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The Lutheran congregation, having made some improvements to their church will have special re-opening service on Sunday, Dec. 31st. Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., of Baltimore, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, will be present and preach both morning and evening. Services

service each evening of the following week; the pastor will be assisted by neighboring clergymen.

Mr. Charles Mehring and family, of Baltimore, were entertained on Christmas day, by the Misses Mehring, of Sunny Bank.

Mr. Tom Cover is home from Baltimore more for the holidays. Mr. David Segafosse, of Baltimore is visiting friends and relatives in and near town.

Miss Minnie Sittig came home from Baltimore last week.
Dr. J. J. Weaver has gone to Washington for the winter.
Mr. Ben. Hoffman spent Christmas with his parents in Baltimore.
The Christmas services at the Lutheran church were held last evening.

eran church was quite a success. In addition to the treat given to each scholar, the congregation remembered their pastor, Rev. G. W. Baughman, with a gift of handsome oak dining room chairs; their organist

Miss Bell Coyer, was also presented with a silver spoon, and Mr. Will Sittig, their bass soloist, with a pair of kid gloves and handkerchiefs.

Mr. Lester Reindollar, of Clear Ridge, is spending the holidays in Smithsburg.

Miss Deier Plante, of Washington,

Miss Mary Baughman, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is slowly improving.

Mr. Edgar Seiby and wife spent several days visiting friends in Baltimore, this week.

Mr. Norval Romsper, of Iowa, and Mrs. James S. Waltz and children, Miss Alice Stone, of Baltimore, spent Christmas with her mother, on Clear Ridge.

Wade H. Cummings and wife, of Tillmans, have been visiting Mrs. Cummings's parents during the week.

We hope the Editor and all who are connected with the paper and all its readers, have a very happy Christmas.

Woodsboro.

Mr. Ray Gilbert, only son of Mr. Milton Gilbert, of this place, and a very popular young man, and Miss Effie Martin, an accomplished young lady of Rocky Ridge, were quietly married in Baltimore on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert will reside at this place. May their future days be many, and may happiness surround their pathway through life, be the wish of their many friends.

Prof. J. W. Harrington, of Vermont, held a musical entertainment in the Lutheran church on Christmas evening, which was well attended.

We are having very cold weather, which we hope will benefit the sick of our town.

Miss Elsie Albangh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Albangh, of this place, and Mr. Albert Hargett, an energetic young business man of Frederick city, were married in Baltimore, last week. After an extended trip to the coast, they returned to this place.

Rev. William Ott, a student of Gettysburg College, preached an excellent sermon in the Lutheran church here last Sunday morning, Dec. 24.

Mrs. Harry Anders spent several days last week with friends in Taneytown.

Mrs. William Gilbert is ill at present. Dr. R. L. Hammond is the attending physician.

Harney.

Harney again was visited by fire on last Friday evening. About 8 o'clock, Mr. W. A. Snider's barn was set on fire; there was some fodder shocked up against the barn and the fire was started in the fodder back against the weather boarding. Fortunately, however, it was discovered in time to save the building.

Again on Sunday evening, Mr. T. H. Eckenrode's barn, at the Union Hotel, was set on fire and the entire barn and ice house destroyed, and it was only by hard work that other

buildings were saved. This makes four fires and two attempts within the past year. The great question is, "What is going on?"

The Christmas entertainments at this place were largely attended.

Mr. J. Newcomer and wife started for Ohio on last Friday, where they will spend some time visiting their daughter, Mrs. Key Bush, of Newcomerstown.

Mr. T. H. Eckenrode is rebuilding his barn at the Union Hotel; he is making it larger than the old one.

We are informed that he will also rebuild the ice house as soon as possible.

We now certainly think it is about

The old century and the old year are dying fast, and we wish every one a Happy New Year.

Mr. David Wilhelm, wife, daughter, Mattie, and sons William and Daniel, of Hilsdale Farm, spent the Christmas holidays in Lancaster, Pa., with Mr. W.'s daughter Mrs. Wm. Arthur.

On Thursday, Rev. Samuel Kipe moved his family into the comfortable little cottage recently vacated by Mr. A. F. Wilhelm.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hooker, of Scraggy Maples, spent Christmas day at Union Bridge, with Mrs. Kate Hooker and family.

Miss Rhoda Smith, will be glad to learn that she is rapidly improving from her recent illness.

Mrs. Margaret Wilhelm and son, George, of Baltimore, are spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Shew.

Mrs. Charity Monshour received a very substantial donation from the

generous people of Uniontown, for which they have her sincere thanks.

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ENTERED AT TANEYTOWN POSTOFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th., 1899.

THE CHIEF essential of success for a young man is what the vast majority of young men think about the least—that is, good health and a sound constitution. This is the first thing; nothing precedes it. In the battle for success, that should be a young man's first thought; not his abilities, nor his work, but his health. That is the basis; the corner-stone of all. Abilities cannot bring health, but health may, and generally does, develop ability.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

The Country Postoffice.

There is an almost pathetic side to the rural free delivery service, as it refers to the abolishing of the small country postoffice—there is something stronger than pathos connected with abolishing the larger ones. Many of these offices have been held constant at certain stores, and in many instances by the same persons, through different administrations—we have in mind one office which has been served by a lady postmaster since 1865—therefore their discontinuance amounts almost to destruction of private property, or the disinheritation from certain rights, established through long-standing custom, of the citizens of a community.

The country postoffice has for ages been regarded as a necessary fixture. While its patrons have their petty grievances, and more or less terrible threats are made or imaginary delirium of duty, still all these little affairs (even the payment of box rents) sink into insignificance beside the condition of no postoffice. It has been agreeable for communities to have their little feuds over Uncle Sam's agency, but those have been mere pastime for those who now naturally and earnestly unite in condemnation of the system which has robbed them of their birthright, and, to a large degree, of their individuality and ambition as a village.

These postoffices have not only served as places for the receipt and delivery of mail matter, to which one could go before breakfast or after supper for this purpose, but they were also points for a certain amount of loafing and exchange of gossip. They were, in fact, news bureaus and clearing houses. The postmaster was the natural confidant of nearly all his patrons, and besides stood ready to act as a medium for the delivery of verbal messages and articles of various kinds between farmer Brown and the multitude who had interests in common. His office (or store) was the proper depository for plow shares, "settings" of eggs, bundles of clothing, sums of money and whatever else he might conveniently turn over to somebody else, as a favor; and to no small extent did it serve as a bulletin board for the posting of coming events, such as public sales and picnics.

The postmaster was a letter writer—and often a reader—for his constituency. In this way he became a sort of adviser in business matters, and a champion in private affairs. In many ways he was the encyclopedia for the neighborhood and performed, in various ways, many times the amount of service that he received pay for. "Going to the postoffice" represented an anticipated pleasure. Probably the answer was, "nothing here for you," in the majority of instances, still, there was a certain satisfaction in making the trip and the inquiry because it represented a privilege that everybody had, and, notwithstanding the fact that this privilege was sometimes used and abused by every member—great and small—of a family, it was very seldom resented, by the postmaster.

Those who consider the rural postoffice lightly, and wipe it off the postal guide as they would dispense with an antiquated piece of machinery, simply misunderstand the strength of the associations which surround it, and show their lack of familiarity with the vital objection to the system of free rural delivery as it is at present operated. Of course, the new system, in a way, simply compels a change of habit, which, in the end, may prove to be better than the old, but it will be a long time before the people will be able to see it in that light, because the habit to be discarded is older than even their grandfathers, and was born in them.

Marine Legislation Demanded.

The extent to which the people of the United States are dependent on foreign shipping for their sea-borne commerce furnishes a conclusive reason for prompt action looking toward the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine. In these days of open and opening doors, when the United States is preparing to control the trade of her new dependencies, and besides is clamoring for access to other and bigger markets, it is not creditable to us as a nation that we are carrying in American vessels not more than one-sixth of the total volume of American overseas commerce. It is in the power of the Congress of the United States, acting upon the recommendation of President McKinley in his last annual message, to bring about a radical change in the marine situation, to so reverse the case that five-sixths of American commerce with foreign countries shall be carried in American ships. There is a general demand for legislation with this end in view. The people expect it.

County Public School Statistics.

	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	Average Attendance.	Months of school.	County Sch'l Tax.	Av. Teacher's Salary.	Cost of each Pupil
Allegany	100	193	6059	9	254	287.64	4.18
Anne Arundel	115	142	3713	9	30	287.20	9.87
Baltimore	177	351	9242	10	330	454.32	14.67
Calvert	42	50	1119	10	12	257.14	8.30
Caroline	73	92	2381	8	20	301.64	7.06
Carroll	134	176	4631	7 1/2	17	233.07	9.23
Cecil	141	141	3172	9	224	300.07	7.93
Charles	77	79	1681	8	12	193.53	7.59
Dorchester	128	163	3909	7 1/2	17	166.52	5.56
Frederick	177	242	6423	7 1/2	201	244.60	9.52
Garrett	125	141	2835	5 1/2	104	150.29	5.91
Harford	104	134	3634	9	29	324.55	11.04
Howard	57	69	1587	10	174	340.65	10.10
Kent	66	82	1882	10	22	315.50	10.08
Montgomery	110	139	3528	9	243	285.61	9.61
Prince Georges	141	176	4631	9	31	290.00	8.79
Queen Annes	74	90	2128	9	273	333.75	12.15
St. Marys	72	74	1459	9	10	355.99	7.57
Somerset	83	117	3098	7 1/2	11	232.66	6.04
Talbot	70	65	2654	8 1/2	224	235.24	8.85
Washington	137	224	6610	7 1/2	263	243.80	7.62
Wicomico	85	106	3328	7 1/2	31	232.88	5.62
Worcester	84	88	2179	9	24	229.56	8.00

* From last published statement. x Not published.

The above table will supply additional information on the subject of public schools, and give the opportunity of comparing Carroll with other counties in the state. As the figures demonstrate, the position of our county is not an enviable one, as it is among the "tail-enders" in many important respects. Among twenty-three counties we stand 18th, from the top in tax-rate, 18th, in the average salary of teachers and 17th, in the length of school year. Naturally, the size of salaries and length of terms keep close company with the tax-rate, because the latter are dependent on the former. Eighteenth, in a list of twenty-three, is certainly far from an honorable and progressive position for our county school system.

The board of tax-rate is empty and disgraceful when it takes away from a county the means of elevating its public schools; whether this is the effect, we leave to the perception of our readers, after a study of the figures given above. While the state is too lavish in its expenditure of public money for colleges, and the fact is a proper one to criticize and try to correct, we must not fail in our duty as a county government, and pursue a parsimonious policy which is equally a matter for criticism and correction.

We do not believe that our citizens object to the payment of higher taxes when they receive a fair equivalent. We do not believe there would be any considerable objection to a county tax-rate of twenty-five cents, instead of seventeen, for school purposes, if the increase would represent better schools and better teachers, which in turn would mean higher education for the children and better citizens. We must not waste all our effort in criticizing the state for its short-comings in the matter of public education, but clean our own skirts of the shame of not showing more interest, and paying sufficient money, that our schools may rank with the highest.

Indictment of Anti-Imperialists.

The Hon. John Barrett, former minister of the United States to Spain, delivered an address before the New England Society last Friday night in New York on the subject of "The New Pacific," in which he introduced a letter received by him from the late General Lawton. The speech was a scathing rebuke to "anti-imperialism," which was accentuated by the following extract from the letter referred to:

"I would to God that the truth of this whole Philippine situation could be known by everyone in America, as it is known here. If the so-called anti-imperialists would honestly ascertain the truth on the ground, and not in distant America, they whom I believe to be honest men misinformed, would be convinced of the error of their statements and conclusions and of the unfortunate effect of their publications. If I am shot by a 'Filipino bullet' it will be well come from one of my own men, because I know from observations, confirmed by captured prisoners, that the continuance of fighting is chiefly due to reports that are sent out from America."

Commenting on the occasion and the general subject, the Baltimore *Morning Herald* says:

"The letter from General Lawton comes like an inspired missile from the grave, and the admonition embodied therein may well be heeded by those who are trying to obstruct the processes of pacification on the Philippine Islands. It almost seems as if at the date of its writing he must have had a prophetic vision of his impending fate when he penned the burning sentence that if he was to fall by a Filipino bullet it might as well come from one of his own men, as he well knew that Aguinaldo had been inspired to continued fighting by the encouragement received from the United States."

What a terrible indictment of the anti-imperialists! And yet we know it is true. Not only General Lawton, but General Wheeler, General MacArthur and General Eustace have expressed the conviction that the insurrection would have ended long ago had it not been for the hope aroused in Aguinaldo and his fellow leaders by the rabid school of anti-imperialism.

Though the brave General Lawton be dead, his gallant deeds will ever live in the memory of his country, and the warning contained in his letter from which we quote cannot fail to leave a lasting impression on the minds of those who are engaged in the unworthy work of opposing the nation's advancement."

Cranky Critics.

Once in a while an editor has to "break out" upon a sort of critic included in almost every newspaper's constituency. Generally it is the kind who think they know what ought to go into his paper better than the editor himself, who make the trouble. Recently the editor of the Putnam (Conn.) Standard gave such critics to "know their place," in wholesome fashion, as follows:

"There are persons who are so deeply interested in certain non-religious movements that they think the newspaper should open its columns for articles of any length and quantity; and because we will not print them, charge us with being recreant to our principles."

"Such people think they know just how a newspaper ought to be edited, much better than the editor, and as advisers, think we should not regard our financial interest in doing our work. A large class of this kind, we find, will not permit their names to be appended, for the reason, as they tell us, that they do not desire to incur the ill-will of anyone—evidently unconcerned how much hostility and financial loss falls on the editor."

"We print a paper to make a living, as men carry on any business. We desire to make it an influence for good. We desire to see it at peace with all men as much as is possible, as suggested by the Apostle, who knew that with some men it was not impossible, do what one might to please them. Were it not for the common sense and fair-mindedness of the average person, and the manly forbearance of the more intelligent and influential class, making allowance for human frailties, an editor's life would be indeed a trying one."

More than one example of marked success in local newspaper publishing comes to our mind, in which the men at the helm persistently steered their own course, regardless of crochety criticism, even at the cost of decided personal unpopularity. They printed their papers to "make a living," as the Connecticut editor says; and they commanded respect for their independence, and at the same time built up substantial properties. They did not "trim their sails to every wind that blew." They managed their businesses in their own way; had a program, and stuck to it.—*Newspaperdom.*

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$56,554.42
Stocks, securities, etc.	20,550.14
Banking house, furniture, & fixtures	4,079.89
Other real estate and mortgages	21,873.25
Owned real estate	21,873.25
Fractional paper currency, notes, and coins	77.51
Money on hand	300.00
Specie	300.00
Legal-tender notes	100.00
National Bank Notes	360.00
TOTAL	\$108,035.41

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid up	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,524.41
Due to National Banks	201.96
Due to State Banks	410.56
Due to Private Banks and Bankers	594.19
Dividends unpaid	235.00
Individual deposits	3,901.21
Time certificates of deposit	74,144.44
Savings Deposits	78,734.64
TOTAL	\$108,035.41

State of Maryland, County of Carroll, ss:

I, Henry Galt, Treasurer, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December, 1899.

G. WALTER WILIT, Notary Public.

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