

THE REFORMED REUNION.

A Great Gathering of the Reformed Church at Pen-Mar.

The twelfth annual reunion of the Reformed churches of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and West Va., was held at Pen-Mar, on Thursday, and was attended by probably 600 persons.

The religious exercises began at 1.30 p. m. in the new tabernacle. This building has a seating capacity of 3,000, and by the time services were over the building was filled.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, of Martinsburg, W. Va., presided. He congratulated the people on their facilities afforded for the new auditorium, which was built jointly by the Western Maryland Railroad Company and the Reformed, Lutheran and Presbyterian churches which held annual reunions at Pen-Mar.

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Brief Items of General Interest.

The wife of the President signs her name, "Ida McKinley."

Charles Holmes, of Emmitsburg, has been granted a pension of \$12.00 per month.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Apple, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Apple's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Delpey, of York Road.

The Mt. Zion (Haugh's) Lutheran Sunday school will hold its annual picnic in Warner's Grove, on Saturday, July 27th. The Union Bridge Band will furnish the music.

Mrs. Sarepta Welkert, of Woodsboro, is sewing machine and needle through a finger, and was held fast to the machine fully a quarter of an hour before assistance arrived and relieved her.

Charles Riggs, of Emmitsburg, who was a corporal in volunteer regiment in the Philippines, has been mustered out and is home. He says he would like to try and that he never wants to go back there.

Rev. Dr. Luther Kuhlman, pastor of the Evangelical Church, of Frederick, is acting as secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Lutheran Church, and has announced to his congregation that he has decided to resign the offer, but to remain with his charge.

The Carroll County Commissioners have given permission to the United States land office to erect a monument, to erect two tablets, one on each side of the main entrance to the Courthouse grounds, recording the date of the purchase of the Potomac from June 20 to July 3, 1863.

Bulletin No. 75, "The Effect of Hydrocyanic acid fumes upon grains and other crops," has been issued by the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station. Like its predecessors, it is a valuable work and should be in the hands of all up-to-date farmers, especially as it may be had for the asking.

The barn on the farm of E. L. Smith near Liberty, was struck by lightning Thursday afternoon, and burned to the ground. Stored in the barn was all the corn on the farm for the season, which was consumed by the flames. Three horses were burned to death, and a number of wagons and farm machines were destroyed.

Chairman Goldsborough of the Republican State Central Committee is expected to return to the State with sample ballots by which voters are to be instructed in the new system of voting. Each county returns 250 ballots to the State.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is about to make a new departure and is planning to begin printing its already existing newspapers. This is a timely move, as the Washington papers and the space heretofore occupied by the newspapers is utilized to exploit special excursions and to set forth the advantages of travel over that famous and popular railroad system.

According to the report of the General Secretary of the Christian Endeavor Society, the distinct organizations now number over 60,000 as against about 16,000 ten years ago, while during the same interval of time the membership has increased from 1,000,000 to more than 4,000,000. Besides this, there are junior societies, which number over 500,000 members, all closely connected to and affiliated with the parent body.

There promises to be a lively contest for the nomination for sheriff on the Democratic ticket in Frederick county, and from different sections of the county come reports of candidates already announced and others that he would be a candidate.

Rev. J. M. Killian, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Smithsburg, Sunday evening tendered his resignation to the congregation and announced that he would be preaching in Frederick on Sunday, July 28th. The resignation came as a surprise to the members of the congregation, who had anticipated that he would be a candidate for the office of pastor.

William H. Heagy, a resident of Westminster district, died at his home, at Fountain Valley, Sunday, in his 68th year. His death was caused by a stroke of apoplexy. He had been confined to a hospital in Baltimore, and subsequently engaged in business in Baltimore, returning to this county again at a later period. He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Harris of Baltimore, by whom he leaves two sons—W. Harris Heagy of Baltimore, and Morris Heagy of Baltimore. His second wife survives him.

As Father Don Luigi Sartori, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Midway, Allegany county, was proceeding from the altar on Sunday, he was confronted by a copperhead snake three feet long. The priest was so frightened that he rushed for a rod used as a candle lighter to kill the snake, but it had disappeared. The congregation became excited, and the priest, in a panic, threw a large stone at the snake, which was killed. The snake was found in the field near the altar.

Messrs Chapman Bros., who are the owners of a large farm and cannery at Kingsville, Baltimore county, are thinking of having a scientific investigation made of a piece of soil on their farm. They are large growers of tomatoes and last year a bolt of lightning struck a large tree, and killed the vines for some distance around the spot where the bolt entered the ground. This year the field is a mass of weeds, and within the circle where the bolt struck, the corn is killed. The soil is very rich, and the stalks only a few inches high, while in other places the corn is well up and the stalks are a couple of feet high.

Mr. Randolph Leaman, proprietor of a general store at Park Mills, Frederick county, was severely stunned by lightning while on his way home from Frederick, on Tuesday. He had in his buggy a large show case and several gallons of gasoline. While going down the Parker's valley road, lightning struck a large tree, and the bolt passed over the show case and struck Leaman, who was thrown out and rendered unconscious. Half an hour later he was picked up and carried into a farmhouse in the neighborhood and revived three hours later. The show case was broken into a thousand pieces, but the gasoline was not touched.

"FREE SILVER" SIDETRACKED.

Democracy Likely to Abandon Mr. Bryan and Free Silver.

Ohio democrats have apparently started the procession from the free silver issue, and it seems probable that the most of the democratic platform of this year, at least in the east and the middle west, will follow this lead. The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, who in all probability voices the sentiment of the other radical members of the Democratic Committee, says, in a recent letter to his paper:

It is not the policy of the men who made the democratic national platforms in 1896 and 1900 to force free silver into the state platforms this year, nor to renew the fight on the high ground in the near future.

No attempt was made by the national leaders to have the Kansas City platform reiterated in the Ohio State Convention, nor has it been a purpose to make such a demand of any state convention as an expression of loyalty to democratic principles. The chief radical advocates of free silver believe it would be unwise, if viewed from no other point than that of the interest of silver itself, to force it into possession of the platform.

Pastures have been much improved by the rains, and the hay crop now gives promise of better returns than was expected at an earlier time. During the season, although the crop is a whole the yields will be below the average. Some hay was made early in the week, but operations were interrupted by the rain that began Thursday night and Friday, and a large acreage is yet uncut in the northern central counties. The crop of timothy and clover in the middle ground is reported excellent. Buckwheat made good growth during the week.

Corn is in fine condition in every part of Maryland and Delaware, having passed through the hot spell unimpaired, and is now being stimulated by the greater part of the crop was well advanced in the State. In the early corn in Anne Arundel and Caroline counties.—Cron Bulletin.

Hotel Rates at Buffalo. Buffalo is amply prepared to accommodate all who may come to the city for the personal interest, but the report that the hotels are charging \$5 to \$10 a day for single rooms is utterly false and extremely untrue. The rates are from \$2 to \$3 per day, and the accommodations are of the highest quality.

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Wet Weather and Harvest.

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Orphans' Court Proceedings.

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Matilda Wilson, executrix of Joseph Wilson, deceased, settled first and final account.

Charles T. Reiffender, executor of Lucretia VanBiber, deceased, settled first and final account.

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Mary C. Gilbert and Eva E. Gilbert executrices of Edwin G. Gilbert, returned additional inventory of debts.

Final ratification of the sale of the real estate of Reuben Schaeffer, deceased.

Bark Hill.—Mr. David Wilhelm, of Hillsdale farm, lost his valuable horse, Logan, last week from the effects of the extreme heat of the preceding week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker, of Rocky Springs, Frederick county, were guests of Rev. S. A. Kipe several days this week. The church burial visit was to examine a small farm with a view of purchasing, and located in our village.

Miss Florence Engler, of Lancaster, Pa., returned home on Monday after spending a pleasant week with friends in Carroll county.

The Bark Hill Sunday school will hold a festival on the lawn of Mr. Evan T. Smith, on the evenings of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of August, and a set of musical pieces will occur on the 17th of August. The Doughty Pipe Creek band will be present. All are invited to come and have a pleasant time.

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