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Book Fees in Our Public Schools.

A subscriber at Pylesville asks the following questions concerning the book fees in our public schools:

Can not the book fee be collected by law the same as any other debt?

Is it legal to demand the said fee in advance? In other words, can a man demand and collect rent or wages before the property is used or the work done?

Is it right to demand a full fee when there has been a vacation of over two weeks at Christmas, or the scholar gets sick?

If you pay the fee the first day of the term would you get your money back for the time lost?

The language of the school law with reference to the book fee is as follows:

"No pupil shall be required to pay more than one dollar quarterly for use of said books and stationery; but any pupil, on account of pecuniary inability, may be exempted from payment by the board of District School Trustees; provided, nevertheless, that parents or pupils may purchase their own books when they may think proper."

The book fee can not be collected by law, for the reason that no teacher is required to deliver books to pupils until the book fee is paid. Therefore a teacher has the right to demand the fee in advance. If the pupil fails to pay and has not been exempted from payment by the District Trustees, the teacher is compelled to pay the fee by having it deducted from his or her salary. The justice of this provision is not apparent. No abatement is allowed for holidays, deduction being made only in case of sickness of the scholar, continuing, we believe, for not less than two weeks. The school law, however, makes no provision for fractional rates for book fees.

The book fee, while it may appear but a slight tax for the use of the books, &c., is in some instances an onerous burden, and is especially unjust to teachers. Those who enforce the collection are rendered unpopular, and those who do not must pay it themselves. While it yields a small revenue to the county, it had better be abolished, and let the schools be free in fact as well as in name. At any rate teachers should not be forced to collect an unpopular tax under the penalty of having to pay it themselves if they do not collect it.

Extension of Judge Yellott's Term.

Much to the surprise of the people of Harford some question appears to be made with reference to extending Judge Yellott's time to the full period of the term for which he was elected. He was nominated by the Democrats of the judicial circuit unanimously, in the party, and in the face of every opposition was elected by the voters with a knowledge of his antecedent services on the bench, and also with the knowledge that unvarying precedent would secure the extension of his service to the full term, as has been done by the Legislature in every case, irrespective of party affiliations. To refuse such extension, in the face of all the precedents, would be for the Legislature to so far nullify the expressed choice of the people of the circuit, and would be unwarranted in the absence of specific charges—amply sustained. To place the refusal of the Legislature to extend the time of a Judge upon the ground of political intrigue is too gross a charge even to imply for the sake of showing the disgrace it would entail upon the Democratic party at this time, when professing to be seeking in every way for purer methods. We trust our representatives from the two counties are far from placing such a stigma upon our fair fame. Judge Yellott is in the prime of his matured physical and mental faculties, better qualified by his experience to serve the people in his high position than he was when elected.

The Resources of Maryland.

The Baltimore *Sun* has began the publication of a valuable series of articles describing in detail, each county of Maryland, its soil, its products, its people, &c. These papers set forth the attractions Maryland has to offer to immigrants and they will doubtless encourage many persons in States where land is high in price to turn their steps towards Maryland. The first paper of the series treats of Central Maryland, which includes Baltimore, Harford and Howard counties. Harford is described as follows:

Harford county, situated near the headwaters of the Chesapeake bay, with the Pennsylvania line on the north, the Susquehanna river and Chesapeake bay on the east, Chesapeake bay on the south, and Baltimore county on the west, contains about 600 square miles of territory and 30,000 inhabitants.—The soil varies from light loam to heavy clay, and is easily improved and very productive. The land is for the most part arable and undulating, and highly improved. For farming purposes the price varies from ten to a hundred dollars per acre. The chief products are corn, wheat, oats, hay, tomatoes and small fruits and vegetables. Stock-raising and grazing and the making and the sale of butter and milk are growing industries.—Since the opening of the Maryland Central Railroad, a few years ago, from the Baltimore county to the State line—a distance of 25 miles—the delevopement of the milk trade has been very rapid. Over this road are now shipped 1,500 gallons of milk daily. Most of the farmers are industrious and thrifty. As a result they have improved their stock of horses, cattle, sheep and swine by crossing with the best strains of each, and now use labor-saving machinery of the most approved patterns.

The canning industry is extensive and profitable. The number of packing houses now in operation is estimated at four hundred. Many of them begin with the early fruits and vegetables in the spring and close only with the remnants of corn and tomatoes left by the early frosts. The entire pack of fruits and vegetables in a prosperous year aggregates near a million cases.

The manufacture of flour, fertilizers, feed and carriages is not extensive, but sufficient for the wants of the county, with a margin for export. There is a large paper factory on Susquehanna river, near Darlington, that is highly remunerative. Other manufacturing enterprises are invited by the abundant water-power of the Susquehanna river, Deer Creek, the Little Gunpower, Bynum's Run and Winter's Run and other streams of pure water that traverse the county.

The estimated annual amount of the general mercantile business transacted in the larger towns gives to Abingdon $15,000, Aberdeen $75,000, Bel Air $500,000, Churchville $30,000, Darlington $35,000, Dublin $20,000, Fallston, $80,000, Forest Hill $35,000, Havre de Grace $1,000,000, Jarrettsville $10,000, Level $20,000, Norrisville $10,000 and Perryman's $90,000. Other towns would swell the aggregate to two million dollars.

There are few counties that possess superior transportation facilities to those of Harford. Bush, Gunpowder and the Susquehanna river and the Tidewater canal are accessible to nearly one-half of the inhabitants, and the Pennsylvania, Northern Central, Baltimore and Ohio and Maryland Central railroads accommodate the other half. The projected road from Bel Air to the Susquehanna river, when completed, will furnish all the facilities desired. During the last twenty years there has been a marked improvement in the farms and buildings and the wealth and comforts of the inhabitants—attractions that catch the eye of strangers and cause many of them to remain in the county, which is regarded as one of the most progressive and prosperous in the State.

—Mr. Frank I. Duncan, who was elected to the Legislature in Baltimore county on the 25th instant, to succeed the late Dr. Whiteford, is a member of the Baltimore county bar and proprietor of the Towsontown *Democrat*.

High License Meeting.

A meeting was held in the Court House, on Tuesday afternoon, to consider the present local option law. The court room was well filled. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jas W. Gladden, of the fourth district, who said the object of the meeting was to devise some method for the relief of taxpayers from the expenses created by local option.

Col. Herman Stump, of the 3d district, was called to the chair, and Mr. B. F. Hanway, of the 1st district, appointed Secretary.

Major A. M. Hancock was the only speaker. He said that the local option law was adopted during an exciting political campaign, without any discussion except upon one side, both political parties being afraid to touch it. It has, after five years' trial, failed to correct the evils it was intended to correct, these being, if possible, worse, and it has added burdensome taxation upon the people. The demoralization is greater under this law than the oldest inhabitant ever knew it to be before. It is law having been tried and failed it is now time for the people to meet and propose a law that will cure more of the evils under which we suffer than this law does, and relieve taxpayers from a most grievous burden.

Because the law has failed it has suited the purpose of some to drag the highest judicial authority of this county in his robes into the mud.

Every officer of the court has been traduced and vilified because of the failure of this law. He would say of his Honor on the bench that no judge in the State has had fewer of his decisions reversed, and the speaker, as a citizen of the county, is proud of it. If men are put in the witness box because they have said they would swear to a lie for $5, are the court and jury to be traduced because the liquor seller is not found guilty upon such evidence?

The Grand Jury book shows that 152 witnesses were examined at the last term of court on local option cases, and they were paid for five, six, eight or nine days attendance. Since the adoption of the law 205 indictments for its violation have been found and 29 convictions. These convictions cost the county $70,000, or $2,500 for each person convicted. Are you willing that these burdens shall continue to be piled upon taxpayers? The books show that the three leading men in this prohibition movement do not pay into the county treasury $40 a year all told. Yet for the purpose of gratifying them we are to go on piling up taxes upon taxes and paying $2,500 for each conviction. Has one drunkard been reclaimed by this law? Has one gallon less of whisky been sold and consumed in the county?

We are asked to let these people amend the law and make it more stringent. It has been a failure and they confess it. Are we to be led like cattle by the halter and be told, Stand there while we correct our mistakes?

An entire term of court, from nearly the beginning of November to near the end of January, has been taken up with the trial of local option cases and the civil business is delayed, thereby obstructing the business of the county.

At a meeting held last week to amend this law a resolution was adopted calling upon clergymen to procure signatures to petitions in favor of the amended law. Why, if Cardinal Gibbons were to instruct the clergymen under him to procure signatures to petitions in favor of high license there would be a howl—just and proper too—from one end of the county to the other.

Another resolution was adopted endorsing two Bel Air newspapers for their strictures upon the court. Two gentlemen, at the meetings who understand the force of language, boldly refused to give their sanction to this.

We only ask what is right. They have failed with their law and we ask that another mode to restrict the sale of liquor be adopted. He proposed that a high license bill be prepared and submitted, along with the amended Prohibition bill, to the voters of the county, to say whether they will have high license or prohibition.

Major Hancock then read statistics from various States, going to show that where Prohibition has prevailed, saloons and drunkards have increased in number, and that where High License is the law a marked decrease in both is observed.

The experience has been, he said, that where prohibition has been tried it has failed and where high license has been enacted it has succeeded in restricting the sales of liquor.

As citizens and taxpayers all we ask the prohibition people is to submit to the freemen of this county a high license law along with their amended local option law and let the people say which they will have.

The following resolutions, offered by Mr. W. S. Forwood, Jr., were adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of six active and energetic citizens be appointed to act as an Executive Committee for the county, and be clothed with all necessary power for carrying out the purpose, of this meeting.

Resolved, That a Committee of three competent persons be appointed to frame such an act as their wisdom may suggest, to take the place of the present oppressive Local Option Law, and urge upon our members of the Legislature to secure its passage and its submission to the voters of Harford county.

Resolved, That all citizens of the county, irrespective of party affiliation, be invited to cooperate with us in securing such relief from present taxation burdens as wisdom, prudence and a judicious regard for the welfare of the entire community may suggest.

The chairman appointed the following as the Executive Committee:

Wm. T. Sawyer, George Harris, S. A. Williams, Dr. J. T. Payne, James W. Gladden, Col. J. Thompson Frieze.

He also appointed Hon. Henry D. Farnandis, George Y. Maynadier and S. W. Bradford to draft a high license law.

The meeting then adjourned.

Legislative Matters.

In the Senate, on the 26th January, Dr. Sappington presented the memorial and report of the Industrial Home for Colored Girls.

Leave was also granted to Dr. Sappington for a bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Harford county to pension Mary and Henry White.

In the House, the same day, Mr. Archer obtained leave to introduce a bill for the better protection of game in Harford county.

The Judiciary committee having reported favorably the resolution to extend the time of Judge Yelloit to the end of the term of fifteen years, for which he was elected, it was referred to the Harford and Baltimore county delegations.

On Tuesday, in the House, the bill abolish the bounty on hawk heads in Harford county was read a third time and passed. The payment of bounty for hawk heads has been very expensive to the county, and it is argued that a farmer will shoot a hawk whenever he can get a chance, bounty or no bounty. A strong pressure has been brought to bear to repeal the law.

Dr. Sappington has introduced in the Senate a bill to prohibit cattle running at large in Darlington and one mile thereof.

In the House, on Wednesday, Mr. Mitchell offered an order that the State Board of Education be allowed to retain 300 copies of reports of board, 150 copies to be bound. Mr. Mitchell also obtained leave for a bill relating to license of insurance companies outside of the State, as far as the same relates to Harford county. Also for a bill to amend the charter of Havre de Grace.

—*Harper's Weekly* of Jan. 28th, approves the Crosby high license bill before the New York Legislature, and says:

"The logic of such a policy is obvious.—Liquor making and selling cannot be wholly suppressed, and as they produce the larger amount of crime, and consequently greatly increase taxes, they should pay a larger share of the increase."

—We are indebted to Hon. John Sappington, of the Senate, and Hon. Walter W. Preston, of the House, for valuable documents.

Local Affairs.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—Mr. James M. Jacobs is very ill at the residence of Dr. Charles A Rutledge, Rocks of Deer Creek, with an affection of the heart.

—The directors of the Harford County Agricultural Society will meet in Bel Air, next Monday, February 6th. The adjourned meeting in the interest of public roads will also be held the same day.

—Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Angie V. Hopkins to Mr. James E. Gorrell. The wedding will take place at Hazleton, near Darlington, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hopkins of Jos., parents of the bride-elect.

—Hon. C. W. Billingslea, ex-Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court, who was severely injured, last week, by falling from his porch to the ground, a distance of five feet, is still suffering from the effects of the accident.

—A party of sleighers, after 12 o'clock, mid night, last Saturday night, just above Friendship church, Fallston district, met four persons in a rough one-horse box sleigh, without bells, with a coffin-box roped on cross-wise behind.—The incident naturally excited interest.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Frank Galloway, colored, aged about 18 years, who worked for Mr. Burton, of Long Green, was taken sick, last Thursday, and removed to his mother's house, on Mr. Silas Baldwin's place, near Jarrettsville, on Friday, and died the same evening.

RUNAWAY AND UPSET.—Last Sunday Mr. Andrew Dunigan's horse became unmanageable and ran away with him in his sleigh, which upset near Mr. Franklin Brazier's, First district. Mr. Dunnigan was dragged some distance and was somewhat bruised. Mr. Brazier went to his assistance and helped him out of his difficulty. At the spot where the sleigh upset Reese Cunningham was upset in a two-horse wagon and killed, about 30 years ago.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday Mr. John A. Osborn was severely injured, near Aberdeen. He was driving in his sleigh and observing that Mr. Mitchell's horse was about to run away, he jumped out of his own sleigh and caught it. As he did so Mr. Charles W. Baker's sleigh, which was immediately behind, accidentally struck him and dragged him a considerable distance. He was severely bruised but no bones were broken.

SALES OF PROPERTY.—Mr. James E. Holloway has sold his farm, two miles below Perryman, to Mr. Wm. H. Taylor, for $6,000. Mr. Holloway intends to remove to Hall's Cross Roads, where he will carry on farming for Mr. James B. Baker.

Mr. C. A. Gray has sold his property at Kingsville, consisting of a blacksmith shop and two dwelling houses, to Mr. Albert Dolazil, of Reckord, for $1,800.

DEATH OF A NATIVE OF HARFORD.—Mr. Wm. H. Hanna died suddenly, on January 27th, in Guernsey county, Ohio, in his 68th year, leaving a widow, three sons and two daughters. He was a brother of Robert F. and John C. Hanna, of this county. Wm H. Hanna removed from Harford county to Ohio in 1842, and engaged in farming with considerable success.—Robert F. Hanna went to Ohio attend his brother's funeral.

ADMITTED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS.—On the 27th instant, on motion of S. Teackle Wallis, Esq., Robert Archer, Esq., of the Harford county bar, son of the late Hon. Henry W. Archer, was admitted and qualified as an attorney of the Court of Appeals. On the same day the case of the Farmers and Merchants' National Bank, of Baltimore, vs. Robert Archer trustee, was argued by S. Teackle Wallis for the appellant and S. A. Williams and Robert Archer for appellee.

WORK IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE.—Letters Granted.—On the estate of Herman Stonerider to Mary Stonerider, administratrix, who gave bond for $1,000. On the estate of Sarah Benjamin, to Wm. M. Marine, administrator, who gave bond for $700. On the estate of Sallie A. Parke to Robert S. Parke, who gave bond for $500.

E. G. Hooker and Jos. A. Price were appointed to appraise the real estate which was devised to Henry F. Dill by John H. Bradford, deceased.

THE EGG PUZZLE.—E. L. M., of Aberdeen, and L. R., of Oakland school, Fallston, both send solutions of the egg problem in last week's *Ægis*. In selling his assorted eggs the farmer sold 30 at ½ a cent each and 30 at ⅙ of a cent each, or at the rate of five-twelfths of a cent for one egg. The unassorted lot he sold at the rate of two-fifths of a cent per egg, losing on each egg the difference between five-twelfths and two-fifths, which is one-sixtieth, and on 60 eggs sixty-sixtieths or one cent.

AGAIN REMOVED.—The case of Geo. Y. Wise vs. the County Commissioners of Harford county has been removed from the Circuit Court for Baltimore county to the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore city. This suit, which was removed from Harford to Baltimore county, is to recover damages from Harford county for the destruction of the plaintiff's mill dam on Deer Creek, in the great flood of August, 1885, by the washing away of a county bridge above the dam. The case was tried in Baltimore county but was interrupted by the sickness of one of the jurors.

ROBBERY.—Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Cullum, who live near the Hickory, went to Bel Air on business, leaving the premises in charge of a hired man. While they were gone the man robbed the house and fled, carrying with him a new overcoat, a suit of clothes, a silver watch, a gold chain and a sum of money. Information was given to the Sheriff but the man has not yet been caught. He is said to be 5 feet 7 inches in height, with a smooth face. He had been in Mr. Cullum's employ for about two weeks and previously worked for a month on Mr. B. F. Minnick's farm.

THE FOUNTAIN GREEN MUSICAL AND LITERARY UNION held another enjoyable meeting, last Friday evening, at the residence of Mr. George Deaver, near Calvary. Nearly all of the members were present, it being a beautiful moonlight night, and excellent sleighing. The programme, which was interesting and much enjoyed, consisted of vocal and instrumental music, tableau, recitations, &c. Refreshments were served. Besides the members there were present Mr. James C. Young, of Bel Air; Miss Anna Wann and Mr. Harry Love, of Emmorton; Miss Martin, of Calvary; Mr. Winfield Baker, of Carsins' Run, and Mr. Samuel Anderson, of Level. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. Porter, Emmorton, on Friday evening, February 10th.

DIED FROM BLOOD-POISONING.—Captain Thomas Sadler, one of Havre de Grace's oldest citizens, died at his late residence in that city, on Tuesday night, Jan. 31st, in his 92d year. Captain Sadler was born in Dorchester county, Md., in March, 1796, and removed to Havre de Grace in 1838. He was at one time extensively engaged in sailing and fishing business, but retired from active life about 1868, his wife having died a few years ago at a ripe old age. He leaves six grown children. His oldest daughter, Mrs. John Roberts, resides in Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Jesse Hilles in Baltimore, and Mrs. Ollie T. Fields at Havre de Grace. His three sons living are Thomas Sadler, of Havre de Grace, James E. Sadler, Delaware City, Del., and R. H. Sadler, Laurel, Md. Mr. Sadler's death was caused by blood-poisoning. He cut his foot while trying to remove a corn and blood-poisoning followed. The funeral took place on Thursday.

BEL AIR NOTES.—A number of young men were arrested and fined, on Tuesday, for racing in their sleighs in the streets.

Last Friday afternoon Frank Lee, the youngest son of Dr. R. D. Lee, narrowly escaped being killed in the street. In attempting to jump on a sleigh the little fellow fell between the horse and the runners of the sleigh. He was rolled over and over for some distance before the horse could be stopped. Before he could be pulled out the horse backed and stepped upon him. He was carried home, where it was discovered that he was unhurt, the snow which had gathered around him while he was dragged having probably prevented him from receiving injury.

An infant child of Major and Mrs. D. R. Burrill died at the residence of its parents, in Bel Air, on Sunday, and was buried Tuesday at Rock Spring Cemetery.

On Monday night while a number of boys were coasting with a large sled, on a hill near the town, the sled broke and Norman Nock, son of Mr. N. N. Nock, was thrown off. The sled passed over his ankle, tearing the tendons of the leg and injuring the lad severely. He was taken to the Bel Air drug store, where Dr. Hollingsworth attended to his injuries.

—If the ground hog did not oversleep himself yesterday, he saw his shadow and we may look for a continuance of winter. We have yet to hear of any one who has seen a veritable ground hog on Candlemas day, but nevertheless our friend Jack Richardson, Jr., declares he had a dish of ground hog for breakfast yesterday morning. Other people had the same, too, but they called it sausage.

Mr. John J. Alexander, of Bel Air, has been appointed agent for Harford county of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York.

TWO WEDDINGS.—On Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cole, Miss E. Robey Cole was married to Mr. G. Frank Jones, of Forest Hill. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell. The best man was Mr. Howard Cole, the bride's brother. The bridesmaid was was Miss Ida Cole, a sister of the bride. An elegant wedding feast was served at 10 o'clock and other refreshments were served at 2 A. M. About forty guests were present, among whom were Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harkins, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. G. F Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Livezy, Mr. and Mrs. James McAbee, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Bayless, Mrs. Daniel Jones, mother of the groom; Misses Nettie and Carrie Cole, Sadie Foard, Hattie Cooley, Lizzie Walker, Ella Hoblitzell, Annie Swartz, Lurana Foard; Messrs. Wm. Bowman, J. W. Porter, J. T. Cole, Collie Moore, Archer Moore, Frank Walker, Will Jones, Thos. Rogers, Burton Proctor, C. W. Cole and Dr. Munnikhuysen. Miss Ella Hoblitzell played the wedding march. The wedding was a very pleasant affair. The bride and groom left for their home at Forest Hill Wednesday morning. The bride received a great many handsome presents.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. S. John Howlett and Miss Mary Knight were married, in the M. E. Parsonage, Havre de Grace, by Rev. Mr. Nicholson. The groom's best man was Mr. George Knight, brother of the bride; her attendant being Miss Jennie DeBaugh. After the ceremony, an entertainment was given to a large number of friends at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knight, in the Second district. Mr. Howlett is a citizen of Havre de Grace, where the bride and groom will reside.

COURT OVER AT LAST.—Judge Watters discharged the petit jury on Friday last, and the gentlemen composing it were doubtless glad to be relieved of the responsibilities and trials which fall to the lot of petit jurors.

Before their discharge the case of the State vs. Geo. J. B. Thompson, indicted for the forgery of the name of Jesse J. Cullum to a promissory note, drawn in favor of Timothy Foley, was tried.

Mr. Cullum testified that he did not sign his name to the note and did not recognize the other signature as Thompson's. 15 witnesses testified to Thompson's good character and the jury acquitted him. Webster and Jefferson Dallam for the State, Young, Hopkins and Cooley for defence.

In another case, being a new trial, Thompson was tried before the court, on the charge of forgery of the name of Wm. H. Thompson and Wm. T. Cullum to a promissory note. The State having failed to prove who uttered the note, Thompson was adjudged not guilty. Same counsel.

Edward Windsor, convicted of the larceny of a boat belonging to Jesse Poplar, of Havre de Grace, being recommended to the mercy of the court, was sentenced to the Penitentiary for two years and four months.

Abraham Britton, colored, convicted of stealing wheat from Charles W. Amos, was sentenced to the same institution for one year and four months.

The per diem paid to the petit jurors was as follows:

John H. Vanhise, $118.10; John C. Stonebraker, $112.50; Frank H. Morgan, $93.60; Joshua Rutledge, $111.20; George Bailey, $114; Lewis Fresch, $121.10; Wakeman Martin, $120.60; Francis J. Boyd, $103.60; Richard C. Murphy, $115.60; Samuel J. Norris, $118.30; C. C. Cronin, $114.20; Frederick W. Ressin, $113.60; Patrick Howard, $112.50; Conrad Krouse, $117.10; Geo. W. Fowble, $117.10; J. Wiley Norris, $129.50; Wm. M. Ady, $116.20; Jas. Norris, $120.60; Daniel W. Michael, $120.60; Robert B. Forwood, $110; Chas. Troyer, $114.10; Monroe Tracy, $120.50; John T. Baldwin, $109; Daniel Lynch of Jno, $116.20; Lee Magness, $67.50.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—Last Friday evening Senator and Mrs. John Sappington gave a large and handsome reception at their residence, Ashland Mrs. Sappington was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. Horace Stokes, Miss Rosa Jacobs, Miss Isabel Price, Miss Mary Wilson and Miss Agnes Gover.

An entertainment was given on Thursday evening of last week, by the Misses Sidwell, near Macton, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jackson, a bride and groom. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Misses Eva and Annie Sidwell, Georgetta Scarboro, Virgie and Alice Gorrell, Jennie and Mamie McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Scarboro, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gorrell, Messrs. Frank and Arthur Sidwell, Albert Gorrell, John McCoy, Dillwyn and Granville Hoopes, William Sidwell, Samuel Reed and Dr. M. E. Pue.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Rev. Mr. Marriott, by the congregation of Waugh Chapel, Long Green Circuit, on Thursday evening, Jan. 26th. The ladies took possession of the parsonage and in a short time the guests were invited into the dining-room where the table, under the charge of Miss Sallie Gamble and Miss Sue McComas, was loaded with ice cream, cakes, fruits and confectionaries of all kinds, which were heartily enjoyed by all. The evening passed pleasantly with music and singing by the young folks; organists Miss Smith and Miss Munroe.

A hop was given by Mr. and Mrs. Jno. S Quinn, at their residence, on Goat Hill farm, on Friday evening, Jan 27th. About thirty couples were present including Misses Laura, Belle and Kate Stonebraker, Kate Blake, Mollie and Agnes Gleason, Sallie Eichelberger, Mollie Dixon, Rose and Ellen Carr, Katie, Lizzie and Cassie Mahan, Lillie Holloway, Helen Kahoe, Mrs. Thomas Lochary, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Slade, Messrs. T. Monks, Geo. Slade, A. Monks, P. Wilson, D. Gleason, C. D. Thomas, F. Gleason, H. Frazier, John Slade, G. Mahan, S. Lochary, J. B. Gleason, Wm. C. Clark, J. Robinson, W. Farley, H. Poole, J. McCommons, J. Kelly, B. Wheeler, S. Gibson, J. Lochary, J. Carr and others. Dancing was kept up till a late hour. Sandy Hook string band was in attendance.

Mr. N. Oscar Stokes and wife celebrated their tin wedding, or tenth anniversary of their marriage, at their residence, Chrome Valley Mills, on Tuesday evening of this week. The affair was an enjoyable one to the large number of guests who were present. At 9 o'clock an elegant collation was served. Among the guests were Mr. Carroll Pennington and wife, Rev. J. M. Hawley and wife, Mr. Horatio Nelson and wife, Mr. N. O. Merryman and wife, Mr. Nelson Gilbert and wife, Wm. Hughes and family, Mr. J. W. Galbreath, Thomas Amos and family, Mr. Scarborough and wife, Thomas H. Wiley, Sr., and family, Mr. G. C. Shriver and wife, Mr. W. F. Deets and wife, Mr. Geo. B. Rigdon and wife, Misses Mina J. Duncan, Julia Jarrett, Jennie Street, Lizzie Deets, Ida Curtiss, the Misses Nelson, of Baltimore county; Miss Peacock, of Baltimore; Misses Stokes, Mary Whiteford, Nellie Wiley, Minnie Cairnes, Annie Metzel, Sallie Beatty, Messrs. G. A. Cairnes, W. N. Hughes, A. S. Tipton, C. B. Tirton, Richard Gross C. F. Deets, Robert Payne, Samuel Street, Jas. Barton, Street Whiteford, Joshua Nelson, Oliver Hutchins, J. E. Beaty, Thomas Anderson, Wm. Jackson, J H. Jarrett and brother, L. J. Gross, Robert Rampley and brother and J. Wiley Norris.

DOINGS IN DUBLIN.

The Home Literary Band held its first meeting, on Friday evening, Jan. 27th, at the residence of Dr. David Riley, in Dublin. Miss Nannie E. Riley is the President; B. F. Johnson, Vice President; W. T. Riley, Secretary; Miss Rosa Meldon, Treasurer; Miss A. Laura Robinson, Editress; J. Wesley McDoon, Critic. The programme consisted of reading, music, tableaux, &c., the exercises being much enjoyed.

The public school in Dublin is in a flourishing condition, numbering 60 or 70 scholars. Rev. J. H. Scarborough is the Principal and Miss Louanna L. Rigdon assistant.

Dr. Poole, who has recently located in our midst, is gaining many friends and a considerable practice.

The wedding of Miss Flora McCann and Mr. S. A. Scarff will take place in Dublin M. E. Church, on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 8th, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Sadie E. Robinson, of Carroll county, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Neville, near Dublin. Jon.

UPPER CROSS ROADS.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. S. G. Scarff, an old gentleman, was almost overcome by the cold and exposure, while taking some butter on a sled to the house of his neighbor, Miss Martha Twining.

Mr. George Pyle went into Mr. John Divers' stable to water the mules when one of them kicked him with both feet in the stomach, injuring him severely.

The young men have organized a string band at Upper Cross Roads.

A masquerade ball was given last week at Mr. J. B. Garrison's, Taylor. It was the finest of the season. R. H. T.

Jurors for the February Term.

On Saturday last Judge Watters, in the presence of members of the bar and others, drew from a box containing 200 names the following, to serve as jurors at the February term of our Circuit Court, which will begin at Bel Air on the 13th instant:

5 Jacob Councilman, 3 Jos. E. Treadwell, 5 Joseph Smith, 6 George R. Carver, 3 Thomas McKenna, 3 N. W. S. Hays, 4 Lewis King, Jr., 3 Wm. H. Harward, 3 Charles Rigdon, 5 Thos. B. Daugherty, 2 R. D. Greenland, 6 John Kelly, 4 J. Payne Cathcart, 2 Chapman Martin, 1 James H. Tobin, 5 David Troutner, 4 David Miller, 4 John D. Meads, 6 David Y. Burke, 1 Wm. T. Sawyer, 2 Wm. T. Easter, 6 Robert Cross, 4 Samuel Townsley, 5 John G. McCoy, 3 John T. Amos, 2 Morgan Mitchell, 3 John Stine, Jr., 5 L. T. Deaver, 5 Jas. E. Wilkinson, 6 Joseph McVey, 3 Wm. E. Robinson, 4 Joshua Barton, 5 Thos. A. McNutt, 5 Robert L. Mitchell, 1 Charles A. McGaw, 2 Andrew Hall, 3 Joshua McLaughlin, 5 Hugh A. Jones, 3 David J. Lewis, 2 Leyburn Knight, 1 Benj. A. Fleury, 1 Edward Dietrich, 5 Augustus E. Proctor, 2 Charles Osborn, 1 Ralph L. Wilson, 2 John F. Wells, 3 John H. Fisher, 2 Edward Carson.

The box from which the above were drawn contained the following names:

First District.

Geo. W. Brown, Wm. H. Arnold, Albert Magness, James H. Tobin, Alexander Norris, Timothy Foley, John Concannon, Frank Tonzel, Wm. T. Cullum, Charles A. McGaw, Edwin C. Hanway, Wm. T. Sawyer, Benjamin A. Fleury, Ralph L. Wilson, Matthew Brazier, Samuel S. Bevard, Henry Dill, Jacob W. Hoffnecker, Edward H. Hall, Edward Dietrich.

Second District.

Isaac W. Bayless, Walter W. H. Palmer, Amos H. Hughes, Thomas J. Oliver, Richard D. Greenland, Daniel B. Arthur, Geo. Gerwig, Henry C. Hall, Wm. T. Shay, James W. Wells, Lewis W. Hopkins, Andrew Hall, Richard M. Taylor, Garrett B. Gallion, Benjamin Colie, John F. Wells, Ambrose Cooley, Charles W. Walker, Alexander C. Morean, Sylvester Silver, Leyburn Knight, David A. Deaver, Wm. A. Courtney, Charles W. Baker, Richard Sheridan, Charles Osborn, Chapman Martin, James L. Richardson, Robert P. Mitchell, Edmund Mitchell, James Chesney, John E. McGaw, Wm. T. Easter, Morgan Mitchell, John N. Gilbert, Edward Carsins, George A. Gilbert, Wm. H. Carr, Wm. H. Barnes, Geo. A. Crevenson.

Third District.

Thomas McKenna, John H. Fisher, John T. Akers, Wm. E. Robinson, Parker F. Forwood, Alexander Smith, John Quinn, Hudson Bateman, D. Swift Page, Thomas E. Smithson, James Amos, James Whitaker, Patrick Kilroy, Thomas Carnaud, George P. Gorrell, N. W. S. Hays, Charles Pocock, Wm. H. Harward, Jas. K. Hamilton, John Stine, Jr., Wm. Dean, David J. Lewis, Zaccheus Debow, John H. Reckord, Alfred Minnick, Henry C. Johnson, John M. Bannister, Dennis K. Bradley, Wm. Webster, Joseph G. Favour, Thomas J. Robinson, Wm. Scarff, James A. Watters, Charles Rigdon, John Axer, Robert L. Mitchell, Joseph B. Treadwell, George J. Finney, Wm. L. Amoss, James W. Gorrell.

Fourth District.

John T. Ward, James F. Neal, David Miller, Richard J. Wright, Wm. R. Bosley, Jesse H. Carr, Adam Hess, Samuel M. Ady, Joseph H. Mullineaux, John D. Meads, John T. Ayres, of E., Nathan Heaps, George Schriver, C. Bowen Tipton, Alexander Donohue, James Hanlan, Ralph W. Curry, Lewis King, Jr., John R. Kirkwood, Nicholas Furlong, Henry S. Wheeler, Wm. N. Cathcart, Jacob H. Hess, James B. Luckey, George W. Blaney, G. Wesley Austine, J. Payne Cathcart, Dr. Thomas B. Hayward, Thomas A. Harkins, John H. Baird, Thomas Johnson, Wm. Stansbury, Samuel Deets, Samuel Townsley, Joshua Barton, Chas. R. Martin, Murice Cochran, James Fletcher, John B. Taylor, Luther G. Henderson.

Fifth District.

Hugh E. Dooley, Wm. Bennington, of Jere., John G. McCoy, Lawrence Kehoe, Edmund S. Edge, George W. Jones, Jr., Wm. H. Wilson, Walter Proctor, Stevenson A. Whiteford, Jos. James, Isaac Wilson, Thomas A. McNutt, Geo. Henry Gorrell, Joshua Maughlin, George Bevard, Augustine E. Proctor, Thomas B. Daugherty, Joseph Smith, James Edward Wilkinson, Richard T. Deaver, Oliver P. Jordan, Alonzo Hutt, Wm. H. Jones, David Troutner, Mordecai S. Scarborough, Robert R. Orr, Andrew Torbert, Jacob Councilman, Richard S. McNutt, James Polk Street, John Mohses, Daniel W. Bay, Hugh A. Jones, James Norris, Lawrence Forwood, Charles Schwamb, John Terrant, Jas. H. Kerr.

Sixth District.

Christopher H. Dugan, Stephen J. Seneca, Edward A. Zeiller, Robert A. McGowan, Amos D. R. Spencer, Wm. H. Dobson, George W. Carver, Ira Wells, Thomas M. Sumption, Chas. Grail, Robert Cross, Edward Hall, Joseph McVey, John Holly, Henry Shure, David Y. Burke, Coleman Bailey, Wm. J. O'Neil, John Kelly, George Meyers.

LETTER FROM ABERDEEN.

The funeral of Miss Phoebe Riley, who died in her 47th year, on Tuesday, January 24th, took place on Thursday morning, 26th ulto., from the residence of Mrs. E. Colley, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The remains were carried from the house to the M. E. Church, of which the deceased had for several years been a faithful member, and where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. C. Smith, pastor, assisted by Rev. Jno. H. Baker. Interment was at the Grove Presbyterian Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Coleman Siee, W. B. Richardson, W. A. Pritchard and Jas. Campbell.

The Young Men's Prayer Meeting of the Southern Methodist Church was largely attended last Sunday afternoon, and the promise of permanent success is most encouraging, and we believe much good will be done by this organization, as much interest is manifested on the part of the young men. Mrs. Geo. M. Reid led last Sunday afternoon, and Mr. A. H. Osborn was appointed to take charge next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at which time all young men and older men out of the church or in the church of any denomination are cordially invited to be present.

Miss Mattie S. Richardson, the popular and efficient teacher of Paradise Public School No. 2, has resigned and has accepted a position in the Darlington Academy, as First Assistant.—Last Monday evening a large company of ladies and gentlemen called in a body and took Miss Richardson completely by surprise. The evening was pleasantly spent, instrumental and vocal music forming a part of the exercises.—Refreshments were also served. Among those present were Mrs. Mattie G. Bragg, of Covington, Va.; Mrs. Lydia H. Cummings, Miss Mattie P. Martin, daughter of Rev. L. G. Martin, of La Plata, Charles Co., Md.; Misses Mollie F. and Jennie F. Richardson, of Keyser, Md.; Miss Emma M. Gardner, of Finksburg, Carroll Co., Md., and others. STRANGER.

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