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An Editor Sentenced for Libel.

Mr. Wm. H. Richardson, editor of the *People's Voice*, of Towsontown, was tried and convicted at the last term of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, of criminal libel. The offence consisted of repeated charges against Judge Fowler of incompetency and mal-administration, which, if true, would have demanded his removal from the bench. After his conviction Richardson, in his paper, withdrew all the charges he had made against Judge Fowler and admitted that they were untrue. The case, which was tried before Judge Watters, was taken to the Court of Appeals on exceptions, but the rulings of the lower court were sustained. Accordingly on Tuesday Judge Watters sentenced Richardson to pay a fine of $500 and to be imprisoned in the county jail for two years.

The offence for which Richardson was convicted was a very grave one. A respect for those charged with the administration of law is almost inseparable from a respect for the law itself, and therefore whatever tends to degrade the judiciary of our State tends to bring the law itself into contempt, and is a blow at the foundations of society. The liberty of the press is one of the best safeguards of our system of free government, but the license of the press is an entirely different thing. The editorship of a newspaper should not exempt a man from responsibility for his utterances, whether printed or otherwise, and while we are ready to defend the freedom of the press we have no sympathy for editors who use their newspapers as vehicles for libeling their neighbors. In this case, as the evidence showed, the assaults made upon Judge Fowler in the *People's Voice* were without any foundation in point of fact, and had not the flimsy excuse, even, of having been written and published in the heat of a political campaign.

The Farmers' Association.

The meeting of the Marylaud State Farmers' Association will be held on Wednesday of next week in the Rialto Building, corner of Baltimore and Holliday streets, Baltimore, beginning at 10.30 A. M.

The Association is composed of representatives from the various agricultural societies and local organizations of farmers in the State, and of delegates sent by county associations, where such exist, or elected by public meetings called by the Vice President of each county; and its object is to promote the agricultural interests of the State, to encourage improvements in the practice and methods of farming, to more closely associate those engaged in the common pursuit of agriculture, and to advance its general prosperity.

All persons interested in agriculture are invited to attend the sessions.

Excursion tickets will be sold at any railroad station in the State, at reduced rates, on orders which may be obtained from Wm. B. Sands, Secretary, 128 W. Baltimore street, Baltimore. The Maryland Central will sell round-trip tickets at two cents a mile without orders.

Delegates have been elected to represent Harford county, and each of the farmers' clubs are also expected to send delegates.

—Early Tuesday morning a passenger train running at the rate of 50 or 60 miles an hour, collided with a freight train, running 20 miles an hour, on the B. & O. Railroad, near Tiffin, Ohio. The shock was terrific. The cars were piled upon each other in great confusion. It is believed that 10 or 12 persons were burned to death by being imprisoned in the cars, which caught fire. The accident occurred from the folly of the engineer of the freight train, who, without orders, tried to make a siding to let the express pass, but his engine gave out before reaching the point, and the passenger train crashed into it.

—The funeral of Gen. John A. Logan took place in Washington last Friday. The remains were conveyed to the Senate chamber, where the funeral services were held. Rev. Dr. Newman delivered a eulogy, after which a large procession bore the body of the dead Senator to a temporary resting-place in the Hutchinson vault at Rock Creek Cemetery. Chaplain Swallow read the burial-service of the Grand Army of the Republic in committing the body to the tomb.

—A dispatch from Galveston to the New York *Star*, reports that 30,000 persons are dying in Texas for want of food and clothing. A long continued drought has dried up the crops which should have been harvested long ago, and now farmers have nothing to eat except a scanty supply of coarse meal. Some families have not had a pound of meat for many weeks. The Legislature has been called upon to aid the sufferers.

—Western Maryland had a shaking up by the earthquake between two and three o'clock Monday morning. Three distinct shocks were felt at Westminster. Hon. F. T. Shaw, Hon. Charles B. Roberts and others say they heard loud noises like those made in blasting rocks. The phenomena were also noticed in Frederick and Washington counties.

—Dr. Silas Scarboro's many friends in other parts of the State, as well as in Harford county, will learn with regret of the serious accident which befel him, by being thrown from his sleigh last Sunday. Both of his legs were broken above the knees. His condition was considered favorable yesterday.

—The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has affirmed the constitutionality and validity of the State statute prohibiting either the sale or manufacture of oleomargarine or any artificial butter in Pennsylvania.

—Gov. Lloyd has appointed Mr. J. Upshur Dennis as associate judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, in place of Wm. A. Fisher, resigned.

—Earthquake shocks were felt again in Charleston, last Tuesday.

Calendars Received.

The Baltimore *Sun*, with its usual enterprise, sends out to his many subscribers a very useful monthly calendar, in a compact form, containing the times of rising and setting of the sun and moon and a variety of other astronomical information, besides the rates of postage and many other scraps of information of daily use throughout the year.

Messrs. R A. Wooldridge & Co., 218 Buchanan's Wharf, Baltimore, importers of the popular Orchilla Guano, have published for free distribution 80,000 copies of the well-known *Farmers' Hagerstown Almanac*. It contains all the information usually given in an Almanac, besides much other matter of general interest, and will be found of great value for constant reference to farmers and others. A copy will be mailed free to any farmer who will take the trouble to write a postal card asking for it.

From Messrs. Geo. K. McGaw & Co., corner of Lexington and Paca streets, Baltimore, a calendar, beautifully ornamented with a colored picture of a little sailor boy.

Our esteemed cotemporary, the *Havre de Grace Republican*, sends to each of its subscribers a handsome almanac, beautifully illustrated and containing a summary of the chief local events of 1887.

The New York Star.

To those who wish to subscribe to a first-class Democratic newspaper we commend the New York *Star*. It is a fearless and fair Democratic journal; brim full of the news of the day, and its editorials are spirited, able and uncompromising in devotion to Democratic principles. It is especially noted for its fairness in treating of the labor problems now agitating the country. Mr. Wm Dorsheimer is its editor and proprietor.

Local Affairs.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—Several parties have lately been given in the neighborhood of Black Horse.

—Messrs. John H. Michael and A. B. Hanson have opened a store at the postoffice, Churchville.

—Mr. Samuel C. Roland and Miss Caroline F. Ransom were married at Port Deposit, on Wednesday.

—Mr. John Stockham has sold his Woodly Cottage Farm, Bush River Neck, to Mr. George Baker for $8,000.

—We are obliged to Mr. Thomas J. Sullivan, railroad agent at Preston, for copies of the time table of the new B. and O. Railroad.

—The oyster supper for the benefit of the Mountain Church will be held at Scarff's Shops, instead of at the church, as heretofore announced.

—By Comptroller Turner's recent quarterly distribution of the public school tax Harford gets $3,081.14 for her white and $842.35 for her colored schools.

—The County Commissioners were in session on Monday, but trapsacted little business of public interest, their time being occupied chiefly with examining and passing accounts.

—Mr. Jos. B. Hanway has been appointed agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at Joppa station, Harford county. The station was opened for business oh the 5th instant.

—A well attended hop took place in the Town Hall, Bel Air, on Thursday night, Dec. 30th. The committee having it in charge were Messrs. Robert Archer, Fred. Dallam and Willard G. Rouse.

—A beautiful dark colored butterfly made its appearance, a few days ago, among Mrs. James M. Reynolds' flowers, in Bel Air. Last year two of them appeared, about Christmas time, and remained all winter.

—Mr. Geo. Hawkins Williams, President of the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Company, in speaking of the complaints that the road is in bad condition said that it will be thoroughly repaired in the spring.

—Mr. John E. Slade, of Long Green, and Miss Ella J. Reliey were married, on Wednesday night, in Caroline Street M. E. Church, Baltimore, of which the bride's father, Rev. Dr. A. R. Reliey is pastor. The latter performed the ceremony.

—Workmen from the establishment of Messrs. Hutchinson Bros., Baltimore, are engaged in putting a new furnace in St. Mary's Church, near Emmorton. In consequence thereof there will be no services in the church until Sunday, January 16th.

—Mr. Henry F. Breuninger was on Monday night elected Treasurer of the Maryland Democratic Association of the District of Columbia. The election was a spirited one, two tickets being run. Mr. Breuninger's name was on both. He is a son of Mr. Henry Breuninger, of Castleton.

—Miss Hattie Hanson, of Fountain Green, has sent to *The Ægis* office a box full of exquisitely beautiful flowers, consisting of a calla lily, geraniums, cactus, amaryllis, begonias, rose geranium, &c. Their brightness and beauty, in contrast with the winter scene out of doors, have been thoroughly enjoyed.

ICE CUTTING on the Susquehanna river, at Havre de Grace, has commenced. Twenty-six houses are to be filled, giving employment to 500 or 600 men. The ice is from 10 to 12 inches in thickness.

TOWN LOTS SOLD.—Messrs. J. S. & C. L. Dallam, real estate agents, have sold to Mr. Isaac S. Warren, of Delaware, six building lots in Bel Air, belonging to Dr. E. Hall Richardson, for $2,100. They front 200 feet on Bond street and 303 feet on Alice Ann street, and contains two acres in all. Mr. Warren intends to open a brick yardand improve his land with dwellings.

REVIVAL SERVICES BEGUN.—Revival services were begun, last Saturday night, in the M. E. Church, Bel Air, Rev. Jos. P. Wilson, pastor.—An effective sermon was preached by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Wm. F. Speake, to a large congregation. Rev. Mr. Speake also preached on Monday night. Services are held every night, at 7.30 o'clock.

LECTURE.—The second lecture of the Darlington Lecture Course will be given in the King Memorial Town Hall, in that place, on Thursday, Jan. 13th, at 8 P. M., by Col. J. P. Sanford. His subject will be, "Our County and its Future." Col. Sanford is a popular lecturer, has travelled extensively, is witty as well as wise and knows how to interest an audience.

UPSET AND RUNAWAY.—Messrs. James Archer and Wm. L. Cooley were upset in a sleigh, on the Bel Air and Churchville road, Monday afternoon, in attempting to pass a wagon. Mr. Cooley had his left shoulder injured, but Mr. Archer, alighting on his companion, was but little hurt. The horse ran away, when the accident occured, but was recovered at about 9 o'clock at night.

COWS DYING.—Two cows belonging to Mr. Wm. Shanbargar, of Federal Hill, were taken sick on Thursday night of last week. One of them died the same night and the other Friday morning. Mr. Shanbargar made an examination of them and found that their lungs were black, but no other signs of disease were discovered. He was unable to decide what caused their death.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—On Thursday evening of last week the following were elected as officers of Marshall's Lodge, No. 99, K. of P., at Jarrettsville:

P. C. C. W. Harman; C. C., Sylvester Phelps V. C., Jesse C. Taylor; Prelate, Luther J. Gross, M. of E., J. E. Beatty; M. of F., Jas. M. Scarff; K. of R. and S., A. S. Tipton; M. at A. C. B. Tipton; Representative to Grand Lodge, W. H. Carroll; Trustee, Geo. A. Cairees.

COLD WEATHER.—The cold wave came, as predicted, the thermometer, early on Monday morning, ranging from zero to six degrees above, according to the locality. Tuesday was not quite so cold, but still Arctic enough to satisfy any admirer of cold weather. Ice formed rapidly and as the ponds were cleared of leaves by the previous rain the ice was very clear and beautiful. Those who had not filled their ice-houses consequently got a supply of good ice.

ELECTION OF TURNPIKE DIRECTORS.—The stockholders of the Meredith's Ford and Jarrettsville Turnpike Company, held their annual meeting at Dr. R. Emory's, on Monday, Jan. 3. N. H. Parker was called to the chair, and C. H. Strecit appointed Secretary. The annual statement of the company showed it to be in a highly prosperous condition. The following directors were elected: Daniel Turnbull, James M. Scarff, N. H. Parker, John Smith and Henry Hess. Dr. Emory was re-elected President and C. H. Strecit Secretary.

TWO ACCIDENTS.—On Saturday morning last, a horse driven by Mrs. J. B. Roe, of Forest Hill, became unmanageable and ran upon a bank, near Rock Spring Church, upsetting the sleigh and throwing out the occupants. Mrs. Roe was severely bruised about the face and side, while her three grand-children who were with her, sustained slight bruises. The horse, after demolishing the sleigh, was captured at Mr. C. L. Vail's.

A little son of Mr. David Grey had his face badly bruised Saturday, while coasting.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN HAVRE DE GRACE.—The annual election for mayor and city councilmen took place in Havre de Grace on Monday. There was only one candidate for mayor, Col. J. Thompson Frizze, but there were twenty candidates for the city council, which made things extremely lively. These candidates represented the labor element, the railroad, anti-railroad and independent factions. The anti-railroad ticket won, the candidates elected being Messrs. Edward Hall, W. C. Bailey, James L. Burke, Ira Wells, G. R. Carver and J. Osmond, Sr.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—We call special attention to the fact that Mr. Wm. Dugdale has admitted to an interest in his business, his brother, Mr. Horace C. Dugdale. The business will be after be conducted under the name of Wm. Dugdale & Bro., at the old place, 25 S. Gay Street, Baltimore. The firm make liberal advances, guarantee all sales of canned goods and furnish cans, cases, solder, labels, &c., at close figures. Mr. Wm. Dugdale has built up a very large and successful business and Mr. Horace C. Dugdale brings to the firm a business experience obtained in one of the largest wholesale houses in Providence, R. I. The firm have ample means and unsurpassed facilities for their rapidly increasing business.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of stockholders of Fulton Building Association, of Bel Air, was held on Monday night. The report of Mr. Wm. H. Harlan, Treasurer, which was read, showed the value of shares to be $95.59 each. A proposition was made to wind up the affairs of the association, there being only 633 unpaid shares out of the 1,200 with which the association began. Without electing directors the meeting adjourned until next Monday night, when the proposition will be further discussed.

Upwards of 1,600 shares have been subscribed for in the new building association about to be organized in Bel Air. Some conclusion as to the time of starting will be reached as soon as it is known whether the present building association will be closed up immediately or not.

SUIT AGAINST A RAILROAD DIRECTOR.—The case of the Old Town Bank vs. J. M. Streett, of Bel Air, began in Elkton court on Wednesday. The Maryland Central Railroad Company, of which Mr. Streett was a director, borrowed $5,000 from the bank, the directors giving their individual notes as security for the loan, on the condition that the receipts of the road, which were to be deposited in the bank, should be applied to the repayment of the loan. It is claimed by Mr. Streett that the funds of the railroad were deposited in the bank but were not applied according to the agreement, to pay the railroad company's note. Some of the directors paid their notes, but others, including Mr. Streett, refused, under the circumstances, to pay, and hence the suit. Messrs. Wm. R. Warburton, of Cecil; Henry W. Archer and S. A. Williams, of Harford, represent Mr. Streett, and Albert Constable and Wm. Hammond appear for the railroad company.

ENTERTAINMENT AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL.—A successful musical and literary entertainment was given at Black Horse Public School, on Tuesday, December 28th, under the management of Miss Emma Welsh, Principal. The object of the entertainment was to obtain funds to pay for an organ purchased for the school by Miss Welsh. About $50 was realized. The programme embraced dialogues, addresses, essays, and music by Miss Welsh, Prof. Davis and others.

At the close of the entertainment Miss Welsh's scholars presented her with a handsome album, the presentation being made by Mr. Noble L. Mitchell, School Examiner, on behalf of the pupils. Miss Welsh, in receiving it, tendered her thanks for the beautiful gift and referred to the pleasant association she had enjoyed with the pupils and patrons of the school. Miss Welsh is an energetic and successful teacher and is deservedly popular with the patrons of school.

MEETING OF DIRECTORS.—The newly-elected directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Harford county met last Monday and unanimously re-elected Col. John Carroll Walsh President, and George R. Cairnes Secretary.

The Executive Committee adjusted and ordered the payment of the following losses:

J. Fred. Crew, damage to store house and dwelling by lightning, $10; Jarrett Johnson, damage to dwelling house, $175; Charlotte A. Price, loss of dwelling and store horse, $1,200; Elizabeth Dilworth, dwelling, $1,500.

The annual statement of the company, published in another column, is a gratifying one to the members. The society's losses by fire, last year, were less than usual, and it enters the new year with a surplus of $17,000, part of which is invested at 6 per cent. interest. The affairs of the company have been prudently and judiciously managed and the members very properly re-elected the old board.

AN ENTERTAINMENT for Shuresville Sunday School occured on New Year's night, in the public school room at that place. The room was crowded and the exercises pleasant and interesting. Brief addresses were delivered by Messrs. Geo. L. Scott, Superintendent; C. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Brede, of Johns Hopkins University. The young folks were made happy by being the recipients of presents. The singing was a pleasant feature of the occasion. Miss Lizzie Forwood, in the absence of the organist, Miss Katie Forwood, played the organ. Miss Maud Shure, of Havre de Grace, and Mr. Joseph Andrew, also assisted in the music.

The Sunday School was formerly held in Mr. D. F. Shure's parlor, but since the opening of a public school in a room fitted up by Mr. Shure in his warehouse, the Sunday School has been removed thither. The School is in a flourishing condition and has been the means of accomplishing much good.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Thos. C. Butler, son of the late Dr. Frank Butler, of Westminster, lately visited his cousin Mr. Thomas Butler, of the Rocks, W. Smithson Forwood, of Bel Air, and other relatives in Harford county. His home is at Still-water, Minnesota, where he is street commissioner. He said the thermometer was 20 degrees below zero when he left home.

Mr. Wm. H. Hanna, of Grauger county, Ohio, is visiting his brothers, Messrs. Robert F. Hanna, of Fountain Green, and John C. Hanna, Bel Air. He left Harford in 1842.

Mrs. Joshua McComas, of Black Horse, is reported to be quite ill.

Mr. Edward Busher, of Baltimore, a son of Mr. John Busher, formerly of Bel Air, was in Bel Air on Tuesday.

Mr. J. Tome Preston, formerly of Darlington, returned home, Jan. 1st, on a brief visit from the West. He is a member of the Michigan bar and is associated with an established law firm, in Grand Rapids.

Major and Mrs. Geo. H. Mayo, of Washington, spent Christmas with Mrs. Mayo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hall, near Abingdon.

Bishop Paret will be in Bel Air, on Friday, January 14th, on a business visit to Emmanuel Church.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTIONS.—New Year's Day was observed in Bel Air more generally, perhaps, than usual. Hon. Henry D. Farnandis held his annual reception, at his home, Stockdale, and many of his friends and neighbors called to offer their congratulations and good wishes and to partake of the good cheer which is always so hospitably dispensed by Mr. and Mrs. Farnandis. Miss Farnandis was assisted in receiving by Misses Bessie Gale and Nannie Ellicott, of Baltimore, and Misses Maria and Mamie Norris, of this county.

Miss Scott also received for the first time at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Scott, Wildwood, near Bel Air, and had many callers. She was assisted by Miss Carrie Hutchens, of New York. Miss Scott was attired in a handsome white silk, en traine, with lace and diamonds, and Miss Hutchens wore pink silk brocade, en traine and pearls.

The ladies of Hon. Stevenson Archer's homestead, Mrs. Archer, Miss Estelle and Miss Fannie Archer, also received callers on New Year's day, at Hazel Dell. They were assisted by Miss Harrison, of Virginia, and Miss Dillingham, of West Chester, Pa

On New Year's evening Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wiley gave a delightful hop to the young folks, at their home, near Black Horse.

THE BEL AIR ROLLER MILL.—Messrs. Henry Reckord & Sons' Bel Air Roller Mill was started, last Monday, and is now in steady operation.—The building contains four stories and a cellar and is completely furnished with all of the best machinery known for the production of flour. The process of converting wheat into flour is interesting. The wheat is received at the side of the mill, run into a large hopper and weighed. From thence an elevator carries it into the fourth story and drops it into the storage bins, holding 8,000 bushels. From the storage bins the wheat is carried to a large bin where it is mixed so as to insure uniform color in the flour. From thence it drops into the cellar, where smut machines clean it and elevators then convey it back to the 4th story. Here it is weighed by an ingenious automatic scale, which weighs five bushels at a time, drops the wheat, into the grinding bin and registers the number of bushels weighed.

The grinding machinery consists of a full set of Stevens' rolls, 12 in number, and an equal number of scalpers. The first roll through which the wheat passes merely cracks the kernel. It is carried thence to an aspirator, which blows out all the lightest particles. Thence it passes to the next roller where it is crushed a little more; then to a scalper, which separates the fine flour from it and sends it back to another roll. Thus it passes from roll to scalper, until every particle is crushed. From the sixth roll the flour is carried to an aspirator, which separates all the light, fluffy portions which go into the feed bins while the other passes through another roll, making it as fine as desired; then through more scalpers, &c., finally coming out in four grades. The other portions are separated into bran, shorts and middlings. The flour is carried to the dressers and thence to the packing machine. The grade made at present is white and beautiful and is called the "Corson Snowflake."

The motive power of the mill is a 60 horse power engine, made by the Taylor Manufacturing Company, of Chambersburg, Pa., Mr. Griffith Evans being the engineer.

The mill has a capacity for grinding 500 bushels of wheat a day. It will therefore furnish a market at home for a large quantity of wheat from Harford and Baltimore county and the lower end of York county.

Mr. John H. Reckord, of the firm, has charge of the mill. Mr. A. C. Acquith, formerly of Havre de Grace, is the miller.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO DR. SCARBORO.—Dr. Silas Scarboro, of Union Cross Roads, met with a severe accident, last Sunday morning. He was on his way to visit a patient when the young horse he was driving became frightened at being struck by the sleet which was falling from the trees, grew unmanageable and ran away. Near the residence of Mr. William Gatchell the horse suddenly turned into a byroad through the woods. In doing so the sleigh was upset and Dr. Scarboro was thrown out with great violence, striking against a tree or a large stone. He was made unconscious by the shock but upon recovering called for help. A little girl first discovered his condition and went for assistance, but it was at least twenty minutes before sufficient help arrived to remove him. It was found that both legs were broken, about six inches above the knees. He was taken to the residence of Mr. Wm. F. Bailey and Dsr. Bryan and McCurdy were sent for. He was placed on a sled, and accompanied to his home by the physicians and by Messrs. Hugh T. Bay and Wm. Scarboro. Other medical aid soon arrived and the fractures were adjusted.—Dr. Scarboro's condition is said to be as favorable as could be expected.

On the Wednesday before Christmas Dr. Scarboro was thrown out of his buggy and bruised, by his horse running away, the vehicle coming into collision with a telegraph post.—It was not the same horse which he was driving on Sunday.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORPHANS' COURT.—The Orphans' Court was in session this week. Present, Hon. C. W. Billingslea, Chief Judge; Hon. J. W. Barton and Jas. M. Cain, Associate Judges.

Wm. H. and Alex. E. Cullum were appointed administrators of Wm. W. Cullum, deceased, and filed their bond in the sum of $1,000.

The will of Thos. E. Smith, which has been admitted to probate, bequeaths six acres of land, with dwelling house, blacksmith shop and wheelwright shop, to his daughter, Susanna Smith. To his wife, Margaret Smith, in lieu of her dower, all of his cattle and cows and for and during her natural life all the rest of his real estate, with reversion to his son Wm. S. Smith. To the latter he bequeaths all of his horses, farm wagons and farming implements. The latter is to pay to his brother, Jas. R. Smith, $500 upon the death of their mother.—Wm. S. Smith is appointed executor.

The will of John M. Streett, recorded Dec. 27th, 1886, bequeaths small legacies to his son Matthew M. Streett and to his daughter, Josephine Hildt, and the rest of his property to his sons, Richard M. Streett and J. Morgan Streett, who are charged with the maintainence of the testator's wife, Sarah Streett. J. Morgan Streett and Richard M. Streett are appointed executors.

By the will of Mrs. Chloe Kean, recorded Dec. 23d, 1886, Henry Ady is appointed executor, the bequests being as follows: To her nieces, Martha Preston and Mary C. Ady, $200 each; to her niece Chloe C. Ady, $200; to Chloe Cecilia Kean, daughter of Wm. Kean, $200; to her nephew Henry Ady, $50 in trust for Wm. Hall, colored; to Charity Green, colored, $200, provided the executor thinks she is entitled to the same. The remainder of the estate is left to her nephew, Henry Ady.

The will of Franklin Smith, recorded Dec. 29th, devises to the trustees of Wesleyan Chapel a lot adjoining their church lot, containing 5 acres. To his nieces, Sallie Rote, Isabella Taylor and Laura Sanders, share and share alike, his interest in his deceased brother's estate, comprising one-seventh thereof. To his brother, James Smith, the residue of his property. Otho S. Lee was appointed executor.

The will of Joshua P. Benson, recorded Dec. 28th, 1886, bequeaths to his wife Margaret A. Benson, all of his estate during her life-time, and at her death the property to go to his grandchildren, Margaret E. Benson and Joshua H. Benson. The testator's wife, Margaret A. Benson, is appointed executrix.

A Brilliant Party.

One of the most brilliant social events of the season, in the neighborhood of Bel Air, was a dancing party, which took place on Monday night, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Scott. About 100 invitations were issued, chiefly to the young folks of the neighborhood, and nearly all responded who were expected. Several rooms on the lower floor were prepared for the votaries of Terpsichore, and few could resist the dance-inspiring strains of Lyle's Orchestra. Refreshments were served at midnight and dancing was continued with increased vigor for several hours longer. The party, which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Scott to their daughter, Miss Scott, and her friend, Miss Hutchens, of New York, was exceedingly pleasant to all who were there. The ladies were all handsomely dressed, that it would be invidious to describe the toilet of any one in particular, where all were so captivating.

Besides ladies and gentlemen from the neighborhood there were present Miss Isabelle Boarman, of Towsontown; Miss Harrison, of Va.; Miss Dillingham, of West Chester; Miss Bessie Gale, of Baltimore; Mrs. Charles Young, of St. Louis; Miss Trimble, of Edgewood; Dr. Charles Reese, of Baltimore; Mr. Lyon Myers, of Baltimore; Mr. Arthur Brogden, of Baltimore county; Mr. Richard M. Janney and Mr. Benj. Silver, Jr., of Deer Creek; Mr. Walter Mitchell, of Baltimore; Col. Herman Stump and others.

FROM UPPER CROSS ROADS.

Christmas week in this community was enjoyed by the young people, and the "old folks," too, with a zest seldom before known within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, and now that it is over and gone, matters are beginning to settle down to their usual equilibrium.

Among the interesting features of the week was the oyster and meat supper, held by the ladies and friends of Providence M. P. Church, in Waverly Hall. It was well attended and quite a nice sum realized, the money being to be appropriated for the benefit of the church. The Pleasantville Cornet Band, Mr. Henry Walker, leader, was present on Thursday evening and made things lively by their excellent music. The entertainment wound up on Friday evening with a free supper for all who wished to partake.

The church, which has been closed since November, undergoing a thorough re-painting, inside and out, was reopened last Sunday, January 2d, for religious service, the pastor, Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, preaching appropriate sermons, both in the morning and evening. The interior has been greatly improved, the walls and ceiling being painted in oil of a light shade, with a neat border around the latter, which gives the auditorium a very cheerful appearance. Additional lamps have also been placed in the building, which contribute not a little to its attractiveness. The outside of the church is also painted in light drab, with dark trimmings, and is a decided improvement upon its former dress. The work was executed by Mr. J. W. Dobbs.

A very pleasant episode occurred at the close of the evening service, in the shape of a present to Miss Lottie Baldwin, of a handsome gold, stem-winding watch and chain, with pin attached. The chain and pin were presents from the congregation, and the watch, which was enclosed in a beautiful plush case, with glass cover, was a present from Col. and Mrs. Divers. Miss Lottie has been organist of the church for about 14 months, and this testimonial was given in appreciation of her valuable services. The presentation address was made by Col. Divers in one of his happiest moods, in which he reminded the fair recipient that former organists of the church having gone off into matrimony and consequently had to relinquish this important position, much to the regret of all, she had remained true to her trust. It was a premium on single blessedness, thought your correspondent. After Col. Divers finished his speech Miss Baldwin arose and made a very graceful and appropriate reply, in acknowledgement of this valuable token of regard, and promised to stick by the organ. AVALON.

JARRETTSVILLE AFFAIRS.

A Christmas tree entertainment took place, last Friday evening, in Asbury M. E. Church.—There were speeches, music, readings, &c., and a treat served to the children.

The quarterly meeting for the M. E. Church took place on the 1st and 2d instant. The Presiding Elder preached Sunday morning and evening.

People are improving the cold snap by filling their ice-houses with ice 9 or 10 inches thick. It

LETTER FROM SHANE.

Buggy Broken—Whooping Cough—Illness—Accident—Wedding.

First snow, then rain, then cold and now nothing but ice. The sleighs are running but the music of the bells is destroyed by the grating of the runners on the ice.

The holidays passed off very quietly in this section.

A horse which had been driven by Mr. D. E. Wiley broke loose from where it was hitched, at Mr. John Wiley's, and ran away, smashing the buggy and breaking the harness beyond repair. The horse, which belonged to Mr. Wiley Norris, was injured so severely that it is doubtful whether it will ever be of service again. Mr. Norris had refused $230 for the animal.

Dr. Jas. H. Preston has been driving his matched colts to a sleigh. They are very gentle and good travelers.

Whooping-cough still prevails throughout this neighborhood. It pays no respect to age, but attacks men of forty years as well as babies of three months. Nearly every family is afflicted with it.

Mrs. Sarah Miller, wife of Mr. Mitchell H. Miller, near Fawn Grove, is sick. One of Mr. Miller's sons, also, is recovering slowly from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. John McClung, son of Mr. Ephraim McClung, was thrown out of his buggy and had his head and face severely cut and one of his ears frozen.

Cards are out for the wedding of Mr. Nelson Wiley, son of the late David W. Wiley, to Miss Lizzie McClung, daughter of Mr. Ephraim McClung. The ceremony will take place at Norrisville on Wednesday, 5th. E. S. M.

LETTER FROM EMMORTON.

A Christmas tree entertainment for the Sunday school of Mount Carmel took place Thursday night, December 30th. The programme embraced prayer by the pastor, singing by the choir and children, an address by the pastor, a duet by Miss Carrie Osborn and Miss Fannie Magness, and reading and speaking by the members of the Sunday School. The reading by Miss Carrie Osborn and Miss Mabel Magness, and the declamation by Raymond Hoblitzell deserve special mention.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29th, Mr. George Wright and Miss Emma James were married at the residence of Mr. Geo. B. James, the bride's father.

Many of the farmers have their ice houses filled, but there will, very likely, be plenty for those who have not.

Our school has had a very small attendance for several weeks. On the 16th of December only three attended; and on the next day about five, and about ten come now in good weather. If we can have no better attendance than this what is the use in having a school at all? It would do more good in some other locality where it is more needed. We have a good teacher and a comfortable building. I see no reason why we should not have a better attendance. L. E.

LETTER FROM KIRKWOOD.

Sick—Horse Found—Fox Hunt—Lively Times in Delta.

Mr. Euclidas Scarboro is very ill with rheumatism and spinal affection. Dr. Scarboro was his physician until he was crippled, last Sunday; since then Dr. McCurdy is attending the case.

Mr. Thomas Bradley, of Pylesville, found his horse, last Wednesday evening, in Delta. When he first missed it he supposed it had been stolen. It is now believed the horse was ridden by some one who preferred riding to walking.

A barged fox hunt took place at Pylesville, on the last day of the old year, with glass ball shooting and other amusements, which drew a large crowd of hunters and about 30 hounds. Reynard did not enjoy the sport and made a short run of 1½ miles to his den, which ended the sport for the day, except the other amusements alluded to.

The older element of Delta got a little noisy, during the holidays, and the town authorities had them, together with several others for dispensing so-called Christmas cheer. The fines and costs amounted, it is stated, to $4.66 each, the fines being added to the school fund. A. B. C.

DARLINGTON NEWS.

An interesting watch meeting was held in the Methodist church here, About 43 persons said prayer present. It was the first one, we believe, ever held there. Mrs. Caroline Talbott of the Friends' Society, made some remarks, which were listened to with attention. I hope the boys will heed the four words she gave them to remember when they are tempted

The celebration on New Year's evening at Union Sunday School at Shuresville, was a pleasant affair.

Mrs. Talbott preached to a full house, morning and evening, last Sunday, at Friends' meeting. She goes to Delta this week.

Mr. John Shure was at home at Christmas.

Miss Tacie Matthews and Miss Rosa Nimmo spent Christmas week at Mr. S. H. Matthews'.

Mr. John Ferguson, our oldest citizen, still takes his daily walk to the stores. H.

MILL GREEN AFFAIRS.

Mr. Webster Allen has nearly completed his new barn.

Mr. John T. Arthur's child, which has been very ill with diphtheria, has greatly improved. Miss Elma Hutt, who has also been quite sick, hopes to be able to return to her school in Baltimore in a few days.

Mr. and Miss Gray, who have been spending the holidays with their uncle, Mr. E. Bigdon, have returned to their home in Lower Chancefordtownship, York Co., Pa.

Mr. Matthew Kerr, of the firm of Kerr, Weitzel & Co., of Wrightsville, Pa., is in our section, looking up the interests of the firm. T. E.

LETTER FROM FEDERAL HILL.

The holidays passed off quietly.

Mrs. Ariel Rutledge has been very ill, but is recovering under the skillful treatment of Dr. Frank T. Turner.

Mr. Martin Calder is also on the sick list, but is getting better.

Miss Martha Smithson fell and received a painful injury on her arm. Fortunately no bones were broken.

Mr. Wm. Shanbargar has lost two fine cows. Cause not known. He has had bad luck, having lost all his hogs with cholera. S.

Christmas Entertainment at Deer Creek M. P. Church.

The regular Christmas exercises of the Deer Creek M. P. Sunday School took place on the evening of the 28th of December. An overflowing audience, in which there was no lack of the juvenile element, had gathered some time before the appointed hour. The church was very tastefully decorated with evergreens, and on each side of the altar stood a large cedar tree, handsomely trimmed with things which made the hearts of the little ones bound in anticipation. The tree, besides containing a bountiful supply of candies, had been sprinkled with frost, and when illuminated brought out all the effect of a winter scene.

An interesting programme was rendered with good effect. Mr. John H. Barrow, the superintendent, made an address, in which he contrasted the Sabbath School of to-day with that of his childhood days, and gave a short history of the rise and progress of the school. At the close of his address he presented to Mr. John H. Grafton, on behalf of the school, a copy of the complete works of Bunyan, as a token of their appreciation of his long and faithful services. Mr. Grafton responded with appropriate remarks. The pastor of the church, Rev. S. F. Cassell, made a short address, in which he thanked the members and friends of the church for a handsome overcoat.

At the proper time a veritable Santa Claus made his appearance, bringing with him an abundance of good things and a great amount of amusement for everybody. He bountifully distributed his gifts and then departed.

The school numbers 110. Of this number about thirty did not miss one Sunday. The Superintendent in a neat speech told the children that the school would not, like many country schools, "freeze up," but that it would be open every Sabbath this year. The exercises closed with the benediction.

The protracted meeting at this church, which has been in progress for eight weeks, is still going on, with unabated interest. OBSERVER.

Sunday School Entertainment at Aberdeen.

The Sunday School of the M. E. Church South, Aberdeen, of which H. O. Pennington is superintendent, held its annual Christmas entertainment last Thursday evening, Dec. 30th. A large Christmas tree, beautifully trimmed, occupied a conspicuous place. The church was otherwise handsomely decorated with evergreens. The programme consisted of dialogues, recitations, &c., and was pleasingly interspersed with singing by the school. "Good Tidings," a duet, by Misses Irene Hopkins and Virgie Nichols, was loudly applauded. There were also recitations by Miss May Gilbert, Miss Edna Hopkins, Miss Ethel Burgess, and Miss Irene Hopkins; dialogues by the infant class. Miss Gussie Nelson read very beautifully, a selection entitled "A Christmas Gathering," and Mr. George Harris delivered an appropriate and pleasing address. The church choir, which is composed of Miss Estelle Michael, Miss Mattie S. Richardson, Misses Carrie and Susie Hays, Miss Belle Nichols, Miss Adaline Osborn, Mrs. Ridia Crevensten and Messrs. W. H. Cronin, W. B. Richardson and Mr. O. C. Michael, rendered some choice selections. The singing was under the direction of Mr. O. C. Michael.—Miss Emma Cronin is the accomplished organist.

After the distribution of the books to the scholars Mr. George Harris stepped forward and presented to Miss Mattie S. Richardson, one of the teachers, on behalf of her class, a handsomely-bound copy of Milton's Poems. Miss Richardson was greatly surprised. The entertainment was exceedingly pleasant. M.

Sunday School Entertainment at the Mountain Church.

The annual Sunday School celebration at the Mountain Church was a decided success. A large crowd was present, notwithstanding the rain. The house was beautifully decorated. At the appointed hour S. Smith, Superintendent of the school, began the exercises with a neat speech, which was followed by recitations, select readings, solos, duets, &c., by the scholars. A solo by Annie Diets, a little girl about 10 years old, was worthy of special note. The music was all of a high order. After the exercises closed Santa Claus appeared, to the delight of the children, and distributed the gifts with a lavish hand. The large audience was delighted with the evening's entertainment. O.

A New Year's Party.

A small party of young folks called at the residence of Mr. James Standiford, near Level, last Saturday evening, for the purpose of tendering to Mr. and Mrs. Standiford their best wishes for a happy New Year. Among those present, outside of the immediate family, were Misses Susie Martin, Bertie Ewing, Maggie Pierce, of Philadelphia, Stella Fink, Mary Knight,