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Prince William Items

Mr. Arthur F. Woodyard has been appointed jailor, vice Mr. John T. Goodwin, resigned. Mr. Matthew Woodyard has taken the Roseberry property in the village vacated by Mr. Arthur F. Woodyard. Mr. Goodwin has moved into the "WHITE HOUSE" Hotel, and we learn he will open it sometime during the coming spring.

It is rumored that a ghost of a departed has been seen in this place, causing considerable commotion among some of our people. We have made some inquiries in regard to the matter but cannot get any particulars about its appearance.

A few nights since the cellar of John Johnson, shoemaker of this place was entered and one hundred and fifty pounds of bacon carried off. The thief was tracked in the snow as far as Thomas' Mill.

Christmas passed off quietly in Brentsville, there being but one drunken man seen on the streets, during the holidays, and he being a citizen of a neighboring village sometimes called "Stump Town".

We learn that another hotel is to be opened at Brentsville. If it is to be equal to that of Mr. J. B. Reid's, Brentsville will be able to boast of two excellent hotels.

The store of Messrs. Kincheloe & Lynn, at Independent Hill, was broken into a short time ago and robbed of a small amount of money.

The population of Brentsville has increased the past year; there having been seven births and only two deaths.

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Mr. John L. Davis residing "Below the Run" was thrown from his wagon this week by one of the wheels coming in contact with a tree, the front wheel passing over his head and the hind wheel passing over his breast. The escape from instant death was miraculous, inasmuch as the wagon had on it at the time about three thousand pounds. Although painfully injured, he is now out attending to his business.

One day this week while Judge C. E. Sinclair was absent from his office, which is in the "White House" Hotel at Brentsville, a burning stick of wood tolled, from the fire place against the washboard, which soon ignited; setting fire to the partition. When discovered, the fire was roaring up through the studding. About thirty buckets of water extinguished the flames.

The Kingsley M. E. Sabbath School was reorganized at Brentsville, on the 27th ulto. Rev. Wm. I. Bain was elected Superintendent.