THE LOCAL NEWS FIELD.

Recent Thunder Storms.

We have had quite a number of electrical storms in Howard county in late years, highly terrifying in their character, but the storm which visited us Saturday night last seemed to exceed them all in the number and fierceness of the bolts. It looked as if Ellicott City was made the especial theatre for this reckless distribution of the deadly element and most everybody for a short time felt decidedly insecure. Each crash was generally preceded by and ominous click. The fluid entered the residence of Mr. J. B. Morrow by the electric light wire, putting out all the lights, at the same time bursting a lamp in the kitchen where a colored girl was at work.

The residence of Mr. Gus Dalcour on the hill opposite Ellicott City, in Baltimore county, was struck but beyond some damage to the roof the building was not hurt.

The chimney to the house of Mr. John Rest, near Oella, was struck and about half of it torn down. A bed in one of the rooms was set on fire. While the inmates of the house were severely shocked they escaped unhurt.

A number of trees were struck in the vicinity; one near the residence of Mr. Reuben D. Johnson, on Merrick avenue.

As the storm passed east its electrical intensity seemed to increase. Fifteen strokes were observed to come down in less than ten minutes almost at the same spot. The large hay barrick or barn of Dr. Thom was set on fire and quickly consumed.

The storm of Saturday was followed Sunday by another of almost equal severity in the middle and lower sections of Howard county. In the neighborhood of Pfeiffer's Corner the lightning struck in almost a dozen places. A large cherry tree near there was literally torn to pieces. A large chestnut tree in the orchard of Mr. Thomas Christian was struck by five bolts, and a tortoise which had taken shelter under the tree was stripped of its shell and killed. An oak tree about one hundred yards from the dwelling of Mr. Robert Dewey was also torn into shreds by a bolt of electricity.

The Strange Work of Lightning.

Mr. Sebastian Brown, well-known in Howard county, relates the following singular story: In his youth he lived in the upper part of Howard county. While still very young his father had occasion to send him on a mission to Montgomery county, over the line a short distance, to the farm now occupied by his cousin, Mr. William Brown. As he approached the house he saw two horses lying in a field, feet to feet. Making an examination he found they were dead—two colts, aged respectively two and three years. Relating the circumstance to the friend he was going to see they went back and found the animals had been killed by lightning.

Passing the same place thirty-five years afterwards Mr. Brown, strange to say, saw precisely the same scene—two horses dead in the same field, near the identical spot and lying in the same manner—feet to feet—having been killed by lightning. This strange duplication of a circumstance Mr. Brown says filled his mind with the most perplexing impressions, and is only to be explained on the theory that nature governed by certain unalterable laws is apt to repeat herself.

A Bright Operetta.

At the Elkridge Assembly Room Tuesday night was presented before a large audience the operetta of "The Sleeping Princess," the following young folks taking part under the direction of Miss Katherine Brown: John Whitridge, Stanley Moran, Charles Lowndes, George Neilson, Matthew Gault, Miss Jeannette Jones, Miss Elise Lowndes, Miss Florence Levering, Miss Charlotte Donaldson, Miss Nellie Earickson and Miss Katie Davis, Charles and Arthur Jones, William and Robert Stead, Murray and Addison Worthington, Miss Elise Donaldson, Miss Isadore Kenny, Misses Alice and Mary Winder, Eleanor and Emily Kenny and Mary Stead. The operetta was repeated on Friday night of this week.

Handsomely Entertained.

The grand jury in their round of inspection Saturday on visiting the jail were handsomely entertained by Mrs. Lilly, wife of Warden John Lilly. After inspecting the jail, which they found neat and clean, the jury and guests were invited to the dining where was spread a collation consisting of a great variety of tempting cake, fruit and several brands of fine wine. Before leaving the jury was addressed by Mr. Alexander Kilgour, counsel for the plaintiff in the case of Cain vs. the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, from Montgomery county. On motion of Mr. J. P. Marlow a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Lilly for the fine set-out which graced the occasion.

New Enterprise.

A branch office of the Middle-States Loan, Building and Construction Company, of Hagerstown, Md., has been organized at Ellicott City, with the following officers: President, Daniel R. McCauley; vice-president, Gustave T. Dalcour; secretary, John A. Denton; treasurer, Jacob J. Werner; attorney, J. Malcolm Dorsey; directors, Christian Eckert, J. J. Werner, George D Maxwell, J. M. Dorsey and Daniel R. McCauley. The company, although having just started, bids fair to be a promising institution, over one hundred shares having been already taken.

New Cabinet and Repair Shop.

Mr. Daniel R. McCauley, one of our popular young business men, announces this week in our advertising columns the opening of a cabinet and carpenter shop, in connection with his coepering establishment at this place. This will supply a much needed want in our midst, and will prove of great convenience to housekeepers who may at little cost be enabled to have their worn and broken furniture renovated and repaired. The enterprise will undoubtedly prove a success.

List of Letters Remaining in the Ellicott City Postoffice September 15, 1894.

Mr. Bradorman, Miss Eliza N. Boston, Mr. William Carter, Miss Martha Dorsey, Miss Mary Gravett, Mrs Isabella Hinson, Mr. John Harris, Mrs. Margarett Hall, Miss Anna Johnson, Miss L. Madden, Mrs. H. Myers, Mrs. C. S Makinza, C. Moyer, Mrs. Mary E Phillips, Mr. John Powell, Miss Rosa E Rodes, Miss Annie Ridout, Mr. Robert Smith, Miss Bettie Smith, Elizabeth Sullivan, Frank H. Sloan, Mr. James Smith, James Thomas, Miss Mamie Ware, Dorsey Williams, Mrs. Frank Wilcoxon, Mr. Henry Wilkins, Mrs. Rachel Young.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.

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Local and Miscellaneous

Mrs Charles A. Shelor, nee Miss Birdie Nelson, who it will be remembered as having recently married in a very romantic way the young man whose name she bears is visiting her parents at their home in Granite, Baltimore county. Mrs. Shelor will spend several weeks with her parents and then return to her husband in Philadelphia, where they will spend the winter.

Messrs. O. T. and W. A. Cartwright, left here this week, for Whitesboro, Texas, after a pleasant stay of over two weeks with their parents in this city. They are employed in the telegraph department of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company at Whitesboro, where they have been residing for a number of years.

Letters have been granted by the Orphans' Court of Baltimore county to Alexander B. Johnston on the estate of Rebecca V. Johnston, to Daniel A. Jackson on the estate of Iona Jackson, and to John T. Mason of R. on the estate of Virginia M. Conrad.

Mr. Henry F. R. Snyder, a member of the junior class of the Baltimore City College, has been called to the position of instructor in German at Warfield College, Sykesville, Carroll county. He has entered upon his new duties.

Miss Annie McAnulty, of Baltimore, has been visiting her friends in Ellicott City all this week. Miss M. resided here for a number of years, but moved to Baltimore about twelve years ago, where she has been living ever since.

It has given us pleasure to meet our valued correspondent, "F. L. O.," (Mr. Ossman) of Fulton, who has been doing duty in Ellicott City as juror. Mr. O's well written news articles are familiar to our readers.

The Progressive Mutual Building Association, of Granite, has been incorporated by Bernard W. Rector, James T. Williams, John E. Wheat, Joseph G. Merkel, Jacob T. Nash, Urias Johnson and Walter E. Everett.

Archdeacon Gambrill, of Annapolis, and Rev. Dr. Moran, of Elkridge, concluded Thursday the services of the Convocation of Annapolis, that they had been holding at Alberton for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cartwright and little child accompanied by Miss Annie McAnulty, all of Baltimore, were the guests of Mrs. Jas. Cartwright on Saturday last.

Mr. Peter Kuye, Jr., of the First district of this county, has a turkey hen which has already laid 152 eggs in that number of consecutive days, and is still laying.

Mrs. E. A. Keyser and daughters, who have been for the past few weeks guests of Mrs. C. H. Oldfield, returned to their home in Washington on Saturday.

Mr. L.K. Shipley, of Lisbon, left Wednesday of this week for Boston and will extend his trip through the New England States

Prof. E. B. Prettyman, of Baltimore, superintendent of the State Normal School, has been in Ellicott City for several days.

Hon. John G. Rogers delivered an address before the Columbia Club, 1229 Light street, Baltimore, Thursday night last.

The walls of the Presbyterian Church are up to the square. The structure promises to be well done on every detail.

Miss Emma Thomas, of Jonestown, spent Monday in Ellicott City as the guest of Miss Cordelia Cartwright.

Mrs. John F. Kirkwood, who has been visiting relatives in Washington and Alexandria, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. George Scaggs, of Fulton, was the guest a few days last week of Mr. Clinton W. Scaggs, of this city.

Miss Nellie Gassaway, of Annapolis, is the guest of Miss Rebecca Owings, of this county.

Mr. J. Leeds Bowie, of Colorado, is the guest of Mr. Wm. D. Thomas.

Miss Bessie McCauley has returned from a visit to the Easton Shore.

A colored Republican club has been formed in the Third district.

The students of St. Charles College returned Tuesday.

Sykesville's New Justice of the Peace.

SYKESVILLE, Sept. 11.—The appointment of Dr. Wm. Frank Lucas by Gov. Brown to succeed as justice of the peace the late Wm. P. Gorsuch, of the fifth election district, of Carroll county, and located at Sykesville, should call forth the most proformed reasoning from that class of applicants whose long citizenship and faithful party vote and equal ability to mete out the requirements of the office is acknowledged. Confronted as we have been with rich promises of party candidates in seeking to hold together the party strength this seems to one's mind, on reflection, of no little importance discounting as it seems to do the integrity of other aspirants. We do not wish to reflect one iota on the appointee knowing him to be a gentleman in every sense of the word and fully capable of filling the office with due credit to himself and the community, but not yet a voter and only nine months a resident of the town or county makes it appear very indiscreet, especially when we consider the close call the Democracy has in this district, needing as we do, every vote to hold the party strength. Will this do the Governor any good? Will it help his advisors? Well, we will await later developments.

ONE OF THEM.

The Sunday School Convention at Harmony M. E. Church South.

The Sunday School Convention of the 3rd, 4th and 5th districts of Howard county commences this (Saturday) morning Sept. 15th, at 10 o'clock, having other sessions at 3 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. Also on Sunday commencing 9.30 A. M., 11 A. M., 3 and 7.30 P. M.

Your presence is earnestly and cordially inviting. Come, and bring the little ones. You will hear good music, good speeches and you will have a good time generally. Be sure and attend all the sessions. One will be as good as the other. A few of the prominent speakers will be Mr. E. F. Wittmer, Rev. Thomas Wheeler, Rev. W. A. Baker, and Mr Wm. P. Shriver. At Harmony M. E. Church South, Saturday and Sunday Sept. 15th and 16th. D.

Mite Society Meeting.

GLENWOOD, Sept. 11.—The Presbyterian Mite Society met at Mr. James Pearre's, September 4 About forty present and a very interesting meeting. Mrs Jones, of Philadelphia performed on the mandolin. Miss Snowden, of Laurel, entertained the company with singing. Music by Mr. George Pearre and sisters. "The Tax on old Bachelors," by Miss Lulie Dorsey caused much laughter. Miss Maggie Henderson's piece was very amusing. Mrs. Pearre had a fine entertainment. The next meeting will be held at Longwood the residence of the president of the society, Miss Louisa V. Warfield, September 18th, at 3 o'clock.

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SYKESVILLE NEWS.

SYKESVILLE, Sept. 12.—The account here shows the sales of fertilizers within a radius of a few miles of Sykesville to be as follows:

Sykesville Farm and House Furnishing Company, 125 tons; Forsythe and Linthicum, 162 tons; Wm. Phillips, 52 tons; Edw. Lautenbach, 78 tons.

The last two named are new agents in the field. The Sykesville Farm and House Furnishing Company have disposed of their share directly from house and they have no agent on the road. Mr. Henry Forsythe of that firm has charge, being well acquainted with all farmers and selling at lower prices has enabled him to put out the bulk. His goods were tried last season and gave entire satisfaction and with closer margin has enabled him to secure a fair share of patronage.

The following note was found tacked on the unoccupied house of Messrs. Ebbert & Beck, on last Saturday morning near Berret Postoffice:

"Gentlemen.—We are a hired committee to burn this house. We do not wish to harm you bodily, but this house cannot stand on this ground."

This fully establishes the suspected incendiarism of the several fires in that locality lately. The Wetzel barn, the Dougherty barn, the Eden Mill, the stable, &c., adjoining. The house on which the note was found is owned by Ebbert & Beck. The warned are at a loss to know the motive. They are among the best of that section, prosperous, and gentleman in every sense and good neighbors. This case should be looked into and if the parties are caught get what they deserve.

The rank growth of weeds and the casting of all kinds of offal on the streets in our town certainly make it very unhealthy notwithstanding the other disadvantages. Health boards should see to this.

Miss Margaret Firoved and Miss Lula Bell have returned to their homes, Baltimore, after a three weeks' visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Firoved.

The Masons of this section will attend Springfield Church in a body on Sunday 23rd inst., at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. D. Thomas will deliver a sermon on the occasion.

The magisterial appointment has been made and now we can get two doses at the same office—law and medicine.

The tenth annual tournament was held on Hotel Heights on Tuesday last. Two sets of knights contested for the prizes and honor of crowning the queens and their maids. The successful knights, professionals, were: Mr. William Shirley, who crowned Miss May Brown, daughter of Governor Brown, queen; Mr. Grant Beasman, who crowned Miss Harrity, of Baltimore, first maid; Mr. George Beasman, who crowned Miss Lowe, of Caroline county, second maid; Mr. William Lee, who crowned Miss Day, of Berret, third maid.

The amateurs: Mr. Samuel Belt, who crowned Miss Florence Phillinger, queen; Mr. O. Dorsey, who crowned Miss S. Akers, first maid; Mr. Brightsell, who crowned Miss Lillian Myers, second maid, and Mr. Mercier, who crowned Miss Beasman, third maid. Prizes were given in gold. The tilting was the most spirited ever witnessed here. A large crowd was present. Mr. Guy W. Steele delivered the coronation address. Dancing was kept up until late in the night Votta's Orchestra, of Baltimore, furnished the music.

SYKESVILLE, Sept. 13.—The bids for contructing the iron bridge over the Patapsco river here were opened today at 11 o'clock at the office of Messrs. Schultz & Son. The bid of the Toledo Bridge Company being the lowest that company will receive the contract. Mr. Lechner, of Howard county, was the successful bidder for the building of the abutments. Following are the bids:

For the Bridge: R. H. Hood, of Washington, D. C., $2,499.99; Massilon Bridge Company, O., $2 600 00; Schuylkill Company, $2,570.00; Toledo Bridge Company, $2,063 00; N. J. Steel & Iron Company, $2 688.00; Wrought Iron Bridge, Canton, O., $2,333 00; King Bridge Co., Cleveland, O., $2,600 00, Youngstown Bridge Co., O., $2,294 00; Kelson & Buckinghsm, of Chambersburg, Pa, $2 849.00; Owego Bridge Company, N. Y., $2,395 00; Deane & West, Brooklyn, N. Y., $2 900 00; Pittsburg Bridge Company, $2,449 00; Philadelphia Bridge Company, $3,390 00; Campbell Zell Company, Baltimore, $3,060 00.

For building the abutments, per perch: F. Awalt, Laurel, Md., $3.74; A. Weber, Ellicott City, $4 80; Robert Lechner, & Co., Howard county, $3.50; Otto Burner $4.73.

Mr. Henry W. Linder and Miss Margaret Easter, of Howard county, were married at the M. E. Parsonage here by Rev. O. Belt.

Mrs. Caddie Scrivenor, of Westminster, is visiting Mrs. J. E. Gaither, of Gaither's, this county.

OELLA.

OELLA, Sept. 13.—Misses Adela Conrad and Jennie Pace and Mr. Joseph Pace visited friends at Wetheredville on Sunday.

Mr. George McKenzie and daughter, Annie, spent Saturday at Pen Mar.

Miss Mary Hubbard, of Woodberry, has been the guest of Mrs. Laura Evans the past week.

Mr. Joseph Curtis, of Westchester avenue, had as his guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Curtis, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, of Mt. Winans, Messrs. William Vink and J. Tate, of Baltimore.

Misses Mamie Nixon and Rose Carney, of Baltimore, were guests of Miss Laura Van Order Sunday.

Misses Annie Conrad and Cecelia Ells visited friends in Baltimore Saturday.

Among those who went from here on an all-day excursion from Baltimore, down the Bay, on Saturday, were: Aunt Jane Coombs, Misses Zenobia Patti, Lizzie Wosch and Messrs. Bernard Ells and Ashby Patti.

Mr. John Brim and daughter, Nettie, spent Saturday at Pen Mar.

Mr. John Kavanaugh, of Westchester avenue, met with quite a serious accident on Friday last. He was at work in the loft of his barn, when, making a misstep, he fell out of the doorway, a distance of ten feet to the ground. His shoulder was much bruised and he was otherwise badly hurt.

Miss Alice Hilton spent Monday with friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Frank Soper, of New York, Miss Mamie Smith and Mrs Agnes DeVilbiss, of Baltimore, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Nott several days this week.

Mr. John Donaldson, of this place, lost a valuable horse on Friday last, on the Frederick road, near Catonsville, as he was returning home from Baltimore. The animal dropped dead.

ALBERTON.

ALBERTON, Sept. 13.—Howard Council No. 46 Jr. O. U. A. M. attended the Junior's Day Celebration on Wednesday last, about 80 strong. Through the kindness of Mr. Joseph Holmes manager of Oella all the Mechanics of that place were permitted to take the day off. Alberton Council No 27, had only half the number of Howard for they found to their chagrin that although the day was a legal holiday, the mill ran all the same, and but few were allowed to go, the rest being detained under fear of dismissal

Irving W. Larimore physical director of Y. M. C. A., Des Moines, Iowa, says he can conscientiously recommend Chamberlain's Pain Balm to athletes, gymnasts, bicyclists, foot ball players and the profession in general for bruises, sprains and dislocations; also for soreness and stiffness of the muscles. When applied before the parts become swollen it will effect a cure in one half the time usually required. For sale by A. C. TAYLOR, Ellicott City, Md., and W. R. RUDY, Mt. Airy, Md.

Summer Colds.

Under the heading of which belong Hay Catarrh, Rose Catarrh, Hay Asthma, and Hay Fever, are positively cured by Humphrey's Specific "77". For sale by all druggists, or sent prepaid upon receipt of price 25 cts. Address Humphreys' Company, New York.

SEPTEMBER COURT.

In the Circuit Court this week Judge James Revell has been on the bench with Judge I. Thomas Jones.

The sessions have been almost entirely occupied with the Stansfield will case. The case involves an effort on the part of the heirs of Thomas Stansfield, late of the Third district, deceased, to render void the will of the deceased.

The will is dated December 15, 1890, and bequeaths the sum of $200 to each of the twelve children, the residue of the estate, consisting of realty and considerable personalty, in all valued at about $8,000, to his son Thos. H. H. Stansfield, who is also named as sole executor.

It is alleged by the plaintiffs that the testator in his old age, being about eighty when the will was made, was incompetent to properly transact business on account of imbecility, that he was easily influenced, and that the terms of the instrument are not what they would have been had he been of sound mind.

The defendant on the other hand avers that he will be able to prove that whatever may have been the eccentricities of the father he understood thoroughly what he was doing, having transacted other business after making his will which will stand.

The hearing of the testimony, which thus far has been for the plaintiffs, has been slow and tedious, made so mainly by the cross questioning.

Messrs. John G. Rogers and Joseph S. Heuisler are counsel for the plaintiffs, and Messrs. John J. Donaldson and Daniel M. Murray for the defendant. The following witnesses have been summoned to testify in the case:

For the plaintiff: Miss Mollie Shipley, Dr. Benjamin Shipley, Samuel Slack, John R. Dorsey, Harry C. Dorsey, Joshua A. Cross, Mrs. Sallie Stansfield, Mrs. Louisa Stansfield, Henry O. Devries, Thos. J. Hood, Jr., Mrs. Laura Cross, (Baltimore,) John V. Stansfield, Mrs. Amanda F. Stansfield, Elias Gaither, Thomas W. Ridgely, Washington I. Ridgely, (Carroll county,) John I. Wilson, Eliza Tittsworth, Mrs. Annie Wilcox, Napoleon Welsh, Simpson Stansfield, Lawrence H. Hobbs, Harry Stansfield, Marion Isaac, George N. Ridgely, Samuel I. Owen, Mahlon Saffel, Thos. J. Hood, Mrs. Margaret Wright, Mrs John Stansfield, Andrew W. Stansfield, Albert Wright.

For the defendant: Dr. Jno. W. Hebb, John J. Vernay, Hugh McAvoy, Joseph Selby, Patrick Renehan, John W. Renehan, Brice Ridgely, Thos. L. Ridgely, Aloysius Renehan, Thos. J. Hood, Charles Wilcox, Joseph McAvoy, Dr. Benj. F. Shipley, George W. Snyder, R. V. Thompson, John W. Selby, James S. Ridgely, Isaac Scaggs, (duces tecum,) William Vernay, James Mackubin, W. J. Robinson.

Up to Thursday less than a dozen had given in their testimony, in several instances one witness occupying a good part of the day.

The grand jury has been in session a longer term than any grand jury in the history of the court, attributable in a measure to their action with reference to the school board.

The damage suit of Richard W. Cain, of Montgomery county, against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, which began on Tuesday of last week terminated on Saturday. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of $758.

At a meeting of the members of the bar Saturday afternoon, before adjournment of the Court, resolutions in respect to the memory of Henry E. Wootton were adopted, and by order of Judge Jones, who presided, were entered upon the minutes of the court. A large number of the friends of Mr. Wootton were present. James Mackubin, State Senator John G. Rogers, State's Attorney Joseph D. McGuire, John J. Donaldson and Judge Jones made appropriate remarks upon the resolutions.

THE SCHOOL BOARD IN TROUBLE.

The Grand Jury Desire an Investigation of the Affairs of the Board which is Resisted.

For two years there has been an insufficiency of funds in the hands of the treasurer of the county school board to keep the public schools open the usual number of months. It was claimed by the board that extraordinary expenses have attended their administration which so drew upon their resources that the shortening of the school terms was an unavoidable necessity, and they applied to the county commissioners for an increase of the annual appropriation. This was declined by the commissioners on the ground that the amount levied was the same as in previous years, and unless it could be shown that the expenses were entirely unavoidable the funds asked for would not be appropriated. This the school board failed to do to the satisfaction of the commissioners. The situation engendered a good deal of criticism and out of it may be said has grown a popular demand for an investigation of the affairs of the board.

The present grand jury set about this work under the instructions of the court, and on Friday of last week made a demand for the vouchers and accounts of the school board which was refused on the ground, as stated by Mr. J. E. Hill, the examiner, that he desired time to put the books in shape having been sick and unable to attend to some of the details of his office.

On Tuesday the jury appeared before the court in a body and presented the following report.

To your Honors, I. Thomas Jones and James Revell, Judges of the Circuit Court for Howard County.

In pursuance of the instructions of your Honors, and in conformity to their duty to the public, the Grand Jury on Thursday, September 6th, appointed a committee of three members of the grand jury to investigate the accounts of the Board of County School Commissioners of Howard county.

Upon making application to John Emory Hill, the secretary, treasurer and and examiner of the board, the committee was informed by said secretary, &c., that he could not comply with their request at that time, but would see them the following morning. Accordingly the following day they sought the secretary, &c. of said school board, but could not find him in his office. The committee of the grand jury, however, did find Dr. John W. Hebb, one of the board of county school commissioners, of Howard county, who informed the said committee that the examiner, &c, had gone to Baltimore and would see them upon the coming of the train, which arrives from Baltimore city approximately at 2 o'clock P. M. Upon the arrival of said train the said secretary, &c., who was accompanied by his attorney, informed the committee of the grand jury that by the advice of counsel he declined to allow said committee access to said accounts.

Thereupon the foreman of the grand jury directed Mr. John H. Owings, Clerk of the Circuit Court, at the order of the grand jury, to issue a summons for John Emory Hill, Robert A. Dobbin, John T. Hardey and Dr. John W. Hebb, to appear before the grand jury immediately.

On Saturday, September 8th, John John Emory Hill, the secretary, &c., of the board appeared before the grand jury and being asked "to produce immediately all the books of accounts, and those referring to the same, of the board, and to produce also all the evidences in his possession of all receipts and expenditures of the Howard county school fund, and all evidences of outstanding indebtedness of the board and of any outstanding debts of said board, answered that he "respectfully declined by the advice of counsel."

The same question being propounded to Robert A. Dobbin upon his appearance before the grand jury on Monday, September tenth, that he (Dobbin) was "President of the Board of County School Commissioners of Howard County, which board consisted of three members and an examiner, who is a bonded officer of the State, and in his care and custody are all these papers which you demand. I have not the slightest desire to keep them from the grand jury, or any other party entitled to have them, and would turn them over if I had possession of them. The examiner is a bonded officer and desires to act in the premises under the order of the court. The board will obey any mandamus of the court."

Mr. John T. Hardey upon appearing before the grand jury, on said tenth day of September, replied to the question above referred to, that "it was his wish that the books of the school board should be at the disposal of the grand jury."

Dr. John W. Hebb upon appearing before the grand jury, on said tenth day of September replied to the question above stated, that "he had not the books in his possession and consequently could not deliver them"

As the secretary, &c, of the board refuses to comply with the request to produce to the grand jury the books, papers, &c., referred to, and as the board of county school commissioners do not produce said books and papers which constitute the records of said board, the grand jury makes this report to your Honors of said occurrence as herein stated, in order that your Honors may take such action in the premises as the circumstances require.

And the grand jury further report to your Honors that the obstacles placed in the way of the grand jury by the action of the secretary, &c., of said board, has caused great delay to the completion of the duties by said grand jury.

JOHN J. MYERLY,
Foreman.

Accompanying the above was the following petition:

The grand jury request the court to direct the issurance of a subpoena duces tecum, addressed to John Emory Hill, secretary, treasurer and examiner of the Board of County School Commissioners of Howard County, requiring him to produce immediately before the grand jury all books of accounts of the Board of County School Commissioners of Howard County, and all the evidences in his possession of all receipts and expenditures of the Board of County School Commissioners of Howard County, and the evidences of all outstanding indebtedness of the Board of County School Commissioners of Howard County, with the vouchers for the payment of the same, and evidences showing by what means the same were paid, covering the period from July 26, 1892, inclusive, up to and including September 7, 1894, the grand jury requiring the said papers, books and vouchers in the course of an inquiry as to offenses of which they have information and are engaged in investigating.

The court then ordered the issuance of the writ, to be returnable immediately. Mr. Hill, however, being out of town, the summons could not be served. The school board consists of Hon. Robert A. Dobbin, president; Hon. John T. Hardey and Dr. John W. Hebb, with Mr. J. E. Hill, as secretary, treasurer and examiner. They were appointed by the Governor under the act of 1892. According to the grand jury's application for the court's aid in obtaining access to the books of the school commissioners' office, the three commissioners, as well as the examiner, were before the jury to answer the summonses. It was claimed by the commissioners that the examiner was the proper custodian of the papers, and this view has been sustained by the court. Mr. Hill, the examiner, says that his action in refusing to allow the grand jury access to books, etc., of his office is in compliance with the advice of his counsel.

Mr. Robert A. Dobbin, president of the board, stated to a TIMES representative Thursday that a statement of the condition of the school fund would be positively forthcoming next week.

HYMENEAL.

DIXON—MCKENZIE.

A pretty and interesting wedding took place in Emory M. E. Church, Ellicott City, at 7 o'clock on the evening of September 12, 1894. The bride was Miss Nellie McKenzie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McKenzie, and the groom was Mr. Chas. Dixon, both of Ellicott City. Rev. D. M. Browning, pastor of Emory Church, conducted the ceremonies in the presence of a large number of the friends of the contracting parties. The ushers were: Messrs. Horace Isaacs, Bradley Scaggs, George Dorsey and V. G. Mercier. The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of steel-colored cloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a bouquet of Marechal Neil roses. The chancel was decorated with ferns and roses. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Dixon, Mr. Jas. Dorsey and family, Captain and Mrs. Virgil T. Mercier, Mr. William Rumstein, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Herrmann, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ober, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Vansant, the Misses Vansant, Miss Olivia Frost, the Misses Mercier, Mrs. George Isaacs and family, Mr. Joseph McKenzie and family, Miss Sallie Brown, Miss Kate Somerville, Miss Sallie Cooney, Miss Mattie Isaacs, Mr. Alexander Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. Owen H. Mercier, Mr. Charles Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bone, Rev. Henry Branch and family, Miss Rose and Miss Ella Morrow, Mrs. John Spurrier, Miss Jennie Kirby, Miss Emma Hartley, Mr. Edward Wilson and family, Mr. John Helm and family, Mr. J. G. Owings, Mr. Albert Kalb and Miss Ida Schotta, of Catonsville; Mr. J. D. Dunkel, Justice B. H. Wallenhorst and family, Mrs. D. Kraft, the Misses Kraft, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meads, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Fisher, the Misses Fisher, Mr. Stephen Hillsinger and family, Mr. John Kirkwood and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Meads, Mr. Henry France and family, Mr. Samuel Burgess and family, Mr. Thomas Kirby and family, Mr. Harry Stansfield, Mr. Charles T. Makinson and family, Mr. Isaac Scaggs and family, Mr. Edward Norris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. King and others.

AMOSS—HATFIELD.

SYKESVILLE, Sept. 12.—A very pretty church wedding was solemnized at St. Paul's M. E. Church today, the contracting parties being Mr. G. Irving Amoss and Miss Cora Hatfield. The attendants were Miss Jennie Amoss, sister of the groom, and Miss Lula Harding, Mr. John Day and Mr. Harry Thomas. Rev. O. Belt officiated and Mrs. Louis Horpel presided at the organ. A reception was held at the home of the bride at Gaither's.

WOLF—FISHER.

Miss Mary E. Fisher, daughter of Mr. George Fisher, of Catonsville, and Mr. Henry Wolf, of Baltimore, were married on the evening of September 12, 1894, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Frederick avenue, Catonsville. Rev. Percy Foster Hall, rector of St. Timothy's P. E. Church, Catonsville, performed the ceremony. The bridesmaid was Miss Emma Fisher, sister of the bride, and Mr. Charles E. Whitney was best man. The bride was dressed in a gown of brown imperial serge, trimmed with taffeta silk and moire ribbon. The bridesmaid was similarly attired. A reception was held after the ceremony. The couple will reside in Baltimore.

MCGILL—GRAHAM.

Mr. Carroll Spence McGill, of Baltimore, son of the late Col. O. P. McGill, and brother of Mrs. T. J. Albert, of Catonsville, was married on September 12, 1894, to Mrs. Sarah G. Graham, at the country residence of the bride, the Boggs farm, on the old Frederick road, near Catonsville. The ceremony took place at two o'clock in the afternoon. Only intimate friends were present. The bride had just returned from a Northern tour, and her wedding was a surprise to her friends.

WAUHAUS—GETTINGS.

A very pretty wedding took place at Salem Lutheran Church at Catonsville on the evening of September, 12, 1894. The happy couple are Miss Mary Gettings, daughter of Mr. Henry Gettings, of Alberton, Howard county, to Mr. Henry Wauhaus, nephew of Mr. Henry Ringling, of Catonsville. The bride was attired in brown cloth, trimmed with silk. Miss Kate Gettings was bridesmaid and Mr. Jacob Bauman was groomsman.

DUNDEE SCHOOL.

Complete in All Its Appointments—The Inner Life of a Truly Home School.

"Dundee" School, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weems, on the Frederick Turnpike, a short distance west of Ellicott City, will open September 27. The principals have been educators for a number of years. They are parents and desire to regard every child entered as a pupil as their own, at least for the time being. To appreciate the advantages offered, the real meaning of a home school as understood by them, must be comprehended. First, of course, the home must be formed and then each child can be fully drawn within its influence. It has been the aim of the principals to fully carry out this idea and great care has been given to the place and surroundings.

"Dundee" is one of the old residences of our county and it is homelike in exterior and interior. Even the old name has been preserved, Mr. and Mrs. Weems disliking the usual addition of Academy or Institute and for a love, too, of the "old country," for both principals are Scotch on the paternal side. The whole building is furnished comfortably. There are no luxurious apartments, but the effort has been made to abolish all resemblance to the stereotyped school and to give the same appearance as a simple home should have. The bed rooms and a pleasant sitting room given to the pupils are comfortable in their furnishings and those who occupy them are required to keep them neat and cosy. Careful attention is given to personal habits of neatness and an earnest effort is made by Mrs. Weems to inculcate such habits in all as she would see in her own daughters.

The water supply is abundant, and hot and cold baths can be taken daily. Regular exercise is required and physical culture given to all when it is proper and healthful. As many parents complain and only justly that their daughters are mere bread and butter misses when they leave school, as far as it is possible a quiet country home away from the pleasures of the great world, ease of manner in social life will be taught by precept and example.

The days are spent in work and exercise but two hours in the evening the pupils pass with Mr. and Mrs. Weems. All the meals are laid with care and given with excellent service and with all the pretty table appointments the house mother possesses. But at breakfast or luncheon, although each girl is expected to be prompt in attendance at these two first meals of the day when her repast is over she can make her excuse and retire to her duties, but dinner is the formal meal of the day. Work over, vexations and anxieties of the school room must be laid aside and the hour be passed in good fellowship. At five thirty P. M. then the members of this large family are expected to assemble in the parlor and library, due attention having been paid to toilet and all are understood, too, to be prepared to make individual effort to make the evening pass pleasantly to all. At eight o'clock the study hour is held under the supervision of a teacher. At nine prayers, after which the pupils retire to their rooms or their own parlor where Mrs. Weems is frequently with them. At ten she herself enters every bed-room to see that all the lights are extinguished and says a loving good night.

Such teachers only are employed as can appreciate the plans and hopes of the principals. None but women who are refined and Christian "ladies" in the best sense of that much abused word are taken as assistants in this household.

That all the work of this school is accomplished without written rules is the proud boast of Mr. and Mrs. Weems, but it is maintained only by ceaseless supervision and by living in touch with the young people who gather around the family hearthstone.

This school is limited to sixteen pupils (boarders), and prepares for college. It is a positive condition maintained by Mr. Weems that the foundations shall be securely laid in all English branches, as the great essentials of a thorough English education.

From the city, so near, are drawn competent teachers in art, music and foreign languages. Absolute system is maintained in the arrangement of classes and the division of time. The equipment is thorough and a good library of books of reference is at hand. Mr. and Mrs. Weems are only anxious for the full confidence and hearty co operation of parents, and are deeply appreciative when it is frankly and freely given.

Before going on a sea-voyage or into the country, be sure and put a box of Ayer's Pills in your valise. You may have occasion to thank us for this hint. To relieve constipation, biliousness and nausea, Ayer's Pills are the best in the world. They are also easy to take.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a regular stated meeting of Howard council No. 46., held the 11th day of Sept, 1894, Past Councilor Robt. J. King, offered the following resolutions which were adopted.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His all wise providence to afflict our beloved Brother, William H. Moore, by removing from him by death his dear wife, Nettie Moore, who is called to her reward in the full vigor and bloom of life, therefore be it.

Resolved, That we the brothers of Howard council No. 46, Jr. O. U. A. M. do hereby tender the bereaved Brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this his time of affliction.

Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to him for us to say that in regretting her untimely removal from his side, who has thus been afflicted, the sympathy of his many friends is extended, and it is fitting for us to say that she who started to walk with him on life's pathway is now lifted beyond the mist that obscures mortal view, there to await his coming and be to him in the years he may yet spend upon earth a guardian angel, in spirit land to welcome and bid him welcome when he is summoned to cross the surging waters they will meet again where there is no parting.

Resolved, That a copy of this be sent to the bereaved husband and a copy be placed on the minutes of this council.

A. M. Pally, a well known citizen of Eugene, Oregon, says his wife has for years been troubled with chronic diarrhœa and used many remedies with little relief until she tried Ch