerstown on Wednesday by certain leaders of one of the factions of the republican party circulating a memorial addressed to President McKinley urging him to dismiss Judge Louis E. McComas, of the District of Columbia Court, from the bench on the grounds that he has been perniciously active in the politics of Maryland, and especially of Washington county, his home. The memorial was put into circulation and about seventy-five persons have signed it. The memorial is in the hands of leaders favorable to the Newton S. Cook faction and Senator George L. Wellington.

A project is on foot among a number of Baltimore capitalists to construct in the Blue Ridge Mountains a trolley road, connecting the various mountain resorts, including the Blue Mountain House, Buena Vista Springs, Rose Ridge Summit, High field, Monterey, Pen-Mar, High Rock, Mt. Quiraunk, and other points of interest in this popular locality. The project has so far extended that a preliminary survey has been made, and, if certain privileges can be secured from the road supervisors of Franklin county, Pa., for the construction of the road within the state of Pennsylvania for two miles and a half, work will be begun at once.

Chas. H. Myers, state labor statistician, says: "I apprehend no difficulty among the miners in Western Maryland. I interviewed many miners, and found that the general feeling was one of contentment. While sympathizing with their brother laborers in other states because the latter were not doing as well as their more favored brothers in Maryland, yet they feel it is not their battle. The next report of the labor bureau will contain a full, comprehensive and detailed statement of the coal industry of the state, and not merely the statistical figures. General prosperity exists among the Maryland miners, the coal shipments being the heaviest in the history of the region.

Intense interest was manifested on Thursday, in Baltimore, in the taking of testimony and the hearing of argument in the suit for an injunction brought by William T. Malster, Republican candidate for the Mayoralty nomination, against William P. Stone and other members of the committee favoring the nomination of Theodore Marburg. It is asked by Mr. Malster that Chairman Stone and the other members of the committee be restrained from holding the primaries in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the City Committee on August 13, and that they be compelled to follow those adopted at the meeting on June 3. The Malster people are satisfied with the latter resolutions, and claim that they give both candidates an equal chance; but they say that those adopted at the last meeting appointing committee of three to report upon the credentials of delegates would be unfair to them. The case was not concluded.

## OUR WATER SYSTEM.

### Extracts from the Specifications supplied by the Engineer.

The system will consist in the erection and building of a well and suitable pumping station on the bank of Piney Creek, about one half mile from town; the erection of a steel stand pipe 15x80 upon a suitable stone foundation, and the laying of about 9920 feet of pipe with the necessary valves, branches and fire hydrants; the work, when completed, to be in good working order, with the stand pipe full of water.

A bond of \$3000 is required from the contractor, and each bid must be accompanied with a certified check of \$350. Ten per cent of the contract price to be withheld for six months from the completion of the work as a guarantee that the contract has been faithfully kept, and that the contractor, shall, at his own expense, make any repairs that may be necessary on account of defective work. The proposals will be opened at noon on August 25th, and the accepted contract will call for the completion of the entire system, on or before the first day of December 1897.

The well is to be circular, 14 feet in diameter inside and 16 feet in depth below the low water surface of the creek. The wall will be two feet in thickness and to be carried to a height of 8 feet above the surface of the creek and covered with frame work. Should the well not gather a sufficient supply of water by filtration, it will be connected by an additional sand filter with the creek.

The pump to be a Gould Triplex Power Pump, or its equivalent, of a capacity of 150 gallons a minute at ordinary speed to an elevation of 200 feet through a four inch pipe 2200 feet long. The power to run the pump, to be a Gasoline Engine of twelve horse power, subject to the approval of the engineer. The pump house to be a brick building, with steel roof, 16x21x10 inside measure.

The stand pipe will rest on a foundation 17 feet in diameter at the top, 20 at bottom and 8 feet in depth, and to be of large stones free from flaws, and from an approved quarry. All the plates of the tank to be of soft steel having an ultimate tensile strength of 60,000 pounds per square inch. The building of it is fully provided for in detail, as well as all other work in connection with the system.

Taneytown District Candidates.

William Jesse Roberts, the republican nominee for Clerk of the Circuit Court, is a successful miller and farmer of this district, for a number of years past a resident of this place. He is a member of the Board of Town Commissioners, a Director of the Taneytown Savings Bank and a man of excellent business capacity and undoubted integrity. He has never held any political position, except being a member of the County Central Committee, but has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the party of his choice.

Dr. Clotworthy Birnie, one of the republican candidates for the legislature, needs no introduction to the people of this county, as he is generally known, either personally or by reputation. He has been for many years a successful medical practitioner in Taneytown, and in many ways has identified himself with affairs of general interest and importance. He is a gentleman of exceptional character and ability, and was a member of the last House of Delegates, serving in the important and laborious position of Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Daniel J. Hesson, of Harney, this district, democratic nominee for the legislature, belongs to the ranks of the younger democracy, and has heretofore held no political position other than postmaster of Harney, an office which he filled in a satisfactory manner. During the past eight years he was engaged in the general merchandise business, in which he was very energetic and successful, from which he retired early in this year. He is generally respected in this community for his many sterling qualities.

Church Notices.

There will be services in the Bethel at Uniontown on Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Title of sermon, "Our church." Sunday school at 9 a. m. Services in the evening at 8 p. m. Title of sermon "The Prodigal Daughter." The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Because of the absence of the pastor, who has gone to attend the Mt. Zion Camp, in Franklin Co. Pa., there will be no preaching services in the U. B. church of this place or Harney, next Sabbath.

Rev. Ferdinand Hesse, of New Oxford, Pa., will preach in the Lutheran church, Sunday morning and evening, in the absence of the pastor.

The Old Order German Baptists will hold their regular meeting at Bark Hill, Sunday, at 3 p. m., and at Beavertown at night. There will be speakers from a distance.

DIED.

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

McMASTER.—On the 17th, in Libermertown, Mr. Samuel McMaster, aged 75 years, 9 months and 9 days.

KISER.—On August 6th, near Copperville, Mrs. Annie Kiser, wife of William Kiser.

Dear mother thou hast left us, And we thy loss will feel; But God who knoweth all things best, Hath taken thee home to Heaven to rest.

By her Daughter

Husband and children why should you weep I am not dead, but only sleep; In Jesus, oh, how sweet! No sorrow, pain, nor death to meet.

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## A FARMERS' MEETING.

### First Event of the kind ever held in this District.

For the Record.

As previously announced in the RECORD, a farmers' meeting was held at Otter Dale last Saturday, in connection with the Sunday school picnic. The speakers arrived at Taneytown, on the morning train, where they were met by the entertainment committee. Mr. W. L. Amoss and Capt. Silvester went to W. K. Eckert's for dinner, and Prof. Robinson to H. T. Wantz's, after which, they made their appearance on the grounds about one o'clock.

The meeting was presided over by E. O. Garner, president of the Farmers club, who made a few brief remarks and then introduced Mr. Wm. L. Amoss, Director of Farmers Institutes, who gave a general outline of his work, and urged upon the farmers the importance of organization for their own benefit and success. Captain Silvester president of the Maryland Agricultural College was then introduced. He started out by congratulating the farmers of the surrounding country upon their goodly heritage, and also upon the presence of so many ladies, which always augurs the success of any enterprise. The president of the club also came in for his share of compliments, upon the good hits which he had made in the course of his remarks.

He said that he did not want us to think that he had been held up by the heels, and his head then lowered till he could kiss the blarney-stone, but that he meant every word that he said. He then urged upon the farmers the importance of organization and illustrated the disadvantages that a farmer labored under by working single handed, by comparing him to a man that is trying to rid his farm of noxious weeds, while his neighbors all around him are growing them in abundance. He said that the farmers were losing thousands of dollars by sowing fertilizers which they did not need, many of which were high priced, all because of want of knowledge of what their needs really are. He said that he would give \$2.50 per ton for many of the fertilizers on the market, for his own use, although they were very good when applied where they were needed.

He said that a farmer should take his son into his confidence, and make him a partner in his business, or at least allow him some compensation, and also make a plea for the wives and daughters, and warned the young ladies against marrying a cloth-dresser, that they should marry a real business farmer—one who understood his business. The Captain is an enthusiast, and says that he invests all his capital in land, but if he were deprived of the benefit which he derives from the various experiment stations, that he would sell every foot of his land. He also said that while at Mr. Eckert's that he examined his peach trees and found them infested with insect pests—a sample of which he took with him—and that they would be sorry for ever having gotten one of those trees. Prof. Johnson would soon be after them.

Prof. James Robinson, State Horticulturist of the Maryland Agricultural College, was the next and last speaker. He invited the attention of his audience from the very start, and held them spellbound for nearly an hour. His remarks were interspersed with humorous anecdotes, which served to illustrate the several points which he wished to bring out, very forcibly. He carried with him samples of fruit and foliage; the former infested with insects and the latter with a fungus growth. He told how to make spray mixtures that would exterminate all these pests—not only of fruits but also of vegetables. He also explained the difference between the several insect pests and their manner of feeding, and why a spray that would effectually kill one would not exterminate another. He showed very plainly that there was thousands of dollars lost by not studying the habits of insects, and understanding how to exterminate them. He illustrated the difference between knowing how to do a thing, and not knowing, by telling of a farmer who was complaining of his poor profits on tomatoes, which he, Robinson, bought him at 12 cents per bushel, and sold for 75 cents, and all because he knew where to sell them, and the other man did not.

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, Aug. 16th, 1897.—George A. Brown, guardian of Mary E. Brown, settled first and final account. Letters of administration on the estate of James A. Clary, deceased, were granted to Morgan G. Clary.

TUESDAY, August 17th, 1897.—Davis Myers and Charles T. Reifsnider, administrators of Daniel J. Geiman, deceased, settled first account.

Noah Yoost and Henry Hempling, executors of Valentine Yoost, deceased reported sale of real estate.

Danger in Telephoning.

During a thunderstorm one day last week, Miss Ella Alexander, living at Blairsville, Pa., picked up the receiver of a telephone and placed it to her ear to answer a call. Lightning struck the connecting wire, which was not provided with an arrester, and the current passed through her body, killing her instantly. Telephoning during a storm is very dangerous, and no attempt should be made either to receive or send a message at that time.

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## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

### County Ticket Nominated in Westminster, on Monday.

After the stormy contest at the primaries on Saturday, the convention on Monday was a conspicuous calm, and unexpectedly enthusiastic and harmonious. The main feature of the event was the withdrawal of Dr. Luther Kemp, of Uniontown, a candidate for Register of Wills, after having been victorious at the primaries this led to the unanimous selection of Joseph D. Brooks, for the position, who was the unsuccessful candidate for the clerkship nomination. This act was most magnanimous, and was responsible in a large measure for the harmony of the convention.

The convention was called to order by George E. Sharrer, secretary of the county central committee, the chairman, Dr. G. T. Motter, having been absent. Dr. Silas N. Gorsuch, of Woolerys district, was made temporary chairman, and Dr. Luther Kemp of Uniontown, temporary secretary.

The following ticket was nominated:

Clerk of the Circuit Court—Wm. Jesse Roberts, of Taneytown.

Register of Wills—Jos. D. Brooks, of Westminster.

Sheriff—E. D. Bowersox, of Westminster.

County Commissioner—Jesse Smith of Union Bridge.

County Treasurer—Alfred T. Buckingham.

Surveyor—Wm. A. Roop, of Westminster.

House of Delegates—Dr. C. Birnie, Taneytown; Chas. H. Smith, Mt. Airy; Alpheus Stansbury, Hampstead; Chas. W. Otto, New Windsor.

Delegates were elected to State convention, as follows: H. M. Clabaugh, Dr. J. J. Weaver, Lewis E. Shriver, Alfred T. Buckingham, Chas. W. Melville, C. J. H. Ganter, Wm. H. Baer, Jr., Chas. M. Murray, A. B. Frizzell, W. W. Swiegar, Jos. A. Stouffer, C. Harry Stein, Walter R. Rudy.

Members of the State central committee were elected as follows: Harry M. Clabaugh, Wm. Y. Frizzell, W. W. Swiegar, L. H. Knox, Jas. S. Baer.

Resolutions adopted declare that the administration of President McKinley has inspired the people with confidence in his wisdom and patriotism. They also declare "that the republican party of Maryland has been true to the pledges made in the campaign of 1895, and we point to the election law which has redeemed the plain from the ignominy of a polluted ballot-box to the assessment law, which has in a large measure equalized the burdens of taxation; to the school book law, which has conferred a great boon and blessing upon the children of the State; and to the other measures adopted by republican influence, as incontrovertible evidence that the party has been true to its pledges in every particular, and has fully merited the confidence reposed in its integrity by the voters of the State. Its fidelity to past pledges is the surest guarantee of its future devotion to the best interests of all the people.

The county central committee met after the convention adjourned, and organized by electing Geo. E. Sharrer chairman and Dr. George E. Baughman secretary and treasurer.

No Place for the Hungry.

One day last week, three gentlemen from the neighborhood of Keysville, passed through Uniontown on their way home from Westminster where they had been on a business trip. Not thinking of procuring something to eat in the latter place, until outside of the town, they concluded not to return, but to satisfy the inner man, at Uniontown, not having an idea that they would be compelled to continue their fast beyond that point. Their surprise can be imagined, when, in inquiry at four stores for eatables, the result was—five lemon crackers. They say, with considerable good humor, that it is a "true bill"—that all well-to-do in the town were these five lemon crackers. We feel sure that they missed the right place; Uniontown is not a good place for the thirsty, but the hungry can likely be supplied at all times.

Mr. Wadlow Declines.

It is currently reported that J. Oliver Wadlow, democratic nominee for register of wills, has written a letter to chairman B. F. Crouse declining to serve as a candidate. The reason assigned is ill health. Mr. Wadlow was considered a very strong candidate, and much regret is expressed at his withdrawal. Geo. M. Parke, the present incumbent, Hugo Fiddis, Edward O. Want and David P. Snelser are spoken of for the place.

A Family Reunion.

(For the Record.)

A family reunion was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, on Sunday, a dinner being given for the family. About 11 o'clock the guests began to arrive, and when all were present, we were invited to the dining room where a table groined the connecting wire, which was not provided with an arrester, and the current passed through her body, killing her instantly. Telephoning during a storm is very dangerous, and no attempt should be made either to receive or send a message at that time.

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## Correspondence.

All communications for the Record must be signed by the writer's own name, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence that the matters and facts transmitted are accurate and correct. Items of a miscellaneous character are not wanted.

The Record reserves the right to publish, either all, or a portion of, communications received, and is not to be understood as endorsing the opinions of others thus published. Articles on timely topics, whether of a purely news character or not, are always desired.

Harney.

The union Sunday school picnic held in this place on last Saturday, was largely attended, the crowd being estimated at from 1000 to 1500, and it resulted in a grand financial success for both schools, as well as an enjoyable time for all who attended.

Miss Dora Good, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents in this place.

Mr. Benjamin Sterner and family, of Scotland, Pa., are visiting friends in this place. Mr. Sterner holds a position at the Soldier's Orphan Home, and says the institution is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. Henry M. Null is having a new cistern dug on his property.

Mr. Wm. F. Null has purchased the house and lot on the west side of the Lutheran church, from Mr. D. D. Hesson, for \$350.

Mr. T. J. Hess has purchased from the heirs of James Reaver, deceased, the lot adjoining his property.

Mr. Frank Shroyok, our popular threshier, seems to be taking the lead in this community. Frank has a good machine and a good set of hands, and does good work. Unfortunately while he was going from this place to Mr. Logan's, on Wednesday evening, he broke one of the big master wheels of his engine, so that he meant work all night and by the next morning, he had the wheel refilled, and everything ready for operation.

York Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Frey and daughter, Miss Mary, of McCall's Ferry, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Swiegar.

Master Oscar Lynn, of Baltimore, is spending some time with Master Willie Cover.

Mrs. Lizzie Moore and daughter, Miss Lizzie, of Altoona, Pa., are spending the week with Mrs. C. H. Ilgenfritz.

Mr. Harry Reinhold, wife and son of Baltimore, and Miss Nannie Reinhold, of Smithsburg, are visiting their father, Mr. C. F. Reinhold, our druggist.

Mr. W. W. Swiegar was in Westminster on Monday, on business.

Master Frey Swiegar, who had sealed himself up by upsetting a cup of boiling water over himself, is able to be about again.

Mr. George Koons is suffering from a severe attack of a gripple.

Mr. Wilbur Myers, son of Mr. Joseph Myers, of this place, is lying critically ill at this writing, with that dreaded disease, typhoid fever. Dr. Watt, of Union Bridge, is the attending physician.

Master Ambrose Gooding, who was visiting his aunt, Mrs. C. H. Ilgenfritz, returned to his home in York, Pa.

The combination Sunday school picnic, held by the Middleburg and Bruceville schools, did not prove as successful as was thought, owing to so many picnics being on that day, nearby. They had excellent music, furnished by the D. P. Creek band.

Bark Hill.

We wish to beg pardon of the Bark Hill Sunday school, and the Village Camp meeting committees for an error in dates, made in last week's items. The correct dates are, the 1st, instead of the 28th, for the Sunday school picnic, and the Village Camp is in progress, and will continue until after the 29th.

Mr. Grant Shoemaker, wife and son, visited relatives, and attended a very enjoyable picnic, at Berret, last Saturday. They set out for home early in the afternoon of Sunday, but were overtaken by the heavy thunder storms, and so endangered and delayed by the high waters, that they were obliged to ask hospitality of strangers, until the next morning. They were kindly cared for by an aged couple, who gave them shelter from the dangerous and pelting storm, which soothed their shattered nerves into calm and broken rest. Next day, they arrived home safe, greatly praising the hospitality of Southern Carroll.

Miss Mary Fry and mother, of Bon View, Pa., were the guests of Mrs. John D. Myers, at Park Dale.

Mrs. Myers has recovered from her illness, we are glad to say, and is able to be about.

Mr. W. Rodkey and wife, Mrs. G. W. Seilhamer, Mr. O. Fleagle and family, of Uniontown, were callers, this week, at "Spraggy Maples."

There will be services, on Sunday morning, the 22nd., in the Bark Hill church, by Rev. Bowersox, pastor of the church.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., the "old order" of German Baptists, will have meeting, in the same church.

Gathering and selling peaches seems to be the leading industry, in this village, at present.

Quite a little band of boys and girls from here, attend the Temperance Class, every Saturday afternoon, which has been formed, and is conducted by Mrs. Granville Haines, at her splendid home, near Union Bridge. It's a grand and noble work, the efforts of a generous, intelligent, influential and Christian lady. We hope her labors will be crowned with success, and her reward greater than earthly gifts.

## Uniontown.

Mr. Willie Perry, who is a student of Pharmacy in Baltimore, spent a few days recently with his sister, Mrs. John E. Heck.

Mr. Kenley Routsom, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. Geo. Routsom.

Mrs. Nevia Hiteshew, daughter Beatrice, and Miss Lulu Eckard spent part of the week with Mrs. Thomas Fritz, near town.

Miss Florence E. Weaver is at Atlantic City.

Mr. Newton Gilbert, of Annapolis, Md., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gilbert.

Miss Lydia Valiant, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Annie Baust, at Woodside.











# JAPAN'S FRIENDLY TONE.

Arbitration Negotiations regarded as Preceding trouble with the United States.

Washington, Aug. 18.—There are no developments in the Hawaiian-Japanese canting, and no reply has been received to secretary Sherman's last communication. The press opinion of Japan has become much more conciliatory, and the arbitration negotiations between Japan and Hawaii are regarded as disposing of the chances of trouble between the United States and Japan.

The Japan Mail says that the minister of war Naniwa was not dispatched to Honolulu for the purpose of making an armed demonstration, but simply to secure the orderly behavior of Japanese subjects in Hawaii. It adds that Japan is to be congratulated that arbitration, the only civilized exit from an international difficulty, has been selected as a means of settling a mere question of compensation.

As to Mr. Sherman's dispatch to the British government on the seal question, the Japan papers point out that the interest of the United States, Japan and Russia are alike in protecting the fur seals and sea otters. The Japan Mail adds:

"At all events, Japan has to be consulted, and in view of recent events some Tokyo journals think she may not show any strong inclination to entertain proposals coming from the McKinley government. We should be surprised if such forecasts were warranted by events. Japan is in the preservation of the seals and otters, and the discussion of measures to that end ought to be quite independent of irrelevant matters like the Dingy tariff bill and the annexation of Hawaii."

'Cycling Proverbs.

A bicycle can do almost anything save climb a tree.

A drop of oil in time may save many a gallon of perspiration.

It is a wise cyclist that shows his master an extraordinary day's run.

It cannot be said of a bicycle rider that he begins in the way he should go.

As the handle bar is bent, so shall the spinal column of the rider be inclined.

A soft answer turneth away wrath, but a soft tire fillets a man with evil thoughts.

The rider who pursueth his way with his head bowed runneth to his own destruction.

As the spoke is bent so shall the path of the bicycle deviate from the straight and narrow way.

The oil cup that goes too long uncovered will become possessed of as much grit as the rider of the bicycle thereafter.

Railroads Report Better Business.

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—A high official of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company says that business is showing a material increase, and that the company is taxed to its utmost to furnish the cars. Origin to the heavy grain movement which is now coming East, there is a great demand for box cars.

While there is not a car famine, there is a scarcity of cars, and these that have been practically in storage are now being utilized. The greatest demand is for box cars and for coal cars. Most of the box cars are being used for carrying grain. This business is eastbound, but the cars are being returned fully loaded with general merchandise.

The railroad officials say that, to all appearances, a general boom has set in, and the companies are being taxed to move their new business.

The Reading Company also reports better business, not only in its freight, but in passenger as well. This company is doing an immense business in anthracite coal trade, as well as securing a large amount of grain, which is being loaded on vessels at Port Richmond. It is stated that rates are being better maintained, and that there is no inclination on the part of the lines that are members of the Joint Traffic Association to cut rates.

The Man and the Tub.

One of the most ridiculous situations which at the time bring the coldest sweat out on a man's brow, and ever after remain with him as a constant source of merriment, occurred to a Shelton merchant a few days ago. He thought he would take a bath, and as his flat is minus one of the chief requisites for the job—a bathtub—he extemporized one out of a small wash-tub and enjoyed a cooling ablution.

He had just concluded and stepped from the tub for a towel, when suddenly the top hoop of the tub burst with a sharp report, and the man saw to his horror that the whole contents of the tub would soon be flooding the floor. At the same moment he thought of the store beneath and the amount of damage the water would do as it ran down through the ceiling. He is a man of quick thought, and in a moment he did the only thing possible, threw himself down beside the tub and, clasping his arms around it, held the already fast swelling staves together. He was successful in keeping the water in, but what a situation! He dared not yell, for he was hardly in a condition to receive callers, especially as he knew that all in the block at the time were of the gentler sex, and he realized at once that the only thing left for him was to stay in that position until the return of his wife, who was out on a shopping expedition.

Like the boy who saved Holland, he manfully remained in his most uncomfortable position until relief in the shape of his wife appeared. Then to cap the climax when he asked her to get a rope or any old thing to tie about the tubs, she, after a long fit of uncontrollable laughter, asked him why he didn't carry the tub and its contents out to the sinkroom and pour out the water. With a look that froze the smile on her face, he did as she said, and without a word donned his clothing and wandered out into the cold, unfeeling world, a crushed and humiliated man.

A Remarkable Cure of Chronic Diarrhea.

In 1893, when I served my country as a private in Company A, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteers, I contracted chronic diarrhea. It has given me a great deal of trouble even since. I have tried a dozen different medicines and several prominent doctors without any permanent relief. Not long ago a friend sent me a sample bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after that I bought and took a 50-cent bottle, and now I can say that I am entirely cured. I cannot be too thankful enough to you for this great Remedy, and recommend it to all suffering veterans. If in doubt write me. Yours gratefully, HENRY STANLEY, JR., Altoona, Pa. Sold by R. S. McKinney, Druggist, Taneytown, Md.

# RARE OLD COINS.

A Bright Cent of 1799 is Worth One Hundred Dollars.

"Some pennies are worth a good deal of money," said a dealer in coins the other day to a Brooklyn Eagle reporter. "If you come across an old collection of copper cents in an out-of-the-way corner, you will do well to examine their dates carefully. From the point of view of the numismatist, value depends largely upon their condition. For example, a cent of 1799, in a fair state of preservation, we pay \$5, but for a specimen of the same issue in first-rate condition we would pay from \$10 to \$35, and for a perfect cent of 1799—that is, as bright and sharp as the day it was coined—we will pay \$100. "Do not attempt to clean coins that are in fine condition. They should be held only by the edges in handling them and ought to be kept wrapped carefully in chamois skin or soft tissue paper or laid on velvet. Gold and silver coins may be rinsed, not washed, in hot water and soap. Copper coins should be placed in sweet oil only to remove grease and dirt. Acids and scouring will ruin any coin of worth. Age does not necessarily make value in coins. The old Spanish silver pieces current in this country from 1700 to 1800 are worth no more than their face value and the same is the case with cents of 1793, 1802 and 1803, as well as with half dollars of dates between 1805 and 1835.

"Coins are classed according to their state of preservation, as 'proof,' 'unrefined,' 'fine,' 'good,' 'fair' and 'poor.' Proof coins are those which have been made for collectors by the mint regularly during the last forty years. They are rendered brilliant by burnishing. Unrefined coins are those which have been laid away carefully since the time when they were minted, so that they have the original mint luster and are as sharp as when coined. Fine coins have the hair, eyes and letters bold and sharp and not worn off or corroded. Good coins are those in which the hair and eyes show up well, the date and all the letters perfectly plain. What would be considered 'fine' for a cent, however, would only be 'good' in a gold coin. Fair coins have the date distinct, but hair and letters somewhat worn. Poor coins are those which have the date indistinct, or the surface badly corroded, or which have been pitted or battered."

Pleasant Valley.

The Sabbath school picnic, which was held on Saturday last, was quite a success. About 1300 people were present. Revs. Ehrhart and McAllister delivered addresses which were much appreciated, and the Linwood Band furnished the music for the occasion.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore, has appointed our physician, Dr. C. M. Brown, a member of an advisory committee for the state of Maryland.

Ralph, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Starnes, of near this place, is sick with scarlet rash, but is somewhat improved.

Miss Bertha Hahn, of Baltimore, is visiting in our town, at present.

Mrs. Clarence Orndorff, of this place, and sister Miss Grace Friss, of Westminster, made a trip to New Windsor, on Wednesday.

A great deal of cider was made during the past week.

There will be no preaching at this place to-morrow (Sunday), as Rev. Ehrhart will be absent; there will be Sunday School at 9 a. m., and the C. E. prayer-meeting will take place after Sunday school, instead of in the evening.

From Sire to Son.

As a Family Medicine Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves passes from sire to son as a legacy. If you have Kidney, Liver or Blood disorder do not delay, but get a free sample package of this remedy at once. If you have Indigestion, Constipation, Headache, Rheumatism, etc., this grand specific will cure you. R. S. McKinney, the leading druggist, is sole agent, and distributes samples free to the afflicted. Large packages 25c. and 50c.

Too Valuable for Him.

A country merchant not a thousand miles from Wilmore, visited the city a few days ago and purchased from a dollar store a table castor, which he took home with him, and after putting a tag on it marked \$14, made a present of it to a certain preacher, whose church his family attended. The reverend gentleman took the package home, opened it and examined its contents. The next day he took the castor with the tag attached, back to the groceryman, saying, "I am too poor in this world of goods to afford to display so valuable a castor on my table, and if you have no objections, I would like to return it and take \$14 worth of groceries instead." The preacher got the groceries. —Ez.

"They don't make much fuss about it. We are speaking of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, and all stomach and liver troubles. They never gripe." J. McKellip, druggist, Taneytown, Md.

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The August report of the government gives 86.7 per cent. as the average condition of spring wheat, pointing to about 180,000,000 bushels as the indicated yield, on the basis of official data. The previous information concerning winter wheat suggested about 285,000,000 bushels. These quantities make a total of 465,000,000 bushels as the apparent indication of the official data. This would mean about 40,000,000 bushels in excess of the production last year, a comparison which is decidedly at variance with the prevailing view of traders and careful observers.

# FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

TOMMY'S PUNISHMENT.

He Refused the Smaller Piece of Pie and Now He Is Very Sorry.

Little Johnny Gumm has the blues and bites his thumb. So says Nellie Lee to her brother Tommy, who, as you see here, tots, is, and all, too, because Nellie had a bigger piece of pie than he did when a few minutes ago they were both called into the kitchen and Sarah, the cook, did not happen to cut the two pieces of mince pie just in the middle. At first

Tommy would not look at his piece or take it from Sarah. Then that made cook angry, and she called down Tommy's mamma. Mrs. Lee said when she heard the story from Sarah, "Well, Sarah, you put back the piece of pie that was going to be Tommy's until such time as he is hungry enough to come to you and ask you for it." Now the little fellow is sorry that he did not take the piece given him, and I have no doubt that in ten minutes from now he will be in the kitchen asking for it. Still it is most bad for Nellie to make fun of him. Don't you think so?—Ellen Ring in Bonquet.

A Bird's Friendship For a Boy.

It is a rare occurrence for animals in a wild state to select man for a companion and friend, yet well authenticated instances when this has been done are a matter of record. The following instance is vouched for by my correspondent, a young woman who is a close and accurate observer. Last week my brother (a lad of 12) killed a snake which was just in the act of robbing a song sparrow's nest. Ever since then the male sparrow has shown his gratitude to George in a truly wonderful manner. When he goes into the garden, the sparrow will fly to him, sometimes alighting on his head, at other times on his shoulders, all the while pouring out a tumultuous song of praise and gratitude. It will accompany him about the garden, never leaving him until he reaches the garden gate. George, as you know, is a quiet boy, who loves animals, and this may account in a degree for the sparrow's strange actions."

I am perfectly convinced that the nesting birds on my place know me, and that they remember me from one nesting time to another. I have repeatedly approached my face to within a foot of sitting birds without alarming them. On one occasion I even placed my hand on a sitting cardinal, which merely fluttered from beneath it without evincing further alarm, yet no wild bird has ever evinced toward myself any special degree of friendship. When I was a lad, I remember that a certain decrepit old drake would follow me like a dog, and he appeared to enjoy himself in my society. I could not appreciate his friendship then, and greatly fear that I was at times rather cruel to the old fellow.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Man's Speech to Brutes.

The story of the farmer in the "Arabian Nights" who could understand the language of the animals and fowls in his barnyard probably had its origin in the ancient myth which asserted that in primitive times men and beasts were able to converse together. In truth, as everybody knows, there are certain sounds or words which horses, dogs and other animals can be taught to understand, and on the other hand, some of the sounds uttered by domestic animals have a meaning which man can understand. Of course all this is quite a different thing from language, and yet it has attracted scientific interest. Recently Dr. H. C. Bolton has discussed "the language used in talking to domestic animals." He shows how we unconsciously attempt to lower our language by abbreviations, etc., to the comprehension of brutes, very much as when we talk to young children. A curious fact is that the peculiar "click" and "chirp" used to start and to hasten the movements of horses are employed in very widely separated parts of the world, but sometimes in a reversed sense. In India, for instance, these sounds are used to stop instead of to start horses.—Youth's Companion.

To the Man in the Moon.

I wonder what you do in the night when every one's gone to bed? It must be very lonesome indeed. To stay there alone o'erhead.

Don't you ever wish you could come down with us little girls and boys? It must be so still up there in the sky, with no one to make a noise.

Perhaps you sometimes talk with the owl. They say he's about at night. I know I'd be frightened if I were you. To stay out alone all night.

You must be so tired when daylight comes. But where do you go for rest? Perhaps you lie on a soft, white cloud. 'T would make such a cozy nest!

Sometimes you are gone for many a night. I miss you indeed I do. But of course the Chinese children want to see you just for face too.

—F. Armitage in Primary Education.

For Earache.

Those who have suffered from earache may be glad to learn a few simple and safe remedies. Where the pain is caused by a sudden cold, steam will generally effect a cure. To do this, make a strong infusion of catnip or hops and catnip mixed. While this is steeping have small stones heating in the fire. Place the patient in a chair, throwing a heavy shawl or blanket over the head and letting it fall around the person. Let him hold the basin of hot catnip, into which drop one of the hot stones. The basin should be held as near the ear as possible and the shawl securely fastened so the steam will be kept inside. As fast as it cools drop another hot stone in the basin until relief is obtained. Care should be taken afterward about keeping the head protected. Hot gridclikes will often cure obstinate cases. Stir the cakes up with wheat flour, using considerable grease to fry them. Bind a hot cake over the ear and renew as often as it cools.

One old lady declares there is nothing so sure as salt. Just pour salt right into the ear, put in a piece of cotton and bind a bandage around the head to hold the cotton in.—Horsekeeper.

Senator Gorman is said to be noticeably more reticent in political matters than formerly, as he but seldom allows himself to be drawn into a discussion which leads to an opinion from him. As yet, he has said nothing on the Senatorship question, consequently his plans are unknown.

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