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Local and Personal.

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

Your sale dates—we want them—don't forget it.

There appears to be work in this town for the State Fire Marshal.

John J. Crapster and family moved into their town house on Thursday

Mrs. H. D. Mehring, who has been quite ill, at her son William's, is reported to be improving.

McC. Davidson, of Hanover, has been awarded the contract for heating the new bank building.

Next week will be a busy one, but our correspondents must not omit sending the news for our Christmas issue.

All new subscriptions received during this month will expire January 1, 1900. The balance of this year is given free.

Don't put off buying christmas goods until the day before Christmas. Avoid the rush and broken stocks of the last day or so.

Wagons hauling ice—not ice wagons—are making good use of the highways now. The quality of the ice could not be better.

Mr. Jonas F. Harner and bride stopped with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas S. Harner, a few days last week, while on their way to Hagerstown.

An effort will be made, at Keysville, on Friday night the 23rd., to organize a Camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. The meeting will be held at J. E. Sharrer's store.

Matthew Galt returned home from M. A. C., for the Christmas vacation, on Monday evening. The school was closed, on account of an outbreak of diphtheria, about a week earlier than usual.

Christmas will be observed by the Reformed Sunday school with a service on Christmas morning, the exercises at which will consist of several addresses, etc. The annual treat will be distributed at the same time.

The gipseys, encamped at Otter Dale, did a rushing business, last Sunday, in the fortune telling line. The money so spent would have produced equally valuable returns if dropped in a bottemless rat hole,

According to newspaper reports, six Companies of the 17th. U. S. Infantry have been ordered to Manila. Harry L. Baumgardner belongs to this Regiment, but we have not learned whether his Company is one of the number that is to go.

The Harney Cornet Band has elected the following officers for a term of one year. President, Morris Bishop; vice president, Clarence Ohler; secretary, George Black; treasurer, George Ott; janitor, C. W. Hess; leader, W. F. Null.

Harry B. Stouffer, son of William Stouffer, of this district, and Miss Alverta Reigle, daughter of Daniel Reigle, were quietly married at the Reformed parsonage, Tuesday evening, by Rev. A. D. Bateman. The event was quite a surprise to the friends of the couple.

A black snake was killed on Samuel Ocker's place, this district, several days ago, which measured nearly six feet in length. Another one, nearly as long, was killed about ten days ago, near Otter Dale. It is unusual for these fellows to be out of their natural abiding place at this season of the year.

A lamp, which is kept burning all night in Geo. H. Birnie & Co's banking house, exploded some time during last Sunday night. The accident was not discovered until the opening of the bank, Monday morning. No damage was done, which apparently indicates that the lamp had burned empty of oil.

The Lutheran Sunday School will hold its Christmas entertainment, on Christmas eve, in the new Opera house. The cantata, "Santa's Decision," will be rendered by the school, and the event promises to be one of unusual interest. A small admission fee will be charged those not members of the school.

On your paper, is a label,
On this label, there's a date;
And this date—if you are able—
Should be changed from old, to late.

If it's back, or up to seven,
Let us change it now to eight—
Unless, a nine you'd rather have on,
Don't be backward, so to state.

Carroll Conclave, No. 333, I. O. H., elected the following officers for the year 1899; archon, Henry Meier; provost, N. B. Hagan; secretary, W. E. Burke; treasurer, Henry Galt; financier, J. S. Fink; prelate, Rev. A. Bateman; inspector, Wm. Erb; warder, Samuel J. Renner; sentinel, S. D. Renner; trustees, E. F. Smith, S. A. Brown and Wm. H. Flickinger.

Church Notices.

The preaching in Harney U. B. church next Sabbath will be in the morning at 10 o'clock, and in Taneytown Messiah U. B. church in the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Subject, "The Gospel Jubilee." All are invited.
J. O. CLIPPINGER, Pastor.

Services in Reindollars Hall, Taneytown, on this Sunday, Dec. 18th., at 2.30 o'clock, p. m., by G. W. Bowersox. All are cordially invited.

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

COUNTY AND STATE.

News Notes of General Interest from Various Sources.

Thermometers registered from 8° to 10°, according to location, on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Daniel Miller, well known in the dry goods business, in Baltimore, died, on Tuesday, after a brief illness, aged 49 years.

The Sabbath school of the Church of God, at Mayberry, will hold their Christmas entertainment on Monday night, December 26th., 1898.

Jacob Schaeffer, aged eighty-seven years, died at his home, near Pleasant Valley, on Monday night. He was a member of the German Baptist church and leaves a widow, but no children.

Judge McComas, Senator-elect, will tender his resignation as United States district judge just before the next Congress convenes. It is generally understood that the President will appoint Attorney-General Clabaugh to the position.

The "Shut-in-Friend," published at Melrose, Md., issues a neat little Pansy calendar, for which it asks the modest sum of eight cents, including three months subscription to the paper. As this is one of the methods of helping Shut-in-Mission work, the offer deserves support.

General Calixto Garcia, the great Cuban patriot, died in Washington, D. C., on Sunday last. His remains were interred in Arlington cemetery, on Wednesday, with imposing ceremonies, where they will remain temporarily, pending their removal to Cuba. Funeral services were held in St. Patrick's Catholic church.

The Governor has appointed Mrs. Edward A. Robinson, of Baltimore, one of the managers of the Female House of Refuge, vice Mrs. Ritchie, deceased. He has also appointed Cyrus F. Flook to be notary public at Frederick; also, George A. Davis as justice of the peace of the Second district of Carroll county, vice J. Kolb, deceased.

The question of the eligibility of Judge Louis E. McComas to a seat in the United States Senate as a Senator from Maryland has again been raised by the publication in a Washington newspaper of a long article alleging that Judge McComas, in accepting a seat on the bench of the District of Columbia, lost his residence in Maryland. This argument is generally ridiculed.

David J. Leister, a well-known farmer of this county, died at his home, between Brummel and Snydersburg, Wednesday morning, of peritonitis, aged about forty-five years. He leaves a widow and several small children. He was a brother of Messrs George A. and John H. Leister, well-known citizens of Manchester district; Mrs. Dallas Albaugh, near Hampstead, and Mrs. Jacob Brehm, Jr., of Carrollton. He was a son of the late Isaiah Leister.

A large log barn on the farm owned by Mr. Samuel Brandenburg and tenanted by his son, near Johnsville, Frederick county, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday night, together with a quantity of grain, a number of farming implements and several pigs. The fire was discovered in time to get out some machinery and all the live stock except the pigs. The loss is about $500. This was the fire seen by many, in this district, between nine and ten o'clock, Sunday night.

Charles W. Miller, of Chicago, won a six days bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York, which closed Saturday night. He made 2007 miles, breaking all previous records. Frank Waller, of Boston, was second, having made 22 miles less. The winner, who was publicly married, in the afternoon of Saturday, received a prize of $1700., while Waller received $1000, as second prize. It is said that Miller will receive, in all, about $7000, for his winning.

Quite a sensation has been created over the recent dictum of Judge Stake, of Washington county, to the effect that the playing of progressive euchre for prizes probably comes within the law against gambling. Justice John P. Briscoe, of the Maryland Court of Appeals, regards the utterances of Judge Stake as a joke, and gives it as his opinion that the Maryland statute against gambling does not include playing a game of euchre for trophies.

A beat is said to be "working" the citizens of the western counties of this state. He claims to be employed by a city department store that wants to hire women to make artificial flowers, and after they learn that art they are to be given steady work at good pay, and an agent is to come around and collect the flowers. He collects $1.50 to help pay for the "moulds" and instructions that will be furnished by a lady who is to call on you in a few days—If he gets your $1.50 that's the last of it.

President R. W. Silvester, of the Maryland Agricultural College, closed the institution Sunday afternoon until after the Christmas holidays on account of the presence of diphtheria. Mr. Earle Harrison, the president's secretary, is suffering from the disease, and has been removed to a room in the gymnasium as a precaution against the spread of the malady. The college would have closed for the holidays on Wednesday, December 21, and Captain Silvester deemed it wise to eliminate any possibility of the disease spreading among the cadets by ordering the immediate closing of the school.

STILL ANOTHER FIRE.

Two Threshing Machines burned Early Thursday Morning.

About 1 o'clock Thurday morning, the shed in which Charles H. Crebs kept his two threshers, located on the alley east of "Bunker Hill," was discovered, by Mrs. Elizabeth Reindollar, to be on fire. She promptly gave the alarm, and that section of the town was soon awake to the fact that there was work for the Fire Department; and the ringing of the public school bell spread the alarm pretty generally, though a considerable number of citizens were unaware of the fire until morning.

The Fire Company responded promptly, and with the assistance of willing citizens, the loss was confined to the shed and contents—a grain separator, rye thresher and belting. Although there were other frame buildings, almost against the one burned, there was no further loss, and again has the efficiency of our Fire apparatus and organization been demonstrated.

The fire was clearly of incendiary origin. The separator is a complete wreck, nothing remaining but the running part, while the rye thresher is badly burned about the top, but will likely justify rebuilding. It seems probable that the separator was oiled over the top, and then set on fire, and that the other machine caught from it. Neither of the machines, or the building, are burned down near the ground—all the fire was in the tops of the machines and roof of building. Mr. Crebs has $500, insurance in the Planters Insurance Campany, of Leitersburg, Md.

Rev. Theo. D. Mead, Transferred.

The many friends of Rev. Theodore D. Mead, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, this place, were greatly surprised to learn, on Thursday morning, that the Cardinal had decided to assign him to St. Agnes church, Catonsville, Baltimore. Universal regret succeeded the surprise, as he has greatly endeared himself to his people, and made many warm friends among the Protestant denominations of this place.

Father Mead has been engaged at this pastorate eight years, having succeeded the late Rev. J. T. Delaney who was transferred to Washington, D. C., and died there. Father Mead is a nephew of the late Rev. Dwight E. Lyman, of St. Mary's church, Govanstown, and was ordained to the priesthood thirty years ago. He will be succeeded by Rev. Bernard Lennon, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the change will be made January 1st. Father Mead will not take charge of his new pastorate for several months, having been granted an extended vacation. His successor is quite a young man, having just been ordained to the ministry.

A Misstatement Corrected.

The item going the rounds of the papers, that T. H. Eckenrode and G. W. Albaugh will establish a mill, in the new Reindollar mill building, is wholly incorrect. A mill will be operated in the Reindollar building, early in January, by Reindollar & Co., and not by the other gentlemen mentioned. The item likely grew out of the report that the Eckenrode site, opposite that of Reindollar & Co., had been purchased, and that a Company would be formed for the purpose of conducting the general produce, lumber and coal business. The latter report has not received substantial confirmation. Our contemporaries should consult the columns of the RECORD when they want correct Taneytown news.

Harner—Herbert.

(For the RECORD.)

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Justice, No. 361 Falls Road, Baltimore, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6th., at 8 o'clock, the contracting parties being their niece, Miss Mary L. Herbert, of Baltimore, and Mr. Jonas F. Harner, of Taneytown, Md. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Neepier, pastor of Hampden M. P. church, Baltimore, after which refreshments were served.

The bride was becomingly attired in gray cloth, trimmed with steel silk while the groom wore the conventional black. The bridesmaid and groomsman were Miss Blanche and Mr. Howard Whittle, of Towson, Baltimore, Co., Md. About fifty invited friends and relatives were present. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Harner left on the morning train for their new home in Hagerstown, Md., where Mr. Harner is engaged as engineer on the W. M. R. R.

Sentences Pronounced.

The Circuit Court for Carroll county on Friday, passed sentences in the following cases; Clarence Arbaugh, for robbery, ten years in the penitentiary; for carrying concealed weapons, two years in the House of Correction, and for assaulting a fellow prisoner in jail, two months in the House of Correction; James Cook, Arbaugh's associate in the robbery, ten years in the penitentiary; Kirby Wetzel, for the larceny of a bicycle, one year in the House of Correction; Henry Stouffel, for breaking into house, four years in the penitentiary, and for larceny, eighteen months in the same institution, making five years and six months in all; Jesse Jones, colored, a youth, one year in the House of Correction for stealing; George A. Hill, colored, for larceny, two years and six months in the penitentiary.

Next week, the prize articles will appear in the Home Circle.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Birt Nelson accused of Poisoning Chas. A. Reaver.

Robert (Birt) Nelson was arrested at Hampden, Baltimore, on Friday last, on the charge of poisoning Charles A. Reaver, of Union Bridge, whose death occurred on October 8th., last, from supposed poisoning, and, at the time aroused considerable interest in the county. The arrest was made on information secured by the late Grand Jury, from Mrs. Reaver, the widow, who, under the direction of the jury, wrote Nelson a decoy letter, asking him to come to see her in Baltimore. This letter, it appears, he did not receive; but, a second letter, mailed from Baltimore, had the desired effect. Nelson arrived at her house late Thursday night, and was arrested by the police on Friday morning, a pre-arranged signal indicating his presence, having been given.

Sheriff Haines, of this county, at once proceeded to Baltimore, and brought the prisoner to the Westminster jail on Saturday night. Nelson, is a young man about twenty-five years of age, and, during last summer worked with Charles A. Reaver, near Union Bridge, in a lime quarry, and boarded with him. Some time during the summer Nelson was discharged, because, it is alleged certain actions on his part were not satisfactory to his employer. Later, as stated, Reaver died, presumably from poisoning; and, it is said, there is a sufficient amount of evidence to warrant the arrest noted above. The case promises to be interesting, and some startling testimony may be developed.

The trial will commence next Tuesday, the court having adjourned in order that preparation might be made for the case. Nelson was arraigned on Saturday morning and plead not guilty to the indictment. The court assigned D. N. Henning and Guy W. Steele to defend him, and State's Attorney Reifsnider has called for the assistance of Attorney General Clabaugh in the prosecution. The case, therefore, will be ably conducted on both sides.

Death of Elmore T. Orndorff.

Elmore T. Orndorff, of the firm of J. T. Orndorff's Sons, Westminster, died in Quitman, Georgia, on last Friday, of pulmonary consumption. Mr. Orndorff was the senior member of the firm, yet only 26 years of age. He leaves a wife, who was a Miss Jones, of Thurmont, and one child. He had been in failing health for some time, and withdrew from active participation in business last spring, going to Asheville, N. C., and then to Georgia, in the vain search of health. His remains were brought home to Westminster for interment.

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, Dec. 12th., 1898.—Daniel Wolfe, administrator of Benjamin Jones, reported sale of personal property and returned inventory of money and settled first and final account.

Last will and testament of Cornelius W. Shivers, admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted unto Mary C. Shivers, who returned inventory of money and received order to notify creditors.

Mary C. Stoner, executrix of George W. Stoner, returned inventory of personal property, list of debts and received order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Elmore T. Orndorff, granted unto E. Byrde Orndorff.

Adolphus H. Chenoweth, administrator of Ellen Clemmens, settled first and final account.

TUESDAY, Dec. 13th., 1898.—Sale of the real estate of Jacob Myers, Jr., finally ratified.

Sale of the real estate of David Englar, Sr., finally ratified.

William U. Eckard, administrator of Uriah Eckard, returned inventory of personal property, money and debts and received order to sell personal property.

Rev. Yeiser, a Lutheran Missionary to India, accompanied by his wife, has returned to this country on account of ill health. They have been visiting in the vicinity of Gettysburg.

MARRIED.

STOUFFER—REIGLE.—On December 13th., by Rev. A. D. Bateman, Mr. Harry B. Stouffer to Miss Alverta C. Reigle, both of this vicinity.

DIED.

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

SCHAEFFER.—On Dec, 12th., '98, near Pleasant Valley, Mr. Jacob Schaeffer, aged about 87 years.

ARTHUR.—On Dec. 9th., '98, near Kump, Mrs. Andrew Arthur, of Frizellburg, in her 80th year.

HARNER—HERBERT.—On Dec. 6th. '98 in Baltimore, Mr. Jonas F. Harner formerly of this district, to Miss Mary L. Herbert, of Baltimore.

MATTHIAS.—On Dec. 9th., '98, near Silver Run, Md., Mr. Benjamin J. Matthias, aged 70 years, 6 months and 6 days.

KUHNS.—On Dec. 2nd., near Piney Creek, Mr. James Kuhns, aged 79 years, 11 months and 28 days.

A precious one from us has gone;
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given,
And, though the body slumbers here.
The soul is safe in heaven.

We miss thee from our home, dear father,
We miss thee from thy place;
A shadow o'er our life is cast
We miss the sunshine of thy face.
We miss thy kind and willing hand
Oh, our home is dark without thee
And how we miss thee everywhere.

By his Daughters.

FROM COLLEGE PARK.

Mr. Garner writes Entertainingly of His Experiences.

According to promise, I will try to give you an idea of what I have been doing here since taking charge of my work. The first four or five days was very trying to me, on account of the nature of the work assigned me, in connection with the unsuitable character of the weather. On the first day of December, our station teams moved Mr. Brinkley, my predecessor, to Montgomery county, and there was very little to do on that day; but, on the next day, which was set for hauling and cutting fodder, my troubles began.

My engineer reported that he would be able to have the engine, which belonged to the College, in position and ready to run by 9 o'clock; but, when I went to the College for my breakfast, Captain Silvester informed me that the engine would have to have a new smokestack put on, as it was very dangerous to run it with the old one. When we got the new one, it would not fit and it was then supposed that it could be put on till noon; but, as soon as one thing was fixed another was wrong, and so the fodder cutting was put off till the next day.

The next day, it was raining, and no fodder cut for the cows. This was most trying for me, as the cows were falling off in their milk and needed the cut fodder badly. On Monday, we were not much better off; for, another break was soon reported, and by this time as the wind was blowing quite hard, we determined that we would stop at once, and get at something else. As I am required to keep a diary, a few samples may serve to give an idea of what we do here.

Dec. 1st; Worked 2 hands in swamp Two men and two teams helped Brinkley to move. David and John helped to weigh pigs. This was done in order to make an experiment in pig feeding.

Dec. 2nd; Put smokestack on College engine, hauled and ricked fodder.

Dec. 9th. Hauled Trustees to and from College. Hauled sawdust and manure.

The Agricultural Department at Washington requires us to fill out a blank, charging each department of our work in detail. A few samples of the entries made on that sheet will give a good idea in that direction.

Dec. 1st; feeding experiments, 2 hours; hauling 2½ hours; light, heat and janitorship, 10 hours; swamp, 7 hours.

The different items to be accounted for in the government report, are, as follows; (1) field experiment; (2) crops and field work; (3) feeding experiments; (4) live stock stable work; (5) hauling; (6) farm buildings and fences; (7) repairs and improvements; (8) sundries; (9) Horticultural department; (10) Botanical department; (11) Entomological department; (12) dairy experiments; (13) chemical labratory; (14) light, heat and janitorship; (15) feed; (16) fertilizers; (17) implements; (18) tobacco experiments; (19) branch; (20) College.

Whenever there is any work done for these several departments, the exact number of hours that was spent on that particular department must be noted and charged up to that department at the rate of 10c per hour; this is only the labor sheet; the other sheet is exactly like the above, but is charged with the work of the horses.

On last Saturday, we attended, for the first time, the monthly meeting of the Station Staff. This staff consists of the heads of the several departments and their assistants; the latter having a vote the same as the principals The principals, however, are also members of the College Faculty, with which the assistants have nothing to do.

The College Faculty have had several meetings, at which arrangements were made preparatory to moving into the new building at the college. This building is for the accommodation of the heads of the Station Staff and their assistants. We will try to give you a more satisfactory description of the new building in the future The College authorities are also making an effort to have introduced, Nature studies into the public schools of Maryland. This means work for the teachers, and they will have to brush up pretty lively if they want to make a creditable showing in that direction.

According to the description of the work, given by Prof. Robinson, these studies are delightful, and I think that if they are taken up, will please the children. Prof. Robinson is now over on the Eastern Shore, giving lectures on the subject. In the new assignment of offices that is about to take place, I will also get an office in a new building about being completed at the station, and are happy to know that Prof. Robinson's office will be in the same building. He and I now occupy the same office. Prof. Robinson being a member of the College Faculty, will, however, spend a considerable amount of his time on the hill; he boards at the College, but lodges at the station.

Director Patterson has directed me to read up on corn culture, with a view of submitting a plan for next years experiments. After having thrown down on my desk, a large pad the size of regular foolscap paper, with the remark, "That is for you," I saw at once that I was in it for all that it was worth, and seeing no way out of it, asked, what he wanted me to read; he answered, "Everything." The answer almost paralyzed me, but, thanks to the writing that I have done for the RECORD, and the interest I have taken in the work here, having read a great deal of their literature in the last two years, together with experience and observations in connection with our farm work, hope to pull through.

We received a visit from Mr. Amoss Director of Farmers Institutes, a few days ago; he now has his dates fixed. The Institute for our county will be held on the last two days in January, if I mistake not. He says that he has given Carroll county a special program, on account of the very active interest that the county has taken in institute work. Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural Department, Washington, D. C., will be present, if nothing happens to prevent. Prof. Patterson, I think, will give us the benefit of his presence this year.

Prof. Patterson is the right man, in the right place, and our county will be fortunate if they succeed in securing his services, I expect to get home on next Saturday, December 17th. I did not intend to come until Christmas, but Prof. Patterson will be away that week, and it is impossible for us both to be away at the same time; and right glad I am to get a good excuse to come home.

Although the work here promises to be exacting, yet it has some pleasant features about it, and, whether anyone else will be benefitted by my coming here, I am sure that I will be, for it is hardly possible that a man could be surrounded by such an intelligent body of men without being benefitted.

E. O. GARNER.

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 matter and facts transmitted are legitimate and correct. Items of a mischievous character are not wanted.

Pleasant Valley.

On last Monday night, about 11 o'clock, Mr. Jacob Schaeffer, of near here, passed from this life. He had been sick for three weeks or more, and was a great sufferer during his sickness. He was 87 years old, and was a christian gentleman, greatly respected by everybody. His funeral took place on Thursday last, at Meadow Branch, and was very largely attended.

On Friday evening last Mr. Jackson Mathias said he did not feel very well, and about 8 o'clock he retired; after being in bed about fifteen or twenty minutes he rapped for his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Eckert, with whom he was living, for assistance. A few minutes after she reached the room he quietly passed away. He was supposed to have had heart trouble; he was 70 years of age, and his remains were interred in Silver Run cemetery on Monday last, Rev. Dreisbach officiating.

Some of our young men are wishing for more snow, as they would like to go sleighing, and use those new cutters they purchased. We feel sorry for them, as we know they are very anxious.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Myers had been very sick the past week, but at this writing is somewhat improved. Dr. Brown is in attendance.

Porters.

If the cold weather continues a few days longer, those who have ice houses will be able to get ice to fill them.

Mrs. Anna Jenkins lost a fine fat hog from it having been hurt by some means in the pen. It was thought possibly it might have received a stray shot, as some hunters were shooting near the inclosure, in which the hogs were penned, the day before it died.

The young people and children of Messiah Lutheran Sunday school are preparing a very interesting programme for Christmas. The entertainment will be given at the church on Christmas eve, 24th. inst.

Mr. Chas. Myers, brother of Mrs. J. C. McKinney, is visiting friends in this vicinity. He came here from North Dakota, and reports very cold weather when he left there.

Geo. W. Hess is instructing a large class in vocal music, at Gist P. O. The class met in the new P. O. S. of A., hall, at that place.

Silver Run.

Those of us who had the toll-gate to pass through in going from here to Littlestown, will soon have a free pass on this end of the turnpike, as Mr. Bankert, the gate-keeper, contemplates moving the site of the gate to a point between here and Union Mills. Mr. Bankert has been section boss and gate-keeper for a number of years.

On last Friday, Benjamin Jackson Mathias, one of our oldest and best citizens, died of heart failure, at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Samuel Eckert, in his seventy-first year. He only complained of feeling unwell about an hour previous to his death, when he quietly passed away. The funeral took place on Monday, Rev. Dr. A. F. Dreisbach officiating. He leaves four daughters to mourn their loss.

The Sunday schools here are now rehearsing for their Christmas services. The Lutherans will observe the occasion with an appropriate service on Sunday, (Christmas) afternoon, and the Reformed in the evening of the same day. The music by the schools and choirs is of a high order, and will be well rendered. An orchestra of select players will be present at the Reformed church in the evening.

Fourpoints.

Mrs. Harry Valentine is lying ill with typhoid malarial fever.

Mr. Samuel Fitz's seventeen month old child while playing near the wash kettle, fell and run his hand in the fire, burning it very badly.

Mr. Mahlon Stonesifer and J. I. Fuss returned last Saturday, from a hunting trip in Baltimore county. They report a good time, but not much game.

Mr. Scott Leatherwood, a member of the 6th. Illinois Regiment, which has been discharged, is home visiting his parents. Scott's appearance belies the many newspaper reports about the starving soldiers, as he looks as though he might have been fed on turkey and oysters.

Miss Marion Troxell is visiting Miss Edith J. Fisher at the Woman's College, at Frederick, this week.

The farmers in this vicinity have commenced filling their ice houses with very fine ice.

Mr. Geo. Harner, while helping to catch a hog, had the misfortune to have his hand torn very badly.

The Fourpoints store has donned its holiday garb; the windows and shelves have been well filled with pretty things for the children, as well as older ones.

Copperville.

Mr. Charles Stewart, who has been stopping with his brother, William, left on Tuesday to visit friends in Baltimore and Winchester, Virginia.

Mr. William H. Flickinger, near Copperville, while walking from his barn to the corn crib, carrying a half bushel measure under his arm, had the misfortune to slip and fall on the half bushel, and badly bruise himself. He thought at one time he had broken a rib or two, but the result of the accident proved to be nothing more than a severe bruise.

Mr. Grayson Miller moved into Mr. J. Thaddeus Starr's tenant house, near Otter Dale Mills, on Thursday of last week.

This may be out of season for snake stories, as they are seldom heard of in December, but, while Mr. William Myers was hauling wood near Otter Dale School house, one day last week he killed a black snake measuring in length 5 feet, 6 inches.

On last Saturday Mr. William Keefer notified the band of gypsies, who had encamped in his woods, to leave. They left on Monday morning, to the satisfaction of the whole neighborhood.

The Copperville club will hold a meeting at Otter Dale school house on this Saturday, Dec. 17th., at 1 o'clock. Mr. E. O. Garner, from the Experiment Station at the Agricultural College, will be there and tell us about what he has learned during the short time he has been at the station. The public is invited to attend.

Uniontown.

Miss Mollie Kolb, of Creagerstown, who has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna Kolb, was taken suddenly ill Saturday noon, and in a few hours was dead. Her body was prepared for burial, and on Monday was taken to Creagerstown.

The Star Comedy Company Band met at Mr. John Harbaugh's on Tuesday night, to practice for their coming concerts this Winter. They did not give any complimentary tickets; therefore your correspondent did not get to hear the music.

Mr. W. P. Englar was in Baltimore on Monday, buying more holiday goods.

Our merchants have their stores dressed in holiday attire, and the little children are anxiously waiting for Santa Claus.

All who have ice houses are preparing for the coming ice harvest.

Mrs. John Lescaleet is confined to the house on account of sickness, but is somewhat better at this writing.

On Monday, Mr. John Weigle, of Gettysburg, Pa., who is visiting at Mrs. Jane Pfoutz's, was taken quite ill, but is improving under the care of Dr. John Buffington, of New Windsor.

The Red Men are making preperation to add a new degree called "Pluto." Perhaps I will tell you more about it later.

Miss Etta Snader, of Sams Creek, is visiting Mrs. Minnie Garner.

Any one having anything in the form of news, wishing to see it in print, it will be thankfully received by the correspondent, if sent to him, or, it can be left at Mr. W. P. Englar's store.

The Sunday schools are preparing for their Christmas entertainments, and the little folks are looking forward for their annual sack of candy and orange.

The Lutheran Sunday school will as usual hold its Christmas service on Christmas eve, Saturday the 24th., at 7 o'clock. The little ones are busy preparing for the occasion.

Mrs. Annie Anders and son Earl, of New Windsor, spent several days this week, at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Davis.

Union Bridge.

The Junior Epworth League of the M. E. church will give a cantata in the town hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, at 8 o'clock in the evening. The cantata is entitled "Santa Claus' Arrival." Admission 10 cents. The children are under the tutelage of Miss Susie Snavely and Miss Bertie Malambre, and great pains are being taken with them.

Willie Zumbrum has succeeded Whitman Wolf as paper deliverer. Whitman left on Tuesday with his parents for Texas, where they will reside.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anders, who has been quite sick for some time, is better.

There is a great deal of sickness among the children of the town and community.

Mrs. Elias Erb and son Charles, are on the sick list.

Mr. James Sinnot has moved from Westminster to Union Bridge.

The Lutheran and Reformed Christmas entertainments will be held on Christmas night. This is a good idea, as there are people enough to fill both churches, and it will prevent over-crowding.

Double Pipe Creek.

Miss Mary A. Kolb, sister of Wm. Kolb, of Creagerstown, Josiah Kolb, deceased, formerly of Uniontown, and others, died in Uniontown on Saturday, while visiting friends. Her body was taken to Creagerstown on Monday by J. W. Kolb, undertaker, of Double Pipe Creek, and buried on Tuesday. She was about 68 years of age, and a consistent member of the Church of God. Funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Murray.

The Keysville Union Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment on December 26th.; doors open at 6.30 p. m.

Farmer's Institutes.

Mr. Wm. L. Amoss, director of the department of Farmer's Institutes, has announced the list of meetings for next year. The one in Carroll county will be held in Westminster, January 30-31.

Speaking of the subject generally, he says; "We enter the work with much assurance of success. Previously, when the work was being introduced, and many did not understand the opportunities they have through it, the country towns were selected as the places of meetings, but last year there was some protests from remote sections to this method. Petitions were freely distributed through the state. Many of these have been returned with the names of many representative farmers, asking that the institute be held in other places than in the county town. When these came from opposite points from the central town in about equal numbers, the old place of meeting was selected. When this was not the case, the town giving the longest list of names was chosen. We think we will be more appreciated when it is known we do not come of our own free will, and without an effort on the part of those we hope to benefit.

"We will not announce a set program this year, but prefer to have it understood that the mornings will be devoted to the discussion of topics of interest to dairymen and breeders, cultivation and fertilization. The afternoons, to subjects for the fruit farmer, which is inexhaustible, and must be very profitable because of the extent to which fruit of all kinds can be grown in our borders.

"A new feature, and one we expect to become very popular, is the special meeting. It was suggested by the round-up, which was held with so much success last August. We have had so many inquiries from those who attended, and from those who regret they did not as to whether or not we intended to hold annually these meetings, that the special has been conceived. We have three distinct sections—Western Maryland, which, as a whole, derives more from animals than crops; Southern Maryland, which is engaged almost exclusively in tobacco and truck, and the Eastern Shore, deriving from grain, fruit and truck its substence.

"We have decided to hold in each of these sections one round-up, and have selected the county which has previously given the largest and most appreciative audience, which is Charles, at La Plata; Carroll, at Westminster; Caroline, at Denton."

Proceedings of the School Board.

On Monday, 12th. inst., the School Board met, all members being present except Dr. Reindollar.

Mr. Nicodemus stated that he had rented a room at Mt. Airy to accommodate the primary pupils of that city, which was approved by the Board.

Charles N. Devilbiss was appointed to a three years scholarship in the Maryland Institute Schools of Art & Design, in Baltimore.

The following teachers' contracts were confirmed: Alice M. Eppley at Union Bridge, and Edward L. Carey at Charles Street.

A number of bills for fuel and repairs at various schools were passed and ordered paid.

The following orders were passed; Ordered, That a Teachers' Institute be held in the new Westminster High School building January 23rd. to 25th. both inclusive, at which all teachers shall be present; that there be no Teachers' Association held on Friday following the close of the Winter Term, and that teachers salaries for the Winter Term be payable at the office of the School Board on Saturday, February 11th., 1869. Ordered, That the Winter Term close Friday, February 3rd., 1899, and that the Teachers' reports be sent to the Examiner in proper form Saturday following the close of the Winter Term.

The Examiner submitted various rules and regulations for the future government of teachers in making school expenditures and financial statements on term reports, with a view to securing uniformity, and thus simplifying the office work at the close of the term. The matter was deferred till the next meeting of the Board.

After the usual routine business was disposed of, the Board adjourned to Monday, January 9th., 1899.

A Disastrous Wreck.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the Baltimore and Cumberland Valley railroad a short distance west of Millbrook about half past 2 o'clock Monday morning. A heavy triple-header fast freight was coming this way and on the heavy down grade above Millbrook the great weight of the three engines pushed the tracks apart and away went the train topsy-turvey over into the ditch. The front engine remained on the track but the tender jumped. The second engine went clear over on its back in the ditch and was a ghastly wreck. Eleven loaded cars piled up in motley confusion across and all along the track for a hundred yards. Some were totally and others more or less demolished. One of the cars was loaded with dynamite but it behaved itself very nicely in the melee. Had it gotten on on a high horse, there would have been a good hole made in Quincy township. Several cars had roofing slate and this went into several pieces The balance of the cars were loaded with hard coal from the Reading country.

Engineer Kump of the second engine jumped when his horse went over, and sprained his ankle badly. He was brought to Waynesboro on the first engine and Dr. Snively sent for. He was taken to his home in Hagerstown on the passenger train this morning.

The wrecking crews from Union Bridge and Hagerstown were hastily summoned and arrived a couple hours after the wreck. The track was all torn to pieces for a distance of a couple hundred feet. All freights are blocked and passenger trains have to transfer around the wreck, which is the worst the company has had since the big smashup at Needy's Cave in September. The loss will run into thousands.—*Waynesboro Gazette.*

Ghosts of the Maine.

Probably the most thrilling experience ever met with by any diver was Charles Morgan's, in the wreck of the battleship Maine at Havana. Mr. Morgan, who commands the guns of the U. S. S. New York, is small and slender, and one of the most interesting men I ever met, very bright, very active, with brilliant black eyes and a skin bronzed with southern seas and suns. For nearly two weeks he remained under water in the Maine, among the bodies of the dead, for seven hours a day—a wonderful record of endurance and nerve considering the fact that four hours are supposed to be a diver's day. The waters of Havana Harbor are also very deep, and so black that he was obliged to use electric lamps, and then could see but a foot ahead of him in the grave-gloom of the wrecked vessel. It is best to give the story of his descent into the dark charnel ship in his own dramatic words, as he told it to me after his return to Sampson's fleet. It is more interesting because this is the first time he has imparted to anyone his experience in the wreck.

"It was horrible!" he said. "As I descended into the death-ship the dead rose up to meet me. They floated toward me with outstretched arms, as if to welcome their shipmate. Their faces were for the most part bloated with decay or burned beyond recognition, but here and there the light of my lamp flashed upon a stony face I knew, which when I last saw it had smiled a merry greeting, but now returned my gaze with staring eyes and fallen jaw. The dead choked the hatchways and blocked my passage from stateroom to cabin. I had to elbow my way through them, as you do in a crowd. While I examined twisted iron and broken timbers they brushed against my helmet and touched my shoulders with rigid hands, as if they sought to tell me the tale of the disaster. I often had to push them aside to make my examinations of the interior of the wreck. I felt like a live man in command of the dead. From every part of the ship came sighs and whispers and groans. I knew it was the gurgling of the water through the shattered beams and battered sides of the vessel, but it made me shudder; it sounded so much like echoes of that awful February night of death. The water swayed the bodies to and fro, and kept them constantly moving with a hideous semblance of life. Turn which way I would, I was confronted by a corpse."—Minna Irving in *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly* for December.