THE LOCAL NEWS FIELD.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

TUESDAY.—The Circuit Court was resumed Tuesday after a recess since the Monday previous, Judges Jones and Revell on the bench. The session was occupied in the case of Frank L. Morling vs. the county commissioners of Baltimore county, which involved a suit for $10,000 for services rendered as special assessor. The case was removed to this county from Harford county where it had been previously sent from Baltimore county. The day was almost entirely occupied in hearing testimony for the plaintiff.

Mr. John S. Young, of the Bel Air bar, and Mr. W. Frank Mitchell, of Towson, upon motion of Mr. S. Francis Miller, of the Ellicott City bar, were admitted to practise in this court.

The lawyers in the case are Mitchell & Mitchell, John S. Young and S. Francis Miller for the plaintiff, and D. G. McIntosh, John Grason and John G. Rogers for defendants. The trial is before a jury.

WEDNESDAY.—Testimony for the plaintiff in the case of Morling against Baltimore county was finished Wednesday, and without placing any witnesses on the stand, the defendants' attorneys began on argument on exceptions noted as to the admissibility of evidence and also to sustain a point raised by a demurrer that the county commissioners had no authority to employ the defendant in the manner alleged.

THURSDAY.—Plaintiff's counsel in the above case asked to be allowed to prepare a bill of exception to the court's ruling at the present sitting, which was granted, and Friday was named as the time when the decision will be formally announced. The action of the court was based upon a prayer by the defendant, which asked "that the court instruct the jury that under the pleadings and evidence in the case, there is no legally sufficient evidence upon which the plaintiff can recover, and their verdict must be for the defendant.

The plaintiff claimed that he was employed as a special agent by the Baltimore County Commissioners, to search up missed property for the purpose of taxation, and that in the years 1886, 1887 and 1888, he had succeeded in finding an amount sufficient, according to his contract, with the board, to justify an allowance to him by way of commissions, of the sum sued for.

Biographical.

The Baltimore American in its issue of Saturday prints a very fair likeness of Mr. Sebastian Brown, accompanied by a biographical sketch. Mr Brown graduated at Dickinson College, Carlisle Pa., and was there when the Confederates took possession of the town just previous to the battle of Gettysburg. He is a native of Howard county, having been born near Clarksville, and is fifty years of age. He studied law with the late Thomas S. Alexander, and in the meantime made a good living by writing editorials. His principal examiner, when he applied for admission to the bar, was the esteemed and learned S. Teackle Wallis, Esq. In 1884 he was the Republican candidate for Congress and was defeated by a small majority. Mr. Brown's late achievement, a work entitled "John Smith," contains thoughts of a very high order apart from the interesting love story, and it has been read by many people, especially prominent people of Baltimore.

The American of the 6th inst, also produces a cut of Rev. J. A. Walter, rector of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Washington, uncle of Rev. J. M. Walter, rector of St. Louis' Church, Clarksville, Howard county.

Arsenic Found in the Stomach.

Prof. P. B. Wilson, the chemist, and his sons, Drs. P. B. Wilson Jr., and Frederick N. Wilson, of Baltimore, have discovered large quantities of arsenic in the stomach of Thomas Williams, colored, who died on the 20th ult., near Lisbon, this county, under suspicious circumstances. As was stated last week the remains of Williams were exhumed and the stomach removed to ascertain it possible the cause of his death. There no longer remains any doubt as to the immediate cause of his rather sudden demise. Mrs. Williams, his wife purchased a box of Rough on Rats, and it was after this circumstance that Williams fell sick. The box, or a similar box, was found in the meat house on the premises. Mrs. Williams who is in jail asserts her innocence.

A Fire and Serious Injuries.

The large tool and implement house on the Mottu farm, near St. James, in the Third district of this county, was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon together with its contents. Walter Shipley, brother of Mr. Milford D. Shipley, who tenants the farm, met with what may prove a fatal accident while endeavoring to remove some of the machinery from the burning building. His clothes were ignited by the falling roof and when extricated he was in an almost unconscious condition. His injuries about the head are especially severe. The fire originated from engine sparks and the loss is estimated at $2090.

Narrow Escape.

Walton Grant, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. Charles T. Grant, of Alpha, this county, narrowly escaped a tragic death Monday morning. He had driven to the railroad station at Henryton to ship a load of milk to Baltimore, and, when the eastbound train approached, his horse became unmanageable and reared upon the track in front of the engine. The horse was struck and instantly killed, and the wagon demolished. The youth was whirled several feet, but fell clear of the track.

A Prosperous Loan Association.

The Land and Loan association of Ellicott City, Md, at a special meeting of the board of directors on Monday night, April 2nd, declared an annual dividend of six per cent. The association has a large membership and has invested in first mortgages in Howard and Carroll counties, Md., fifty thousand dollars. Messrs. L. N. Getz, as secretary, and B. H. Wallenhorst, as treasurer, have served the association in their respective offices ten years. Mr. H. C. Griffith is its president.

Aurora Borealis.

The auroral display Saturday night, which occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock, was one of the most pronounced, certainly the most beautiful that has been seen in this section for some time past. Beside being vari-colored streaks of light shot even beyond the zenith and the whole north western area of sky was illuminated, spreading a soft twilight over the earth. Science has demonstrated that these displays are caused by electricity passing through highly rarified air, at least the same effect can be produced by experiment.

Road Supervisors.

The county commissioners in session on Tuesday appointed road supervisors for the several districts as follows: First district, Timothy Kyne and B. C. Sunderland; Second district, Thomas M. Johnson; Third district, Elias Gaither and James O'Donnell; Fourth district, William T. Carr and Joshua W. Baxley; Fifth district, Samuel S. Cashell, W. S. Wallich and William Hobbs; Sixth district, James L. Geaslen and Lemuel A. Welsh.

Job work a specialty at THE TIMES office. tf

TOWN AND COUNTY.

Prof. Quay, prestidigiditor, performed before the students of Rock Hill College, in the college hall, Saturday night. He did many wonderful tricks and was particularly expert at juggling balls and knives. The Professor was here in 1880, and gave an exhibition at Patapsco Female Institute during Miss Randolph's time.

Among the improvements to Patapsco Heights this spring will be annex containing forty rooms. The contractors are Messrs. J. H. Gaither and G. Butke. The building will be finished by the first of July. All the rooms in the main building have been engaged for the summer.

The Presbyterian Church improvement fund amounts to $1,251.40. As a preliminary to the work the Sunday School room will be enlarged. Mr. James H. Gaither has the contract for doing the work.

Mrs. Mary Ellicott, widow of James Ellicott, has received through her sister the information that she is one of the five heirs to a fortune said to amount to $325,000, which was left by their grandmother, a former resident of Pennsylvania.

The condition of Mr. H. E. Wootton is about as it has been for a number of weeks past. His favorable symptoms last week were followed by a rather distressful condition, from which he has somewhat rallied.

The wood below Alberton was burned Tuesday. Several parts of the fence between the wood and an adjoining field were destroyed and the field was burned over. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Ladies' Mite Society of Emory M. E. church held a very large and interesting meeting at the parsonage on Tuesday evening. An interesting program was rendered and refreshments served.

Among the bills approved by Gov. Brown was one requiring flint mills to take neccessary precautions for the protection of the health of employes, under heavy penalties.

Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show, which has been in winter quarters at Frederick, passed through this city over the B. & O. Railroad on Monday evening bound for Antwerp, Belgium.

Mrs. J. B. Mellor, of Sykesville, for the first time was in Ellicott City on Tuesday. She expressed herself as much pleased with the picturesque appearance of our place.

Farmer Horatio Griffith is critically ill at his home, in the fourth district. He returned from Texas last week and has since suffered from an attack of heart disease.

The air in Ellicott city was redolent one day this week with the wheeze of couple of bag-pipe blowers. Accompanying the noise were bass drums and cymbals.

A large rick of straw on the farm of Dr. S. F. Linn was destroyed by fire on Tuesday. It is supposed to have ignited from the sparks of a pipe belonging to a passer-by.

Mr. Jacob Werner, of Werner Bros. of this city, enjoyed a business and pleasure trip among the mountains of West Virginia last week.

Mrs. Daniel Lepson of Baltimore and Miss Bella Ennis of Annapolis, were visiting Mrs. G. W. Radcliffe during her recent severe illness.

The agony is over. Mr. H. Temmink has been appointed postmaster of Ellicott City. The announcement was made on Thursday.

The Baltimore and Washington Transit company has open an office in the stone building next to the Howard House.

Rev. E. E. Shipley has transferred his residence from Baltimore to Ivory, for the summer, as is his custom every year.

County Commissioner P. L. Smith who has been quite ill at his home, Hanoverville, is reported much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cottman have moved out to their new country place, "Shamrock Farm," in Howard county.

Mr. Horatio Griffith, of the Fourth district, has been quite ill of late from heart trouble.

Mr. L. W. Riley, of Hanover, Md., was in Ellicott City Tuesday attending to business.

Miss Helen Thompson, of Baltimore, is the guest of Misses Mary and Anna Thompson here.

Mrs. J. B. Morrow spent several days of this week with friends in Philadelphia.

Forty hours' devotion will commence at St. Paul's Catholic Church to morrow.

Dance near Doughoregan.

DOUGHOREGAN, April 5.—One of the most enjoyable features of the Easter holidays was a dance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blaney, Easter Monday night in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Rector. Among those present were. Mr. and Mrs. James O'Donnell, Misses Smallwood and brothers, of Oakland; Messrs. Schotz, of Catonsville; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manakee, Mrs. Margaret Manakee and daughter, Miss Kate O'Donnell and brothers, Miss Mary Cooney and brothers, Misses Brangles, of near Pine Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. Rhode Blaney, Miss A. Wosch, of Ellicott City; Basil Johnston and sister and Mr. Sluching of Catonsville. Dancing was indulged in until the "wee sma," hours of morning.

Orphans' Court.

The following business was transacted in the Orphans' Court in session Tuesday:

The will of Edward Day was admitted to probate and letters testamentary were granted to George D. Day. The property was willed to his wife and at her death to his children.

Letters of administration were granted to Beauregard Ridgely on the estate of William T. Ridgely.

Letters of administration were granted to Mary A. R. Pearl on the estate of S. Thompson Pearl.

The second and final account of Agnes C. Nichols, administrator of Jeremiah Nichols, showing payments and disbursements amounting to $926.56, passed.

CHURCH AND OTHER NOTICES.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. Mr. Neal, will preach at Emory M. E church next Sunday at 11 A. M. The pastor will preach at 7 30 P. M. Subject, "Gambling."

Preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7 30 P. M. by the Pastor.

A Ladies' Journal Free.

Every subscriber paying his or her subscription to THE TIMES in advance will receive "Womankind," a lady's Journal published monthly. Persons desiring the paper should call attention to the fact at time of paying subscription. tf

A Farm Journal Free

Every subscriber paying his or her subscription to THE TIMES in advance will receive "The American Farmer and Farm News," published at Springfield, Ohio. Persons desiring the paper should call attention to the fact at time of paying subscription. tf

Those who never read the advertisements in their newspapers miss more than they presume. Jonathan Kenison, of Bolan, Worth Co., Iowa, who had been sick with rheumatism in his back, arms and shoulders read an item in his paper about how a prominent German citizen of Ft. Madison had been cured. He procured the same medicine, and to use his own words: "It cured me right up." He also says: "A neighbor and his wife were both sick in bed with rheumatism. Their boy was over to my house and said they were so bad he had to do the cooking. I told him of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and how it had cured me, he got a bottle and it cured them up in a week. 50 cent bottles for sale by A. C. TAYLOR, Ellicott City, Md., and W. R. RUDY, Mt. Airy, Md.

SYKESVILLE NEWS.

SYKESVILLE, April 4—The largest sale of brick ever made here in one day occurred at the kilns of Mr. Asa Hepner on Tuesday last, 10,000 being disposed of.

A very pleasant surprise party was given by the Misses Phillinger on Thursday evening at their home, "Springfield." A large number was present.

Mr. William M. Chipley spent last Sunday at Plane No. 4.

Assistant Agent Barnes returned last Sunday after a ten days' absence on railroad business at another station.

The cornet band played several selections for a phonograph copy one night this week.

There are numerous applicants from this section for the minor offices soon to be shared as a result of changes being made in Baltimore.

A surprise party was tendered, Mr. and Mrs. John Phoebus on last Thursday evening. Quite a number was present and a most enjoyable evening spent.

The Home Circle met at the home of Mrs. J. B. Mellor on Friday last.

Mr. F. L. Favour, of Baltimore, spent last Sunday at the home of his parents in this town.

Rev. J. B. Purcell received notice on Saturday last of the destruction by fire of his beautiful house at Mt. Washington valued at $10,000.

A buggy belonging to Mr. John Scrivenor had a wheel smashed by running into a farm wagon last Thursday.

A disputed land valuation was settled in our town on last Tuesday by arbitration, the claimant being allowed twenty-five dollars more for property than price asked.

Workmen are busy making the necessary repairs preparatory to the opening of the Warfield College endowed by the late Miss Susanna Warfield.

A Fine Residence Burned.

The fine stone residence occupied by Geo F. Patterson, of Patterson, Ramsay & Co., Baltimore, and owned by Rev. Dr. Purcell, of Sykesville, built by him at a cost of $10.000 00, was totally destroyed by fire on the 30th ult. The stone was quarried in Texas, Baltimore county. It was built on a commanding height as as one turns a curve to go down Mt. Washington avenue, and was an object of beauty. The loss is nearly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is supposed to be from a kitchen flue which led to the bath room. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and some friends were in the library at the time, and were not aware of the fire until the flames burst forth from the bath room. Arlington and Mount Washington engines came to the rescue, but were able to render little service.

ALBERTON ITEMS.

ALBERTON, April 5.—State Organizer Geo. H. Nock of the Maryland S. S. Union, was in our village on Wednesday evening and conducted the service at the Evangelical church. It was decided to hold a district convention of the 1st Sunday School district of Howard county, embracing the 2nd and 4th election districts, the convention to be held at Alberton church on April 28th and 29th.

We are sorry to hear that pneumonia is in town. Five of Wm. Isler's family and two of Mr. Gibson's are ill.

Rev. David Barr, general missionary of the P. E. Church of the Diocese of Maryland, will hold services in the P. E. chapel at Alberton as follows:

Thursday evening April 5th, at 7 30; Friday evening, 6th, 7.30; Sunday morning, 8th, 11; Holy Communion will then be administered.

Monday evening April 9th, at 7 30; at Jonestown, Sunday April 8th, at 3 30 P. M.

Bishop Paret of Maryland will preach in Alberton Chapel April 10th, at 7 30 P. M. Confirmation will be given to those desiring it. All are cordially invited to attend.

GLENWOOD GLEANINGS.

A Pleasant Locality Enjoying a Round of Entertainments.

GLENWOOD, April 4.—It goes without saying that Glenwood has a social side to her make-up of which she is proud. In the large number of entertainments within the last few days there appeared both young and old, and pleasant remembrances were left which can never be erased but will be handed down to the next generation which are pressing the present one from their places.

"Bloomburg," the residence of Mr. Stinson, was the scene of a very pretty entertainment Thursday evening last. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Warfield, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Alcock, Misses Grace Roane, Lucile Warfield, Gertrude Mathews, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Dr. Riggs, Mrs. Eugenia Stinson, Messrs. William Knowles, of Philadelphia; Warfield, Crockett, Snowden, Dorsey and others.

On the following evening, Friday, Dr. and Mrs. Riggs entertained their many friends. The night was a perfect one, although no moon, the northern lights took its place. Among the many present were: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Warfield, Mrs. Washburn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stinson, Mrs. Hoffman, Misses Dorsey and Delashmutt, Miss Grace Roane, Mr. and Mrs. Flint, Mr. M. T. Warfield and Prof. Crockett, Pennington Bennett, Wm. Knowles, C. M. Dorsey, Harry Warfield.

Miss Mary Fite is visiting friends on the Eastern Shore.

Rapid transit has been introduced in Glenwood by Mr. William Knowles, of Philadelphia.

Miss Effie Hammond gave a very pretty tea in honor of Mrs. Flint, nee Miss Blanche Hoffman.

Mr. William Massy, of New York, is visiting at Bushy Park.

Dr. and Mrs E. W. Warfield entertained in honor of their guests, Mrs. and Misses Boweller, of Washington. Those present were: Miss Mary Mathews, Grace Roane, Gertrude Mathews, the Misses Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond, Miss Cora Heffenger, Miss Effie Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. William Stinson, Messrs. A. S. Crockett, Pennington Bennett, M. T. Warfield, H. Warfield, L. G. Mathews, C. M. Dorsey.

The latest question agitated is have you been to the back meadow?

EDDITIONAL GLENWOOD NEWS.

GLENWOOD, April 5—The Presbyterian Mite Society met this P. M. at the residence of Dr. E. W. Warfield. The attendance was very large. The inclement weather didn't seem to keep the members away.

Col. Wm. H. Stinson proprietor of the Bloomsburg Stock Farm, has secured a new teamster; so his team in the future will again be regularly on the pike hauling to Baltimore. William is a hustler in the farming and stock line. Owing to the very dull sale of horses he has of late given some attention to sheep and swine. He is noted in this neighborhood as being an excellent judge and has made some fine purchases of late. During the warm days the hill-side near his mansion is dotted over with little lambs and pigs. Although a Baltimorean, until recently, he knows how to farm and is getting there all the same. GUESS.

Our better halves say they could not keep house without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is used in more than half the homes in Leeds. SIM BROS., Leeds, Iowa. This shows the esteem in which that remedy is held where it has been sold for years and is well known. Mothers have learned that there is nothing so good for colds, croup and whooping cough, that it cures these ailments quickly and permanently, and that it is pleasant and safe for children to take. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. C. TAYLOR, Ellicott City, Md., and W. R. RUDY, Mt. Airy, Md.

FACTS FROM FULTON.

FULTON, April 3.—Mr. Jonathan A. Blowers, a former resident of Fulton, died at his late home near Dayton, on Thursday the 29th ult, in the 75th year of his age. Deceased was for a number of years a huckster in this vicinity and followed that vocation in connection with farming until failing health intervened. He leaves two children, who are Mr. W. W. Blowers, of this vicinity, and Mrs. F. T. Lowman, of Gray's. His funeral took place from Zion M. E. Church on Saturday. Interment was in the family burial ground, on the farm of his son, near Simpsonville. Rev. J. Nichols conducted the burial services and delivered a very impressive sermon on the occasion.

God's immutable love
Unchanging flows forever
In an unbroken stream from above,
Which not even death can sever.

"God is love! cries the apostolic voice
Happy are they who make Him their choice;
They know no fear, they never die,
But swiftly to His bosom fly.

F. L. O.

As a result of the late cold snap, nine-tenths of the blooming peach buds are destroyed; Japan plums, all the buds destroyed; Chickasaw varieties of plums, apparently uninjured; Kieffer pears, slightly injured; other varieties of pears, not much injury perceptible; early blooming cherries, badly damaged; late blooming cherries, apparently safe. As to apples, the reports are conflicting, but judging from those under our direct observation we would say that they are about as badly injured as the peaches.

Those interested will meet at Zion M. E. Church next Sunday evening for the purpose of organizing and re-establishing a Sunday School.

A dog belonging to Mr. Welling Iglehart broke from his fastening while having a fit from the rabies and got away. Up to the time of this writing, Wednesday morning, he has not been overtaken. He was bitten by the mad dog which was killed in this vicinity lately.

Those making calls and others visiting are Misses Ella Ide, Sarah Moore, Bettie Moore, Minnie Taff, Patti Haines, Rosa Walich, Mollie Scaggs, Agnes Harding, Jennie Cissel, Ella Bell, Anna Bell, Ella Giddings, Carrie Murphy, Laura Murphy, Rev. E. C. Ide, Messrs. Thomas F. Bergman, August Wasowsky, William F. Millstead, Robert Harding, Charles Ide, G. W. Murphy, R. C. Pindell, T. L. Maclin, Grover, C. Ossman, Fred Ide, B G. Cissel, H. H. McCrossin, Richard B Owings, Walter Moore, Edward Scott, Charles T. Disney, Jacob Parlett.

AN INTERESTING RESULT OF FIRE.

A curious transformation of a glass bottle, by fire lately, is one of the interesting curios in our possession. On Good Friday while it was raining the children caught some of the drip from the roof, having been informed that "holy water" is procured by catching rain when it falls on Good Friday, and they filled a balsam bottle and left it in an exposed situation over night where it froze solid, bursting the bottle, the remnants of of which were thrown into the kitchen stove where it was subjected to the effects of the fire all the next day. On Sunday morning following (Easter Sunday) the curious formation was taken from the stove and consisted of what may be termed an image of a cave or cavern the whole making a fair representation, in miniature, of the birth and resurrection of Christ. A figure which may be supposed to represent the Virgin Mary with the infant Saviour in her lap poses in bas relief and in almost perfect outline, and a hollow or groove in the wall fairly represents the manger. Another figure, that of a cherubim, is traceable; and still another figure, that of an angel, is clearly outlined, over whom there is a pillar of vapor, and he is in the act of removing an immense stone. On the reverse or back of the cavern there is a niche in the wall with an opening at one end, which may aptly describe the tomb with the stone rolled away. A woman bending over the tomb in recumbent position as if she were weeping, is traceable, while to the left of her, slightly in the rear, a figure of a man is standing erect from whom a shroud or something of that sort appears to be falling. A glimpse of the ascension within a crystalized cloud can also be discerned by a strong light. A little block in the shape of a book lays in the foreground, and in an upraised rock a star or sun can be plainly seen. Altogether it is a remarkable formation. Its origin makes it especially interesting. F. L. O.

OVER THE RIVER.

GRAY'S, April 4.—A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith here Sunday afternoon last, the contracting parties being their daughter, Miss Mattie, and Mr. Charles Engle, of Baltimore. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. Henry Branch, D. D.

Among the visitors here on Sunday were Mr. Ruff and son, Mr. French of Catonsville, and Mr. W. B. Ford.

Miss Mamie McCulley, spent Monday, in Baltimore.

OELLA ITEMS.

OELLA, April 5.—Mrs. Ann E. Curtis, wife of Mr. Joseph Curtis, of Westchester avenue, died on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock after a lingering illness of dropsy and heart trouble in the sixty-second year of her age. Mrs. Curtis was a resident of this community for the past thirty years and for many years a member of the M. E. Church. She leaves a husband and two sons, George and Emory Curtis, who reside in Baltimore. Her funeral took place on Monday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock, attended by many relatives and friends. The Rev. D. M. Browning, assisted by Rev. George Rush, conducted the funeral services. The pall-bearers were: James Green, James Holden, Joseph McKenzie, John Mellor, C. F. Herrmann and James Dykes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis, of Baltimore, were the guests of Mrs. Caroline Hurdle on Sunday.

Miss Wooddie Smith, of Wetheredville, was visiting friends here on Wednesday.

Miss Katie Earp, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Mrs. Mary Treuth, of Oella avenue, for the past month, returned home on Monday.

Mr. John Tice, of Woodberry, was visiting his sister, Miss Cora Tice, here on Sunday.

Mrs. Susan McCall and daughter, Annie, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Virginia for several weeks past returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Conrad and daughter, Grace, who have been visiting relatives and friends at Frederick returned home on Sunday.

Miss Agnes Murray and Miss Lizzie Collins, of Baltimore, were the guests of Miss Annie Thompson, of Westchester avenue, several days the past week.

The marvelous success of Hood's Sarsaparilla is based upon the corner stone of absolute merit. Take Hood's throughout the spring months.

To the Public.

A report has been circulated by some malicious person or persons to the effect that I intend closing my place of business after the first of May. As I have no thought of doing so, I wish to respectfully inform my friends and the public that my business will still be conducted at the same stand.

Very respectfully,
A. H. TRUEHEART.

NEWS FROM THE RELAY.

RELAY, Md., April 4.—The supper and hop given under the auspices of St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Elkridge on Wednesday night of last week in Columbian Hall, St. Denis, was very liberally patronized, not only by our immediate citizens but also by a large number from Baltimore. Fifty-five suppers were served and the floor, when cleared for dancing, was at all times tested to its unmost capacity.

Mr. Joseph Sandman is making extensive improvements to his store property on Sutton Avenue, which when completed will add greatly to its capacity and convenience.

It is rumored that the Patapsco Band are contemplating in the near future a concert on Lawyers' Hill, and another concert and Hop in Columbian Hall. We trust the rumors are correct and that our boys may realize handsomely therefrom.

The Easter festival of the Episcopal Mission of Avalon came off last Sunday night with an unusually large attendance. The music was rendered by "Relay Epworth" Band under the personal direction of Mr. J. A. Todd. We await a reply.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Burton have taken possession of the residence of Mr. B. B. Barber on Catonsville Avenue for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Brent Walling will spend the summer with Prof. and Mrs. Woodward on Catonsville Avenue.

Miss Belle Williams is visiting relatives in Aberdeen, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Barber and family have taken possession of a cottage at Atlantic City for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Griffith McCabe have taken up their residence with us.

We learn that the contract for sharpening the implements of torture of the Sutton Avenue Tonsorial Rooms has been awarded for the coming year to Mr. John Gittings, our enterprising cutler at the corner of Catonsville and New Avenues.

Nothwithstanding the result of the Anti-pool bill, the races in our circuit will come off without hitch or hindrance. The first will be a best 3 in 5 match between "Royal Blue" (McDaniel) and "Backusdownthehill" (Geddis); announcements of future events will be made in ample time to admit of the place ing of favorites by lovers of the sport.

Base-ball is being largely talked of now and the present outlook is promising for a strong and efficient team in this locality. Any club or aggregation desiring to scratch dirt with us can do so by addressing care the TIMES office. Our boys are in for business this season and open to all comers.

P. E. R.

ECHOES FROM ELKRIDGE.

ELKRIDGE, April 4.—Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. Conrad Zink, of this place, was tendered a pleasant surprise party this week. Among those present were: Miss Lulu Bryan and Miss Nellie Murray, of Odentown; the Misses Rose, Laura and Mamie Hudson, Misses Gertie Pocock, Celia Bush and A. de Minis; Mrs. Frank Miles, and Mrs. Rachel Ewalt, of Ellicott City. The gentlemen were: Messrs. Louis Silbereisen, John Saufty, Harris E. Rodgers, Roger Laynor Emory Pocock, Hillory Shipley, Masters Thornton Miles and George Pocock, Misses H. Bell, Z. Householder, Humphreys, Andrew Brunn and L. Bauman.

ADDITIONAL NEWS.

ELKRIDGE, April 5.—Now that our Legislature has passed the Police Bill (and it will soon become a law), we hope our honorable board of county commissioners will lose no time in appointing an able and efficient man for the officer in this place, and be the means of breaking up the disgraceful scenes which occur here nearly every week among the roughs who get loaded with "tanglefoot" on the other side of the river and come over here to work it off, where they well know there is no one to prevent them.

We understand that our new road supervisors are going to give us better roads in this district. We hope they will stop long enough in this village to fix some of the streets here so they can be crossed during a heavy rain without the aid of a boat.

The Viaduct Manufacturing Company here has lately increased its working force and all branches of the business are flourishing, some of them working over time. It is to be hoped this will continue as it is a great help to our town. LOVEL.

A Water-Works Problem.

April 4, 1894.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

I noticed in last week's issue of the Progress an amusing little article under the caption of "Smal Water Tax." The Editor is evidently not familiar with the subject he undertakes to handle, and the points he attempts to bring out are too much disconnected to elicit discussion. And his having, too, introduced his "better-half" into the subject renders it all the more incumbent not to be incautious as to what I should say. I will venture, however, this much, that the "poorest citizens," as he terms it, haven't been much enlightened on the water-works question by the item mentioned.

I am obliged to the Editor, however, for the gratuitous information given as to the exact cost to each family on account of water rent per annum. I have no right to question the accuracy of the statement, or to demand the source from which it was ascertained, but it certainly should be gratifying to all who have been so long seeking vainly this desired knowledge.

Perhaps the Editor has not been with us long enough to appreciate how hard it is under the present financial stringency for the "poorest citizens" to pay their already heavy taxes and high rents, but it is quite likely that as he prolongs his stay, and becomes better acquainted with these things, he will be loth to champion a cause so obnoxious and burdensome to the "poorest citizens" as the conditions of the Ellicott City water-bond law, if carried into effect, will necessarily entail.

The following mathematical example, if properly solved, may serve to throw further light on the subject: If the "difference" of rent between a house of little conveniences with the town pump at the door and one of greater conveniences is "$1 66⅔ per month," what would a still 'better house" having still greater conveniences, with a town tax of 35 cents on the $100 and a bonded debt of $30,000 running 200 years at 6 per cent interest, supplying branch water through rusty iron pipes, cost each of 1,400 residents per annum?

It may require one well up in hydrostatic calculation to figure out the above problem, and until it is fully demonstrated, I shall not feel justified in favoring an additional burden by way of taxes to secure what is already conveniently at hand.

The Editor says "the water question seems to have lost its vim." It is indeed to be hoped it has, considering the measures proposed.

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STORY OF AN EARTHQUAKE.

By J. N. R.

Written for THE TIMES.

Once during the trip from Zanzibar to the Comoro Islands our friend Fairweather and Lieutenant Jollytarre were sitting on the poop deck of the Neptune, when the conversation turned upon earthquakes.

"Where do earthquakes mostly occur, Mr. Jollytarre?" asked Tom. "Well there are several spots in the world where the people are generally on the look out for shocks. All volcanic countries are subject to earthquakes, and there are many places far distant from any active volcanoes that are visited in this way at times.

"There have been many disastrous shocks in Europe, for instance, in Switzerland, Portugal and Italy; in Japan, the west coast of North and South America, and in the countries bordering the Caribbean Seas. We have them in our own country not only in Carlifornia, but in the Mississippi Valley and in New England. They occur in Iceland and India, and in fact, I suspect there are few countries wholly free from them," he continued after a pause. "I have never told you of an experience I once had in an earthquake

"You have heard your father speak of vessels, called doublenders on account of them having a rudder at both ends. One of them called the Wateree was wrecked at Arica, Peru in 1869, and her remains are still to be seen on the beach. In August of that year there was a terrible earthquake, accompained by a tidal wave on the coast, which laid the town of Arica in ruins, and wrecked every vessel in port.

"It happened that I was on the Wateree. I never told you about that did I"? "Why, no," said Tom, drawing his chair nearer. "Well," replied Jollytarre, "if you want to hear it I will light another cigar, and tell you something about the most fearful night I ever knew. We had been lying in the road-stead of Arica for several months. Besides our ship, there were the United States store ship Fredonia, the Peruvian corvette America, and an English bark and two brigs. We had often felt slight shocks of earthquakes when on the shore, and had remarked upon the apparent timidity of the natives, who always rushed frightened and panic stricken to the open plazas, lest the buildings should come tumbling upon them. Late in the afternoon of August 12, while we were at dinner on board, we felt the ship tremble under us and immediately afterward word was sent from the deck that a heavy shock of earthquake had occurred. We all went up on the deck, and there we could see open spaces filled with excited inhabitants, and the hills to the southward dotted with frightened men and women. A little range of hills ran back of the town, and ended abruptly in a cliff several feet high just at the water's edge. We were still talking, when a more severe shock, shook the ship from stem to stern. We could see several houses toppling, and then with a horrible thud they were seen to fall in one thick mass. As the dust cloud slowly drifted by, and showed us Arica once more, the sight was something that none of us can ever forget. There was but one house left standing. We looked at each other, and for a moment were speechless; then realizing that there must be urgent need of assistance where so many were undoubtedly injured, a boat was called away, and our surgeon dispatched to render what aid he could.

"Up to this time there appeared to be no disturbance of the sea; but as we well know that earthquakes of such tremendous power were generally accompanied by tidal waves, we made such preparations as we could to withstand a possible rush of sea.

We could not steam for our boilers were undergoing extensive repairs, but we dropped another anchor, veered to a long scope on both cables, and were ready to batten down the hatches at a moment's warning.

The other vessels appeared to be doing the same thing, as those on board felt as we did that there might be trouble in store for us that night. Shortly the ships began to swing as to a changing tide and the small boats close in shore were left high and dry, showed us that the water was receding. In a few minutes the vessel again swung, the water came back, floated the little boats as it reached them, and flowed well up in the town. From the beach there ran into the water a long pier, to which many people had flocked to escape from the falling buildings. When they saw the water flowing so rapidly, they turned and fled back to the hills, crying in an agonized way. 'The sea, the sea!' You would have thought that there was a huge pipe underneath that successively fed and drained the sea. Gradually, however, as the water flowed in and out, its strength increased. It reached farther into the town, filling the streets and then flowing back, left a long stretch of beech completely uncovered. At last it receded so far as to leave no water under one of the brigs, I told you was anchored there, and the little vessel quietly fell over on her beam ends, while her crew scampered on the shore before the returning sea could overtake them.

"It was now growing dark and we were called upon to give our whole attention to the ship. We paid out all the cable we had, battened down the hatches and tarpaulins, made our battery, and every thing about our deck secure as possible, and then awaited anxiously the development of the waves. Finally the waves came and we were swept high and dry upon the beach. The shore was strewn with boxes, barrels, bales and crates. Machinery, clothing, provisions, liquors, cigars, every thing that the stores of civilization supply, were found there as some one put it, every thing from a piano to a tooth-pick The dead were half covered with sand that had washed over them. The living were distractedly seeking their separated families. All was misery and despair. Their houses were swept away, the very traces of the streets were washed away. There was nothing to eat, save what the wreckage on shore afforded, but there was food for immediate use—food and wines, and liquors too, in abundance. For several days the lowest natives would touch nothing but champagne. After that was exhausted they turned to the more fiery liquids, and the result was riot, and lawlessness—a state of affairs which ended only by the arrival of troops from the town Tacna, forty miles in the interior.

"The people of Arica, who the day before, unconscious of danger, were now houseless and helpless. Their possessions had been taken from them; they mourned the loss of friends and relatives. Among the endless variety of things found on the beach were large maps of Bolivia, which fastened to uprights, were made to serve as walls of paper houses. To be sure there was no roof, but some protection was acceptable them, even if it did nod and tremble at every shock of an earthquake. For some time we had from fifty to sixty shocks a day. We grew accustomed to them as we waited anxiously for a man-of-war to take us away.

"The earth felt very thin about there, Tom. There were great cracks in the ground, and occasionally an embankment would be shaken down to add to the variety of our experience. We had to bring water from a brook a mile away. We captured horses and mules to carry it, and when we were not using them, tied them to our swinging boom and rudder.

"I can't tell now all the incidents that occurred during the two weeks that we remained there. One morning we awoke to find three of our squadron anchored off the port. You may know it was a welcome sight. We were distributed among these vessels and glad to leave the scene of such an awful disaster. It was a wonderful experience, and one that could hardly be equaled.

OBITUARY.

MRS. ELIZABETH E. HOBBS,

wife of Mr. Cornelius J. Hobbs, died Thursday evening at her home, near Cooksville, of cancer, aged sixty-five years. Ex-Sheriff Stephen R. Hobbs, of Howard county, is a son of the deceased.

CATONSVILLE.

CATONSVILLE, April 5.—The interior of St. Timothy's P. E. Church, at Catonsville, is to be frescoed.

The present term of office of the Catonsville postmaster will soon expire. Messrs. John S. Wilson and Wm. H. Mattfeldt are named as applicants for the office.

A petition is being signed at Catonsville to have Beaumont avenue changed to Edmondson avenue, of which it is a continuation.

Mr. E. A. Blackshears has raised 1,500 lambs from 500 ews the past winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Symington and Miss Symington have moved to their country place, "Walnut Lawn," near Catonsville, for the summer.

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FORD'S GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Week of April 9th—"The Bostonians in "Robin Hood."

Barnabee, Karl and Mac Donald's Robin Hood opera company, comprising sixty carefully chosen artists, a superb chorus of thirty-five fine voices, a superior operatic orchestra, and equipped with a full carload of special scenery and effects will appear at Ford's Opera House next week beginning Monday evening with Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

In the entire list of light operas new or old there is none more deservedly popular than "Robin Hood." It is beautifully picturespue in comedy, genuinely tuneful as to music, and thoroughly poetic and romantic in its general flavor. Moreover it is a record breaker of the most pronounced type, its success being unequalled in the history of American opera comique. For five months within one year it held the New York public to such an extent that throughout that time the Garden theatre was sold out two weeks in advance at $2 a seat. The reason of its wonderful popularity is clear. There is not a single dull moment in the opera from the rising of the curtain upon the market place of Nottingham till the last act has been concluded and the sly old sheriff is defeated in his scheme to separate the lovers Robin Hood and Maid Marian, and to pocket their fortunes. Handsome rollicking Little John, quaint Will Scarlet, and jealous Allan-a-Dale, are a trio of as likeable characters as ever graced a stage. The sheriff, of course, is a comedy host in himself, and the fat Friar Tuck is an unctuous fun maker. Then there are Robin Hood, Maid Marian, Dame Durden, Annabel, and the booby Guy, of Gisborne, all of whom contribute to the charming entertainment. To speak of the songs that have won wide celebrity would be to name nearly every solo in the work. The three acts—two in the old town of Nottingham, and one in the heart of Sherwood Forest—present pretty stage pictures.

The cast will be: Sheriff of Nottingham, Jerome Sykes; Little John, Edwin Isham; Robin Hood, Edward Wentworth; Will Scarlet, Louis Casavant; Allen-a-Dale, Mary Padmer; Friar Tuck, James Nickolds; Guy of Gisborne, Ross David; Maid Marian, Caroline Hamilton; Dame Durden, Agnes Stone; Annabel, Ethel Balch.

Usual prices of admission. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday. April 16th—The famous English actor, Wilson Barrett in repertoire.

Creston Clark's Repertoire.

The repertoire of Mr. Creston Clarke, Edwin Booth's nephew, who will appear at Ford's Opera House this month according to due notice to be given hereafter, will include Shakespeare's Hamlet, Romeo, Shylock, Richard III, Iago, Petruchio, as well as Richelieu, Bertuccio, Garrick, Claude Melnotte, etc.

In the Shakespearian and other heroines, Mr. Clarke will have the services of Miss Martha Ford, of whom the Chicago Times of September 13th says:

The magnificent Music Hall was packed when the Governor of Maryland, Frank Brown, Cardinal Gibbons, Miss Martha Ford, Mr. Findlay, and the Military Staff stepped upon the platform. After the Cardinal's invocation and the Governor's address, Miss Martha Ford was introduced by His Excellency with some prettily chosen words. Miss Ford, a beautiful, stately brunette, read the National Poem with dramatic fervor and splendid effect. She was heard in every part of the immense hall, and completely won the hearts of every listener of the vast concourse of people present. She was congratulated first by the Cardinal, then the Governor, and by the indescribable enthusiasm of the great audience.

Don't Diet.

If you have dyspepsia, indigestion, habitual constipation or sick headache, don't diet. You need the strength that good food gives. Eat whatever you want but take one of Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills after meals until cured. If you are constipated get bottle with white label, otherwise with yellow.

Tag Trimming.

"There are 250,000 words in the English language," says the Bangor Commercial, "and most of them were used Sunday by the woman who discovered after coming out of church that her new Easter hat was adorned with a tag on which was written: "Reduced to $2.75. A man in case of equal misfortune, however, would have found one word enough; but he would have begun it with a monster "D."—Boston Globe.

It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. C. TAYLOR, Ellicott City, Md., and WALTER R. RUDY, Mt. Airy.

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A Biblical Conundrum.

A good story is told of the horsy son of an English clergyman. He was on an important occasion to meet the bishop of Lincoln at dinner, and as it was desirable that a favorable impression should be made on his lordship his father begged he would be favorable to the bishop and do his best to draw him out, as he was unusually strong in Biblical lore. During the early part of the banquet matters went on well enough, the young man saying little, but watching for an opportunity to open his full batteries. At length a pause in the general conversation took place, and while the company was all attention he thus addressed the bishop:

"Might I venture to ask your lordship a question relative to a point mentioned in the Old Testament which has puzzled me a good deal?"

"Oh, certainly—quite happy," replied the dignitary, feeling quite in his element.

"Then I should be glad to have your lordship's opinion as to how long it took Nebuchadnezzar to get into condition after he had been out to grass?"—Boston Herald.

Nervous Singers.

The effects of nervousness are varied and amusing. One young mezzo soprano was prevented just in time from walking on to the platform in a huge pair of fur lined overshoes, which were put on above her slippers, and which contrasted comically with her dainty gown.

Another songstress, who was gifted with a good verbal memory, was singing without note. During a rather elaborate symphony preceding the second verse of her song she chanced idly to glance at the book of words which she was holding. Confusion followed. She could not link the melody with the poem. It was a terrible moment, but she stepped swiftly to the piano, glanced at the accompanist's copy and finished her song con amore. It appeared on inspection that by a printer's error two lines of her song had been left out of the book of words. This had confused her and was the cause of her failure to blend words and music together.—Atalanta.

The Young Moon.

The editor of The Popular Science Monthly takes certain imaginative writers to task for their unscientific and absurd statements regarding "the young moon" and "the crescent moon" and advises them to leave it alone, because they so often contrive to get it in the wrong place. In a story which has come under his notice he finds two friends described as sitting out one summer evening looking over the Thames, and the writer goes on to say, "By this time the young moon had arisen, and its cold light shimmered over the misty river." Such writers are reminded that the young moon goes to bed early and can never be seen in the process of rising.

Palmy Days For Cats.

The palmy days for cats were in the times of Egypt's power as a nation, some 500 years B. C. They were held then as sacred as dogs or crocodiles, and death was the penalty for killing them. From their nocturnal habits and glossy fur, the Egyptians deemed them symbolical of the moon, and a golden cat was worshiped at Syene.—New York Sun.

Nantucket Ahead.

Claimants for priority are constantly getting into trouble by making statements founded on insufficient premises. Referring to the mention by a Boston paper that a lady candidate for overseer of the poor at Dedham was the first of her sex to aspire to that office, the Nantucket Inquirer says: "Nantucket elected a lady overseer a year ago—Mrs. Malinda S. Barney—and again in 1894 has re-elected the same lady and another—Mrs. Susan P. Jones. So Nantucket is a year ahead and proud of the step she took."

There was a winemakers' union in Rome B. C. 54. They had regular meetings at which they discussed the best methods of concentrating wine so as to reduce it to a sirup and finally to a solid cake, in which form it was often preserved for many years.

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