Maryland Journal

TOWSON, MD.

Saturday, April 26, 1890.

LOCAL NEWS.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

Tuesday, April 29th.—John F. Gontrum, attorney, Geo. W. Yellott, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, at the Court House, 9 pieces of property for unpaid taxes.

Wednesday, April 30th.—Wm. M. Risteau, auctioneer for Joseph P. Griffin, at Govanstown, horses, cows pigs, farming implements, &c.

AMUSEMENTS.

Ford's Grand Opera House—Week of April 28th, Grand Comic Opera Festival.—During the week of April 28th "The Duff Opera Company" will appear at Ford's Grand Opera House in a grand revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. They have been giving a series of comic opera festivals this season with flattering success. Mr. Duff has secured the best obtainable voices this country produces, an orchestra ion of 40 pieces, a magnificent chorus and scenery never equalled in operatic history. The production of Pinafore was sung at the Chicago Auditorium to the full capacity of that great building, and in New York where Mr. Duff has recently played an extended engagement, the press was unanimous in its praise. In Baltimore the operas will be given with all the original feature, and the same Company that has characterized its success elsewhere. Matinees will be given as usual Wednesday and Saturday.

May 5th, Jefferson's and Taylor's spectacular drama, "The Dark Secret."

A Condemnation Jury.—The jury of inquisition under Sheriff Charles J. Beckley, which has had under consideration the matter of the condemnation of a right of way for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company through the property of the Canton Company, at Canton, Baltimore, rendered a verdict on Saturday, 19th inst., in favor of the Canton Company for the sum of $98,836. In November, 1884, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company entered into a written agreement with the Canton Company for the sale of a right of way for its road from Lombard street to Clinton street, containing nearly twelve acres of land, with the right to the Baltimore and Ohio to take possession of the land at once, and after the road was constructed, if the two corporations failed to agree, then the question of damages was to be referred to two arbitrators to fix the same, with an allowance of 5 per cent. interest from December 1, 1884, on the amount allowed.—The parties failed to agree, and two gentlemen were solicited to assess the damages, who made an award in July, 1885, for the amount of $49,000, this award the Court of Appeals declared null and void, and proceedings of condemnation were taken out by the B. & O., and the jury fixed the damages at 50 per cent. for use of land by the railroad company as agreed upon from December 1st, 1884. W. Irvine Cross, Major John I. Yellott and R. R. Boarman represented the Railroad Company. Col. D. McIntosh, Col. John L. Thomas and Hon. T. F. C. Talbott were the counsel for the Canton Company.

A Suitable System for the Repair of Baltimore County Roads.—On the 22d inst. the County Commissioners addressed a circular to the several Road Commissioners of the county, (excepting the Commissioner of the 1st District) to submit to the Board in writing, on or before Wednesday, May 4th, a suitable system for the repair and improvements of the roads in their respective Districts, having regard to the provisions of the law passed by the recent session of the Legislature. The Board also request the Road Commissioners to report in writing, in detail, how and in what sections the roads in their respective Districts should be let on bids by contract or be allotted as so called for in Section 189 of the new law. A copy of the amendments recently passed was also sent to each Road Commissioner. It is hoped by the Commissioners that in view of the great interest taken in better roads the Road Commissioners will give their very best thought and report their practical experience which may enable the Board to secure to the citizens of the county such improvement in all our roads as will amply satisfy the people, in this age of advanced public sentiment, upon this important subject.

Burgoyne Band Musicale.—The Court House was well filled on Wednesday night, 23d inst., with an audience who freely testified their appreciation of the musical entertainment given by Prof. Jacob L. Burgoyne's Band of Towson. The program was a most excellent one of a varied musical character, as follows: Overture by Band; piano duet, Mrs. C. Slaughtff and Miss Flower Gill; "Miss May Walter; harmonica solo, Harvey Flemming; guitar and mandolin duet, Messrs. Blackman and Miller; vocal solo, "The Vagabond Band," H. W. Bay; quartet, "Where the Lilies Bloom," Southern Quintet Club; whistling solo, Frank McCarty; cornet solo, Prof. Burgoyne; banjo solo, J. M. Whiteford; vocal solo, George W. Roseman, Jr.; harmonica duet, Messrs. Foreman and Bowers; guitar and mandolin duet, Messrs. Blackman and Miller; vocal duet, "The Pilot," Messrs. Day and Roseman; piano duet, Mrs. C. B. Slingluff and Miss ——; plantation melodies, Southern Quintet Club; piano solo, Mrs. Chas. A. Roe; overture by Band.

Fire in a Linen Closet.—On Wednesday morning, 23d inst., Mrs. Wm. S. Keech went into the linen closet and while holding a lighted match set fire to a straw hat which she had on She tore the hat off her head and immersed it in the bath-tub in the room adjoining and then went down stairs.—She was not down stairs long when the smell of smoke attached the attention of the servant girl in the house who called Mrs. Keech's attention to it.—They both ran up stairs and the interior of the closet was in a blaze. Their cries brought the colored man, who was at work in the yard, and together they extinguished the flames. All the household linen, fine bed-spreads, portieres, &c., were all more or less damaged by fire, and the interior wood work of the closet was scorched. The loss is covered by a policy of insurance in the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, S. C. Tomay, Agent, Towson, and was properly adjusted on the 25th inst.

Mr. A. H. Cole Resigns.—The matter of the investigation of the charges preferred by the County Commissioners against Mr. A. H. Cole, Superintendent of the County Alms House, was brought to a termination on the 22d inst. by the following letter of resignation which Mr. Cole handed to the Board of County Commissioners:

TOWSON, April 22d, 1890.

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of Baltimore County—Gentlemen:

Having made arrangements to go into business, I hereby hand your honorable body my resignation as Superintendent of the County Alms House, to take effect from the 1st of June, or as soon thereafter as my successor shall be appointed and qualified. Yours Very Truly,

A. H. COLE,
Superintendent County Alms House.

Asking for a Chemical Engine for Towson.—On the 22d inst. a delegation of the residents of Towson, among whom were Rev. W. H. H. Powers, Rector of Trinity Church; Major John I. Yellott, John B. Longnecker, J. Maurice Watkins, Samuel J. Robinson, August Loose, Dr. R. C. Massenburg, Henry Dienstbach, and others, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners and urged the necessity of providing a Chemical Engine for Towson and vicinity in accordance with the law passed in 1888. The Commissioners promised to take the matter into serious consideration. It appears that the only drawback to obtain the fire extinguisher for Towson is the demand by the numerous other villages in the county who all want some fire protection, and to supply all these demands would necessitate a large increase in the present rate of taxation.

The Corporations and the Liquor Law.—Mr. Edgar H. Gans as attorney appeared before the Clerk of the Court on the 24th inst. to make application for the issuance of a license to the Gentlemen's Driving Park Association, whose club house is near Pimlico. The Clerk refused to issue a license to the club, as the law provides, under Section 3, that the Steward or some other officer of the club must make the application and oath, and under his idea of the law, the license would then be issued to Mr. A. B. as Steward for that particular club. This view of the law did not meet with the idea of the applicants and it is probable that a legal interpretation of the act will be asked of the Court.

A Horse Dies from Heart Disease.—Anemore, the great blooded stallion belonging to Captain Daniel Friel, Captain Robert J. Wilson and Thomas J. Slaughter, dropped dead of heart disease last Friday night, 18th inst., near Centreville, Queen Anne county. Anemone was a bay horse, foaled in 1881, by Strathmore, 408; dam Arline, by Almont, 33; granddam Madame Moith, by Gray Eagle; great-granddam, the Offalt mare, by Saxe Weiner. Anemone's record was 2:20¾, and was valued by his owners at $3,000.

Insect Pests.—State Entomologist Jno. B. Smith, of New Brunswick, N. J., is sending out circular letters asking the co-operation of farmers who are bothered with wire worms and root louse on corn, the borer in melons and squashes and a leaf louse on the same plants, the rose bug on the grape, maggots on cabbage and onion, to write to him and he will send samples of insecticides that will be used in a series of experiments this season with special reference to these pests.

Advance in the Price of Ice.—On Saturday, 19th, a meeting of the Baltimore ice dealers was held, and it was decided to advance the price of ice beginning with the 21st, to the following schedule: Private families, 7 pounds, 5 cents; 15 pounds, 10 cents; 25 pounds and over, 60 cents per 100 pounds; larger consumers, 50 cents per 100 pounds; ten lots, 40 cents per 100 pounds. The prospect is that prices will be still further advance before the close of the season.

Honors to a Towsonian.—At the night session of Tuesday 22d of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, I. O. O. F. Mr. Wm. Grason, of Towson Lodge, 79, Towson, was elected Grand Warden. This is a high compliment to not only Mr. Grason personally (as he will eventually go into the Grand Master's chair) but also to Towson Lodge, which now has two Past Grand Masters—Dr. G. M. Bosley and Mr. Wm. H. Ruby.

Complimentary.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Baltimore and Yorktown Turnpike Road Company, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the stockholders are hereby due to the Hon. James J. Lindsay, Hon. L. B. McCabe and Hon. J. Henning Jones for their efforts in securing the passage of the Act of Assembly providing for more rapid motive facilities on the York Road and enlarging the powers of the Company.

Bids for the Townsend Road.—The County Commissioners on the 22d inst. opened the bids for the opening, widening grading and construction of Townsend Road from Lake Avenue to Roland. The bids were as follows: Samuel Roach, $887.50; Geo. W. Berry, Sr., $915.50; Thomas H. Lynch, $879; John Cooper, $850. Cooper being the lowest bidder he was awarded the contract.

Refused a License.—John Grason as counsel for Patrick O'Malley filed a petition on the 24th inst. asking for a mandamus to compel the Clerk to issue a license fo the sale of liquor near Mt. Winans, 13th District, the same having been refused. A hearing will take place on a day to be fixed.

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:—Miss Anna Finn, Mr. Elmer Phillips.

OBITUARY.

Thomas J. Brand.

Mr. Thomas J. Brand, aged 41 years, a well-known teamster of Baltimore, and two of his late Alexander J. Brand, who was for many years the President of the Young Catholics' Friend Society of Baltimore, died suddenly of heart disease, at his residence in Baltimore, on Saturday, 19th inst. The deceased leaves a widow, two brothers, Hon. Alex. J. Brand, who is Judge of the Page County Court at Luray, Va., and Rev. Leo Brand, S. J., who is stationed at Frederick Md., and two single sisters who reside in Baltimore. The deceased was a quiet, plain and unpretentious citizen, possessed of sterling qualities which endeared him to his many friends. He studied law after leaving college and was admitted to practice, but took up the tea business on his father's death. His funeral took place on Monday, 21st inst., the funeral services being held in St. Vincent's Church, the Rev. Fathers Didier and Brand, officiating. The interment was in the Brand family burial lot in Bonnie Brae Cemetery. The pall bearers were members of the Maryland Pilgrim Association, of which the deceased was a member.

Mrs. Mamie Hart.

Mrs. Mamie Hart, wife of Dr. John B. Hart, member of the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, died on the 21st inst. from paralysis, of which she had been afflicted for about two weeks. She was a daughter of the late Nicholas S. Rogers. Mrs. Hart leaves a daughter about 7 years old.

James A. L. McClure.

Col. James A. L. McClure, one of the most prominent members of the bar of Maryland, died at his residence, 1700 Charles street, on Monday, 21st inst., aged 56 years. Mr. McClure had enjoyed excellent health to within a few weeks of his death. His feeling well he went to Atlantic City for a few day's rest and recreation. Experiencing no improvement he returned home, when he was attacked with erysipelas, which baffled the efforts of Dr. Latimer, his physician, and he rapidly grew worse until death relieved him.

No person in this city was better known or more highly esteemed than Col. McClure, and he occupied a high position among his fellow citizens. Of a genial disposition, he was sought by all who loved a true Chesterfieldian gentleman, and he was of distinguished personal appearance.

Col. McClure was born in Berkley county, Virginia, now West Virginia, of one of the old Scottish families. He received his education at the University of Virginia. After his graduation he came to Baltimore and read law with the Hon. Robert M. McLane, and was admitted to the bar on July 3d, 1858. When Mr. Andrew Street Ridgely was appointed United States District Attorney he appointed Col. McClure, Deputy, and the duties of the office were conducted by these two with justice and humanity.

In 1880 he was elected to the Legislature of Maryland, and took a prominent part in the business of the session. He had been a Director on the part of the State in the B. & O. Railroad from time to time, and at the time of his death was a Director in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. In 1874 he was a delegate to the Convention which nominated Grover Cleveland.

Colonel McClure was a very popular honorary member of the Journalists' Club of Baltimore City, which took appropriate action in regard to his death. He was counsel for the Registers of Voters, for well nigh the time of his death, and for seven or eight years was a Director of the Maryland Penitentiary. The Police Board also took immediate action on his death, adopting an appropriate resolution, and ordering a suitable mark of respect to his memory.

Col. McClure married Miss Susan Stansbury, a daughter of Mr. George Stansbury, of Baltimore. Mrs. McClure and two daughters survive him, one the wife of Mr. Edgar Gillett, and Miss Julia McClure.

Col. McClure's death was formally announced in the Criminal Court by Deputy State's Attorney Campbell. Judge Stewart made appropriate remarks, and in respect to his memory adjourned the Court.

Col. McClure's funeral took place on Wednesday, 23d, services being held at St. Michael's and All Angels' P. E. Church, Calvert and First streets.—The interment was at Greenmount. Honorary pallbearers: U. S. Senator, A. P. Gorman, Insurance Commissioner J. Fred C. Talbott, ex-Attorney General Charles B. Roberts, State's Attorney Wm. A. Kerr, John T. Ford, Saml. W. Starr, Thos. R. Gamble, Jas. B. Gorter, Andrew C. Trippe, E. M. Schryver and Police Marshal Jacob Frey. Active pall-bearers: Edward Wilson, Wm. Pinkney, Wm. Knight, Col. Albert Ritchie, Joseph M. Cushing and H. Frary. A large delegation from St. Andrew's Society attended, preceded by Mr. John T. Morris.

Among those present were: Col. Wm. Henry Legg, Thos. S. Wilkinson, John A. Robb, S. Hamilton Caughy, Charles H. Carter, Edw. N. Rich, Wm. H. Ruby, Robert J. Slater, Senator Chas. S. Adams, John M. McWilliams, John M. Gallagher, Jas. McElroy, Harry Turner, Morris A. Thomas, Joshua Horner, Jr., Alonzo Lilly, Joseph P. Merryman, Wm. Bryan, James P. Shannon, Robert Lyon Rogers, Samuel H. Tagart, John P. Poe, C. B. Kleibacker, and many others.

Robert Gray.

Mr. Robert Gray, who lived in Towson for a number of years, died at his residence, "Park House," Newark, N. J., on the 15th inst. after an illness of several weeks. He was born in Cork, Ireland Apl 1811, and after graduating at Trinity College, Dublin, came to America in 1836 and filled the position of professor at the noted Washington Institute, New York city, and afterwards took charge of the Military School, Raleigh, N. C. He came to Towson and opened school about 1840 and had as scholars many well known residents of Baltimore and Towson, among them being Hon. J. F. C. Talbott, J. Nelson Stoner, Chas. W. Wisner, S. N. Whittle, Thos. H. Taylor, Wm. C. Payne, Henry L. Bowen, the professor at the noted Washington Institute, Stevenson, Edw. Jenkins, Mrs. Samuel F. Butler, Mrs. Ezra F. Brown, Mrs John Wright, Mrs. W. F. McKee, Miss Mary Matthews, Miss Ella Matthews, and many others.

There are many who will remember his genial, kindly disposition which won him many warm friends in Towson, and also his fine voice, he being at that time the choir of Christ P. E. Church, Baltimore. After leaving there he went to Newark to become Principal of the parish school connected with Grace Church, and after retiring was private tutor of the classics to many prominent residents, he being considered one of the best teachers of Latin, Greek and French in the State. He was also connected with several musical organizations, and for twelve years President of the Newark Harmonic Society. Two children survive him, Mr. Robert Gray and Mrs. Nellie Grasloff. Mr. Gray's wife died in 1879. He was interred at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Newark.

William W. Christopher Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter—$100 Fine and Costs.—On Monday 21st William W. Christopher, who was tried for the killing of Charles P. Logue by shooting him with a pistol in a saloon in Baltimore the day before last year, pleaded guilty to the charge, accompanied by his brother, who has been faithful to him throughout the whole proceeding with a devotion which has been most praiseworthy, and his counsel, Mr. Chas. Jones, Joseph S. Heubler, Edgar H. Gans, John I. Yellott and R. R. Boarman, Mr. F. I. Duncan, State's Attorney, representing the State, Judge Burke presiding. The counsel for Christopher announced that they were ready to enter a plea in the case, and Mr. Heubler then read the following paper, which was duly filed by the Court Clerk, Mr. L. M. Bacon:

STATE OF MARYLAND, } *In the Circuit Court*
vs. } *for*
WILLIAM W. CHRISTOPHER. } *Baltimore County.*

The defendant in the above case hereby formally pleads not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter. He is impelled to this course by the following reasons:

1st. He has now been twice tried, each trial resulting in the disagreement of the jury. These trials have been prolonged, and not only harrassing to his immediate family, but troublesome to the many friends upon whom he has been obliged to call away from their business to testify to his good character. He does not think it proper, therefore, to still further subject his family to the suspense and his friends to the trouble and loss of time which a third trial would involve.

2d The Judge to whom this plea is presented has fully heard the evidence on both sides, and this defendant, after mature deliberation, is willing to submit the matter of punishment to his reasonable discretion, believing that he will do what is right and just under all the circumstances of the case.—In this connection the defendant solemnly protests that he is innocent of all crime, and has done nothing that any prudent man who values his life would not have done if placed in the same position. He files this formal plea of manslaughter simply for the reason above given to bring this otherwise interminable proceeding to a conclusion.

W. W. CHRISTOPHER.

Christopher was then called to the bar and personally entered his plea of not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter.

Judge Burke then said:

"Christopher, you have pleaded guilty to the crime of manslaughter for the killing of Charles P. Logue, and your counsel in your behalf have accompanied your submission with a statement of reasons which have induced you to submit to a plea of manslaughter. I am now about to pronounce sentence. Have you anything to say personally to the Court why the sentence should not now be pronounced?"

Christopher replied that he had nothing to say.

The judge then resuming, said:

"You have been twice tried upon this indictment and in both trials the jury divided upon the question of your guilt. The cost of these trials have necessarily been very heavy. I have been informed that they aggregate a sum reaching nearly $1,500. The jury which heard your case in this Court was composed of gentlemen of the very best character and of most excellent judgment. The counsel for the State with much ability and zeal contended for a conviction of murder in the second degree. Your own counsel with equal ability and earnestness insisted that you were guilty of no offense against the law; that your act was that of self-defense, and that you were entitled to a prompt acquittal. Having presided at the trial of your case in this Court, I gave the closest attention to the testimony adduced against you, and having analyzed it closely, and considering all its probabilities and improbabilities and assigned to each fact the proper weight, and in explanation of the sentence which I am about to impose, I desire to say that if your case had been tried before me I would have been bound to acquit you under the law. The law invests in the Court a very wide discretion in imposing sentence for the crime of manslaughter. I have power to impose a fine or imprisonment, or both. I am only limited as to the maximum of punishment. In view, therefore, of your submission to a plea of manslaughter, and the opinion which I entertain as to the nature of your act gathered from the testimony adduced at your trial, the judgment of the Court is that you pay a fine of $100 and costs."

The costs in the case as docketed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore county are as follows, by the transcript of record from Baltimore city:

State's Attorney's Fee	$ 10 00
Clerk's Costs	24 05
Sheriff's Fees	98 90
Defendant's Attorney	10 00
Tales Juror's per diem	52 50
Stenographer	157 00
Surveyor's plat	15 00
Total	$ 367 45

The trial in Baltimore county:

State's Attorney's Fee	$ 10 00
Clerk's Costs	47 30
Sheriff Beckley's Costs	20 30
Sheriff of Baltimore city	48 30
Crier of the Court	8 20
Witness Fees	295 50
Defendant's Attorney's Fee	10 00
State's Att'y's Special Fees	200 00
Stenographer's charges	296 10
Board of Jurors	336 00
Total	$1,272 20
Grand Total	$1,639 65

The Midland Railroad.—General Manager John Carroll, of the Maryland Midland Railroad, with Mr. Howard Munnikhuysen, representing the stockholders of that corporation, have returned from Philadelphia where they have been in conference with Messrs. Jay Cooke, J. C. Fulton, and other officials of the Washington and Harrisburg Railroad in regard to the point of junction of the two roads. This enterprise will open up one of the finest countries in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and with their branch into Baltimore will no doubt do a paying business.

THE PASSING OF THE OYSTER.

Now passeth forth ye Oyster,
And his silent Pardes, ye Clamme;
And comyth Mild Asparagus,
Greene Pease and Young Spring Lambe,
But hym yt lyves on Porke and Beanes,
Hym rocketh notte a Dameme.

[WASHINGTON CRITIC.

Monkton Items.—The funeral of little Jack W. Langley, only child of W. L. and Louisa Langley and grandson of Mr. Daniel Alder, of Corbett Station, took place at 11.30 o'clock A. M. on last Sunday, 20th inst., and was very sad indeed, particularly to the almost suddenly bereaved parents and grandparents, to whom the blow came so unexpected and with so much force as to leave them in a condition of utter despair and bewilderment as the thought gains ground and they begin to realize the fact that their only beloved child has been taken to the grave, and that they shall never more see his dear form or hear his glad voice, nor suffer his endearing embrace. Only 8 years and 4 months old at the time of his death, he was a bright, straightforward and manly little fellow and exhibited thus early a character which spoke well for the coming man. He was beloved by everyone on the farm and in the neighborhood, but by none more so than his own immediate family. Jack was a member of the Juvenile Loyal Temperance Legion, and it is said his convictions were so firm and strong on that point that he refused to take the stimulants ordered by the physician, even when he was in the throes of death. His funeral was very largely attended by the people of the surrounding country. The Rev. F. H. Havenner conducted the services, and spoke feelingly of the sad event, having himself buried three children out of his own household. Masters Howard Smith, Harry Matthews, Frank Sparks and Elmer Miller acted as pall-bearers. The interment took place in the new cemetery laid out recently by Mr. Alder on his farm. The flower offerings were numerous and handsome and beautiful. We understand that this is the second one of the kind put up by the inventors, but they have now a great many orders from the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Western Maryland, and other railroads, and will supply them as fast as they can get the casting done and ready. A petition has been presented to the County Commissioners and largely signed by the taxpayers asking for a bridge across a stream on the road leading from Monkton to Piney Run, in the 4th and 8th Districts, on the farm belonging to Mr. J. F. Conrad. We are familiar with the place and think a bridge would be a public benefit.

The last few days of May promise to be pleasant weather have been taken advantage of by our people generally. Corn planting, gardening, and that horror housecleaning are in full blast.

We are equally surprised as are our friends of the JOURNAL Office because in their last issue when we spoke of our friend from Corbett and ourselves having come in mortal combat with real, "live snakes" in the early season and caused our readers to think that the rapid growth of mint (and then why not speak plain) mixed with a certain beverage perhaps made us "see snakes." Now, like our Baltimore county correspondent, we would say that we always like to tell the truth, or as near as possible, and as for the rapid growth of mint that pleasant commodity has not made its appearance on our grounds as yet, at least not hereabouts. But it is said a mint julep has become an indispensable necessity, together with a certain beverage as aforesaid in Towson, it has to be raised in hothouses in order to accommodate some of our friends at all seasons of the year. Isn't that so, brother?

Yaw? J. F. H.

Owings' Mills Items.—The Burnham family, who have occupied the old 14 Mile House for some time, have moved to Chestnut Ridge.

The wedding bells have not all ceased to ring yet. We are well assured that another will take place soon.

Mrs. Margaret Strewig is beautifying her new residence by grading and planting many ornamental and shade trees.

Mr. Herod Cross has just finished planting a large apple orchard.

Mr. Chas. Bell has moved to his property lately purchased from Frank D. Gingrich.

Miss Kate Allen has returned home from a visit to Pikesville.

Mr. Jno. Griswold and wife, of Pleasant Hill, spent Sunday last at Deer Park.

Mr. Guthrie preached a very able and eloquent sermon at Pleasant Hill M. E. Church last Sunday, his subject being "Faith."

Mr. Chas. Fangmyer's new palatial residence, situated opposite the school house and overlooking the village of Owings' Mills, is nearing completion. It will make quite an improvement to the neighborhood.

The house owned and formerly occupied by Mr. Patrick Gallagher, but now occupied by Mr. Edward Dilworth, is being repainted.

The Rev. Henry G. Martin and Wm. L. Norris sailed from New York on last Saturday morning.

YOU KNOW.

Doings at Warren.—Sunday, April 20th, was quite an eventful day at Warren, four sermons being preached. Two of them were preached by Rev. Samuel McMan, of the Valley of Virginia.—He is of the German-Baptist or Tunker persuasion. A couple were also made man and wife by Rev. Joshua Cain—Thos. H. Ford ann Miss Annie E. Fisher. There was also five old war horses met at the Warren church who some years ago took quite an active part in the affairs of Warren—Samuel H. Green of Pennsylvania, Abselom Hinshart and Geo. F. Donaldson of Baltimore, and Joshua Johnson and Joshua Cain of Warren. There was a general shaking of hands which reminded us of old times.

The question for debate Tuesday, April 28th, is as follows: "Resolved, That the Negro has more cause for complaint than the Indian." Question for Tuesday night, May 6th: "Resolved, That our representatives are bound by the will of their constituents."

Reception to a Pastor.—Rev. A. C. Dick, the newly appointed pastor at Epworth M. P. Church, arrived at the parsonage in Towson on Thursday afternoon last, accompanied by his wife and son.—They were met by a number of the older members of the church, who had prepared an elegant supper, to which all did justice. Later in the evening a company of young people of the church also visited the parsonage to welcome their new pastor among them. Refreshments were served and a general good time had in singing and social conversation. It is hoped that the Rev. gentleman may be the means of doing much good while he is among us.

Pensions.—Among pension affairs the past week we notice increase to Andrew Queen, Powhatan; 2d District; increase to Jacob O'Michael, Ekio.

CHARACTERISTIC SONGS,

Artisans, Men and Occupation,

Expressly Written for the MARYLAND JOURNAL BY

Prof. F. Nicholls Crouch, F. R. S.,

COMPOSER OF "KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN," "DERMOT ASTORE," "THEIR MARRIAGE," "DEATH OF DERMOT," &c., &c., &c.

The Moulder.

Glows the furnace with molten ore,
Round moulders bronzed by heat,
Who heed not how the metal runs
Around their naked feet.
Cauldrons traversing here and there,
Their vacant moulds to fill,
Which, as they pass, the meteor sparks
Fly round them all at will.

The moulders' craft are dauntless men,
Their sinewy arms are strong;
They reck not what life's risk may be,
Or dangers working among;
They cannons cast—huge anchors make:
Anon the engine's shaft;
Childs' toys for men like them to make,
Who dignify their craft.

Fearless in strength—muscular power,
Vulcanized workmen they:
Forging their labors day and night,
Artizans training to be,
Shaping their work by plum and square,
Distance measuring by rule:
Guiding actions, truthful as fair,
Right, forcing wrong, out of school.

Moulders are men of sterling might,
Defying the wear of Time,
Designing work to brave the fight
Of rust, decay and rheum.
Artificers in metal are they,
Opposition can never displace,
For the "Masters" skill born are they,
Commanding station and place

BALTIMORE, MD., April 7th, 1890.

Baltimore County Agricultural Society—Meeting of the Board of managers.—Important Changes, &c.—A meeting of the Board of Managers of the Baltimore County Agricultural Society was held at the office of Mr. Wm. S. Powell, Baltimore, on Wednesday, the President, Col. D. M. Matthews, in the chair, and H. C. Longnecker, Secretary. The members of the Board present were Messrs. W. S. Powell, Alex. McCormick, Jr., Wm. H. Wright, W. Jeff. Shanklin, D. H. Rice, S. S. Crocker, Wm. Fell Johnson and William B. Cockey.

Messrs. McCormick and Shanklin, Committee on Premium List, suggested a number of changes in the same, all of which were adopted.

Mr. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Privilege, read the following report, which was adopted with but one dissenting voice:

To the President and Managers of Managers:

Your Committee on Privileges have duly considered the financial wants and requirements of the Baltimore County Fair, and are fully impressed with the absolute necessity of extending the usefulness of its future life. Its present existence is entirely due to the personal liberality and public spiritedness of its managers in pledging their private means to liquidate the unpaid indebtedness of the society, and taking for their only security the possibilities of future success.

We deem it imperative that the field of privileges be widely extended and all bases be eliminated.

Considering the matter from a strictly business standpoint, and urged by the pressure of the cold facts of insufficient income, we make the following suggestions, without sentiment, and only as the income from the proposed changes of the fair is possible, for without increase of income it must certainly pass into history.

We recommend that the Secretary be instructed to contract for the following:

1st. Liquor privilege.
2d. Pool-selling.
3d. Wheels of fortune, &c.

And in lieu of the present consideration all offers that are calculated to produce income.

In the matter of abuses, we suggest that the privileges of stockholders be either for the present entirely suspended, or limited to a single admission of the holder, and not permitting competition for money prizes without fully paid entrances fees.

We fully concur in the absolute uselessness of the ornamental position of Vice Presidents, and urge the abolishment of the same.

We suggest that single admission tickets be sent to appointed judges, with instructions to apply to them the superintendents of their classes for the proper badges, who will, after the performance of their offices, supply the same.

Having acted to the best of our ability within the scope of our authority, we respectfully submit our report for your consideration, and invite your unreserved criticism and suggestions.

Respectfully,

W. H. WIGHT,
WM. FELL JOHNSON,
W. B COCKEY.

Mr Rice, Chairman of the Committee on Track, read the following report, which was unanimously adopted and the Board authorized the Committee to proceed at once to make such improvements in the track as in their judgment they may deem necessary to put it in first-class condition:

To the President and Board of Managers:

The Committee on Track beg to report the following: On the 16th inst. we visited the track for the purpose of setting its condition. We find upon careful inspection that it is in better shape than it has been in previous years, and are satisfied that the work done on it last year and the precautions taken to prevent its washing was justified by the results of last year. And we would recommend that the improvements be continued this year and commenced as soon as practicable, well knowing that it is impossible to obtain entries from a good class of horses unless we have a fast and safe and pleasant track. As racing has become the principal attraction at all agricultural fairs, it behooves us to offer every inducement in the way of a good track and other accommodations for our horses, to secure a good class of horses than heretofore, for the better the class of horses the greater the attraction.

We would particularly recommend that the first turn be widened and the outside thrown up at the rate of one inch to the foot. The second turn and lower part of the back stretch should also be graded.

It is our opinion that the judges' stand should be moved down to at least the lower end of the paddock which now enclosed it, which would give a longer straight stretch for the horses to finish.

We would further recommend that after the track is put in order it be rented, if at only a nominal rent, provided a suitable tenant can be secured, who will keep it in order and look after the interest of the Society. Respectfully

D. H. RICE,
S. G. CROCKER.

The proposition made by Mr. Crocker to offer a barrel of flour as the first premium for the best bread exhibited at the fair, was accepted with thanks.

The Secretary was authorized to advertise for proposals for printing 3,000 premium lists.

The fair of 1890 will commence Tuesday, September 23d, and continue four days.

The next meeting of the Board will be held Wednesday, May 21st.

PERSONAL.

Shane Items.—As our regular correspondent is not present we will try and scare up a few items.

Farmers in this section are about done sowing oats, and plowing for corn is well on.

Rev. Mr. Roberts re-organized the Sunday School at West Liberty M. E. Church on the 20th inst.—After the organization Rev. W. J. Loyd, of the M. P. Conference, preached a very able sermon to a large audience.

"Hominytown," near this place, is on top again. They have turned out a bank, a lawyer and a carpenter.

Mr. John Almony, of Shane, met with a bad accident one day last week. As he was returning home from his uncle John Almony's, near Black Horse, his horse became frightened and ran away. Mr. Almony not being in good health was unable to manage the animal. The cart wheel struck a post, throwing Mr. Almony out on his head, cutting it very badly. He is on the road to recovery, the horse was caught at Shawsville and taken care of.

Mr. H. P. Archer, who has been confined to his room since January, was out on the 19th for the first time. We are glad to hear he is getting well.

Mrs. Wm. Hitch has been sick for some time with something like la grippe. She is still confined to her bed.

Mr. E. S. Miller lost a very fine Shepherd pup about seven months old. REDDY.

Rossville Items.—Mr. Conrad Reich died on the 14th inst. after a lingering illness of seven months. Mr. Reich suffered with tumor of the stomach. His funeral took place on the 16th inst. at the Howard Church, Stemmer's Run. Rev. William Smith officiated.

Miss Maggie Shaffer, daughter of Mr. Lewis Shaffer, is quite ill. Her friends trust she may soon be out again.

Mr. Geo. W. Gross, who has been so ill, is convalescent.

The farmers having enjoyed some very favorable weather, they availed themselves of the opportunity by pushing their work forward with a right good will.

Dr. G. Carville McCormick, who graduated in medicine at the late commencement of the University of Maryland, has the congratulations of his friends here. He is a son of Mr. Alexander McCormick, Jr.

There were fifty persons present at the Sabbath School at Hall Chapel on the 20th inst.

The scholars of Public School No. 1 (Archabite Hall) District 12, will hold an entertainment on Friday evening, May 2d, commencing at 8 o'clock P. M.—The proceeds will be used to help purchase a library. SANCHO.

Govanstown Jottings.—Residents of Govanstown have formed a Court in connection with the Equitable League of America, known as Govane Court, with 57 charter members. The following officers were elected for one year:

Justice—John I. Anderson.
Past Justice—Fred Anderson.
Clerk—E. M. Duncan.
Treasurer—W. W. Van Arsdale.
Herald—Isaac H. Moss.
Sergeant at Arms—Wm. McKewen.
Constable—James Fair.
Trustees—C. L. Pape, J. Sparks, W. L. Norris.

Mrs. John Folks' new marble house is nearing completion. It will make quite an improvement to the neighborhood.

The house owned and formerly occupied by Mr. Patrick Gallagher, but now occupied by Mr. Edward Dilworth, is being repainted.

The Rev. Henry G. Martin and Wm. L. Norris sailed from New York on last Saturday morning.

YOU KNOW.

Doings at Warren.—Sunday, April 20th, was quite an eventful day at Warren, four sermons being preached. Two of them were preached by Rev. Samuel McMan, of the Valley of Virginia.—He is of the German-Baptist or Tunker persuasion. A couple were also made man and wife by Rev. Joshua Cain—Thos. H. Ford ann Miss Annie E. Fisher. There was also five old war horses met at the Warren church who some years ago took quite an active part in the affairs of Warren—Samuel H. Green of Pennsylvania, Abselom Hinshart and Geo. F. Donaldson of Baltimore, and Joshua Johnson and Joshua Cain of Warren. There was a general shaking of hands which reminded us of old times.

The question for debate Tuesday, April 28th, is as follows: "Resolved, That the Negro has more cause for complaint than the Indian." Question for Tuesday night, May 6th: "Resolved, That our representatives are bound by the will of their constituents."

Reception to a Pastor.—Rev. A. C. Dick, the newly appointed pastor at Epworth M. P. Church, arrived at the parsonage in Towson on Thursday afternoon last, accompanied by his wife and son.—They were met by a number of the older members of the church, who had prepared an elegant supper, to which all did justice. Later in the evening a company of young people of the church also visited the parsonage to welcome their new pastor among them. Refreshments were served and a general good time had in singing and social conversation. It is hoped that the Rev. gentleman may be the means of doing much good while he is among us.

Pensions.—Among pension affairs the past week we notice increase to Andrew Queen, Powhatan; 2d District; increase to Jacob O'Michael, Ekio.

The Tercentenary of Maryland Commandery, Knights Templar.—Maryland Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, will celebrate its centennial on May 6th. It is the oldest Commandery in the United States, and the event will be of more than ordinary interest, not only to the members of this organization, but to the order at large. Preparations are being made to observe the occasion in a fitting manner, and as the program being in the hands of a committee alive to the importance of their labors, it will be of the most elaborate character, and will be carried out to the letter.

Invitations have been extended to the officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the line of Knights of the several State Grand Commanderies, the Great Priory of Canada and to other prominent Templars of the country. Likewise to the line of Knights of the following subordinate Commanderies, viz: South Carolina No. 1, Charleston, S. C.; Boston No. 1, De Molay No. 2, Newburyport No. 3, of Massachusetts; St. John's No. 1, Providence, R. I.; Washington No. 1, Hartford, Ct.; Columbian No. 1, Morton No. 4 and Manhattan No. 31, of New York; Philadelphia No. 2, St. John's No. 4 and Mary No. 38, Philadelphia; De Molay No. 9, of Reading; Baldwin H. T. No. 22, of Williamsport; York No. 21, of York Pa.; Richmond No. 2, of Richmond, Va. Also to the Officers and Knights of the four Commanderies of the District of Columbia, and St. John's Commandery No. 1, of Wilmington, Del.

The several Commanderies of Maryland have also been invited to assist their venerable mother, Maryland, No. 1, in receiving and entertaining her guests from other jurisdictions, and assist in performing esc