FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

THE SCHOOL BOARD ASKS THE COUNTY FOR MORE MONEY.

The Board's Available Funds this Year Will Be $4,000 less than for Any of the Past Five Years—The Census of 1890 Partly to Blame—The Local News Field.

The Howard county school board, with Mr. Robert A. Dobbin, president, as spokesman, Tuesday appeared before the County Commissioners to present a petition asking a special levy for school purposes, on the ground that the school board's resources this year will be about $1,000 less than in any of the past five years.

This is due partly to decreased apportionments from the State, made this year for the first time on the basis of the census of 1890, which, the school commissioners claim, works great injustice to Howard county. There have been other sources of revenue in the past, also, which can not be looked to now, and, as the petition recites, the present board began its work with no money, the balance, though small, of $341.17 in the hands of the late treasurer, never having been paid over.

The County Commissioners deferred an answer to the request of the school board.

Following is the full text of the latter's petition:

To THE HONORABLE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOWARD COUNTY.

The Petition of the Board of School Commissioners of Howard County respectfully represents:—

1st. That the estimated expenses of conducting the Public Schools of Howard County for the year ending July 31st, 1893, is $29,500.

2nd. That the receipts from all sources will not exceed $25,200, thus leaving a deficiency of $4,300.

3rd. That your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body to provide for said deficiency by an additional levy.

4th. That in explanation of the above facts, your Petitioner begs leave to make the following statement:—

That the schools in the county have been gradually increasing in number, and in the number of pupils attending the same, thereby causing a gradual increase in all the items of expense attending the maintenance of the same, to wit, in the salaries of the teachers (they being partly determined by the average attendance of pupils); in the matter of fuel, repairs, stoves and incidentals.

That in order to keep in accord with the advancing ideas of the times, even as affecting country schools, greater effort is constantly demanded of the teachers, requiring greater pecuniary aid from the School Board.

That many of the school buildings are sadly in need of repair, and some of enlargement, in order to gratify the reasonable and frequent demands of the patrons of the schools who appear before the School Board, making complaint of the condition of the buildings in which their children are required to spend so many hours of each day.

5th. Your Petitioner further shows that the school fund for the present year is less than that of the past five years by an average amount of about four thousand dollars, to wit:

For 1888.....	$5,104.71
" 1889.....	4,478.18
" 1890.....	2,776.82
" 1891.....	3,549.59
" 1892.....	4,186.01

That the needs of the schools are ever increasing, and never diminishing, and that the School Board entered upon their term of office without one cent to their credit, their predecessors retaining possession of the balance $341.17 shown by the books of account to be in their hands belonging to the school fund.

6th. Your Petitioner respectfully represents that after a careful consideration of all the facts of the case, the School Board has been forced to the conclusion that it will be wrong to put a debt upon the county by continuing to keep the schools open, after the money given to it for the purpose has been spent, and that therefore the School Board will be compelled, though with great reluctance and regret, to shorten the school term, by omitting so much thereof as it will have no money to conduct.

Your Petitioner fully appreciates the hardship which such a course will inflict upon the teachers of the schools who are not now over paid for the work they perform, and the disappointment which the patrons of the schools will experience in having their children deprived of the advantages enjoyed by children of adjoining counties, but without the aid of your Honorable Body, the School Board is powerless in the premises.

Your Petitioner therefore believes it to be its duty to present these facts for the consideration of your Honorable Board, and earnestly to urge upon your Body the necessity of making an additional levy in order to enable your Petitioner to discharge the duty for which it has been appointed.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT A. DOBBIN,
President.

A Decision by the Court of Appeals.

The following decision of the Court of Appeals was handed down on Tuesday by Judge Roberts: Carter and others, officers of registration of the Seventh precinct of the Eighteenth ward of Baltimore, vs. Aug. W. Musgrove. The sole question was whether Musgrove, having been a qualified voter of Howard county, and subsequently had registered in Baltimore under due proof that he had been stricken from the list in Howard, he was made again to furnish same proof when applying the second time in Baltimore for registration. The Court of Appeals says he is not so required. Order affirmed.

Discharges at Mount Clare.

One hundred and thirty-six men were discharged from the Mount Clare shops of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Saturday. From the blacksmith shop, 15; iron foundry, 6; machine shops, 35; erecting shop, 15; bridge shop, 4; boiler shop, 29; pattern shops, 2; tender shops, 6; pipe fitting shops, 6; storehouse, 4; yard, 4—a total of 66 mechanics and 70 laborers. It has already been rumored that many of these will be re employed in the near future, but a prominent Baltimore and Ohio official stated that the discharges were final.

Burglary in Carroll County.

Several nights ago burglars entered the store of Mr. H. L. Shipley, at Daniel Carroll county, and carried off a quantity of goods. The miscreants were evidently in quest of money, but they failed to get even a penny, as Mr. Shipley takes his cash home with him every night. An entrance was gained by boring out a portion of the door.

They Want Rapid Transit.

The people of Randallstown, Baltimore county, and vicinity are making an effort to have rapid transit out in that direction. To this end a meeting was held at Randallstown on Friday night to devise means for the construction of an electric road from that point to connect either with the Baltimore and Pikesville or the Powhattan roads.

"It gives me pleasure to certify that Lieutenant Busick of the Central Police District used Salvation Oil on a rheumatic arm. A few applications relieved him and wrought a permanent cure. Salvation Oil if called in will verify this statement." Serg't. H. A. Ryan, Central Police Station, Baltimore, Md.

Wedding Bells.

At Emory Methodist Episcopal Church, Ellicott City, Thursday afternoon, Mr. Ira E. Dorsey and Miss Bertie Sommerville were married by Rev. D. M. Browning. The bride's gown was of cadet-green cloth, with hat and gloves to match. She carried La France roses. The church was crowded with guests from Ellicott City and many from Baltimore and other places. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Lizzie H. Herrmann. The ushers were Messrs. Charles Sommerville, brother of the bride, and Mr. George Dorsey, brother of the groom. Among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. William Dorsey, Messrs. George and Walter Dorsey, Misses Katie Sommerville, Lillian Erbe, of Westminster; Mrs. William Bach, Mr. and Mrs. E. Turner James, Mrs. T. B. Owings, Miss Minnie Owings, Mrs. John B. Morrow, Mrs. Samuel Radcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrmann, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Mercier, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kroh, Mrs. George Radcliffe, Mrs. Stephen Hillsinger, Misses Etna and Lottie Wilson, Belle Robinson, Bessie McCauley, Susie Jones, Addie Miller, Mamie Heine, Lizzie Leishear, Ella Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Brian, Misses Emma Hartley, Madge E. Vansant, Nettie and Gussie McKenzie, Florence McCauley, Mr. Theodore Ober, Miss Annie Schotta, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Browning and children, Miss Cora Fisher, Mrs. John Kirkwood, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Rosa Kalb, Misses Annie Johnson, Mamie Scott, Merab Mercier, Mrs. George Burgess; Messrs. Goucher Owings, of Catonsville; William Burgess, Leonard Hillsinger and others.

Annapolis Junction to Be Built Up.

Mr. W. S. Powell, of Baltimore, has purchased for himself and a number of capitalists the Orson Adams property, at Annapolis Junction, with a view to establishing a suburban town. The property consists of 163 acres and extends for a mile and a-half along the north side of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and lying in Howard county. It is said that two manufacturing industries have made arrangements to locate there, and a large printing company is examining a site for the erection of its works. The site for the town is within convenient distance of Washington and Baltimore and Annapolis. Many of the express trains between the two former cities stop there. The electric line on the proposed boulevard connecting Baltimore and Washington will also be close by the new town. Mr. M. V. Richards, land and immigration agent of the B. and O., estimates that in the past five years 700 houses have been erected along the B. and O. Washington Branch.

Improvements at the Court House.

The Office Specialty Manufacturing Company, of Rochester, N. Y., of whom Mr. E. H. Morrison, of Baltimore, is the Southern manager, has just placed in the Clerk's new vault a most complete metal outfit of furniture, consisting of roller book shelves, document files, cupboards, drawers, etc. This will make the interior entirely fire-proof, and saves also a large amount of space. While the work put in so far does not cover all the space of the walls, it has been so much admired that all the records will doubtless be transferred before long to metal cases. This style of furniture has been placed by this company in many of the Maryland court houses, and county officials all over the United States who have adopted this system can feel that the records over which they have charge are kept in perfect shape.

Social Pleasure at Morgan's

MORGAN'S, March 23.—A very enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. F. W. Gosnell, on Tuesday, the occasion being a pleasant party given by his daughter, Miss Leona Gosnell. The games and social pleasures of the season were indulged in, and at eleven o'clock all the guests were invited into the dining-room, where ample justice was done to the delicacies of the season, which were very plentiful. Among the many guests present were Misses Bella, Annie and Camilla Selby, Florence and Lillian Milton, Lula Brandenburg, Caroline Evans, Sadie, Julia and Denia Shipley, Bertie Colson, Bessie Mullinix, Pearl Harrison, Salome Gartrell and Lizzie Allen, Messrs. J. C. White, Jr., A. J. Gorman, Luther Fowble, Winfield and Marshal Wetzel, Tennyson and Sumner Pickett, Frank and William Brandenburg, Willard Boyer, Frank Euray, Oliver Harrison, Harry Shipley, Marshal Sellman, Willard Gosnell, Asa Colson, Sank Gartrell and Allie Elms.

Pleasant Time at Oella.

OELLA, March 23.—The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nimrod Harrison, who on Tuesday removed from this place to Mt. Airy, gave them a pleasant surprise on Saturday evening last. A general good time was had, and a fine supper was served near midnight. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Nimrod Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zepp, Misses Rosa, Lucy and Mary Harrison, Nannie Thorp, Zenobia Pattie, Fannie Thorp, Stella McCaull, Mary Sweets, Georgie, Mary and May Cotterill, Mary Hogan, Irene Clements, Mary Lauman, Julia Jackson, Bessie Sprecher, Mamie Lingenfelter, Messrs. Ashby and Hugh Pattie, James and William Jackson, Samuel Sweets, Fletcher Hogan, Walter Clements, John Lauman, Thomas Cavey, Wm. Gosnell, William and Mark Hobson, George Ross, Charles Beantefish, James Mellor, and Samuel Yates, of Ellicott City.

Christening at St. Peter's.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs J. Y. Brattan, of Baltimore, and granddaughter of Mr. Thomas H. Hunt, of this city, received the baptismal rites during the morning service at St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, this city, on Sunday last. Mr. Thomas. H. Hunt, Jr., was god-father, and Mrs. T. H. Hunt, the young lady's grand mother, and Mrs. Harold Hardinge, her aunt, were godmothers. Her full name is Elizabeth Hunt Brattan, being named for her mother, her grand-aunt and her paternal grand-mother.

Celebrated His Sixty-Fifth Birthday.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. Elisha Bennett celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday by calling together a few of his intimate friends to enjoy his hospitality. Quite a number came over from Sykesville and spent the night with him.—Reistertown Register.

Mr. Bennett, who is a courtly, genial gentleman of the old school, is well and favorably known to many persons in Howard county. Mrs. Laura Beasman, wife of Mr. Johnzie P. Beasman, of Sykesville, an ex-member of the Maryland House of Delegates, is a daughter. Mr. Bennett is an uncle by marriage of Governor Frank Brown.

Quarrying Operations.

In addition to the extensive granite quarries on the farm of Judge John McShane, at Dorsey's Run, operated by Mr. James J. Miller, two others have been recently opened up in the same vicinity, on the farms of Mr. Edward Thompson and Mr John McKenzie, respectively, in Howard county. Most of the stone now quarried is being worked into Belgian block, which have been contracted for to be used for paving purposes in Baltimore. The new enterprises have been the means of giving employment to a large number of hands.

Beardsley's Shredded Codfish, ready for the table in 15 minutes; nothing like it, at H. D. Dunkel's.

OBITUARY.

MRS. TEMPERANCE WELLS,

widow of the late Jacob Wells, died suddenly at her home in Howard county on Friday, March 17th, in the 81st year of her age. From some remarks made by her a few days before her death, she must have had some premonition that her end was nigh, though the fears of her friends were not aroused until the morning of the day on which she passed away. For more than half a century she had been identified with the Church of God, and at the time of her departure for the church on high she was a consistent member of Locust M. E Chapel, on Elkridge Circuit. Mrs. Wells was a quiet, unassuming, though cheerful, Christian woman, "ready to every good work." Her house was always a home for the itinerant, and none was ever more welcome than her pastors, whom she "esteemed very highly in love for the work's sake." She was a kind, devoted mother, who lived for her children, and none will miss her more than they—the two sons and two daughters who survive her. But they "sorrow not as others who have no hope." They have hope in her death—she was ready "to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." Her end was peace. Her memory is precious. Revs. H. P West and D. M. Browning conducted the funeral services at 11 A. M. on Monday, March 21, after which she was laid away in Trinity Chapel Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. D. M. B.

MR. CORNELIUS SHAFFER.

Mr. Cornelius Shaffer, a leading resident of the Fourth district of Howard county, died at his home, in Shaffersville, on Thursday night, March 16th, of heart failure, in the 59th year of his age. The deceased, on the evening of his demise, seemed to be enjoying good health. He was playing with one of his little children, when, without a moment's notice, he fell to the floor and expired. He leaves a large circle of relatives in Howard county. The father of the deceased was the owner of Shaffersville, a small village in the Fourth district.

CAPT. HENRY LEWIS.

Captain Henry Howell Lewis, a retired officer, died at his home in Baltimore, on Friday of last week in the 73rd year of his age. For many years Captain Lewis was engaged in the real estate business in Baltimore with the late Samuel Wethered. The deceased leaves one daughter and two sons.

MRS. CAROLINE TAYLOR.

Mrs. Caroline Taylor, who resided in Ellicott City for a number of years, died at her home, in Baltimore, on the 14th inst, after a lingering illness. During recent years the deceased had made her home with her son-in-law, Mr. J. E. Sweet. The funeral took place on Friday, 17th inst., and interment was made in Loudon Park Cemetery.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A TRUSTED SERVANT.

Died suddenly, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, on the farm of Mr. James T. Clark, near Columbia, Mrs. Caroline Booz, colored, who for twenty-two years was a trusted and faithful servant in the family of the late M. G. Dorsey. She was of an amiable disposition, and much respected by all who knew her. She was a cook of more than ordinary excellence. A few years ago failing health compelled her to give up active work. A husband and six children survive her. Funeral at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

MR. GEORGE W. BOEHM,

one of the leading business men of Baltimore, died at his home in that city on Tuesday, March 14th. The deceased was the last president of the Union Manufacturing Company before that corporation went out of existence. It was during Mr. Boehm's management that the large addition was built to the mill. The plan really originated in the brain of the late Robert Garrett. Shortly after the disorganization of the Union Manufacturing Company, the plant was purchased at a very low figure by Messrs. W. J. Dickey & Sons, the present owners, to whom it has proved a mint of money.

A SAD AND UNTIMELY DEATH.

One of the saddest deaths recorded for a long time is that of Mr. George W. Moore, who died at his home near Thistle on Tuesday night, after a lingering illness, from typhoid-malaria. The deceased was in the 24th year of his age. On December 1st last he was married to Miss Alice A. Bailey, of Thistle, and the young couple had just commenced housekeeping when Mr. Moore was stricken with the disease which ended in his death. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved young widow and sorrowing relatives of the deceased.

MRS. REBECCA JANE KEITH.

Departed this life on March 23, 1893, Rebecca Jane, wife of G. W. Keith and mother of Alexander Clark, of Ellicott City. Funeral took place from the residence of her son where she took ill and died whilst visiting, on Friday at 2 o'clock P. M. Services were conducted by Rev. D. M. Browning. Interment at Oella Cemetery.

BENNY DEAN MUSSER.

Our Alpha correspondent alludes this week to the hopeless condition of Benny Dean Musser, son of Joseph R. Musser, whose long and distressing illness has been noted in these columns from time to time. Word has reached us that Mr. Musser died on Thursday at 3 o'clock, in the 22nd year of his age, having attained his 21st year on Friday of last week. The funeral will take place from St. James' M. E. Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. Redsecker's New Hotel.

Redsecker's Hotel Brunswick, at Wilkens avenue and Brunswick street, Baltimore, was opened Thursday. The Great Western Band furnished music while invited guests enjoyed eatables in the dining-room or were shown over the hotel. The building contains 29 rooms, the first floor being divided into dining-room, bar, office, billiard-room, card-room, kitchen and toilet-room. The hotel is furnished throughout with electric calls and is to be fitted with electric lights. In the rear is an auction stable and horse shed. The Brunswick is run by A. R. Redsecker, proprietor, and Hugh M. Graham, manager. The proprietor is a genial gentleman well known in Howard, many of whose people have been his patrons for years. His location at this end of the city makes him still accessible to farmers hauling to Baltimore over the Frederick pike.

Wedding Bells to Ring in April.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss M. Maggie Killgore, daughter of Rev. J. L. Killgore, to Mr. Philip H. Myers, of Westminster, Md. The ceremony will take place in the M. P. Church, Westminster, on April 11th, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The groom-elect is a rising young newspaper man.

The society folks of Baltimore city and Howard county are anticipating with much interest the approaching marriage of Mrs Key Mitchell to Mr. Robert Lee Keeling, which will take place at Grace P. E Church, Baltimore, at 7 P. M., on April 5th. Special notes of invitation, bearing the crest of one of the two families, will be the only means of gaining entrance to the church, as the marriage will be entirely private.

Easter Week at Harris' Academy.

The management of Harris' Academy, North Howard street, Baltimore, take great pleasure in announcing as the Easter attraction at this popular amusement temple the return engagement of "A Texas Steer," one of the most successful farce-comedies on the road. The play appeared at Harris' during the Christmas holidays, and crowded houses greeted each performance. It goes without saying that the theatrical population of Ellicott City will turn out Easter week to enjoy "A Texas Steer."

DIED FAR AWAY FROM HOME.

Mrs. Mazie Louise Hood, a Lovely Daughter of Howard, Dies in St. Louis, Mo.

The sad intelligence came over the wires from St. Louis, Mo., on Saturday, of the death in that city of Mrs. Mazie Louise Hood. The deceased will be remembered as Miss Mazie Ridgely, the charming young daughter of Ex-County Commissioner and Mrs. John T. Ridgely, of the Third district of this county.

Mrs. Hood had been ill only a short time, her malady being peritonitis, and no immediate danger was feared, and the announcement of her death was a severe shock to her family and wide circle of friends. Mr. Ridgely received a telegram from St. Louis on Friday last, informing him of the serious illness of his daughter. He had made all arrangements to leave Sykesville on Saturday, when another telegram came, disclosing the distressing news of his daughter's death at an early hour that morning.

Mrs. Hood, who was noted as being one of the most beautiful young women in Howard county, spent her childhood days at "Bowling Green," the delightful home of her parents, near Sykesville. For a number of years she was a regular attendant at School No. 4, and here she always excelled. She afterwards entered the Western Maryland College, and at this institution her superior intellectual abilities won for her distinction.

Mrs. Hood was possessed of lovable traits, and had the faculty of inspiring friendship in all with whom she came in contact. Easy in manners, without affectation, and with a soul adorned with modesty and goodness, she moved among her wide circle of friends admired and beloved by all. She was in very truth one of those characters of whom it may well be said: "None knew her but to love her; none named her but to praise." Even death cannot eliminate from memory's tablet the high regard and esteem in which she was held, and it is consoling to the sorrowing hearts of her family and friends to know that she will be held in fond remembrance because of the beautiful life which she lived. It is peculiarly sad that a life so full of promise and usefulness should be cut off in the very flush of opening womanhood. The deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and the sorrowing relatives of the deceased in the hour of their great affliction.

Miss Ridgely and Mr. Hood were married February 20th, 1892, in Baltimore, by Rev. Wayland D. Ball. The bride was but 18 years of age. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hood left for Harrisburg, Pa., where Mr. Hood represented interests of the Western Maryland Railroad Company. A few months afterward, however, the couple removed to the West, and took up their residence in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Hood is a son of Gen. John M. Hood, president of the Western Maryland Railroad.

The funeral services took place from the home of her parents at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Rev. Thos. Wheeler officiated, assisted by Revs. E. E. Shipley and H. O. Devries. A large concourse of friends were present to pay the last sad tribute to the memory of the beloved dead. The remains were borne to their final resting place by the following pallbearers: Messrs. William H. Davis, Jr., Thomas J. Hood, Jr., Richard Dorsey, J. Millard Fisher, Marshall T. Warfield and James Bailey. Interment was made in the family burying-ground on the "Bowling Green" estate.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

Captain Wilbur S. Pole, of Roanoke, Va., has been presented with the sword of his late commander, Colonel Joseph Nulton. It was presented to him by the three sons of Colonel Nulton, with the request that he accept it as a memento of their father, who had a warm regard for Captain Pole. Captain Pole is a native Marylander, and has relatives in Howard county.

A water-color map is being prepared at the State Normal School to be sent to the World's Fair. It will set forth the locations of all the public schools in the State, together with the number of scholars and teachers and other statistics. It will be a handsome exhibit, and will show in a concise form the progress of education throughout the State.

Mr. Henry A. Penny, the well-known contractor residing at Guilford, Howard county, was seriously injured at Annapolis Junction on Thursday of last week. A team that he was driving became frightened and threw him to the ground, one of the horses treading upon him. His injuries are quite serious, and will keep him at home for some days.

The stable of Mr. Eugene Montgillion, near Elkridge, in the First district, was destroyed by fire on Sunday night last. A valuable stallion and a young driving horse perished in the flames. No clue as to the origin of the fire has yet been learned. Mr. Montgillion was offered a fancy figure for his stallion a short time ago, but declined to make the sale.

Mr. Benjamin Mellor, of this city, was taken very ill at an early hour Sunday morning last with symptoms resembling cholera morbus. He became unconscious for several hours. Dr. W. E. Hodges was called in, and after working with the patient soon brought him around. Mr. Mellor is in an improving condition, although very weak.

Mr. William J. Scanlan, one of the foremost comedians of his day, who has been ill for some months past, is failing steadily, and it is feared he will not survive many weeks longer. Mr. Scanlan is a family connection of Mrs. James Heavey, of Ellicott City.

The works of the late Mrs. Almira Lincoln Phelps, who was at one time principal of Patapsco Institute, have been presented to the Woman's Literary Club of Baltimore, by her daughters and son, Judge Phelps, for its library of Maryland authors.

The Woodbine Good Templars have completed arrangements for a concert at Calvary Lutheran Church during the last week in April. Prof G. W. Walker will be in charge, and will be assisted by talent from Baltimore and elsewhere.

Licenses have been issued in Baltimore county for the marriage of William B. Schotta, of Ellicott City, and Miss Christiana C. Ruff, of Catonsville; and Henry Hudson and Alberta Byers, of the Second district.

Mr. James H. Gambrill, whose large steam flouring mill in Frederick city was destroyed by fire some months ago, is about to begin the erection of a new structure upon the same site, to cost about $20,000.

The United States government contemplates the purchase of Hog Island, with a view of locating thereon a quarantine station. Mr. Samuel K. George holds a mortgage on the land for $9,600.

Mrs. Octavius Devries, of Henryton, who has been confined to her room for the past ten weeks from sickness, is improving very rapidly under the care of Dr. D. B Sprecher, of Sykesville.

Miss Emma Ridgely, of Montevue, Howard county, who has been on a visit to her uncle, Mr. Washington Ridgely, at Slack's Corner, Carroll county, has returned home again.

Rev. L. A. Thirlkeld, of the Fifteenth Street Church, in Washington, moved his family to Laurel this week. He is to preach in the Centenary M. E. Church during the coming year.

A petition from residents of Lansdowne and Joshua has been presented to the Baltimore county commissioners asking that lamps be placed upon the streets in those towns.

Mr. Bradley T. J. Blunt, of near Woodstock, is now in Atlanta, Ga., where he will remove his family shortly. He intends to engage extensively in the dairy business.

The Laurel Suburban Railway Company has made application to the Mayor and City Council for the privilege of building a railway on the main streets of Laurel.

Mr. John Cowan, of Pikesville, contractor and builder, has purchased the property of Mr. Fred Dannenburg, near Hernwood, and will improve and beautify it.

Mr. Bradley S. Dixon and Mrs. Sarah E. Fisher, both of Botterill, Howard county, were married at Christ P. E. Church Rectory, on Thursday afternoon of last week, by Rev. Ogle Marbury.

Rev. Dr. Henry Branch, of this city, assisted at the funeral services in Baltimore on Monday over the remains of Mr. Roger B. Luckett, of that city.

Mr. William F. Weller, of Granite, has written to the Baltimore county commissioners that the road between his place and Woodstock is in bad condition.

Mr. John Hynes and son, Edgar, of Westchester avenue, visited Mr. Daniel B. Keiffer, at Lauraville, Baltimore county, on Saturday and Sunday last.

The cutting through with a steam shovel of the Brown property, near Elk Ridge, for the new Baltimore and Ohio cut-off, was completed on Tuesday.

The Methodist Protestant Sunday school here are preparing to celebrate their 23rd anniversary, to be held on Sunday evening, the 16th of April.

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, of Howard county, has returned from a pleasant two weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Bentley, of 1325 N. Mount street, Baltimore.

Mr. Charles Lowndes is preparing to rebuild his country home at Lawyer's Hill, Howard county, which was destroyed by fire in November last.

Miss Agnes Hewitt, of the Fourth district of Howard county, has been spending some time with friends at "Mt. Welcome," Baltimore county.

Miss Georgie Gaither expects to accompany a party of Baltimoreans who will start early next month for a trip to California and Alaska.

Mr. Robert M. Hewitt, of Freedom, has lost a valuable Percheron mare. This makes four horses Mr. Hewitt has lost within twelve months.

Col. Samuel K. Dashiell, of Jessup's, Howard county, has been elected a director in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore County.

Rev. A. S. Weaver was unanimously elected a delegate to the Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, which meets in Laurel, Del., next month.

The farm of Zachariah Conway, Jr., containing 215 acres in Freedom district, has been sold to his sons, Reuben and John Conway, for $2,200 75.

The farm of John T. W. Poole, near Woodbine, B. and O. R. R., containing eighty-nine acres, has been sold to Sylvester P. Lewis for $1,200.

Mrs. C. W. Keim has rented her country home, near the Relay, to Mrs James Simons, and has concluded to travel during the summer.

The fair and festival held at Oakland, Carroll county, last week, for the benefit of the new M. E. Church South, was very successful, netting about $35.

Miss Jennie Lilly, of Ellicott City, who has been ill from pneumonia for a month past, has so far improved as to be able to get out and about again.

THE TIMES is indebted to Dr. D. B. Evans, of Morris Plains, N. J., for a copy of the annual report of the insane institutions of New Jersey.

Mrs. Morrison, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Trueheart, has returned to her home at Woodensburg, Baltimore county.

The Right Rev. Francis K. Brooks, Bishop of Oklahoma, preached in St. Timothy's Church, Catonsville, on Sunday, the 19th inst.

Howard county friends were present at the wedding in Baltimore last week of Mr. William T. Simms and Miss Florence M. Stansbury.

Mr. Thomas R. Milstead, of Spencerville, who has been ill for some time, has entered a Baltimore hospital for treatment.

Miss Edith O'Dell, of Hernwood, who is visiting her aunt in Baltimore, Mrs. Sarah Bailey, has been very ill, but is better.

The young men of Laurel have organized an athletic club. A club house will be built and base ball grounds laid off.

Ex-Judge Dorsey, of the Baltimore County Orphans' Court, is ill at his home near Granite, in the Second district.

The springlike weather of Sunday last induced a number of Baltimoreans to visit Ellicott City on their wheels.

Miss Nannie Goodrich, of Clear Spring, Washington county, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Abbey Martin.

Mrs. Denny, of St. Louis, Mo., who was visiting at the Presbyterian parsonage, left for her home this week.

Miss May McCrossin, of Highland, Howard county, is visiting relatives in the Sandy Spring neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wall, of Clarksville, Howard county, spent several days this week visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Brattan and child, of Baltimore, were guests on Sunday of Mr. Thomas H. Hunt and family.

Ex-Governor John Lee Carroll has been elected president of the Maryland Society Sons of the Revolution.

Miss Annie McDonald, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Miss Bessie McCauley, has returned home.

Miss Florence Schaeffer, of New York, is visiting her relative, Mrs. Joshua Gallagher, of Granite.

Miss Fannie Warfield, of Jessup's, has returned from a visit to Miss Disney, of Severn, Anne Arundel county.

Mr. John Reich, of Pine Orchard, Howard county, has been on a visit to relatives at Catonsville.

Mr. and Mrs. High, and daughter, Miss Clara, have been visiting Mr. Grafton Ray, at Hilton.

Mr. J. W. Baker, of Lisbon, Howard county, visited friends in Ellicott City on Sunday last.

Sheriff A. A. Dorsey, of Carroll county, has purchased the farm of Mrs. H. E. Duff, near Sykesville.

Mrs. Claude Sykes, of Elkton, Md., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCauley.

Mrs. C. Eckert, of this city, who has been on the sick list for some time past, is getting well again.

Mr. Samuel Tabler, of Baltimore, visited his sister, Mrs. Carlton Sykes, on Sunday last.

Miss Lillie Hood, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Miss Blanche Vansant.

Mr. Edward L. Duvall is lying seriously ill at his home in this city.

Mr. Louis P. Haslup, of Howard county, was in Washington last week.

Mr. Charles Fisher, of this city, spent Sunday with Baltimore friends.

Mr. E. W. Hurlock, of Baltimore, was here on business this week.

Wheat is reported to be looking well throughout the county.

Miss Agnes Kaiser, of Laurel, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. Atwood Blunt is ill at her home near Woodstock.

Prolific Ducks.

Mr. W. Edward Fite, of Glenwood, has three ducks which have been performing remarkable feats in the way of laying eggs. For two mornings in succession recently four eggs were found in the nest, and on the following morning five eggs were found. Had not the coops been under lock and key the proprietor of the ducks would have concluded that some one was playing a trick on him. The eggs were regularly taken out in the morning. Mr. Fite wants to know if there are any ducks elsewhere that can beat this record.

The trouble with most cough medicines is that they spoil the appetite, and create bile. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, on the contrary, while it gives immediate relief, assists rather than impairs the assimilative process.

SYKESVILLE NEWS.

SYKESVILLE, March 23.—On Saturday last this community was shocked at the announcement of the death of Mrs. Mazie L. Hood, wife of Mr. R. H. Hood, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ridgely, of Howard county. She was in the 19th year of her age. Mrs. Hood was much beloved by all who knew her.

Last Saturday evening a large number of friends gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, to participate in the festivities of a silver wedding celebration. The guests were received with great cordiality, and a delightful evening was spent in the usual manner of such events. The host and hostess received many appropriate gifts. A handsome supper was served.

Two of our colored citizens were sent to Westminster on Monday. Sheriff Dorsey will take care of them for thirty days.

Rev. Osborne Belt, the newly appointed pastor of Patapsco Circuit, preached to a large congregation at St. Paul's Church on Sunday night last.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Springfield Presbyterian Church met Tuesday last at the home of Mrs. L. H. Schultz.

Rev. R. S. Barnes spent Tuesday with his brother Ralph, assistant agent here.

The new M. E. Church South at Oakland will be dedicated Easter Sunday.

The King's Daughters will meet at Mt. Terrace, the home of Mrs. J. E. Norwood, on Wednesday, April 19th.

ALPHA.

ALPHA, March 21.—Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Grant were entertained at dinner on Sunday last by Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Barlow.

Mr. J. S. Ridgely, who has been confined to his home since Saturday last by sickness, is not yet able to be out.

Mr. Mahlon Saffell is still in a feeble condition, having at times severe attacks of coughing, which is very worrying, but during the intervals he is cheerful, and his friends hope to see him around and about ere long.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington Ridgely of Carroll county, were over on a short visit the first of this week. They came in consequence of the illness of Mr. J. S. Ridgely.

Many of the congregation that attended St. James' M. E. Church on Sunday last, were at first somewhat disappointed as they expected to hear the "new minister," but owing to unexpected delay in the removal of the former pastor, Dr. J. N. Davis, and family, from the parsonage, at Sykesville, the recently appointed preacher in charge, Rev. Osborne Belt, was unable to complete his arrangements in the regular order, hence the non-appearance of the Rev. Mr. Belt. The pulpit was ably filled by Rev. Mr. Wheeler, who spoke at length upon "Conscience," which interested the congregation to such an extent that the disappointment in not hearing the New Minister was entirely lost in the earnestness of Mr. Wheeler's sermon.

It is with sadness that your correspondent has to chronicle the almost hopeless condition of Mr. Benny Dean Musser. At this time his condition seems beyond medical skill, and unless some very great change, which is not likely, takes place almost immediately, he cannot survive many hours.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hipsley was the scene of a pleasant entertainment on Tuesday evening last. The friends arrived early, in response to the invitations issued by their daughters, Misses Nora and Melissa, and everyone came in with a smiling face, expecting a delightful time, in which they were not disappointed. Music, both vocal and instrumental, were features of the evening, and together with a bountifully laden table of refreshments, were greatly enjoyed by all. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Warfield, Mrs. John Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Barlow, Misses Ora Wilcox, Ethel Cross, Nettie Wilcox, Messrs. T. S. Cross, Herbert Cross, Prof. Sipe, John Akers and Joshua Cross.

FACTS FROM FULTON,

FULTON, March 21.—Joseph Dorsey, colored, aged 50 years, who had been for a number of years in the employ of Mr G. D. Walters, was found dead in bed at his dwelling at an early hour on Thursday morning of last week. He had been plowing the day before and seemed to be enjoying good health. It is supposed that the cause of his death was congestion of the lungs, as he had occasionally complained of the symptoms, relative to that disease. He was held in high esteem for his general good character. Interment took place at Freetown, this county, on Friday evening.

Mr. Jos. D. McCauley is engaged in making building improvements at Lee Moore's.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS.

CEDAR GROVE, March 20.—The roads are getting in a bad condition.

Wheat and grass are looking very well and promise a good crop.

The chirp of the robin is heard throughout the land which makes us think that spring is approaching.

Mr. Z. W. Page has trapped a great many fine minks this winter.

There has been considerable sickness and a number of deaths in this neighborhood this winter.

The Kings Valley Band has purchased a fine assortment of new music. The band is in a good condition and is ready for any and all engagements.

The inauguration was well attended by our young ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. G. Washington Page died at his home near here, on Sunday, March 5th, at half-past three o'clock, aged 87 years, 11 months and 5 days. His funeral took place from Salem M. E. Church, at Cedar Grove. Rev. Joshua Burdette, officiating. The pall bearers were Messrs Edward Bealle, S. D. Best, A. J. Waters, C. T. Perdum, J. E. Burdette, and W. R. Windsor. Mr. George Miles, of Cedar Grove, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Late from Lisbon.

LISBON, March 23.—The writer has been requested by the preacher in charge of Freedom Circuit to announce through the columns of THE TIMES—by permission—that the new Oakland Methodist Episcopal Church South, will be dedicated on Sunday, April 2nd, D. v. Bishop Alpheus Wilson has promised to preach the dedicatory sermon. There will be morning and afternoon services. Should the weather prove unfavorable, the dedication will be postponed two weeks.

Mr. Nathan Webb will move to Lisbon next week. Mr. Zadok Talbert has rented his farm and will move to the same village April 4th. Mr. William Stitely will move to the farm of Mr. Clayton Somers on April 1st.

By the death of Mr. Cornelius Shaffer, briefly noted in your last issue, this community has lost an honorable, upright and useful citizen. Open, frank, and generous to a fault, no one appealed to him in vain. He was 59 years of age, and was a life-long Democrat. His remains were conveyed to and interred in Loudon Park Cemetery on Sunday last. Thus another man has crossed over the great divide.

A large concourse of friends gathered on Tuesday morning at the residence of John T. Ridgely, Esq., to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of his second daughter, Mrs. Mazie L. Hood, who died in St Louis, Mo., on Saturday morning last, the 18th inst.

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