Maryland Journal

TOWSON, MD.

Saturday, January 18, 1890.

TOWSON POST OFFICE.

Arrival and Departure of Mails.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Arrivals.

7.00 A. M.	from Baltimore, Md.	
7.50 "	"	Govanstown & Waverly.
9.50 "	"	Md.
11.05 "	"	York and P. O.'s on line M. C. R. R.
4.00 P. M.	"	Baltimore, Md.
4.50 "	"	Govanstown & Waverly.
6.35 "	"	York and P. O.'s on line M. C. R. R.

Departures.

7.50 A. M.	for	York and P. O.'s on line M. C. R. R.
10.00 "	"	Baltimore, Govanstown & Waverly.
10.55 "	"	Md.
3.50 P. M.	"	York and P. O.'s on line M. C. R. R.
6.10 "	"	Baltimore, Govanstown & Waverly.
6.25 "	"	Md.

SUNDAYS.

Arrive at 7.50 A. M. and 4.50 P. M. from Baltimore.
Depart at 9.00 A. M. and 5.00 P. M. for Baltimore.

LOCAL NEWS.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

TRINITY P. E. CHURCH, TOWSON.—Preaching on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by Rev. W. H. H. Powers, Rector, and at 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.
The sessions of the Sunday School are held at 9.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Class meetings on Thursday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock and Friday even'g at 7.45 o'clock. Preaching every other Sunday at Dulany's Valley School House. Rev. Page Milburn, at 3.30 o'clock P. M. Sunday School every Sunday at 2.30 o'clock P. M.

EPSOM M. P. CHURCH.—Preaching at 10.30 A. M. by the Pastor, Rev. J. L. Elderdice; prayer meeting Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock.

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 8 o'clock.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Services at St. John's Church, Long Green, Baltimore county, first, third and fifth Sundays, and holidays; Masses at 8 and 11 o'clock.

ST. THOMAS' P. E. CH'RCH, HOMESTEAD.—Preaching by the Rector, Rev. Wm. Brayshaw, at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. St. Andrew's, Harford Road, 4 P. M.

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.

CHESTNUT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Reese.

SAEGER'S CHURCH.—Preaching every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock A. M., and evening at 7.30 P. M. by the pastor.

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 immediately at 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 9.45 A. M. Service at Phoenix every alternate Sunday evening at 7.30 P. M.—Sunday School every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.—Services at St. Philip's Church, Sunnybrook, fourth Sunday of the month; Mass at 11 o'clock.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

Wednesday, January 22d.—Wm. C. O'Dell, auctioneer for Geo. B. Hunting and John E. Sisco, on the premises, at the 7 Mile Stone, on the Belair Pike, 35¾ acres of land, divided into two lots of 14¾ acres, with dwelling, &c., and a lot of 21 acres, with tenant house, barn, &c.; also, horses, cows, wagon, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture, &c.

Wednesday January 22d.—S. G. Wilson, auctioneer for Arietta Hooper, on the premises, on the Old Joppa Road, 1 mile east of Hoffman's Depot Mill, tract of land of 94 acres; improved by frame dwelling, barn, &c.

AMUSEMENTS.

Ford's Grand Opera House—A Week of Brilliant Comic Opera—Francis Wilson in the "Goldfish."—Francis Wilson, the inimitable comedian and his company of merry-makers, will occupy the boards at Ford's Grand Opera House during the week of January 20th. This brilliant comedian has achieved a success here in New York; it ran over a 100 nights to crowded houses, and has just completed a five weeks' engagement in Philadelphia of equal success. The opera is filled with every novelty that mirth, music and dialogue could suggest. It is charmingly illustrated by a standard company of artists, and Mr. Wilson is a thorough master of his art and a most popular comedian. Matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

January 27th, the distinguished comedian, Chas. Wyndham, and his brilliant comedy company.

An Entertainment at Granite.—An entertainment was given at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Granite, on Monday evening, 13th inst., by the ladies and gentlemen of St. Paul's P. E. Church. There were recitations, readings, music and dialogues. All were admirably performed. A very pretty duet was sung by Miss Emma Doughty and Mrs. Dave Hamilton; another by Miss Cora Devries and Miss Yakel of Howard county; a pretty solo by Miss Nannie Miller and a quartet by Miss Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hamilton and Mr. Sam'l Miller. Miss Belle Troxell presided at the organ with much ease and grace. The feature of the evening was the recitation given by Prof. A. W. Hawks, of Baltimore. His inimitable drollery delighted the audience. He was greeted with storms of applause, and the "quarter" given by him "brought down the house" and closed the entertainment. Much of the elite of Granite and its "belt" were present. Among the audience were Mr. Phil. Troxell and daughters, Mr. Mel Sumwalt, Miss Dorsey, Misses Weller, Mr. S. J. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Owings, Hon. Frank Parlett and wife, Miss Worthington, Miss Offutt, Miss Barber, Mr. Shipley and many others, as the hall was packed.

Rev. J. Wynne Jones' Trouble With His Congregation.—Rev. J. Wynne Jones has gotten into trouble with his congregation at the Tome Street Presbyterian Church, Canton, Baltimore county.—Previous to the formation of the congregation Mr. Jones preached in the church, which was then known as a Welsh Independent Church. Subsequently it was organized as a Presbyterian Congregation and Mr. Jones became pastor. Recently trouble has been brewing between Rev. Mr. Jones and a portion of the congregation. He was notified to vacate the church by the 1st of last August. Recently Mr. Jones placed a new lock on the church door. Then some one got into the church by a rear window and placed a bar across the door so that the door could not be opened when unlocked. In this condition of affairs Mr. Jones took his portion of the congregation and went to Wagner's Hall, northwest corner of Elliott and East streets, Canton, where they now worship. There will be further trouble.

A Big Failure.—The Meade Van Bokkelen Company of Chicago, failed in December last for $300,000, assets $65,000. It appears that Mr. Van Bokkelen, the senior member of the firm, and a son of the late L. Van Bokkelen, formerly of St. Timothy's Hall, Catonsville, lost something near $100,000 of the firm's money in real estate speculations. It is reported that the largest loser by the collapse was Mrs. Naomi Van Bokkelen, widow of Dr. Van Bokkelen, and it was on her suit that the receiver was appointed. She had backed her step-son with means derived from the late Dr. Van Bokkelen, and she also guaranteed the claim of the First National Bank for $115,000, which got warehouse receipts in addition to her guarantee, so that its judgment is fully secured.

WEDDINGS.

Parks—German.—The marriage of Laurence V. Parks, of Huntingdon, W. Va., and Mamie F. German, daughter of Mr. A. J. German, of Towson, took place at Trinity P. E. Church, Towson, on Wednesday night, 15th inst., the Rev. W. H. H. Powers, Rector of the church, officiating. The wedding march was played on the organ by Mrs. Henry C. Turnbull, Jr. The ushers were Messrs. Harry Jones and Wm. German. A reception was held at the bride's residence, where the newly-married couple were congratulated by their numerous friends. The wedding presents were numerous and valuable. The bride and groom left at once for their future home in West Virginia.

Post Office Affairs at Wetheredville.—It is stated that the appointment of Mr. N. W. Steel to succeed Mr. Wm. J. Dickey as Postmaster at Wetheredville, did not receive the unanimous endorsement of the Republicans of that place. A petition, signed by fifty seven Republicans, who claim to be a large majority of their party in and around Wetheredville, had been sent to the Postmaster General before Mr. Steel's commission was issued, asking that his appointment be revoked and that George T. Loomis be appointed in his stead.—A copy of the petition was sent to Mr. Sydney E. Mudd, but no attention, it is stated, was paid to the paper, and the commission of Mr. Steele was made out.

72° in Mid-winter.—The thermometer at Towson on Sunday 12th at 12 M. marked 72°. The heat was oppressive. The day was a most beautiful one, long to be remembered, as no such weather has been witnessed in this latitude for many years, if ever. The balmy weather forced thousands out upon the streets of Baltimore, and they wandered about enjoying the prospect.

On Monday 13th the thermometer recorded 70° with a summer sky, rendering even light overcoats a burden, and then, as if having done a good thing, the aforesaid thermometer and barometer tumbled down and smashed to atoms on the editor's piazza.

Towson M. P. Sunday School.—The following officers of Epsom M. P. Sunday School were elected last Sabbath:

Superintendent—John J. Hall.
Assistant Superintendent—J. H. Bevans.
Secretaries—Thos. H. Stetser and Wm. S. Dunphy.
Librarians—Edw. Bowen and Robert Parlett.
Treasurer—John Wendroth.
Organists—Mrs. S. H. Bowen, Misses Lillian Brown and Bertha Greaser.

Surprise Party.—A surprise party, under the auspices of the "Ladies of the Blue," was given at the residence of Mr. George W. Seipp, Towson, on Thursday evening, 16th inst. The young ladies met at the residence of Mr. J. H. Lytle where they arranged their "toilet." A very pleasant evening was spent. Those present were Misses Florence Seipp, Mollie Stocksdale, Annetta Phipps, Estelle Lyle, Mollie Phipps, Belle Bottomore, Annie and Sadie Harrison.

Towson P. O.—The following letters remaining in the Towson Post Office will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, at Washington, if not called for:—Edward H. Seidenstricker, Geo. W. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Daniels, Miss H. Hellens.

State School Funds.—By the quarterly apportionment of the State School Funds, Baltimore county receives $8,062.95 for white schools and $1,128.14 for colored schools. Total, 10,093.09.

The Road Meeting in Towson.—The murky weather on Wednesday, 15th, looked as if it was going to throw a damper on the practical solution of the road question by preventing that large attendance of people who were present on the first day, but before the hour of meeting it was seen that there were a large number of people gathering to have the matter discussed. The Committee of Thirteen appointed at the previous meeting held a session in one of the jury rooms in the Court House, all the members being present except Mr. C. C. Rhodes, 3d District, and Mr. Oregon R. Benson, 13th District.

The Convention was called to order by Mr. C. Lyon Rogers, and Mr. Sam'l Brady, 3d District, was called to preside in the absence of Mr. John S. Biddison, who was unable to be present, with Mr. Jas. E. Green as Secretary.

Mr. Brady on taking the chair thanked the meeting for the honor conferred and hoped the business of the meeting would be transacted to the satisfaction of every one present.

On motion of Mr. C. Lyon Rogers, Col. Charles B. Roger was appointed a committee of one to notify the Committee of Thirteen that the Convention was waiting for their report. Col. Rogers reported to the Chairman of the Convention that the committee would be in readiness in a short time.

During the delay S. C. Tomay, 9th District, suggested that as quite a number of gentlemen present had papers or resolutions on the road question that it would save time to lay them before the Convention while waiting for the committee.

Mr. John Glenn, 1st District, questioned the propriety of embarrassing the Convention with any matters before the committee made its report, which would no doubt occupy the entire time of the Convention.

The Chair suggested that such matters could come before the Convention for its consideration until such time as the committee was ready to report, and the committee's report would take precedence over any other business.

At this juncture Major John I. Yellott appeared and announced that the Chairman of the committee he was ready to report. He submitted a majority report which favored the present Road Law, with the exception of certain amendments as follows:

Section 3, to be amended so that the Road Commissioners would be required to post in public places in the several Districts the prices they would pay for stone or other hard material to be delivered on the roads where required.

Section 5, to be amended so that no bill or claim shall be paid until it had laid in the office of the County Commissioners to be open to the inspection of the tax-payers of the District who may chose to inquire into the same.

Section 7, to be amended making it the duty of the County Commissioners to have all the roads marked and designated by sections, and the mileages of the same ascertained by the 1st of December, 1890.

Section 11, to be amended so that one-half of the taxes from each District shall be set aside for the General Road and Bridge Fund, and the other half shall be expended in the District from which it is collected.

Major Yellott then stated that he was in favor of a change in the Road Law, but that the committee had not agreed to the proposition and he would therefore submit the following minority report:

"That the present Road Law of Baltimore county, in connection with the General Road Law of the State, is amply sufficient for all practical purposes if properly administered with two simple amendments, viz: an amendment giving to the County Commissioners the power to take possession of roads for such Districts as may require the same for the permanent improvement of the roads of such District, and a further amendment more expressly prohibiting any Road Commissioner from working his own hands upon the roads, and providing for giving out of the mending of roads upon the contract system."

Mr. Wm. M. Isaac stated that as a member of the committee he had not heard anything of a minority report in the committee, but he was in favor of the majority report being acted upon.

Mr. G. W. Lurman said he was in favor of the minority report and hoped it would be adopted.

Mr. L. Harper spoke in favor of the majority report and was in favor of the minority. He gave lengthy reasons why the present law, in proper hands, would meet all the requirements needed.

Mr. Wm. M. Isaac offered an amendment that the minority report be received, which was lost.

Mr. John Glenn gave his views at length, and was in favor of the minority report.

Mr. L. Harper was in favor of a more equal distribution of the road tax, so that the wealthier Districts, where all the bonds and other valuable properties were, should aid the poorer Districts to a better road system. He said that the lower Districts had from $200 to $300 per mile to spend upon their roads, while some of the upper Districts had not more than $15 per mile.

Mr. A. L. Painter, 3d District, was in favor of a fair distribution of the road funds, and thought the present law met the necessities of the case if it was properly carried out.

Mr. Josiah Sparks, 10th District, was in favor of an increase of the General Road and Bridge Fund, so that the upper Districts might be enabled to put their roads in better condition.

Mr. E. F. Raphael, 11th District, was in favor of an increase of the General Road and Bridge Fund.—He did not consider that either report went far enough in that particular. He said the money was not properly spent now, and gave as an instance where a road machine had been sent into the 11th District by the County Commissioners and had never been used, and when a Road Supervisor was asked about it he said, "The dom'd thing wouldn't work." (A voice said the machine couldn't vote.) Continuing he said, put the roads into the hands of the proper men and there will be a vast improvement.

Mr. Thomas Owings, 9th District, was opposed to a change in the Road Law, which proposed to spend the money collected in the lower Districts to make roads in the upper Districts, which were rarely used by citizens of the lower Districts, while the upper Districts make use of all the roads near the city.

Mr. G. W. Lurman said the basis of taxation of the lower Districts was three-fourths of the entire county basis, and certainly he thought they were doing now more than their share of paying county expenses.

Mr. S. M. Rankin, 11th District, was opposed to the minority report and was in favor of an increase in the General Road and Bridge Fund, and was opposed to any extra taxation.

Mr. E. J. Farber, 1st District, said that whatever the outcome of this agitation of the road question it would do good, and it would put the people to work to improve the system and keep a careful watch on the expenditure of the taxes levied for such purposes.

Mr. Wm. M. Isaac said the matter at issue was the proper distribution of the road funds.

On motion the minority report was then adopted by a large majority.

On motion of Mr. Randolph Barton, 3d District, a committee of 5 was appointed by the Chair to carry out the provisions of the minority report.—The Chair appointed the following: Major John I. Yellott, 9th District, Chairman; Wm. M. Isaac 2d; Randolph Barton, 3d; Lewis M. Bacon, 8th, and Col. Jacob M. Pearce, 10th.

A motion was then made that three members of the committee be taken from the outlying Districts. This brought on a discussion which was participated in by Messrs. Painter, Councilman, John Grason, and others, and, finally, on motion of Col. O. P. Macgill, that all the amendments be laid on the table, it was carried, and the original motion was then adopted.

Mr. Thos. C. Worthington offered a resolution that certain Road Commissioners who have sworn certain knowledge be required to refund the money. It was suggested by several parties that these charges be brought to the attention of the State's Attorney.

Mr. Chas. Wells, Councilman then offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"That the Baltimore county delegation at Annapolis be requested to appoint a committee to investigate what turnpike companies in Baltimore county have violated their charters by exacting illegal tolls over badly-kept roadways, and what legislation is necessary to protect the farming community of Baltimore county."

On motion of Mr. C. Lyon Rogers a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Samuel Brady for his impartial, able and satisfactory administration of the duties of presiding over this Convention. There was a hearty response to this and a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned *sine die.*

Baltimore County Grange Takes Up the Road Question.—On Monday last, 13th inst., the members of Baltimore County Grange held a meeting in the hall of Centennial Grange at Towson to take action on the road question, the matter of the compulsory weighing of hay, and the mileage of turnpike companies within the limits of Baltimore city. Mr. Richard Vincent, Master, presided, with Mr. Wm. B. Sands as Secretary.

Messrs. C. Lyon Rogers and Washington Stevenson, from the Executive Committee, submitted a report on the matters for consideration, by the Grange as follows:

The abolition of the compulsory weighing of hay, or the abolishment of the present hay scales to more accessible and convenient points.

The heavy charges of the toll roads within the limits of Baltimore which are out of proportion to the mileage of general travel.

The proposed changes in the present Road Law.

The appointment of a committee from each Grange on legislative matters.

On the removal of the hay scales the report of Messrs. John W. Rider and George H. Merryman was adopted as follows:

"Since extension the area of Baltimore city has nearly doubled, and it has become exceedingly onerous for farmers selling hay, straw, &c., therein to be compelled to weigh upon the State scales. If they now sell a load on the outskirts they must drive three miles back, and then, if the buyer lives upon the wagon being re-weighed, there are six more miles for his team. Now the revenue from the scales to the State is very small, and they are only profitable to a few persons at the expense of many, and a grievous burden to a class that already pays more than its just proportion of taxes. We therefore recommend that this body appoint a committee to take charge of this matter and prepare a memorial to the present Legislature to abolish the compulsory feature and permit us to weigh our produce where we please. Failing to secure this, we would recommend that the committee be empowered to either secure the removal of the eastern scales or to have another scale erected near the northern limits of the city."

Mr. C. Lyon Rogers referring to the charges made by the Turnpike Company, said: "That a portion of the toll roads were now situated within the limits of Baltimore, and that tolls were therefore charged where it did not cost the corporations a cent to keep their roads up." He was opposed to paying any one dividends to which he is not entitled. Some discussion followed as to the rights of the Turnpike Companies, and the matter was finally referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The matter of the appointing a committee of one from each Grange to look after legislative matters, was amended on motion of Mr. R. H. Woolen so as to have a committee of three, and Messrs. C. Lyon Rogers, John G. Rider and Sam'l C. Heird were appointed as members of the committee.

The road question came up for discussion and Mr. C. Lyon Rogers read the following paper:

1st. Let it be determined as the sense of the meeting that the present Road Law, with the two additions hereafter suggested, is adequate to the needs of the county if intelligently and honestly followed.

2d. Let it be determined that inasmuch as it has been deemed expedient in the 1st and 13th Districts to obtain legislative authority for the levying of a special annual tax of 10 cents on the $100 for the improvement of the roads in the Districts paying said tax, so it is expedient to obtain legislative authority extending the same law to the remaining Districts in the county.

3d. Let it be determined that the special levy law above referred to shall be to the same effect as the laws passed for the 1st and 13th Districts, except that the 10 cents on the $100 thus specially levied for shall be applied for the purchase of a stone crusher for use in the District in which said levy is made; and also for the purchase of stone or other suitable hard materials for the roads in said District.

4th. Let it be determined that the Road Law should provide that no bill or claim for the construction or repair of bridges or roads should be passed or paid by the County Commissioners until the same with vouchers to support them have been filed and laid in the office of the County Commissions at least ten days before being passed or paid, and while thus lying in said office shall be subject to inspection by tax-payers. If objected to, the County Commissioners shall hear the objections and as speedily as possible take such testimony as the parties may desire and render judgment for or against the claim or any portion thereof as justice and right may seem to require.

5th. Let a committee be appointed to prepare such additions to the Road Law as will cover the aforegoing suggestions, and let the additions as proposed by them be published in the papers in order that other suggestions and improvements may be made, and let the same committee, with such assistance as it may desire, secure the passage of the bill as amended by the present Legislature.

6th. Let it be urged upon the tax-payers of the different Districts to form in their respective Districts Local Improvement Associations, the specific objects of which will be to see that the taxes collected in their Districts are honestly and intelligently expended.

If this plan is adopted and faithfully carried out it ought to result in maintaining the present road and bridge tax of 15 cents on the $100, except in the Districts where the extra levy of 10 cents is called for. The maintenance also of the existing mode of distributing the 15 cents, viz: 10 cents on the $100 in the Districts in which it is collected and the remaining 5 cents in such parts of the county as the County Commissioners in their discretion deem just and right. Such Districts as desire to have stone crushers will then be enabled to procure them. Claims for bridge and road work will not then be rushed through and paid without a proper inspection and audit, and will have to meet the objections of tax-payers if any are filed. Under this system vigilant committees will be formed in each District to see to the honest and intelligent expenditure of the taxes collected for the improvement of the roads.

Short addresses on the subject from the different points of view were made by Messrs. Samuel C. Heird, Washington Stevenson, Geo. H. Merryman, Col. Chas. B. Rogers, C. Lyon Rogers, Dr. G. M. Bosley, Wm. B. Sands, W. Jeff Shanklin, R. H. Woolen and Richard Vincent.

Among the members of the Grange present besides the above named were Messrs. John E. Sewell, E. Herman, David A. Kenny, C. Lyon Rogers, Jr., John Rider, Jr., John W. Bowen, David Kalb, Mrs. A. E. Talbott, Miss Sophia Talbott and Miss Ray Rider.

To Locate the County Roads.—The following order, offered by Mr. Robert Magruder in the Board of County Commissioners in relation to the roads, was passed:

OFFICE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BALTIMORE CO.,
TOWSON, MD., January 16th, 1890.

In order that it may be ascertained how many miles of county roads there are in Baltimore county, and that the same may be laid off in mile sections or other proper sub-divisions, and that all money to be hereinafter expended upon any such sections or sub-divisions may be duly accounted for by the Road Commissioners of the several Districts in such manner that the Chief Clerk and Auditor of the Board can audit such accounts so as to show in detail how much money has been expended in each of said sections during the year, and what character of road materials have been used in making and repairing the same; by whom the same has been done, whether by day work or by contract, or by whose authority; and that the Chief Clerk and Auditor of this Board shall annually make up a statement for publication in pamphlet form by this Board, showing the amount spent on each section for the year ending May 31st, and each succeeding year; therefore be it

Resolved by this Board, That Charles B. McClean, County Surveyor, and Wm. H. Shipley, Superintendent of Bridges, are hereby appointed to take charge of such work. They shall proceed forthwith and make a complete Road and Bridge Record for Baltimore county, and have the same completed not later than the 1st day of May next. This record shall contain the names of all county roads and all other important avenues or thoroughfares; the actual length, width and grade of the said county roads, as well as their condition; whether macadamized or not, and whether the same was acquired by deed or condemnation; it shall also contain the names and number of all the culverts and bridges in the county road system, their location, manner of construction, estimated cost and present condition. After having acquired this information they shall divide the said county roads into sections, giving the distance of each section, and the beginning and ending of the same, which sections or sub-divisions shall be styled District 1, Road 1, Section 1, &c., &c. They shall state the whereabouts of the nearest and most suitable material available for the repair and improvement of each section or sub-division of roads, and the ascertained cost of the same delivered on said road, and any other information or suggestions which, in their judgment, will be useful to the County Boards. They shall, for the purpose of facilitating said work, have access to all the books and records of this office. They shall be paid for their services, such compensation as may be agreed upon between the County Commissioners and themselves, and their report shall be under oath; and it is further

Resolved, That the Auditor shall provide suitable books for the several Boards of Road Commissioners, so that the records, prepared by the Clerks of the said Boards shall be kept in the manner specified as aforesaid; and he shall hereafter keep an account of the General Road and Bridge Fund, as well as the Special Road and Bridge Fund of the Districts in such a manner that the same will show how much of each has been expended in each mile section or sub-division of roads in each District of the county as hereinafter specified, and the same shall be published annually in pamphlet form as aforesaid by this Board.

THOMAS TODD,
JOHN SMITH,
ROBERT MAGRUDER, } Co. Commissioners.

The Road and Bridge Fund.—The following table shows the amount appropriated in each District for the General Road and Bridge Fund for the years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, and the amount paid for the same during the year ending on the 1st day of December, 1889, as furnished by the Chief Clerk and Auditor to the County Commissioners:

Dist.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
1	$ 5,902	$ 5,832 32	$ 5,674	$ 5,879 65	$ 4,511
2	1,469	1,465 36	1,436	Special. 1,486 00	Special. 1,618
3	10,325	9,698 22	9,622	9,724 00	4,229
4	1,931	1,945 91	1,891	1,859 00	1,992
5	760	758 70	741	740 00	839
6	665	683 22	697	696 00	712
7	972	968 66	995	958 00	1,117
8	2,835	2,898 88	2,831	2,865 00	3,112
9	15,886	15,888 74	16,516	17,073 00	10,544
10	1,240	1,239 32	1,212	1,214 00	1,254
11	1,865	1,821 91	1,922	1,874 00	2,092
12	7,882	8,011 44	8,101	8,234 00	8,771
13	1,853	2,020 60	1,990	1,957 00	2,188
	Special.	Special.	Special.	Special.	Special.
13	1,986	2,164 94	2,165	2,174 00	2,188

The following table shows the amounts appropriated in each District for the Special Road and Bridge Fund for five years:

Dist.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
1	$ 5,902	$ 5,832 32	$ 5,674	$ 5,879 65	$ 4,511
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7	972	968 66	995	958 00	1,117
8	2,835	2,898 88	2,831	2,865 00	3,112
9	15,886	15,888 74	16,516	17,073 00	10,544
10	1,240	1,239 32	1,212	1,214 00	1,254
11	1,865	1,821 91	1,922	1,874 00	2,092
12	7,882	8,011 44	8,101	8,234 00	8,771
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	Special.	Special.	Special.	Special.	Special.
13	1,986	2,164 94	2,165	2,174 00	2,188

The Road Meeting at Catonsville.—A meeting of taxpayers of the 1st Distrc was held at Catonsville on Tuesday night, 14th inst., under the auspices of the Neighborhood Improvement Association. The object of the meeting was to take into consideration the various propositions for amending the Road Law.

Mr. G. W. Lurman, who represents the 1st District on the Committee of thirteen, was elected permanent Chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Edwin J. Farber, Secretary of the Neighborhood Improvement Association, served as Secretary of the meeting. Mr. Lurman read a paper which he had prepared on the question, stating the situation of the 1st District.

General John Gill offered a resolution stating that the present law is as good as any that can be presented and opposing a change. The resolution was adopted, and a committee of twenty-five was appointed, on motion of Mr. John Hubner, to go to the meeting at Towson to back up Mr. Lurman and support the minority report of the committee.

Mr. John Glenn made a short address and Mr. John Hubner also spoke on the subject. The following gentlemen were appointed: John Glenn, Gen. John Gill, John Hubner, Silas Traverse, Michael Wallace, John Wallace, Dr. C. F. Pearson, C. F. Fusting, Reuben Jones, Samuel C. Heird, Albert Smith, Jas. McMillar, Theodore Lurman, Mr. Safe-Feslemyer, Adam J. Mellor, Charles Glaser, Geo. S. Kalb, James A. Gary, Talbot J. Albert, Dr. C. G. W. Macgill, Thomas A. Symington, Frederick Robb, Dr. N. R. Gerry, John S. Wilson, Edwin J. Farber, Dr. J. J. Williams. Alternates—Frank A. Metz and Peter Link.

Govanstown Items.—The members of the Govanstown Band are very indignant over the item published in the Baltimore *Sun* of Monday 13th inst. which read as follows:

"The thriving village of Govanstown has two brass bands, one composed of white and the other of colored musicians. There is a friendly rivalry between the two, and there is much music in the air. The band of which Mr. Chas. Pape is leader recently serenaded Rev. Henry Martin, pastor of the Govanstown Presbyterian Church."

Now the members of the Band do not want the people of the town to think the colored band are equal to the white band, as the former have become dissatisfied with the, mode of carrying on business and are now trying to reorganize.

Jos. L. Macklin, who has been in Harford county during the holidays, has returned, and is in the employ of Griffith & Turner, Baltimore.

The doctors of this town have been kept quite busy, and have kept the only druggist in the place going day and night, but druggists must not think this everlasting.

The new firm of Gallagher & Earp are doing a rushing business.

Quite a novel entertainment was held at the M. E. Church in the way of a Phonograph. Everbody who attended had an idea they would see a great big affair, run by what is called an "electro-dynamic." Invented by a gentleman by the name of Thomas Edison.

Rev. Dwight E. Lyman, with John L. Rosenstel, have been confined to their beds with the fashionable disease, "la grippe." You Know.

Franklinville Notes.—The prevailing epidemic has put in an appearance, and the medical men are kept busy.

The soft weather has produced mud and enough to spare.

The above things, however, have not put a stop to civilities, and the residents of this place have shown a kindly feeling by the presentation of handsome souvenirs to several parties. Prof. T. K. Pane, instructor of the Franklinville Cornet Band, was presented with a handsome diamond ring.—Mr. A. A. Blakenny, proprietor of the Franklinville Cotton Mills was presented by his employees with a valuable ring, set with a carbuncle. The operatives of the spinning room presented the foreman, Mr. George Diehl, with a fine gold chain and eye-glasses with gold rim. The operatives in the weaving room presented their foreman, Mr. J. C. Compton, with a beautiful cane. IXION.

Reisterstown Items.—Mr. Frank G. Yingling is sick with la grippe.

The flames of the burning elevator at Canton were seen at Reisterstown last Monday, 13th inst.

The bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yingling, have returned to Canton, Ohio, where they will reside.

Master Edward M. Caron is confined to his room with the inflammatory rheumatism.

Several students at St. George's are sick with la grippe.

Dr. Chas. Martin, of Sunbury, Pa., was in Reisterstown one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington Gore celebrated their 25th anniversary last week at their residence near Reisterstown. J. N. O.

Mawkins Items.—The M. E. Church of this place was quite handsomely decorated with flowers, plants, spruce and rumble vines on Friday evening last, 10th inst., on the occasion of the lecture delivered by the Hon. George Colton, M. H. D., of Baltimore, for the purpose of aiding the Trustees of the Monkton M. E. Church in beautifying and otherwise improving the ground. His subject was: "Woman, her Beauty and her Love." It is not necessary here to go into a minute description of either the lecturer or his subject. "Uncle George," as he is affectionally called by those that know him best, is so well known in Maryland and other States as a very successful platform speaker, that, no matter what his subject may be or where he may speak, he is bound to please the people, and he certainly succeeded at Monkton, as testified to by the modest blushing of some of our lady friends when their uncertain ages were made the butt of his remarks. The house was not as full as could have been desired, no doubt on account of the very dark night and the miserable condition of the roads, (however, they are getting better now.) The audience was quite a select and intelligent one. We noticed among them Mr. John Bacon, Mr. Jacob M. Pearce, Mr. John B. Pearce and daughter, Mr. Slicer Tipton and family, Rev. Frank H. Havenner and family, Mrs Abraham Young and daughter, Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. Chas. Young and family, Mr. John T. Young and family, Miss Beckie Tipton, Miss Hattie Miller, Mrs. Lewis Parsons, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Mr. Thomas Kauffman and wife, Mrs. John T. Kauffman of Baltimore, Mr. John Miller and wife, Zillah Evans, Mr. Upton Torbert, Mrs. Margaret Merryman, Mr. Charles E. Cuddy, Mr. Wm. Pearce and wife, Mrs. Harry Alder, Miss Rena Yingling, Mr. Thomas Ryan, Mr. L. B. Wagner, Mr. Josiah Sparks, Mr. Samuel Boaley and family, Mr. Royston Matthews, Mrs. N. Miller, Mr. J. Hutchins and sister, Mr. E. W. Heisse, Mrs. R. A. Remare, Miss Louisa Remare, Miss Maggie Shepperd, Miss Bedie Shepperd, Mr. John Darby, Mr. Samuel Shepperd, Miss Frances Shepperd, Mr. Robert Bacon, Mr. Wm. Shepperd and others.

Col. M. W. Offutt, Mr. Jacob M. Pearce, Mr. Josiah Sparks, Mr. Samuel Sparks, Mr. Slicer Tipton, Mr. Thomas J. Miller and a number of gentleman interested in the changing of part of the bed of the Monkton road, running easterly, on "My Lady's Manor," met again for consultation on last Saturday, 11th inst. The plan now proposed for the change seems to us quite feasible, and if brought into practice the result could not help but be of great benefit to all concerned. Col. Offutt thinks that there will be no trouble of reaching an amicable understanding as well as raising the necessary funds, about $600, to accomplish the work.

Thinking Democrats, who measure the interest and success of the party by the proper performances of the duty entrusted to the servants of the people, are well pleased with the promptness of action displayed by the Maryland Legislature thus early in the session in the re-election of such accomplished men as the Hon. Ephraim K. Wilson, of Worcester county, for the United States Senate, the Hon. Stevenson Archer, of Harford county, for State Treasurer, and John Gill, of Anne Arundel, Commissioner of Baltimore city. With this struggle happily and satisfactorily ended, nothing remains now but for both Houses to go earnestly to work and support in the best manner possible the laws and passing wise laws for the good of Maryland and her people.

The Loyal League Juvenile Temperance Workers, an organization of the young folks of this place, will give a "free entertainment" at Monkton M. E. Church, on Friday night, 24th inst., commencing at 7.30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Quite an amusing little incident took place in our midst on last Friday morning, 10th inst., which, for its drollery, will no doubt tickle our lady friends, both married and "otherwise." Mrs. Nicholas Miller, the wife of our agent, was very busily engaged in the kitchen of her residence, "Chestnut Summit," cooking to every good housekeeper. Of course she was assisted in her work by their joint heir at law, Master Walter Miller, a little toddler two years of age. Mrs. Miller had occasion to go into a closet attached to the house, the door of which was provided with a spring catch, and while she was thus fixing things inside the baby slammed the door shut and the mother was a prisoner, while the little fellow was outside with the key, playfully and innocently fooling for help could not be heard on the outside, and the little boy's prattle to his father, who was not far off, was not noticed by that gentleman. The imprisoned lady after being quite a little time in some embarrassing and uncomfortable position for about one hour, finally succeeded in getting the child to draw a chair up to the door and climb upon it and lift the latch from the inside, which he operated by his mamma. The slipper, the most aggressive weapon used by nearly every mother, was not brought into requisition on this occasion, but we are told that the mother and son actually embraced. Now drop the curtain.

Mr. Lewis Parsons, a gentleman well known and greatly respected by the whole community, is, we are exceedingly sorry to admit, quite ill and greatly weakened. Mr. Parsons has been afflicted with a cancer in the face for many years. The best medical skill had been constantly employed and the growth chec