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LOCAL NEWS.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Francis' Church, Towson.—Rev. M. O'Keefe, pastor; High mass at 10.30 A. M.: Vespers and Benediction at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

St. John's M. E. Church, Lutherville.—Preaching Sunday, at 11 A. M., and 7.30 P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. W. L. McDowell; also prayer meeting Wednesday night, at 7½ o'clock.

St. John's Mission, York Turnpike.—Every other Sunday afternoon, (commencing to-morrow, Sunday, 5th,) Rev. A. T. Pindell, Rector of Sherwood P. E. Church, Cockeysville, will officiate at St. John's Mission, York Turnpike, at 3½ o'clock. All are earnestly invited.

Trinity P. E. Church, Towson.—Services as follows until further notice: Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Church of the Holy Comforter, Lutherville, 4.30 P. M.

Towson M. E. Church.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. by the Pastor, Rev. Page Milburn.—Sunday School at 9.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.

St. John's Church.—Services at St. John's Church, Long Green, Baldwin Station, first, third and fifth Sundays, and holidays; Masses at 8 and 11 o'clock.

St. Philip's Church.—Services at St. Philip's Church, Sparrowbreck, fourth Sunday of the month; Mass at 11 o'clock.

Epsom M. P. Church.—Preaching at Epsom M. P. Church by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Elderdice, at 10.30 A. M.; prayer-meeting Sabbath and Wednesday nights.

Franklinville Presbyterian Church.—Services every Sabbath at 3 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Reese.

Eutaw M. P. Church.—Preaching every Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Gill, at 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M. All invited.

Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church, Sweet Air.—Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Reese.

Sater's Church.—Preaching every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, A. M., and evening at 7.30 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Nicoll. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Dulany's Valley M. E. Church.—Rev. Page Milburn, pastor of Towson M. E. Church, will preach at the Dulany's Valley School House every other Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, commencing April 15th; Sunday School every Sunday at 2 P. M. Public cordially invited.

Immanuel Church, Glencoe.—Rev. Duncan McCulloch, Rector. Sunday services—11 o'clock A. M.: first Sunday in the month, morning prayer at 9 A. M.: first Sunday in the month, holy Communion and sermon at 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 9.45 A. M. Seats free.

The rector also has divine service at Phœnix every alternate Sunday evening at 7.30 P. M. Sunday School every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Wm. A. Schumacher, Superintendent.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

Monday, January 14th.—Taylor & Creamer, auctioneer, P. H. Hoffman, Attorney, Thomas Ireland Elliott, Solicitor on the premises, lot of ground in Woodberry, improved by a frame dwelling.

Tuesday, January 15th.—Wm. S. Keech, Attorney, at the Court House, farm of 188 acres, near Walker's Station, 7th District; improved by dwelling, barn, &c.

Tuesday, January 15th.—Wm. M. Risteau, auctioneer, Chas. E. Wilcox, D. G. McIntosh and Jas. Pollard, trustees, at the Court House, farm of 62 acres, near the Relay House, B & O. R. R.; improved by a dwelling, &c.

AMUSEMENTS NEXT WEEK.

Ford's Grand Opera House.—At Ford's Grand Opera House during the week will be presented "A Legal Wreck," which will prove one of the great treats of the season. It is from the pen of W. A. Gillette, well and fondly remembered as "The Professor" and "Private Secretary." "A Legal Wreck" was played at the Madison Square Theatre to continuous good business for over a hundred consecutive performances. The plot is interesting, containing all the elements of mystery, romance, and filled with the trials and joys of love beclouded by the interference of the law. The lover of a young ward of a dear old sea captain is wrecked and can only be saved by a reprobate son of the captain, who calmly bids the girl choose between her lover's life and him (the son) for a husband. She promises to marry him, and he saves the lover, hence the complications which arise, and are still more complicated by the lawyer. The company now specially engaged for this piece, and are the same which appeared in it in New York. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

Next Week—The fairy spectacular comedy "Fantasma."

Personal.—Miss Sallie J. Miller, granddaughter of Mrs. Jane Moore, of Towson, has gone to Barboursville, Va., to visit relatives and to attend the wedding of her sister.

Miss Lillie Michelberger, of Harford county, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Nettie Eichelborger, at Cold Spring.

A very beautiful pitcher and salad-dish, exquisitely decorated by the skilful hand of Miss Rebecca Talbott, of Ellicott City, were presented to Mrs. Dr. Baker by the ladies having in charge the late Methodist Bazar.—*Ellicott City Times.*

Mrs. Dr. Thomas B. Owings, of Ellicott City, (formerly Miss Nellie Polk,) has been visiting Washington. Mrs. Owings spent a part of last winter in Washington society, where she made many friends by her charming and attractive manners. She is a relative of the late ex-President James K. Polk, and her resemblance to that statesman is very striking.

Among the prominent visitors to Towson the past week were Hon. Herman Stump, member of Congress-elect, and Mr. Stevenson A. Williams, of Bel Air.

Mr. John E. Crout, former President of the Board of County Commissioners, paid his respects to friends in Towson the past week.

Mr. Michael O'Hara, who is seriously ill at his residence, Texas, suffering from pneumonia, remains about the same as reported last week.

Mr. Geo. Hawkins Williams, who has been confined to his city residence, Monument Square, Baltimore, since the 27th of last September, first from a severe attack of pneumonia and afterwards from a fractured thigh bone, is slowly improving. To a man of his well known active habits confinement is irksome. His physicians pronounce him gradually improving, however.

Mr. Daniel Jenifer, Jr., of the Recorod office, is reported as slightly improved.

Mr. George B. Cockey, of Lutherville, is able to be about on fine days, and makes brief visits to Towson.

Gen. Felix Agnus of the Baltimore American, Mr. S. Hamilton Caughey of Noah Walker & Co., Mr. S. H. Tagart, President of the York Road Railway Co., Mr. Wm. Fell Johnson and Mr. Robert Johnson, of Green Spring Valley, Jos. W. Jenkins, Jr., ex-Judge Wm. A. Fisher, Randolph Barton, Chas. T. Cockey, Edward Rider, Richard H. Woolen, Joseph Jackins, Thos. Cradock, Wm. H. Shipley, Sam'l Brady, Chas. Debaugh, Thos. Taylor, Jas. Taylor, Lewis J. Robeson were visitors in Towson on Friday 11th, being interested in the Ruxton Avenue case, on trial before the county Commissioners, a full Board being present. The Commissioners' Office was very much crowded.

A Reception Given by Col. D. G. and Mrs. McIntosh.—The Albion Hotel, in Baltimore, on Monday night, 7th inst., presented a gay appearance, where a reception was given by Col. D. G. and Mrs. McIntosh, of Towson, in honor of Miss Mary Thompson, of Springfield, Mass., and Misses Virginia and Margaret McIntosh, the latter making her appearance as a debutante.

The beautiful parlors and dining-room were tastefully decorated with tall palms and flowering plants, the ladies receiving in an alcove, which had been formed into a floral bower, with a background of palms, which reached nearly to the ceiling.

Miss Thompson and the Misses McIntosh were assisted in receiving by Mrs. A. M. Thompson, of Springfield; Mrs. Chas. Goldsborough, Mrs. Douglas Duer, Mrs. Judge Fowler, Miss Hettie Cary and Mrs. Stewart Symington.

Among those present were D. Sterrett Gittings, D. K. Este Fisher, Chas. Martin, the Messrs. Armistead, the Messrs. Penniman, Dr. Lockwood, Judge Harlan, D'Arcy Wilson, Lawrason Riggs, Harry Warfield, George Tiffany, Robin Brent, Dr. Carey Gamble, George Carey, John Brogden, Chas. Denison, Joseph Wilmer, George Coale, the Messrs. Smith, Miss Jackson, Miss Boarman, Miss Slingluff, Mrs. Goode of Washington, Miss Galt, Miss Thompson, the Misses Goldsborough, Miss McKim, Miss Frick, Miss Morton, Miss Hayes, Miss Denison, Miss Harrison, Miss Hunt, the Misses Dushane, Mrs. Sterling, Miss De Follstad, Miss Steele, Miss Merryman, Miss Gittings, Miss Henriques of Washington, Walter DeC. Poultney, George Blackistone, Miles White, Jr., Allan McLane, Jr., Tagart Steele, James Merryman, Henry Ferguson, Julian Chisholm, Geo. Jackson, W. S. G. Williams, Frank H. A. Martin, Charles Hallison, Triplett Haxall of Richmond, and Dr. Halsted and Mr. Gaffney of New York.

Property Sales.—Mr. Wm. M. Risteau, auctioneer, sold at the Court House on the 8th inst. for Thos. J. Hunter, attorney named in a mortgage from Chas. C. Hunter et al. to Annie Slade, 119 acres of land, improved by a large stone dwelling and valuable outbuildings, situated about a half mile from White Hall Station, N. C. R. W., to Christopher Slade for $4,500.

Geo. W. Hook, auctioneer, sold on the same date at the Court House for D. G. McIntosh, trustee in the equity case of Fredk. A. Hake vs. W. Wesley Roeter, 124 acres of land, improved by a frame dwelling, barn, &c., situated near New Market, 7th District, to F. A. Hake for $880.

Mr. Samuel G. Wilson, auctioneer, sold at the Court House on the 9th inst. for John T. Ensor, attorney for D. W. Cameron, mortgagee, lot of ground containing 27 acres and 9 square perches of land, improved by two frame dwelling houses, barn, dairy, &c., situated near Freeland Station, N. C. R. W., to D. W. Cameron for $1,145.

Loyal Legion—Election of Officers.—The annual business meeting of the Loyal Legion, formerly known as the Temperance School, was held at the residence of Mrs. George W. Seipp, Towson, on Friday afternoon, 4th inst., at 3 o'clock. The following ladies were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

Superintendent—Mrs. George W. Seipp.
Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. Sylvester Bowen.
Secretary—Miss Rebecca Bayne.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Durand Bowen.
Treasurer—Mrs. Gideon Herbert.
Organists—Misses Jennie German, Rebecca Richardson and Florence Hook.

The meetings of this organization are held the last Sunday of each month. At the next meeting, January 27th, Dr. Edward Benson, of Cockeysville, will deliver an address. The Towson Quartet will render music.

Entertained at Dinner.—Mr. Jos. E. Trace, the Official Appraiser of the Orphans' Court, entertained the Judges of that Court, Messrs. Mark Meltor, Andrew Dorsey and B. Howard Gorsuch, and the Bailiff, Mr. Geo. W. Stansfield, at dinner on Tuesday, 8th inst.

History of "Soldiers' Delight"—How it Received its Name.—In answer to the JOURNAL's query of last week as to how "Soldiers' Delight" received its name, and how, and where, we may give the following account of this portion of Baltimore county:

The old Soldiers' Delight Hundred, or "District," as they are now called, began at the Patapsco, not far from the present Relay House. Its eastern boundary line was the Old Court Road, extending from Elkridge Landing across the county to Joppa, the ancient county seat of the county. This road, which still follows the original bed, crosses the Reisterstown Road at the 7-Mile House and the York Road at Towson, is one of the oldest roads in the State, if not in the country. The citizens of Annapolis used it to go to Joppa and Philadelphia before Baltimore was thought about, and it was the Indian trail from the Susquehanna to the Potomac at Piscataway. At or about the Reisterstown Road, Soldiers' Delight Hundred met Back River Upper Hundred. The dividing line between these two election Districts ran northwest through the site of Westminster and Taneytown, Carroll county, to the Pennsylvania line, all of Baltimore county southwest of that line falling to Soldiers' Delight. This Old Hundred, now comprising an area of only about four miles square, then (about the year 1670) included what is now Liabon District, in Howard county, with parts of what is still called "Carroll's big woods;" the 2d and part of the 4th Districts of Baltimore county; the Freedom, Franklin, Woolery and New Windsor, Districts of Carroll county; and the Liberty and other Districts of what is now Frederick county west to the Blue Ridge, comprising an area of land twenty miles wide by about forty in length, and including the plateau of Westminster, the Pipe Creek and Middletown Valley, the rich bottom lands of North Branch. * *

What is now called "Soldiers' Delight" is a tract of land lying within the confines of the 2d and 4th Districts of Baltimore county, six miles north by northwest of Pikesville, and comprising at the present time, as we have said before, an area of about four to five miles square.

The bed of this tract of country is composed of great masses of serpentine rock, traversed by square and diagonal fractures at frequent intervals, and which gives to its hilly and weatherbeaten surface the appearance of gaping wounds in a parched skin or integument. Here and there the monotony of the scene is relieved by a patch of the glistening ivy bush, or a group of stunted oaks, or "black jacks." Concerning the origin of the name of this tract and the time it was applied calls for several different versions, and, as the writer cannot positively say which is correct, the reader is left to judge for himself.

In the year 1660, or seven years after the formation of Baltimore county, the Susquehanna Indians, a fierce and warlike tribe, then inhabiting that part of Baltimore county which bordered on Pennsylvania, broke in upon the settlers round the headwaters of the Gunpowder and Patapsco with the firebrand and the tomahawk and carried death and destruction far and near. For fourteen years this warfare was carried on necessitating the employment of a body of troops to constantly patrol the then frontier of Baltimore county, extending from the Patapsco through Soldiers' Delight, crossing below Owings' Mills and extending down into the Green Spring Valley, and from there on through to the site of what was afterwads the town of Joppa. The soldiers in patroling this beat frequently lost their way in that part of the country now called the "Delight," and named the section in irony, saying that it was a "delightful" country to get lost in, being full of pitfalls and treacherous ravines, and would sometimes spend days sometimes before the troops were able to find their way out. Again the tradition is that early in the days of the county a party of soldiers and settlers, who had penetrated into the then wilderness of what is now Carroll and Frederick counties, were so harrassed by the lurking and savage foe that on reaching this tract of the county, far from the lurking places of the savages, that they here halted and reorganized their demoralized forces before they proceeded back to the settlements, and, before leaving, being so well pleased with the situation and aspect of this portion of the county they named it "Soldiers' Delight," a name that it has ever since held.

One of the most prominent points of "Soldiers' Delight" is a range of very high hills lying about one hundred yards west of the Old Deer Park Road, which traverses this section, and from the highest one of these, known as "Berry's Hill," was hanged and gibbeted John D. Berry, a young man of about 20 years of age, for the murder of Mrs. Clark, his stepmother, in the hope of obtaining possession of her property. Berry had for his accomplices two indentured English servant girls—Mary Powell and Martha Bassett. Through the efforts of Mordecai Gist (well capable of the crime, (great-great-uncle to the writer,) this crime, which was one of the greatest ever committed in the colonies, was unearthed, and Berry and his girl-accomplices met their deserts. The murder was committed in the month of November, 1751, and the murderers were executed in January, 1752, (swift justice as compared with the law's delay at the present time,) the two girls at Joppa on the 16th inst. and Berry on the 18th, on the hill which has since retained his name, and the stories and traditions of his crime are still told throughout the neighborhood.

From this point of the tract grandest views in the State can be had. To the west is the Blue Ridge in the hazy distance; over there the Eastern Shore; yonder are the Catoutin Hills; here winds the valley of the Patapsco; over there is St. Thomas' Church, and over there again is Dougboregan Manor; this way is Annapolis, and yonder flows Pipe Creek. CHARLES L. SHIPLEY.

PIKESVILLE, MD., January 7th, 1889.

Election of Church Officials, &c.—The 4th Quarterly Conference of the Towson M. E. Church was held on Thursday evening, 3d inst., Rev. W. F. Speake, P. E., presiding. The regular business was transacted, after which the following persons were elected to fill the different positions in the church for the coming year:

Stewards—Gideon Herbert, Samuel Pinkerton, Thomas Murray, James E. Dunphy, John E. Flayhart, J. Henry Kaline, Charles N. Phipps, Mrs. Gideon Herbert, Mrs. J. H. Jarrett, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. A. G. Lee and Harry Bosley.

Recording Steward—John E. Flayhart.

District Steward—James E. Dunphy; alternate, Samuel Pinkerton.

Trustees—Gideon Herbert, Saml. Pinkerton, Jas. E. Dunphy, Edward Burns, John E. Flayhart, Chas. T. Burns, J. H. Jarrett, M. D., Geo. W. Seipp and Joseph B. Murray.

COMMITTEES.

On Missions—James E. Dunphy, Thomas Murray, Wesley S. Perine.

On Church Extension—J. E. Flayhart, Samuel Pinkerton and Gideon Herbert.

On Sunday Schools—James E. Dunphy, J. H. Kaline, Mrs. Julia Jarrett and Chas. T. Burns. *Dulany's Valley*—Harry Bosley, Mrs. A. G. Lee and James E. Dunphy.

On Tracts—Mrs. Elizabeth Herbert, Mrs. Emily Lee and Miss Florence Hook.

On Temperance—Edward Burns, J. H. Kaline and Mrs. Annie Seipp.

On Education—John N. Wright, Joseph B. Murray and Charles N. Phipps.

Preachers' Aid and Southern Education Society—A. G. Lee, W. H. Flayhart and Thos. Murray.

On Church Records—Samuel Pinkerton, J. H. Kaline and Edward Burns.

On Parsonage and Furniture—Officers of the ladies' Mite Society.

On Church Music—James E. Dunphy, Mrs. Chas. A. Roe and Miss Hattie L. Bowen.

On Estimating Preacher's Salary—Recording Steward, Samuel Pinkerton and Thomas Murray.

On Estimating Amount Necessary for Conference Claimants—Gideon Herbert, John E. Flayhart and Wesley S. Perine.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Quarterly Conference:

WHEREAS, During the past year our friend and fellow-lowsman, Wm. S. Keech, Esq., a highly-esteemed member of the Baltimore County Bar, has in season and out of season cheerfully and gratuitously aided our Pastor with needed legal counsel, and in other ways manifested a spirit of Christian liberality, and of genuine generosity,

Be it therefore Resolved, That we, the members of the Quarterly Conference of the Towson Methodist Episcopal Church, hereby express our high appreciation of Mr. Keech's kind and valuable services rendered in our behalf, and as a formal expression of our thanks for the same direct that a copy of this resolution be presented by the Recording Steward to Mr. Keech, and also be published in the county papers.

The Pavilion Doomed.—The pavilion in the front lawn of the Lutherville Female Seminary, which has stood there for ever so many years, is doomed to give way to the march of improvement. The removal is noted in the following lines in the *Lutherville Seminarian*:

"Thou dear old pavilion!
Where thoughts by the million
Come teaming and seething
When thee we are leaving!
Thou dear old spot of sports,
Where pretty heads laid their plots,—
Cans't thou too thus leave us?—
'Old girls will ne'er believe us,
When we tell story or tell
All this, though fate, befell
Thy blest frame. Thus grieving,
We feel a dear friend we are leaving;
And fast fall the tears
When we think of the 'dears'
Thy walls have often ensconced;
And all the 'sweet nothings' pronounced
Under thy shelter so kind.
And now, this brings to mind
A fair maiden who sat here of yore
With lovers, we doubt not, fully a score,
Who here, in thy quiet shade, met her fate—
(A fair-haired daughter doth this story relate)
This same daughter who now treads our halls,
With merry smile and light foot falls,
Keeps watch o'er thy fate so sure,
And smiles with a glance demure,—
'Some other pavilion?'
'Not one in a million
'Could thus captive me!'
Well—let us see!"

An 1889 New Year Reminiscence.—Among the individual incidents of New Year's Day was the temporary insurrection of a somewhat bibulous party, who had gone forth, equipped with stage, horses, plumes and bells, to do some professional calling. The person in charge of the account of calls made had lost his reckoning owing to his familiarity with a certain amber-colored liquid refreshment which had been served indiscriminately at the houses where they had called. It was well on into the afternoon when it occurred to some of the number that it would be proper to call upon a lady—a bride, in fact, with whom there was a slight acquaintance, and who, with her husband, had recently settled down to housekeeping. This was done, and while the domestic was gone to notify her mistress of the presence of the party, the latter took possession of the parlor. To the dismay of the lady, the condition of her guests was but too apparent. It so happened that her husband was absent, and the wife, alarmed at being confronted by half a score of young men in varying stages of intoxication, she was at her wits' end to know what to do. An idea came to her rescue, and without apology or as much as "by your leave," she clapped to the door, locked it, and held them prisoners in the parlor. A couple of hours later the husband returned, when the wife told her experience and asked him to release her charge. Explanations followed and the civilities of the day were exchanged, but the visitors departed sober, if not wiser, than when they entered, and they are still in a quandary at the turn affairs had taken to interrupt the day's enjoyment.

Presentation.—At the regular communication of Patmos Masonic Lodge, in Ellicott City, Wednesday night last, a Past Senior Warden's Jewel was presented to Mr. Charles L. Hartley as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-members. Mr. Hartley has occupied the Senior Warden's chair for a number of years, but declined a re-election. The jewel consists of a compass and square of unique design, and is artistically set with a diamond rivet. The presentation was by Rev. Henry Branch, of Ellicott City. [*Ellicott City Times, 5th.*

Two Men Who Will Make Them Laugh.—Sam'l L. Clemens, better and more favorably known as "Mark Twain," and Col. R. M. Johnson, of Baltimore, the magazinist, will give readings from their literary works in the Concert Hall of the Baltimore Academy of Music on Thursday evening, January 17th. Mr. Clemens is almost as funny on the platform as he is in his books, and Col. Johnson is known to be an exceedingly attractive reader.

Democratic Club Incorporated.—On the 7th inst. Messrs. Wm. Montgomery, Henry S. Bell, Jno. F. Gillen, Joseph Curran, Geo. Grim and N. Gump filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County articles of incorporation of the Democratic Club of St. Dennis, 12th District.

Rossville Items.—Meterologists tell us that the same quantity of heat is always annually distributed over the earth's surface, though unequally—that is to say, the average annual temperature of each place upon the earth's surface is very nearly the same. In our latitude, July is, on the average, the hottest month, and January the coldest; and, in reference to particular days, we may, on the average, consider the 26th of July the hottest, and the 14th of January the coldest day of the year for the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere.—This exceptional year makes things look conversely. We had a very cool summer, late spring, and an early autumn. Snow fell in the suburbs of London in July.

Master Willie Asher spent the holidays with relatives in Delaware.

The Locust Grove Grange is in a prosperous condition; several persons have joined recently.

It is stated that geologists have examined the clay at Stemmer's Run, and have decided it is of superior quality for the manufacture of bricks; and also that it exists in great abundance. We hope the brick men will take advantage of the opportunity. We have two railroads here, thus the shipping facility could not be surpassed.

The residents of the neighborhood would like to see the P., W. & B. R. R. Company improve the station—that is, build a new one. The present one is half a century in rear of this age. One improvement stimulates another.

Some generations ago France and England contained extensive bogs, and the poisonous exhalations gave rise to malarial fevers. These countries have been drained and improved with magnificent buildings until they now rank as foremost on the globe. Some of this work in parts of our District would pay 90 per cent.

We learn the Back River School, in charge of Mr. Frank Markland, is advancing satisfactorily. The scholars assisted by their parents and teacher, will hold a fair at their school, No. 11, 12th District, on the nights of the 23d, 24th and 25th inst. They also expect to serve supper each night. All are working diligently to make it a success. The object is to assist in purchasing an organ for the school. As this is a good cause it is to be hoped that the friends of the school will lend a responsive heart (and open their purses, we presume.)

Mr. Joseph Volz has nearly completed plowing a large field within the past two weeks. Mr. Volz is fortunate to be able to perform such work at this period of the year. SANCHO.

Orangeville Items.—There was a very fine musical and literary entertainment held in the M. E. Church, Orangeville, on the 2d inst., and it was pronounced a great success in every respect by all who saw it. One feature of the entertainment which was worth the admission fee alone, and which was enjoyed very much by every one, was noticed in the shape of Prof. Hall, who read several very amusing pieces. There was also a very good sketch rendered by Mr. John D. Peacher, whose nom de plume was "Ned," and Mr. Chas. Pratt, whose nom de plume was "Fred," which was entitled, "Honor Thy Father and Mother." "Ned" is met on his way from the creek where he had been fishing on the Sabbath day by a friend who is returning from Sunday School, and a long talk ensues which results in "Ned" demolishing his fishing pole and resolving to go to Sunday School on the following Sabbath. Another splendid feature of the entertainment was a quartet composed of the following young men: Messrs. Benj. Sedley, John Kelly, John Kurcher and Wm. Kurcher. They rendered some very fine singing, which was greatly admired by all present. This quartet is noted for fine singing and it was quite a treat to the people hereabouts to hear them. After the entertainment was over Mr. Wm. Price, as "Santa Claus," distributed candy and fruit amongst the children. The music was furnished by Mr. Geo. Smith and a young lady of the church. The Sunday School and all that took part in the entertainment met in the basement of the church and partook of a supper there it was held. The entertainment was gotten up by Mr. Z. T. Brantner, and it gave him great credit indeed.

The revival meetings that have been in progress at the Patapsco M. E. Church, and which was closed not long ago, proved quite a success, there being twenty converts, which, added to the fifty-five converted at the Highlandtown M. E. Church, makes a grand total of 75 converts. The Rev. T. J. Havenner presides over both of the churches, and this year's work is the result of faithful, untiring and skillful work at both the churches named, and he has the most sincere prayers of all the members that God will give him the wisdom and power of speech to convert many more.

Black Horse Items.—Last Saturday, 5th inst., was one of the most disagreeable days that we have experienced for some time. The wind blew a tremendous gale all day, accompanied with rain. The rain penetrated through the closest and best built houses of our neighborhood. The roads are very muddy, which makes the traveling bad and very disagreeable.

On New Year's night a hop was held at Mr. A. J. Wiley's, near Shawsville. Prof. Mitchell furnished the music. A goodly number was present, and a pleasant time was had among the young folks.

A few days ago Mr. James B. Treadway had one of his best cows crippled. The animal slipped and broke her shoulder, which makes her of no value whatever.

The Mite Society met on the 3d inst. at the residence of Dr. J. T. Payne. About 75 members were present. The election of officers took place as follows:

President—Dr. J. T. Payne.
Vice President—Wm. T. Henderson.
Secretary—Miss Louisa Wheeler.
Treasurer—Miss Sallie Beatty.

Rev. J. Fred. Heisse treated the Society with a splendid speech which pleased all who were present.

Mr. Jacob M. Pearce, of the Manor, has leased the flint mill of Dr. A. Wolfe, of White Hall. Mr. Pearce has put in a large amount of new machinery. He began to grind flint a few days ago. He expects to grind a large amount daily as his demand is enormous. It will give employment to a goodly number of hands who will be benefited thereby.

Mr. Wm. Hutchins, our enterprising canner, put up a large amount of canned goods the past season. Mr. H. is also a good and prosperous farmer and a sound and genuine Democrat, voting that ticket every time for many years.

Mr. T. Ross Payne has returned to his school at Annapolis. He spent a very pleasant time whilst at home during the holidays.

Mrs. Sarah Smith, who lived at Wetheredville, Baltimore county, died on the 30th ult., aged 69 years. She was buried on New Year's day at Union Cemetery.

Sixth District Items.—Our weatherwise folks have certainly missed it greatly in predicting an abundance of snow before the new year set in. The small boy, with his skates and sled, has begun to think that these prophets do not pay much heed to their foretelling. It is probably the fault of the weather-clerk in not arranging the thermometer at the freezing point when the watery particles are being discharged from the clouds. Well, let the fault rest where it may, our county roads, on account of the heavy rains and constant use, are certainly bad.

The A. C. Spicer Post, of Middletown, will hold an oyster supper and festival on the evenings of the 17th, 18th and 19th inst. in the Odd Fellows' Hall. If our good folks wish to enjoy the delicious bivalve and other delicacies, why just "show up" on this occasion and satisfaction will be guaranteed.

The scarlet fever which was raging in this neighborhood one week ago, has somewhat abated.

Some of our boys, during the Christmas holidays, were bent upon a little fun, which the party offended thought it was carrying the joke to far, and so had them arraigned before Squire McCullough on last Saturday. The matter proved an elephant on the plaintiff's hands, and so he was glad to abandon his case and let the boys go scot-free.

There is in progress a very interesting series of meetings at the United Brethren Church near Rayville. Rev. Wm. Weaver is in charge and is putting forth every effort to accomplish good at this place. Eleven penitents are to be baptized at this or Monday night.

Business seems to be decidedly flat in this section at present.

Some of the "true-and-tried" Republicans are, we are informed, arranging their wardrobe for a visit to Washington on the 4th of March next.—Your correspondent has always been a little nervous, on account of irregularity and insufficient publication. The motion was argued and overruled. Testimony was then begun in the case, and the matter went over until February 11th. INCOG.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Anne Rebecca Harrison, wife of Col. Fred'k Harrison, "Chanelle," Baltimore county, died at her city residence, 1203 North Charles street, Baltimore, on Sunday 6th. She was the daughter of the late James Wilson, for many years one of Baltimore city's most prominent shipping merchants. Mrs. Harrison was a lady of great amiability of character, given to good deeds in their most acceptable, unostentatious manner, and highly esteemed by a wide circle of relatives and friends. She leaves a husband and six children, the eldest of whom, Lennox Birckhead). Her funeral took place on Wednesday morning, 9th inst. The interment was at Greenmount Cemetery.

Lecture by Mr. John M. Jones.—Mr. John M. Jones, the able Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, I. O. O. F., delivered a lecture upon the subject of Odd Fellowship in the Opera House at Annapolis on Tuesday night, 8th inst., and was greeted by a splendid audience of over one thousand of the ladies and gentlemen of Annapolis. The fine orchestra connected with the Naval Academy was in attendance and rendered selections of music. Upon the conclusion of the lecture many of the audience, ladies and gentlemen, came upon the platform and congratulated Mr. Jones for his able effort. The Annapolis *Capital* also says Mr. Jones's high compliment, speaking in warm praise of his interesting and elegant address.

A Resignation.—The following letter addressed to the County Commissioners fully explains itself:

TOWSON, January 2d, 1889.

To the Honorable the Commissioners of Baltimore County:

Gentlemen:—I hereby resign my position as Chaplain of the Jail, to take effect immediately. Appreciating your uniform courtesy in the past, and thanking you for the same, I am,

Respectfully Yours,
PAGE MILBURN.

House Burned.—The dwelling of Exeter Smith, colored, in Patapsco Neck, 12th District, was destroyed by fire on Friday night, 4th inst. Smith, who was the Treasurer of Ebenezer African Church, had the money belonging to the church in his possession and it was destroyed. Loss of the fire was attributed to accident. Smith loses about $300, upon which he had no insurance.

Assessment of Telegraph Companies.—The County Commissioners have sent to Hon. Levin Woolford, the State Tax Commissioner, the following assessments levied against the telegraph companies on property located in Baltimore county: Western Union, $24,975; Mutual Union, $4,346; Baltimore & Ohio, $7,045; Chesapeake & Potomac, $2,191. Total, $38,557.

The Use of Wild Buckwheat.—It is stated by an observant man that he found the wild buckwheat was an excellent food in the matter of fattening cattle. If any of our readers interested in farming have any knowledge on the subject we will be pleased to publish their observations provided the articles are in condensed form.

Thrown From Her Carriage.—On Thursday Mrs. John C. Bosley, of Cockeysville, drove to the N. C. R. R. Station to meet her husband, when her horse took fright and plunged to the side of the road. The lurch threw Mrs. Bosley out. She received a few slight bruises.

Real Estate Sale.—The real estate of the late Louis J. Watkins, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County, consisting of a lot and dwelling in Ellicott City, was sold by James Mackubin, attorney, at public auction Saturday to James E. Tyson for $3,050.

Robbed.—Thomas Coyle, a well-known Baltimore county dealer in poultry, was recently robbed of a turkey and six chickens. A man named Frank Wheeler was arrested charged with the robbery.—He was held by the city authorities.

Elected President of Two Turnpikes.—Mr. Geo. Hawkins Williams having resigned as President of the Harford and also the Havre de Grace Turnpike Companies, Mr. Wm. S. G. Williams has been elected to the position.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Before Judges Yellott, Fowler and Watters.

N. Charles Burke, State's Attorney.
John W. Shanklin, Clerk.
Joshua Tracey, Sheriff.

State, use of Kurts, vs. the Baltimore United Oil Company; verdict heretofore for the plaintiff for $6,000; motion for new trial filed by defendant argued, and motion granted.

Keller & Eckenrode vs. John A. and Eleanor Baker; judgment for plaintiffs for $163.50.

George Howell vs. Basil and Rachel Gardner; judgment for plaintiff for $106.37.

Sam'l Barth & Co. vs. L. Mayberry; judgment for plaintiff for $272.99.

Bartholomew Balls vs. Elizabeth Balls; judgment for plaintiff for $221.

Moses B. Eiseman et al., executors of Wm. B. Strauss, vs. Edward J. Heverman; judgment for plaintiff for $183.

The South Baltimore Harbor and Improvement Company of Anne Arundel County vs. Sebastian Heilderfer, two cases; removed to the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore.

Lewis Ahrens vs. Henry Vox and Peter E. Keller; judgment for plaintiff for $208.26

Joseph H. Coleman vs. Charles Schlaffer; verdict for plaintiff for $272; motion for a new trial filed.

John Fogle vs. John Mehl; judgment for plaintiff by confession for property replevied and one cent damages and costs.

Miller & Brewer vs. Martin Smith; judgment extended for plaintiff for $160.

George Shipley vs. John B. Miller; "agreed."

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