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LOCAL NEWS.

Pension Granted.—Among the pensions granted the past week was one to David H. Scott at Rayville, Baltimore county.

Sudbrook Post Office.—A new post office has been established in the 4th District, to be known as Sudbrook, with Mr. Eugene Blackford as Postmaster.

Arm Broken.—On Saturday last, 16th inst., a little daughter of Mr. Theodore H. Ries, aged about 6 years, accidentally got a fall at the pump and broke her left arm between the elbow and wrist. The fracture was reduced by Dr. James H. Jarrett, of Towson.

Trinity Church, (Towson) Services.—Bishop Paret will conduct services at Trinity P. E. Church, Towson, to-morrow, 23d inst., the Rev. W. H. H. Powers having gone to Virginia for a few day's absence.

Emory Grove Camp Closed.—Emory Grove Camp closed on Wednesday 27th. Many families will remain upon the grounds for a couple of weeks longer. It is estimated that there were 10,000 persons in camp on Sunday last.

What is in a Name.—Among the papers recently received for record in the office of Mr. John W. Shanklin, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, was a conveyance from Annie Von Phul Bird and William Lee Bird, her husband.

Resulted Fatally.—James E. Quarles, of Woodberry, the young man who was so badly hurt on the 5th inst. while attempting to get on a moving train on the N. C. R. R., at M. Wade's station, died at the City Hospital in Baltimore on the 16th inst.

Debaugh's Tournament.—A tournament and dance will be held at Cub Hill on Wednesday next, 27th inst., under the management of Mr. Philip A. Debaugh. These affairs always draw a large crowd and there is a good deal of fun enjoyed by all present.

Shocked By Lightning.—On Tuesday evening, 19th inst., during the thunder storm, Mr. Edward Ray, the telegraph operator, at Sherwood Station, Northern Central Railroad, was stunned by an electric shock that came in on the wires. He has, however, fully recovered from its effects.

Complaint About a Bridge.—Mr. Edward J. Herman, of the 12th District, on the 19th inst. sent a communication to the Board of County Commissioners, notifying them that the bridge over the B. & O. R. R. at Golden King is in a precarious condition and unfit for travel.

Sunday School Celebration.—The Baptist Sunday School of Ebio, 6th District, will hold their annual celebration at Middletown, on Saturday, 30th inst. A band of music has been engaged, and vocal music, recitations and speaking will also form a part of the program. All the usual refreshments will be supplied. All cordially invited.

Towson Guards' Tournament.—On account of the heavy rain prevailing on last Wednesday the Towson Guards' Tournament was postponed until Tuesday next, 26th inst., when it will be as previously advertised. There is every appearance that it will be one of the best ever held by the Company. Every preparation has been made to make it so.

Successful Affairs.—The Pic-nic held at Mt. Washington on the 15th inst. for the benefit of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Rev. C. Maul, pastor, was a very successful affair and $65 was realized.

The fair held for the benefit of the same church a couple of weeks ago by the ladies of the congregation realized $1,500 for the benefit of the church.

Resignation and Election.—At a meeting of the Baltimore County Hedge and Wire Fence Company, held in Towson on the 19th inst. Mr. Geo. C. Heird, who was lately elected President of the Company, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Col. D. M. Matthews was unanimously elected to fill the place. Mr. Heird still retains his position as general manager and agent of the Company.—A dividend of $2 per share was also declared.

Bible Readings.—There has been inaugurated by the Calvary Baptist Church of Towson, Rev. C. H. Hubbard, Pastor, a series of Bible readings and studies, to be given on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock, beginning August 26th. Opening subject, "Faith." To these, and the other services of the church, a hearty and warm invitation is extended to all irrespective of denomination. Come and bring your Bibles. Meeting now held in the Temperance Tabernacle.

Catonsville Tariff Reform Club.—At a meeting of Democratic voters held on the 9th inst. at Catonsville a tariff reform club of 65 members was organized and the following officers elected:

President—Henry Conner.
Vice President—Albert Smith.
Treasurer—James McKeever.
Corresponding Secretary—A. J. Mellor.
Recording Secretary—C. E. Beutz.
Sergeant-at-Arms—August Peters.

Suit Against the M. C. R. R.—Messrs Yellot & Offutt, as counsel for Mr. William Engler, of Towson, have entered suit by filing with the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County against the Maryland Central Railroad Company. As there is no narrified on the case it is presumed that the suit is for damages sustained by Mr. Englar through the injury to a valuable cow by having her leg broken by an engine of the Railroad Company striking her while on the tracks near the York Road crossing.

Narrow Escape.—On Wednesday, 21st inst., Geo. German drove to Baltimore with a pair of horses attached to a spring wagon in place of his father. Mr. A. J. German, the well known provision dealer of Towson, who is sick. As the wagon turned out of a car track one of the wheels came off and this frightened the horses, who made a dash and the boy was thrown out and had his side right badly hurt. Fortunately the horses were stopped before much damage was done and they were returned and the wagon was taken to a wheelwright shop for repairs.

Assault Cases.—Constable Richard T. McJinnemax, on the 15th inst. brought to Towson David Humphreys charged with assaulting Frank Lingenfelder. The accused was committed to jail by Justice A. F. Brunner in default of security to answer the charge.

Rev. Lewis W. Daniels, colored, was brought to Towson by Constable C. S. Hobbs on the 14th inst. and lodged in jail under a commitment issued by Justice James W. Offutt on the charge of assaulting Mary Davis. Daniel had waived a jury trial and submitted his case to the justice who sentenced him to serve six days in jail.

Died from Injuries Received.—On Friday night, 15th inst., Mr. Jacob Hofferberth, employed by the timber carter at Canton, was badly burned while lighting a gasoline lamp. The burning fluid by some means came down in a stream from the lamp, probably from a leak, and dripping upon his clothes, took fire about his waistband. The flames spread upward, and but for the presence of several passers-by, who extinguished the fire, he would have been burned to death. He was conveyed to his home on Clinton street, near Ellicott street, where Dr. A. S. Williams attended him, but without avail, as he died on Sunday from the effects of the injuries received.

Abatement of Taxes.—On the 18th inst. Mr. Morris, of the management of the Asylum for Feeble Minded Persons, at Owings Mills, appeared before the County Commissioners asking for an abatement of taxes on 186½ acres of land purchased from the estate of Dr. Wm. Woods, known as "Rosewood Glenn," and which has been deeded to State for the institution was found under legislative sanction. The abatement was allowed, as it was clearly an assessment made in error. The amount of tax-bill was $58.35. The institution now contains 28 inmates and if the building now erected for the accommodation of a larger number it would be filled. This is one of the noblest charities which has been established within the State for a long period.

Woods Meeting at Epsom Church.—The woods meeting held in the grove adjoining Epsom Church, Towson, on Sunday last was very numerously attended. Love feast was held at 9:30 A. M., conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. D. Dick. Rev. Page Milburn, pastor of Towson M. E. Church, preached an interesting sermon at 11 o'clock. A children's meeting was held at 2 P. M., conducted by Rev. A. D. Dick.—Preaching at 3 P. M. by Rev. G. W. Hadaway of Waverly. A meeting was also held at night, at which Mrs. George Bisgmyer, of Waverly, spoke. The meetings throughout the week have been thinly attended and accompanied on a rainy day. Rev. J. W. Gray, a former pastor of Epsom Church, preached on Tuesday morning and afternoon. The meeting will continue next week. Rev. J. L. Kilgore, D. D., will fill the pulpit next Sunday. The church is praying for a great revival and believing it will come. The public cordially invited.

Big Indians to Invade Pikesville.—On Wednesday next, 27th inst., there promises to be a grand invasion of Pikesville by the Noble Red Men of the forest, on the occasion of the dedication of Montezuma Tribe No. 83, I. O. R. M. An all-day picnic will be held and a source at night. The exercises will consist of music, addresses, a parade of Red Men in regular costume, dancing and a general all-day country pic-nic. Prof. James L. Burgoyne's Towson Cornet Band and the Sneidersburg Band will furnish the music for the day. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. P. K. Stevenson, of Delaware; Jos. Pyle, of Wilmington; Chas. C. Conley, of Philadelphia; Judge Geo. W. Lindsay, of Baltimore; Col. Wm. Lewis Schley, (Grand Secretary, Independent Order of Mechanics;) Geo. F. Fowler, Great Chief of the Red Men.

The Western Maryland Railroad will run special trains for the accommodation of visitors and the Pikesville Passenger Railway will also run cars every hour. There will no doubt be a high old time among the "noble men" and all who go there.

Ordination Services at Trinity P. E. Church, Towson.—For the first time inaits history the solemn and beautiful service for the Ordering of Priests was held in Trinity (Towson) Church on Sunday morning, 17th inst., when the Rev. Chas. F. Sonlag was ordained by Rt. Rev. Wm. Paret, D.D.

Mr. Sonlag was for eight years a minister in the German Reformed Church. He was made deacon nine months since, and is now one of the assistants at Epiphany Church, Washington, D. C. The Ordination Sermon was preached by the Bishop, and was a strong presentation of the doctrine of the Apostolic Succession of the ministry. While making no reference to the orders of others, the Bishop showed how impossible it was that the line should be broken, being composed of three strands which multiply into a perfect net-work as it stretches back toward the times of the Apostles. He thought the members of this church should regard the doctrine as of the greatest moment, inasmuch as its truth was the only assurance to them that the ministers of this church are authorized to stand at her altars and break the bread of life.

After the sermon the Ordination Service was proceeded with, the candidate responding to the searching questions of the Bishop in a manner betokening his sense of their gravity.

The Rev. George C. Stokes, of the Church of the Redeemer, Govanstown, and the Rector, Rev. W. H. H. Powers, took part in the services, and joined in the laying on of hands.

THE MONEY TAKEN FROM TREASURER YELLOTT'S SAFE.

No Discovery as Yet as to Who Stole the $2,025 17.

On Tuesday, 19th inst., Mr. George W. Yellott, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for Baltimore County, made a statement to the County Commissioners as to the money missing from the safe in the Treasur's Office. He said:

"Gentlemen:—You are aware that money has been taken from the safe in the Treasurer's Office after the office had been closed and previous to the opening of the same in the morning and I deem it but justice to ask you to help me in the matter by an investigation to see if it is possible to find the culprit. I deem it but justice to say that my clerks are fully exonerated beyond the shadow of suspicion, and when my attention was first called to the money being missing, I had a consultation with Mr. Robt. Magruder, and at his suggestion I secured the services of a member of the Baltimore Detective Force, with what result you all know through the accounts given in the newspapers. Money was taken at several times and in different amounts, and in order to arrive at the exact amount which has been taken, I have had a careful balance of all my accounts made, and I submit herewith a copy of the same:

Amount due State for 1890 to Aug. 1st		$23,812 25
" " collected on levy 1888		1 63
" " " 1889		1,897 64
" " " 1890		3,601 98
" Magistrates' fines		31 50
" 1st Dist. 10 per cent. Road Fund		2,722 64
" Costs for levies and surveys		843 51
		$32,812 15
Amt. in Towson National Bank	$15,611 97	
" " Manufacturers' "	14,675 01	
		$30,286 98
Balance unaccounted for		$2,025 17

Now I ask that all possible means may be taken to have this matter sifted to the utmost to relieve me of the apprehension under which I now labor."

Mr. Magruder on behalf of the Board said that an investigation would be had at once, and that the case would be taken up on Wednesday when witnesses would be summoned and examined by the Board to see if it is possible to find out where the responsibility rests in the matter.

THE INVESTIGATION ON WEDNESDAY.

At the session of the County Commissioners on Wednesday morning the Board, with their clerks, Messrs. M. F. Conner and Walter B. Warfield, went into the vault room on account of the large number of persons attracted by the proceedings.

Mr. George W. Yellott, the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, being sworn, stated that somewhere between the 25th and the last day of July he discovered, through the aid of Mr. Thos. R. Lawrence, one of his clerks, that money in different amounts was being taken from his safe between the hours of closing in the afternoon and the opening of the same next morning. On this evidence he consulted with Mr. Robert Magruder, one of the County Commissioners, and he then employed a Baltimore city detective to ferret out the mystery. The detective was concealed in the Treasurer's office and failed in his plan as you all well know. The shooting followed, accounts of which have been given heretofore. Twice I discovered amounts of money gone in the morning of $41 and $44 on two successive nights, and the next amount missing was $83.—There was probably from $75 to $150 dollars in the safe each time when the money was taken. I always closed the safe at night and generally Mr. Lawrence and I were together in the morning when it was opened. I marked the money I put in the safe and found some of the marked money in the Western Bank of Baltimore afterwards, but the bank officers could not tell who had made the deposit. Sometimes Mr. George L. Stockdale was present at night when the safe was closed, and then again the watchman would be there. I very seldom locked the outside door of the Treasurer's office and I generally found the door open when I came in the morning. When the office was open in the morning I generally found Mr. Stockdale about there. There were evidences inside the safe of some one having opened it, as the keys of the other drawers and the seal which had been placed in a particular position had been moved. My two clerks, with myself, knew the combination of the safe lock and were the only persons who did know it, as far as I am aware. While Mr. J. Harman Schone was away on a fishing excursion for two days money was taken during those nights. I do not know who put the marked money in the bank. There was money missing between Saturday August 2d and Monday August 4th, $24. I think, and then again on the 7th and 8th. The detective office will give you in the detailed statement made to the Board.

Mr. Thomas R. Lawrence, clerk, testified that his suspicions were first aroused by noticing that things put in the safe were moved from their place in the morning. He then thought money was being taken out and he spoke of it to Mr. Yellott and Mr. Schone and they did not think it possible as there was a combination lock on the safe. On Saturday there was $149 in currency put in the safe and when we counted it on Monday morning there was only $127. The money was counted at other times and was again missing, $24 sometime and different sums at other times, but the whole amount of money in the safe was not taken at any one time. After the money was missing I made it a point not to be left alone in the office. I got out of the other people, and did not come in before Mr. Yellott or Mr. Schone in the morning. No one knew the safe combination, except Mr. Yellott and his clerks, that I am aware of.

Mr. J. Harman Schone, testified that he did not know anything about it. Mr. Lawrence told me that money was missing from the safe and I laughed at him because I did not see how money could be taken out with a combination lock, if it was locked. When I returned from the two days' fishing trip Mr. Lawrence told me that money was missing from the safe. I very seldom opened the safe. One time Mr. Stockdale called Mr. Yellott and I back to show us that the safe was open and we then locked it. I made it a point to try the safe every evening before leaving. There was no money missing while I was Treasurer, nor during Mr. Morgan's term of office either.

Mr. James E. Green testified that Mr. Yellott had told him that some marked money had been taken from the safe in the Treasurer's office and on looking over the money in the bank I found ten $1 bills with the mark on them. That same day a one dollar bill came in with a deposit from the Register of Wills, which was deposited by Mr. John F. Conrey. I kept a memorandum of the number of that note.

Mr. John F. Conrey said that he had a dollar bill that they said was marked. I got it from Mr. H. C. Longnecker. I noticed the mark on it when my attention was called to it, but not before.

John Carroll, the night watchman, was called to the stand. He was interrogated about the loss of money from the safe. He said he knew nothing about it. He would answer any questions asked of him. He said that on the night of the shooting he heard a racket in the cupboard and when he stepped out he saw a man there and fired at him. He said he was sure he hit him. He fired a blun again. He shot at me twice. I shot at him first and then I got out of the window and ran for Mr. Stockdale. I commenced to watch in the Court House on Thursday night in the office of Mr. Yellott. I was there alone, by the night watchman, who was taken sick, and when I was away a couple of nights I got George Smith to watch in my place. I never saw anybody robbing the safe or meddling with it. Two small boys came into the Court House with me on the night of the shooting, but they left before 9 o'clock. I always shut the iron shutters when I locked up the offices. Whenever I locked up the Court House I received the keys to the house since I have been acting as watchman. I usually left the Court House in the morning about half past six o'clock, when Mr. Wm. Donny came in, and I would then come back between seven and eight o'clock. Sometimes the door would be open when I got back and Mr. Stockdale would be there. The night of the shooting I showed the boys who were with me how to open the money drawer. It has a small letter combination. I studied the combination out myself. I remember a window being left open one night. Mr. Stockdale forgot to shut it.

Mr. Geo. L. Stockdale, being sworn said: "Mr. Todd, I do not know a great deal about it." All he knew was about the shooting; that Carroll came to his house and said there was a man in the Commissioner's office and he had shot him. I got my gun and went down and found it was the detective that had been shot and had been taken to Dr. Massenburg's office. I never found anybody meddling with the safe in any shape or form. Any person might slip into the office after hours. The door of the office generally closed at 5 o'clock. In winter time we sometimes come into the Court House at 5 o'clock in the morning. I found the safe opened several times under other Treasurers and once since Mr. Yellott has been Treasurer. I called Mr. Yellott and Mr. Schone back and they locked the safe. I always try the safe lock when I come into the Court House in the morning. I have never found any one locked up in the Court House since I have been keeper.

Mr. Geo. C. Tracey: Was with Mr. Wm. M. Riston when I arrested Detective Hogan at Dr. Massenburg's. Carroll made the charge against the detective of shooting at him with intent to kill, and on that charge I arrested him.

This closed the investigation, and as nothing of importance was developed the Board then adjourned the further investigation of the matter.

A DEMAND FOR SAL. STOCKSDALE'S REMOVAL.

Mr. Geo. W. Yellott, the County Treasurer and Collector, appeared before the County Commissioners previous to their adjournment on Wednesday and he asked that Mr. George L. Stockdale the keeper of the Court House, be cited to appear before the Board. Mr. Stockdale was sent for and on his appearing Mr. Yellott read the following paper to the Board:

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore County:

As you are aware the safe in my office has been frequently robbed of late under remarkable circumstances, until the aggregate amount taken is large. As you are also aware the charge over the Court House keeper and my office especially is intrusted to the keeper of the Court House and a night watchman, in the absence of myself and clerks.—The public, and I in particular, am entitled to at least an efficient and vigilant watch; but such a watch has been preserved since I have been Treasurer of the county the heavy losses suffered would not have occurred, and I now demand as an act of justice to myself, my bondsmen, and the public treasury, that an immediate change be made in the keeper and night watchman of the Court House.

GEORGE W. YELLOTT,
Treasurer and Collector for Baltimore County.

Mr. Todd said he was not disposed to discharge the keeper of the Court House under such a demand as this, as it would look like a reflection and nothing had been proven upon him.

Mr. Magruder said: "I move that the keeper of the Court House be suspended under the charge filed against him."

Mr. Todd seconded that there was no second to the motion and it could not therefore be considered.—He said that he was perfectly willing to turn anybody out if they can show that they had any connection with the loss of this money.

Mr. Magruder replied if the parties could be connected with the robbery it would not be necessary to turn them out, as the law would take hold of them. But he wanted the motion put so that he might record his vote in favor of it.

Mr. Todd replied, "this whole matter had been kept from Mr. Smith and I," and he thought that they ought to have been consulted about the investigation into the loss of the money.

Mr. Smith asked that the matter be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Todd said this is a pretty serious affair and if the party can be found it will be a serious affair for the party implicated.

Mr. Stockedale asked to have a copy of the paper laid before the Board by Mr. Yellott furnished him. He said I have some reputation at stake and a family behind me and I do not want to be turned down in this way, and I am prepared to furnish such bond as the Board may demand to keep the Court House safe and maintain a strict watch over the Treasurer's office.

Mr. Yellott said he did not intend any personal reflection on Mr. Stockedale, but he was the sufferer to the tune of $2,025.17, and demanded protection from the Board, as he did not feel safe under the present condition of affairs. The Board however adjourned without coming to any definite conclusion over the affair.

Watchman Relieved.—John Carroll, the young man who has been the temporary watchman at the the Court House, and who shot city detective Hogan last week, came before the County Commissioners on the 19th and asked to be relieved. His request was granted and the County Commissioners appointed Mr. Wm. H. Nelson to fill the place temporarily, until the regular watchman recovers from his sickness.

OBITUARY.

Charles N. Phipps.

Mr. Charles N. Phipps, aged 29 years, a son of Mr. James Phipps, Towson, died quite suddenly at Harriman, Tennessee, whither he had gone about three months since and established himself in the shoe-making business, in connection with Mr. William Barnawell. On Sunday, 17th, a telegram was received from Mrs. Phipps, his wife, that Mr. Phipps was dangerously ill with fever, the first intimation the relatives had here of his illness. On Monday night another telegram was received stating that he was dying, and immediately after another with the intelligence that he was dead. The shock was a great one. His disease was what is known by physicians in Tennessee as remittent malaria, and is said to be caused by the turning up of the virgin earth, Harriman being a new town. Mrs. Phipps being alone and fully six hundred miles from her people and home was in great distress, but she was soon surrounded by kind friends, who did all in their power to assist and comfort her. Mrs. Phipps speaks in the highest terms of the people in the South, and especially of the kind friends at Harriman, who did everything that lay in their power to comfort her in her sore bereavement. Among those in Harriman she will ever remember are—Mr. Gresham, Dr. Gallien, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Béchtel, Mr. and Mrs. Verity, Mr. Droun, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Durstine, Mr. McDowell; also, Mrs. A. B. Grovey of New Orleans, Miss Ella Woodruff of Alabama, lady passengers who were on the train with her, and Dr. Carey Thomas, of Baltimore, also a passenger; the Conductor and other railroad officials.

Mrs. Phipps at once had her husband's body embalmed, and early next morning started on her journey for Towson. To add to the distressing circumstances of the case the train was delayed by a wreck, which took three hours to clear away, thus causing her to miss connection at Roanoke, where she had to lay over all night. At Hagerstown she was met by her mother and brothers, Mr. Paris L. and Harry P. Ruby, and accompanied to Towson, where they arrived on Wednesday night at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Phipps was a native of Towson and esteemed by all who enjoyed his acquaintance. Before his majority he was an employee of the JOURNAL Office, and had designed to pursue the business of a printer, but relinquished it on account of its confining duties. He formerly had some knowledge of shoemaking and finished his trade with his uncle, Mr. Alfred Phipps.

Mr. Phipps had been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was daily perfecting himself with a view to entering the ministry. He was a local preacher, having received license to preach from the Presiding Elder and Quarterly Conference of Baltimore Station. He was a strong advocate of the temperance cause and used every endeavor to mitigate the evils of intemperance, and, if possible, extirpate the liquor traffic from the land. In the high hopes of his friends he was in the endeavor to accomplish all in his power. He was bold and fearless in the cause he espoused, and never left an opportunity pass without saying a good word for the cause he cherished next to Christ's.

His funeral took place on Thursday afternoon 21st inst., the body being taken to Towson M. E. Church, where solemn services were held in the presence of a large congregation of friends. After the hymn "Asleep in Jesus" had been sung, Rev. Page Milburn, the Pastor, referred in eloquent terms to Mr. Phipps' blameless life, and his earnestness of character in religion, and the noble Christian cause. Rev. Edward Hayes, of Hereford Circuit, also made eulogistic remarks. The body was conveyed to Govans Cemetery, Govanstown, and interred in the family lot, the pall-bearers being—Messrs. Jas. McMaster, Charles T. Burns, Benjamin C. Marley, Harry L. Craumer, George E. Dewees and Joseph B. Murray, all members of the Prohibition Club, of which Mr. Phipps was President before leaving for Harriman.

There were many beautiful floral designs presented by relatives and friends—Mr. William Phipps, Woodberry, wreath and star; Alfred Phipps, Towson, star and crescent; Jas. M. Phipps, Towson, cushion; Prohibition Club, pillow, with words "At Rest"; Mr. James Phipps, crown; friends from Chambersburg, bouquet; Mrs. Dienstbach, cross and anchor.

Among the friends from Chambersburg, Pa., (Mrs. Phipps' native home,) were her mother, Mrs. Susan S. Ruby, and Harry Ruby, Joseph Ruby, Sara Ruby and Bessie Ruby, (besides Paris L. Ruby, Towson,) five of her children.

Mr. John Burns, undertaker, Towson, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

A few years ago Mr. James Phipps had a son, Mr. W. Harry Phipps, killed in a collision on the Rock Island Railroad in Denver. He was brought home and interred at Govanstown Cemetery.

George H. Cockey.

Mr. George H. Cockey, who has been ill the past two years with pulmonary consumption, died at his residence Lutherville a little before 12 o'clock M. on Friday 22d inst., aged 45 years. For over fifteen years Mr. Cockey was the trusted agent at Lutherville, of the North Central Railroad, and enjoyed the fullest confidence and esteem of the railroad officials. About two years since he was compelled to relinquish his duties from ill health. He was a man of the most generous impulses, gentle and kind in his nature, the soul of honor, and charitable and liberal to all objects presented for his bounty. Mr. Cockey stood high in the Masonic fraternity. He was a Past Master of Mount Moriah Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Towson, and was also a member of Jerusalem Chapter No. 9 and Maryland Commander No. 1, Baltimore.

His funeral will take place from his residence on Monday, 25th inst., at 2 o'clock. The interment will be at Loudon Park, the train leaving Lutherville at 10.40.

Two Fires on Monday Morning.—Good Work of the Chemical Engines.—On Monday morning, 18th inst., the building in the rear of Frank's brick yard, Loney's Lane and Biddle street, was discovered to be on fire. As the brick yard is within the city limits the Baltimore Fire Department responded, but when they got to the scene the nearest plug where water could be had being 26 squares away, the fire engines were powerless to stay the flames. Chemical Engine Companies No. 7 and 8 of the County Fire Department were then appointed and under the direction of the Fire Marshal, Mr. George W. Morgan, went to work and extinguished the flames with a loss estimated at about $600. It is stated in this connection that the Baltimore City Fire Department refused to allow the chemical engines outside of the city limits where they could be of service, say at Canton on the water front. The matter is going to be inquired into, and if such is the case there is no reason why Baltimore county should be at the expense of protecting Baltimore city property against fire. It may be also stated that notwithstanding all the cry that was raised against the Chemical Engine companies previous to annexation, that not only have the city authorities kept up all the chemical engines they possessed at the time the county, but have added four more to the number.

A fire also broke out in the feed store of Mr. Henry P. Mann, on the Philadelphia Road, which was extinguished by the Chemical Engine Company. Damages will but a trifling loss estimated at about $150. The fire it is thought originated through spontaneous combustion in some new hay which was stored on the premises.

Correspondent sends the following in addition to the account we give above:

"Last Sunday, August 17th, at about 4.10 P. M. a brick kiln in Perot's brick yard, situated on east Biddle st. near Loney's lane, caught fire from being overheated and was totally destroyed. The loss amounted to about $600.

Mr. Geo. W. W. Smith, Jr., who discovered the fire, was nearly a mile from it and sent with its alarm box which is No. 71, at the corner of Highland Avenue and Philadelphia road, but having a key to the same, he did not let grass grow under his feet in getting to it. The box was pulled at 4.15 and at 4.20 the Chemical Engine Co. No. 7 arrived at the fire, having covered a distance of about two and a half miles of mostly up-hill and sandy roads, and was the first engine at the fire, beating the nearest city engine by nearly three miles both city and county having received the alarm at nearly the same time, there being only one minute difference.

Engine Co. No. 8 from Canton also deserves much praise for the prompt manner in which they responded, being only a few minutes behind No. 7.

On arriving at the scene of the conflagration it was found that little could be done further than keeping the flames from spreading and all though the fire was well in the city limits, yet if the City Fire Department good hearted fellows that they are—went to work with a will, and before the city engines could get water, had the flames subdued and were getting ready to return home.

It is not to be inferred from this that we do not give in and acknowledge its praiseworthiness, but the following excels even that:

On the following morning, Monday 18th, fire was discovered at about 7.45 A. M. in Mr. H. P. Mann's grocery, provision and feed store, corner Orange Avenue and Philadelphia Road. Box No. 71 was again pulled, and in less than *four seconds* the fire was at the box, and in less than *five* minutes behind. On arriving it was found that the fire was confined to the rear part of the feed department and had reached the second story of the building, but owing to the prompt response of the fire boys and skillful work the flames were quenched with but comparatively little loss.

Is the above not conclusive evidence that our Fire Department is a good thing? Yes, and we can afford to defend it, to promote respect for it, to place it above the few shallow brained who attempt to ridicule it? Yes." Q.

Suicide of Mr. J. Harry Ward.—On Friday, 15th inst., Mr. J. Harry Ward, aged 49 years, a son of the late Dr. J. Robert Ward, who lived for many years at Govanstown, committed suicide at his residence in Baltimore by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been in failing health for some months by Profs. F. J. Miles and Alan P. Smith for nervous prostration and melancholia, but no one apprehended that the disease would take such an acute turn. On Friday morning he appeared in cheerful humor and went up to his room after breakfast, about half-past 8 o'clock, and shortly afterwards a servant who had occasion to go up stairs found him leaning over a washstand, with a spurting from a deep gash which extended from one ear to the other. The servant ran into the hall and alarmed the members of the family, who hurried to his room. Messengers were hastily dispatched for physicians, but he died before one could reach the house. Dr. Alan P. Smith was the first to arrive, and at once telephoned for Coroner Hill, who decided that an inquest was not necessary. Mr. Ward was not in the habit of shaving himself, and the razor which he used was one that formerly belonged to his father.

Mr. Ward had been a sufferer from dyspepsia and occasional attacks of nervous prostration for many years. Six-teen years ago he went to Europe with the most eminent practitioners in nervous diseases. He remained in Europe for a year, his wife having joined him after he had been there about four months. He received much benefit, and returned home and entered into his business with renewed interest. His malady returned after a few months, and he was never entirely free from it. Two years after his return from Europe he and his wife separated, the wife taking their only child, a daughter, with her.

After the separation his fits of melancholia became more frequent. Mr. Ward created a stir last November when he was arrested by patrolman Bernard Byrnes for disorderly conduct. At the time he strongly objected to being taken to the police station in the patrol wagon. His arrest and transportation in the patrol wagon were generally discussed at the time. An effort was made by Mr. Ward's friends to have him taken to the police station in a car, but as the patrol wagon was standing at the curbstone the patrolman, acting on instructions from the police station, required him to go in the wagon. Mr. Ward had been a member of the Corn and Flour Exchange since 1878, and for two years was Second Vice President of the Exchange, and for a short time last year was acting as President. At that time, it is said, his nervous troubles prevented his presiding at meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President. He was also a member of two of the most important committees of the Exchange—transportation and arbitration. For several months he had been doing but little business on the Exchange, but devoted his attention to the interests of the Potomac and Red Sandstone Company, which owns extensive quarries at Seneca, Montgomery county. He was the company's agent at Baltimore, and through him large orders have been given for building stone.

His funeral took place from his late residence on Saturday, the Rev. George C. Stokes, of the P. E. Church of the Redeemer, Govanstown, officiating. The pall-bearers were—Messrs. William Tyson Whyte, R. C. Trimbull, Jr., J. J. Corner, W. S. Foster, Patrick Bracelli, William Knight, John Stokes and Frederick von Kapff.

[For the MARYLAND JOURNAL.]

McKINLEY, TAKE YOUR TARIFF OFF OF TIN.

Have you heard the words of warning,
Uttered clearly, night and morning,
By the people of this nation "taken in?"
Founded on extortion,
They are ominous in proportion.
"McKinley, keep your tariff off of tin!"

Fathers, while they "hustle"
Uniting brain and muscle,
Provisions for their little ones to win,
Mothers at the boiler,
Help mates of the toiler,
Cry, "McKinley, keep your tariff off of tin."

The tinner's avocation,
Roofing house-tops of the nation,
Shows the evil of this legislative sin;
Toilers in the trenches,
Tradesmen at their benches,
Cry, "McKinley, keep your tariff off of tin."

When you tax the dinner can,
Of the struggling working man
You are guilty of a folly and a sin;
Hence, why should we explain
That the tax should not remain?
McKinley, keep your tariff off of tin!

Would you ruthlessly destroy
The trade we now enjoy,
To truckle to the wealth that made you win!
While the fruits of every field,
And those who pack their yield,
Say, "McKinley, keep your tariff off of tin!"

Your cloak of mild protection
Might cover our objection,
Were its fibres not conspicuously thin;
To protect a thing unborn
Subjects your zeal to scorn,
Hence, McKinley, keep your tariff off of tin!

To protect, with our subsistence,
A thing not in existence,
Is to steal the gamered corn from our bin;
Thus McKinley stands indicted
By a people reunited,
Lest McKinley keeps his tariff off of tin.

A lucid explanation
Of this baleful situation,
To his engine would supply a missing pin;
Without it he is branded,
And his party will be stranded
On the rock of declination, known as tariff on the tin.

Of course no one expected,
With Harrison elected,
Any legislation where the people would "come in!"
Yet few thought them so utter,
As to steal our bread and butter,
To enable boss McKinley to put tariff on our tin.

McKinley and his party,
May laugh both low and hearty,
The Democrats are out and they are in;
But at the next election,
The people's circumspection
Will paralyze McKinley and his tariff on the tin.

With the nation's sure approval,
We'll insist on their removal,
And the people at the polls will surely win;
With Rayner nominated,
And Compton reinstated,
We'll see that said McKinley keeps his tariff off our tin.

Then in jubilation,
At the chance of situation,
For a Democratic President we'll "chin;"
Such New York will present us,
And with Sorg to represent us,
We can laugh at boss McKinley and his tariff on the tin.

MULDOON.

GOVANSTOWN, Aug. 20, '90.

Base Ball.—The Towsons defeated the Clover Hill Base Ball Club on Saturday, 16th inst., by a score of 17 to 3, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The game was entirely devoid of errors on both sides and was altogether one-sided. The Towsons batted hard, and on poor battery work and loose fielding piled up run after run. They ran bases with impunity, and on their work they fully lived up to their standard, and was marked by a general carelessness which should not be shown even in the daily exercises will be.—During the period of the retreat strict silence must be preserved except during the prescribed recreation. The hour for rising is usually at 5 A. M., and half an hour later they are summoned for an hour's meditation on the subjects mentioned in the discourse of the previous day. At 7 o'clock they assemble in the chapel for prayers and mass, when breakfast is served. Not a word is uttered during this meal.

After breakfast the priests are allowed to walk in the grounds surrounding the place of retreat. This exercise lasts from 8 to 20 minutes, and is followed by the recitation of the "Little Hours" of the breviary, a conference of half an hour's discourse on some topic of priestly duty and the day's examination of conscience. The latter exercise takes place a quarter part of the forenoon. The intervening time may be employed as each priest desires, but silence must be preserved.

At noon half an hour is devoted to dinner, during which one priest performs the duty of reading aloud from an appropriate book. After the meal is ended the priests may do as they please—entering into conversation, walking or resting—as best suits them.

The hours from 1.30 until 5 o'clock will be spent in recitations of the vespers and compline in common, the saying of the rosary and listening to discourse. Supper is usually served at 6 P. M., with a priest reading aloud. This following evening exercises will consist of another discourse, and at 9 A. M. all retire. The remaining days of the retreat will be, in all respects just like that just described.

Preceding the retreat, on August 22d, 23d and 24th, the ordinations of candidates for the priesthood will take place at Woodstock College. Cardinal Gibbons will officiate, assisted by Rev. Aloysius Sabetti, S. J., professor of moral theology and of sacred rites.

Bal Poudre at the "Landon House," Lutherville.—On Saturday night, 16th inst., the dancing hall at the "Landon House," in Lutherville, presented a fair and lovely scene to the looker-on at the *bal poudre* given at the instance of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boyce. The toilets of the fair dames who participated were superb, and the powdered hair lent an added charm to the youthful beauty of the host of sprightly and vivacious girls who graced the dance. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John S. Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Walbach, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Hedian, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Russel George, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shriver, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Eddins, Mrs. R. Block, Mrs. Passano, Mrs. G. V. Yonce, Misses Prestman, Mary and Nettie Walbach, Kate and Jessie S. Brown, Gertie Boucher, Maud Duval, May Block, Jennie and Grace Eddins, Mamie Shafer, Mamie Brown, Gertie Munger, Emma Smyrk, Alice and Mary Hedian, May Caughey, Nannie Passano, Annie Williar, May Young, Madge Fast, Lelia Keilholts, Hattie and Essie Reed, Annie Myers and others. Among the gentlemen present were City Commissioner A. E. Smyrk, Bert. Stevenson, Dr. Stewart Cassard, Hart. and Howard Sedtler, Wm. M. Berry, Dr. J. W. Blake, Edd. Faires Keilholts, Frank Caughey, Grafin Cook, Bert. Jacquess, Howard and P. Morrison, Lee Crowther, S. C. Tomay, Henry S. Jenkins, James Hutchinson, Stewart Trench, Evans Rogers and others.—City Commissioner Smyrk entertained a number of his personal friends in his apartments, and Mr. John A. Boyce provided a pleasing refreshment in the shape of ice cream, &c., and the *bal poudre* of the "Landon House" is put down as one of the most charming events of the season.

4TH DISTRICT, BALTIMORE COUNTY,
August 16th, 1890.

Editor of JOURNAL:

Dear Sir:—It having been quite a length of time since we have noted any news items, and now as the days are getting considerably more pleasant and the nights much longer we feel it a very good pastime to once more drop you a few lines for your well-deserved weekly, provided you may see proper to give the same publication.

The season which is now rapidly passing has indeed been a busy one with farmers of this section. The summer has been