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A Puzzled Dutchman.

A preacher who does not believe in immersion for baptism, was holding a protracted meeting, and one night discoursed the subject of baptism. In the course of his remarks he said, that some believed it necessary to go down into the water, and come up out of it, to be baptised.—But this he claimed to be fallacy, for the proposition "into" of the Scriptures should be rendered differently as it does not mean into at all times. Moses, he said, we are told, went up into the mountain, and the Saviour was taken up into a high mountain, &c. We don't suppose either went into a mountain, but unto it. So with going down into the water, it means simply going down close or near the water and being baptised in the ordinary way by sprinkling or pouring. He carried this idea out fully, and in due season closed his discourse, when an invitation was given for any one disposed, to rise and express his thoughts. Quite a number of his brethren arose and said they were glad they had been present on this occasion, that they were all well pleased with the sound sermon they had just heard, and felt their souls greatly blessed. Finally a corpulent gentleman of Teutonic extraction, a stranger to all, arose and broke the silence that was almost painful, as follows:

Mister Breacher, I ish so glad I vash here to night, for you has explained to my mind some dings dat I never could pelief before. Oh, I ish so glat *into* does not mean into, but shust close by or near to; for now I can pelief many dings yet I could not believe before. We reat, Mr. Breacher, dat Taniel vas cast into the den of lions, and came out alife. Now I never could pelief dat, for the wild beasts would shust have eat him right off; but now it is clear to my mind, he vas shust close py or near to, and did not get into the den at all. O, I ish so glat dat I was here to night. Again we reat dat de Hebrew children vas cast into a fiery furnace, and dat always looked like a big story too, for they would have been burnt up, but it is all blain to my mind now, for dey vast shust cast py, or close to the fiery furnace. O, I ish so glat dat I vas here to night. And then Mr. Breacher, it is said dat Jonah vast cast into the sea, and taken into the whale's pelly. Now I never could pelief that. It always seemed to me to be a big fish story, but it is all blain to me now. He vas not into the whale's pelly at all, but shust jumpt onto his back and rode ashore. O, I is so glat I vas here to night.

And now, Mr Breacher, if you will shust exblain two more passages of Scripture, I shall pe, oh so happy dat I vas here to night. One of dem is, vere it says the vicked shall pe cast into a lake dat purns mit fire and primstone always. Oh, Mr. Breacher, shall I pe cast into dat lake if I am wicked, or shust close py, or near to—shust near enough to pe comfortable. Oh! I hope you tell me I shall pe cast only shust py a good vays off. The other passage is dat vich says pleased are they who do dese commandments, dat very many have right to de tree of life, and enter in de gates of de City, and not shust close by or near to—shust near enough to see vat I have lost—and I shall pe so glat I vas here to night.

☞ A friend from Baltimore writes to us: "It will never do to let Mechanicstown stand still. You have got the Railroad—you want a Big Hotel—this and the New County of Catoctin you ought to have. Persevere and Baltimore will come to your assistance."

Mont Cenis Tunnel.

The greatest engineering work of the great century of engineering has at last been accomplished. The Mont Cenis tunnel is, perhaps, a more wonderful triumph of genius and perseverance than the Atlantic Telegraph or the Suez Canal. Its length is seven miles and three fifths, it is twenty-six feet and a quarter in width, and nineteen feet eight inches in height, and will carry a double line of rails from France, under the Alps, to Italy. The tunnel, which is of course unfinished as yet, has been cut by atmospheric machinery through solid rock, schist, limestone, and quartz, the air which moved the chisels escaping from its compression to supply the lungs of the workmen. The work has been fifteen years in progress, without reckoning the time spent in preliminary investigations; it has been carried on continuously from 1861 till now. The railway up the Sion valley will, before long, carry its passengers straight through from Fourneaux to Bardonneche, and it will be possible to go from Paris to Milan without climbing an Alpine pass, or even changing the railway carriage. So far as railway transit is concerned, there are therefore no more Alps. The great mountain-chain has been finally removed.—This immense work has been carried out under vast difficulties. There could be no shafts as in the short tunnels which pierce our little English hills, and all the *debris* had to be carried back to the entrance. It was begun at both ends, and the workmen who thus started, seven miles apart, with a mountain-chain between them, have met as accurately as though there had been but a hill to pierce. As a triumph of engineering skill, we must mark this work as one of the new wonders of the world.

A GOOD WOMAN.—A good woman never grows old. Years may go over her head, but if benevolence and virtue dwell in her heart, she is as cheerful as when the spring of life first opened to her view. When we look upon a good woman, we never think of her age—she looks as charming as when the rose of youth first bloom'd upon her cheek. That rose has not faded yet it will never fade. In her neighborhood she is the friend and benefactor, in the church the devout worshipper and exemplary Christian. Who does not love and respect the woman who has passed her days in acts of kindness and mercy—who has been the friend of God and man—whose whole life has been a scene of kindness and love, a devotion of love and religion? We repeat, such a woman cannot grow old. She will always be fresh and buoyant in spirits, and active in humble deeds of mercy and benevolence. If the young lady desires to retain the bloom and beauty of youth, let her not yield to the sway of fashion and folly; let her love truth and virtue, and to the close of life she will retain those feelings which now make life appear a garden of sweets ever fresh and new.

TAMING OF THE BRIDEGROOM.—Mr. Spillman had just married a second wife. On the day after their wedding Mr. S. remarked:

'I intend, Mrs. Spillman to enlarge my dairy.'

'You mean our dairy, my dear,' replied Mrs Spillman.

'No' quoth Mr. Spillman, 'I intend to enlarge my dairy.'

'Say our dairy Mr. Spillman.'

'No, my dairy.'

'Say our dairy, say our——,' screamed she, seizing the poker.

'My dairy!' my dairy!' yelled the husband.

'Our dairy! our dairy!' screeched the wife, emphasising each word with a blow on the back of her cringing spouse.

Mr. Spillman retreated under the bed. In passing under the bedcloths his hat was brushed off. He remained under cover for several minutes, waiting for a lull in the storm. At last his wife saw him thrusting his head out at the foot of the bed, much like a turtle from its shell.

'What are you looking for?' exclaimed the lady.

'I'm looking for our hat, my dear.'

Hon. George A. Pearre, of Allegany county, is a candidate for Associate Judge in the counties of Washington and Allegany. He is running as an "Independent Candidate," having been solicited by gentlemen of both political parties to suffer his name to go before the people for that office. His opponent is Col. George Schley, Democratic nominee, of Hagerstown.

Western Maryland Railroad.

Last week we gave the election of the new board of Directors and President for the current year of this road. To-day we present the Annual Report of President GEORGE M. BOKEE, showing the operations of the Company for the year past. It is matter of regret that there is not money enough left to complete the road from Hagerstown to Williamsport.

At the commencement of this administration the pay-rolls of the employees were some four months in arrears; they have been regularly paid up monthly for nearly a year past.—The second mortgage bonds of the company have risen about fifty per cent. in price in the same time, though yet non-interest paying.—The suspended and floating debts of the company have been reduced three-fifths, and the balance drawn into a definite condition, and can be estimated exactly. There is cash and equivalents on hand to an amount sufficient to pay all the regular open accounts, the bills payable, and a large part of the suspended debt of the company. There has been in the same time a considerable sum of coupon interest, while the bonded debt and overdue coupons are in a much more compact and satisfactory condition. And the general indications of increased prosperity, showing a gross revenue of $470,929.01, and expenditure of $422,647.18, and a net revenue of $48,281.83, being an increase of $63,001.41 over the preceding year, as set forth in the report of the superintendent, John T. Rigney, Esq., are matters of cordial congratulation.—While the increase in net revenue since the opening of the road to Mechanicstown has not fully met our anticipations, yet the evidences are sufficient to enable us to indulge the hope and expectation that the time is rapidly approaching when the Western Maryland railroad, necessarily enriching the country through which it passes, will satisfactorily compensate its stockholders and prove one of the most important aids to the prosperity and greatness of the city of Baltimore.

The reports of finance committee and engineer give full and detailed accounts of their operations. It is a matter of unanimous regret that alterations deemed necessary, excessive demands for right of way, and other causes have prevented the realization of sufficient means from the last endorsements of the city to complete the road beyond Hagerstown, thus leaving the extension to Williamsport unprovided for.

Heartily coinciding in the views advanced by the chief engineer in his interesting report with reference to the importance of Williamsport as a terminus of our road until its further extension to the coal fields can be accomplished, we respectfully urge the adoption of measures for the attainment of requisite means to insure the immediate commencement and early completion of that short and inexpensive, but necessary line, to enable us to transport the bituminous coal to tidewater at Canton.

Since our last annual report the work of construction has steadily progressed, enabling the company to extend the regular running of trains to Rocky Ridge on the 16th of November, 1870, to Mechanicstown on the 28th of December, 1870, and to Sabillasville on the 28th August, 1871. The substitution of a substantial bridge instead of contemplated trestling over Owings' creek, on section 16, necessitated considerable extra graduation and masonry, and delayed the completion to Sabillasville. Almost insurmountable difficulties have been overcome in the removal of the hard, solid copper rock encountered by the contractor in his progress through the rock cuts approaching Blue Ridge or Monterey Summit, but ere the day of your annual meeting the last obstruction will have yielded to the persevering energy of the laborer, and the track-layers will have passed through on their way over a completely graded roadbed to Pikesville or Waynesboro' Station, Smithsburg, Cavetown, Chewsville and Hagerstown, which latter place, under a continuance of God's blessings, can be reached by the close of the present year.

The graduation and masonry upon the Owings' Mills division, between Baltimore and Owing's Mills is rapidly and satisfactorily progressing, a large force of men being employed, particularly upon those portions which require the longest time for completion. An energetic contractor, Mr. John Donahue, is now actively engaged in grading the entire line of the Emmitsburg railroad from its junction with our road at Rocky Ridge to Emmitsburg, and hopes to complete his work within the present year.

The Frederick and Pennsylvania railroad is in operation from Hanover, Pennsylvania, to Taneytown, Maryland, leaving but a few miles of unfinished road from that place to its contemplated crossing of and connection with our road. On the south side a junction with us has been formed, and the track is being laid towards Woodsboro'and Frederick.—This road, when completed, will doubtless be an important feeder to the Western Maryland, and largely augment its revenue.

At the solicitation of citizens of Pikesville, Pennsylvania, we have established a station on section 26, and workmen are now engaged in the erection of a substantial warehouse for freight and suitable accommodations for passengers. Fully alive to the advantages to be derived from proper railroad facilities, the public-spirited citizens of that section of country are now constructing an excellent road, about one and a-half miles in length, ascending the mountain at easy grade, which will connect with the turnpike leading to Waynesboro', reducing the distance to less than five miles from that place to our station, and enable us to reap a large share of the substantial benefits from that rich and prosperous agricultural region, which has so long desired railroad communication with its natural market, the city of Baltimore.

Heads of departments and employees generally are deservedly entitled to much praise for the energy and care exercised in the performance of their various duties, as evidenced by the largely increased net revenue, regularity in running trains at increased rate of speed, close connections at the Relay House, and almost total freedom from accident.—Their capacity and fitness for railroad business cannot be excelled.

The administration meeting of the Emmitsburg District, favorable to the re-election of John Quincy Adams, as President of the United States, held at the house of John Black, on Saturday, the 28th of July, 1827, was presided over by George Troxell and Lewis Motter, as Chairmen, and Dr. Augustine Taney and Daniel Hoover were appointed Secretaries.

Messrs. Samuel Baumgartner, John Stewart, Jacob Troxell, Charles J. White, Jacob Troxell of John, and Thomas Hays, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Preamble and Resolutions, which were drawn up with some care and a good deal of ability. They denounced the course of the "Opposition," and deprecated the election of "Military Chieftains," as a curse upon the country. They implored the people to stand by their Civil Rulers, Adams and Clay, and not entrust the affairs of a great nation into the hands of a military conqueror—advised their countrymen to consult the histories of Greece and Rome and the ancient Republics;—and called upon them to beware how they followed the lead of a Great Captain, dazzled and bewildered by the glare of a blind and heedless devotion to mere military renown.

Resolved, That Daniel Hoover, Dr. Jefferson Shields, John Stewart, Joshua Motter, Charles J. White, Joseph Minnick, Joseph Baugher, William Row and Robert Flemming be a Committee of Correspondence.

The meeting was addressed in a speech of great power and vigor by James Nichols, Esq., who spoke with warmth and perspicuity and great animation. He beseeched his countrymen to beware of the tinsel glare and glitter of "Military Chieftains," or if power was placed in their hands—men of unbridled license—our country would go to ruin;—because following in the footsteps of Cæsar, Alexander, Cromwell and Bonaparte, they would plunge the nation into the abyss of unutterable woe.—Beware, beware, he said of the IDES of March.

Resolved, That the suggestion of nominating a ticket, favorable to Domestic Manufactures and Internal Improvements, Railroads and Canals, and the re-election of John Quincy Adams, meets the approbation of this meeting; and that George Troxell, Isaac Row, Michael Sluss, Isaac Baugher, Robert Annan, James Nichols, Frederick Rowe and William Biggs of Jacob, be a Committee to meet delegations from other Districts at Frederick, at such time, during the August Court, as may be thought most proper.

For the Catoctin Clarion.

The Universal Farce Displayed.

BY WILLIAM BIGGS.

The world is a Theatre. Mankind are the Commedians; chance composes the piece and fortune distributes the parts. Theologists and politicians govern the machine, and Philosophers are the spectators.—The rich take their places in the pit and upper boxes, the powerful in the front and sides; and the galleries are for the poor. The women distribute fruit and refreshments, and the unfortunate snuff the candles. Folly composes the Overture, and time draws the curtain. If the world will be deceived let it be so. The opening of the Farce begins with sighs and tears. The first act abounds with the chimerical projects of men. The frantic testify their applause with re-echoed bravos, while the sagacious bring their cat-calls into play to damn the performance. At going in a sort of money is paid called trouble, and in exchange a ticket is given, subscribed uneasiness, in order to obtain a place. The variety of objects which appear for a short time, divert the spectators, but the unravelling of the plot and intrigue, well or ill-concerted, force the visible muscles of the Philosophers. We see the giants who presently become pigmies and dwarfs, who imperceptibly attain a monstrous height. There we see men exerting all their efforts in the pursuit of the most eligible plant, guided by prudence and armed with precaution, who are nevertheless circumvented in all their pursuits, and frustrated in all their endeavors, whilst we here observe a group of indolent, careless fellows, who attain the highest mundane felicity. Such is the farce of this world, and he who chooses to divert himself with it, should take his place in an obscure corner, where he may be unobserved, be a spectator of the whole performance, and in safety at it, as it closes, when night and darkness surround the scene.

Near Mechanicstown, Oct. 22, '71.

Nomination for a Judgeship.

The Democratic Convention for the nomination of a candidate for the Judgeship of the 6th Judicial District (Frederick and Montgomery counties), assembled at Hyattstown, on Saturday, the 21st instant, and after sixty-six ballots, nominated the Hon. JOSEPH H. BRADLEY, of Montgomery county, as the candidate of the party at the ensuing election.

Mr Bradley was nominated on the 67th ballot, Messrs. James McSherry and H. Dorsey Waters voting with the Montgomery Delegates, which gave him 6 votes; while Messrs. Jas. C. Clarke, Outerbridge Horsey, Thos. H. O'Neal and Capt. J. N. Chiswell, 4, voted for Judge Maulsby.

☞ We advertised sometime ago for a "Thinking Philosopher" in Mechanicstown. In the person of Mr. William Biggs, who thinks the world "All a Farce," it is evident that we have found one.

It often happens when you are in a hurry and don't read your proofs carefully, that a wrong letter will slip in, and an error occur; just as Edward Everett, the great scholar, orator and statesman when he wrote rapidly, often mis-spelled very common words; for instance, in a hurry he wrote the word "Treasury" "tresury," and on being reminded by a friend of the fact, he pleasantly said that he had as good a right to coin a word as Webster; and having coined it, whenever he made a speech in Congress, in which the word was introduced, he pronounced it T-r-e-s-u-r-y. On one occasion during the Debate in 1824, on the Greek and Turkish war, when aid for the Greeks was solicited in this country, he pronounced the word as he had spelled it—T-r-e-s-u-r-y. This brought John Randolph to his feet.—"Mr. Speaker, the Greeks may require aid, but they will never get it out of the T-r-e-s-u-r-y." Emphasising the last word in his peculiar manner, as though it was a caricature of the English language. Mr. Everett smiled and Randolph took his seat.

Whenever we see an affected pilgarlic attempting to criticise an accidental typographical error in a newspaper, we feel half inclined to smile.

HAVE WE PARTED AND FOREVER?

To Miss M. L. H.

BY WM. BECKENBAUGH, JR.

Have we parted, and forever?
And must I always roam,
Away from those I love so dear;
About my childhood's home?

Have we parted, and forever?
From the days I've longed to see;
Is it true that we must sever
For all e-ter-ni-ty?

Have we parted, and forever?
I leave thee with regret,
In hopes that at some future day
We may be happy yet.

Have we parted, and forever?
If so, it is to be:
In such sad moments, may I ask,
Sometimes to think of me!

Have we parted, and forever?
I've been thinking of the past,
Yes, of those happy moments love,
By far too sweet to last.

Have we parted, and forever?
Although I'm doomed to roam,
There never dawns an hour
But my heart doth seek its home.

Fare-thee-well, and if forever,
I shall always wish thee well;
To think of thee, and dream of thee,
Farewell, sweet girl, farewell!

CITY HOTEL,

FREDERICK CITY, MARYLAND.,

F. B. CARLIN, Proprietor.

THIS popular and well known Hotel, having been thorougly renovated, offers many advantages to the travelling public. The exterior of the Hotel, which is now four stories, presents a beautiful appearance, and will compare favorably with any structure of the kind in the State. The entire arrangements of the Hotel are in keeping with its outward appearance, and is supplied with every modern improvement and convenience, and has been newly furnished throughout at a very heavy cost. No pains or expenses will be omitted to promote the comfort of guests.

The enviable reputation the Hotel has acquired since the undersigned has taken charge of it, furnishes the most satisfactory evidence of his ability to please all who may favor him with their patronage.

There is attached to the Hotel a spacious Billiard Room, newly fitted up, a Barber Shop, Bath House, &c.

Attentive and polite servants will always be in attendance to wait upon guests during the day or at any hour of the night.

Respectfully,

FRANK B. CARLIN,

apl 15-1y Proprietor.

☞ Persons who visited the Frederick Fair say it was a superb exhibition of agricultural and home productions, in every respect, doing credit to all parties concerned. The Carnival, Fancy Ball, Horace Greeley's address, and the elegant ball on Friday night were especially attractive. The Frederick Hotels and Restaurants reaped a harvest of greenbacks.

Hon. ROBERT T. BANKS, ex-Mayor of Baltimore, has been chosen President of the W. M. R. R. He is reported to be a very energetic gentleman, well qualified for the position. As he receives a pretty good salary, $6,000 per annum, we suppose he will "push things," not only to complete the road to Hagerstown, but to extend it to the coal fields of Allegany, and finish it from Owings' Mills to Baltimore.

The Chicago *Tribune* gave the discouraged people of that devoted place their first CLARION words of hope and victory over misfortune. Example is always effective. There is magnetism in heroic action, though it comes from the heart of a smouldering city. Who can say how much renewed vitality these first words gave the disheartened city.

☞ The amount for the relief of the sufferers by the Chicago fire has reached ten millions of dollars thus far subscribed in various parts of the globe.

The Secret Ballot.

The Constitution of this State provides that every freeman shall vote his sentiments through the agency of the secret ballot, with none to make him afraid. Election day is the freeman's jubilee. In depositing his vote every citizen discharges a duty he owes to his country. This duty he should exercise in a calm and independent manner, without fear or molestation.

☞ Coffee has taken a decided rise. The coffee crop of Hayti, which is now being gathered, is unusually large.