

THE CLARION.

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THE PASSIVE POLICY.—The Missouri Republican publishes a list of forty-nine newspapers in that State, which favors the policy of making no democratic nominations for the Presidency and Vice Presidency in 1872. This scheme has certainly attained much prominence before the public, come of it what may.

Occasional rumors come up from Ohio of combinations, some already made and others in progress, to defeat the re-election of Mr. Sherman to the United States Senate, at the next meeting of the General Assembly of that State.

Hon. C. L. Vallandigham's estate settles up worth over \$100,000 which goes to his son Charles, who is now in New Lisbon, Ohio, on a visit to his relatives.

We believe it is generally conceded, says an Eastern shore correspondent, that the Hon. GEORGE VICKERS, of Kent county, will be re-elected to the United States Senate. All intimations that Gov. Pinkney Whyte desires to supplant him are premature and destitute of all foundation in fact.

Frank Blair tells the Editor of the Missouri Republican "that in the South the negroes steal *ad libitum*." Perhaps they do; but we think they prefer to steal hams, chickens, and other delicacies of the season. They want swallow Latin dictionaries.

Alexander Von Humboldt, of Prussia, was the first to propose a system of storm indicators.

The Hon. Jacob D. Cox, of Ohio, late Governor of that State, and Secretary of the Interior under President Grant, arrived in Frederick on last Monday, and was the guest of B. E. M. Hurley, Esq. He left in the evening train for the West. Mr. Cox is prominently spoken of as a candidate for U. S. Senator for Ohio.

The Rt. Rev. Peter Welle, senior Bishop of the Moravian church, died at Bethlehem, Pa., on the 14th of November, in his 80th year. Bishop Welle was an eloquent preacher and an able scholar, and a thorough musician. He reviewed and rearranged the hymn tunes now in use in the church by the direction of the Synod. He was the eldest Bishop of the entire denomination.

Bishop Welle preached in Graceham several years ago.

Frank Blair having declared that "this time we must have a naked issue," a cotemporary wants to know if the Nude Departure will not answer.

Hon. George Parker, a prominent democrat of Iowa, has published a card on what he knows about it, and says that if the democrats expect to resurrect its principles and succeed in 1872, they must abandon the old organization and become the integral of a new party.

No stone marks the resting place of Thaddeus Stevens, who died nearly three years since, leaving a considerable property to heirs who are not his descendants.

Barnes Greeley, brother to Horace, is a successful farmer in Pennsylvania.

A Convention to organize a National Labor party meets in Washington City, December 5th, to prepare a Platform, issue an address and also to nominate candidates for the Forty-third Congress, and for President and Vice President.

THE POPE AND ROME.—A distinguished Cardinal authorizes the London correspondent of the New York World, (so says the wayward scribe,) to contradict the reports in circulation relative to the Pope's intention of leaving Rome. Unless the Holy Father be driven out by physical force or personal violence, he intends to remain where he is.

The Utica (New York) Observer has appeared in mourning for the defeat of the democratic party.

There is a preacher in Wheeling named Teague. He better not come this way.

LONDON, Nov. 28, noon.—The journals this morning reflected the uneasiness which is concealed by no one with regard to the condition of the Prince of Wales. Some grave rumors were represented to be current at Windsor that his royal highness was worse, and that much alarm was felt at the castle; this, coupled with the announcement that the Queen would probably remain all day to day at the residence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, strengthened the impression that crisis in the fever was at hand and the danger the greatest, but the latest bulletin of the prince's physicians, issued since the appearance of the morning papers, is unexpectedly reassuring, and tends to relieve the anxiety caused by the newspaper reports. It states that the prince was able to sleep during the night, and that the fever is lessening. It is announced, that the illness of the Princess Alexandra is not serious. The Court Circular announces that the Queen yesterday gave audience to Sir Edward Thornton, minister to the United States.

MRS. SICKLES.—Miss Creak, (pronounced Cra-ak,) the lady to whom Gen. D. E. Sickles was married on Monday, in Madrid, it is stated is twenty-two years of age. She was born in Spain, speaks English very imperfectly, and is represented as very beautiful and accomplished, but not wealthy. Her father is assistant treasurer of the Province of Andalusia. The family is of Irish descent, has long been settled in Spain, and occupies an enviable social position. Miss Creak was an intimate friend of General Sickles's daughter, and accompanied her as companion in a recent tour in Europe.

WESTERN MARYLAND R. R.

The Baltimore correspondent of the Maryland Republican, published at Annapolis, says:—
"There is scarcely a doubt that the road will be completed to Hagerstown in four or five weeks. To go beyond that will, undoubtedly, require more money than is now available.—The ultimate destiny of this work is to the Cumberland coal-fields. It is also a necessity it should be speedily finished to Williamsport, and have the short portion from Baltimore to Owings' Mills built, so as to make it an independent line.
The vast income of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, as shown by the annual statement recently made, of over twelve million and a half for the year, puts this great work upon a parallel with any other in the country. It shows skillful management of a high character under President Garrett's direction. He certainly ranks first among the great railroad-men of the United States. There need scarcely be limit to the emoluments of this stupendous enterprise under such astute, careful attention. Its iron arms are now branching out in every direction, developing the commerce, agricultural and mineral wealth of the nation to an amazing extent."

VEILS.—In Southern Italy veils very generally replace bonnets, and it is well known that at the grand ceremonies of the Sistine Chapel (Rome) no ladies can be admitted unless attired in black, without bonnets but with veils. No exception is made for rank—queens and princesses have to conform to the etiquette enforced by the Holy Father. I have often seen the beautiful ex-Queen of Naples in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's arrayed in black velvet or pink, according to the season, with the graceful Spanish mantilla of black lace forming a Marine Stuart *coiffure* upon her head, and falling over her shoulders.

Inasmuch as the SATURDAY NIGHT is the only paper in Baltimore that has possessed sufficient political astuteness to recommend to the bewildered Democracy the propriety of nominating Gov. WHYTE as the candidate for the next Presidency, some of our practical and money making admirers insist that the Governor ought to constitute our paper his official organ. We decline the honor and the profit in advance. It is about as much as we can do to grind our own organ. And, besides, we think the *American* is entitled to the position; because the Governor has advertised it as the 'only live newspaper in Baltimore.'

The trial of Mrs. Wharton for the murder of Gen. Ketchum, and attempted poisoning of young Van Ness, commenced at Annapolis, on Monday 4th December inst. Hon. A. K. Sykes, our newly elected Attorney General, has, we learn, been called to assist the prosecution.

In the United States District Court at Baltimore, last week, the case of John W. Field, colored, against the Baltimore City Passenger Railway, the plaintiff recovered \$40 damages. In consequence of this decision negroes are now admitted into all the street cars in the city. Field had been ejected on account of his color.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, at Portsmouth, N. H., was burned Sunday night, together with the residence of Father Walsh, it is supposed, by incendiaries. Loss \$29,000; insurance \$12,600.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Rev. A. J. Hesson, formerly from near this place, but more recently from Topeka, Kansas, preached a "trial sermon" in the Trinity Lutheran Church at Hagerstown, on last Sunday.

Mr. George Devillbiss, mouth of Owings' Creek, where it empties into the Monocacy, has raised a drove of 85 fat turkeys this year.

VARIOLOID.—We learn that a case of varioloid has occurred a few miles from near this place. To guard against the ravages of the small pox, all the students at Mt. St. Mary's College have been vaccinated or inoculated. All others of our citizens should do likewise.

The new Board of County Commissioners will meet at the Court House, in Frederick, on next Monday, for the purpose of organizing, and transacting county business generally.

Mr. Robert Lease, Sheriff elect of this County, has appointed Mr. Michael Bromett, his Clerk and Chief Deputy.

December, the stern winter month of 1871, has been ushered into existence.

The crop of turnips, beets, cabbages, potatoes, etc., has been plentiful this year, and our citizens have an abundance to last them until another year.

ACCIDENT.—About two weeks ago, Mrs. Alice Columbia, wife of Francis J. Tresler, residing near Sabillasville, while engaged with her husband in threshing some wheat with a threshing machine, her clothes caught in the wheel, and were torn off her back into threads and patches, but fortunately she escaped bodily injury.—Mrs. Tresler is an active woman and her great presence of mind saved her from being drawn into the meshes of the machine.

We are indebted to Miss Regina Welty, of Cherry Grove, for a basket of splendid apples—finest kind of winter green pippins, sweet and juicy.

DRIVES OF TURKEYS.—About the years 1823, '24, '25 and '26, it was quite common in the winter season, just before Christmas, for farmers residing in Westmoreland, Somerset, Bedford and some other of the Western counties of Pennsylvania, to drive drives of Turkeys to Washington City for Congressional dine-upon.

Mr. CHARLES A. DAMUTH had a great time last Tuesday in killing turkeys, picking and cleaning them for the Baltimore market. On the day before Thanksgiving Thursday some 300 or 400 neatly dressed turkeys were shipped down the Railroad.

The Knights of Pythias of this place are increasing in numbers.—Ditto the Good Templars.

If you would sustain and endow temples erected to the glory and edification of Christian people, and the sanction of the Divine Benignity, GO TO THE FAIR!

If you wish to see Mechanistown grow, flourish and prosper, GO TO THE FAIR!

If you wish to see population brought to the mountain village—"sweet Auburn" loveliest village of the mountain side," GO TO THE FAIR!

If you wish to do good, and have the approval of a good conscience, GO TO THE FAIR!

Mr. David G. Crise, of Frederick City, who was burned out just previous to the election, has opened a fine assortment of Groceries, at his old stand South Market street, a few doors below Patrick street.

David F. Smith, of the "Temple of Fancy," Market street, opposite the First National Bank, Frederick, Md., keeps on hand a full assortment of everything in the Fancy, Newspaper and Notion Line. He sells cheap, and his articles are of the first quality.

WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD.—The board of directors of the Western Maryland railroad yesterday elected Mr. Robert Hooper secretary and treasurer, in place of Mr. D. Preston Parr, and re-elected the following officers: Richard B. Osborne, chief engineer; John T. Rigney, general superintendent; Wm. H. Jordan, ticket and freight agent; R. V. Dahoney, master of machinery, and A. E. Smyrk, supervisor of road.—*Baltimore Sun*.

It takes a good deal of money, time and patience to build Railroads.

FLOUR.—A considerable amount of flour is now being shipped from the neighborhood of Waynesboro' and Greencastle over the W. M. R. R. to Baltimore city.

The sale of the personal property of John T. Peddicord, near Mt. St. Mary's College, takes place next Monday, December 4, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

HOGS.—Last Monday 55 hogs were killed at Mt. St. Mary's College, and the same day 40 were killed at St. Joseph's, near Emmitsburg—weight from 200 to 275 pounds each.

Franklin Mills are again in full blast. See advertisement.

Thanksgiving Day was partially observed in Mechanistown. The day was cold. The Rev. J. Summers, of the Lutheran Church, preached during the day.

The Approaching Fair at Mechanistown.

As many of our readers already know, it is proposed by the Ladies on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th December, instant, to hold a FAIR and COLLATION, to aid in building a Protestant Episcopal Chapel, in Gilds' Hall, opposite Gilbert's Hotel, where those who have a weakness for turkey, oysters, ice cream, and other good things, as well as those who love Music, and have an eye for Fancy Articles, and those who wish to buy nice and cheap Christmas Presents, for the dear ones at home, especially the dear little ones, will have an opportunity of gratifying their tastes, at most moderate prices. Towards the conclusion of this rich entertainment, it is proposed on Friday and Saturday evenings, to introduce a series of beautiful Tableaux, in which the young people of Mechanistown, Catoctin Furnace and vicinities, will be assisted by those talented in this specialty from Frederick city and Baltimore. Fair open all hours of the day. Remember the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th insts. The committee will be obliged for any aid as well in presents of butter, eggs, &c. &c., as in assistance rendered in dressing and festooning the Hall on Monday and Tuesday, the 4th and 5th instants.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
Westminster, Hagerstown, Frederick and Baltimore papers will oblige the ladies by copying.

An experience meeting was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church last Wednesday evening.

Rev. Thomas J. Cross of the M. E. Church, preached in Emmitsburg on Thanksgiving Day.

Wanted—in Mechanistown—more Lamps—more light!

Last Wednesday was stinging cold all day.

Poultry is lively about these days.

Remember the Printer. Don't be bashful.

We hear the pigs squeal. Now is the time for puddings and sausages. Send them in.

Snow squalls and high winds are ubiquitous these stormy mornings and nights.

Philosophers say snow and marriages come together. We shall keep a sharp lookout for both.

The price of pork seems to be receding in the West, at Baltimore and Frederick. In Emmitsburg the price set for it by the farmers is 50 per hundred. The ruling rate in Mechanistown is from 40 to 57.

A muskrat popped his head out of the water in Kautzer's spring branch stream running through the town.—We guess this cold weather it will pop its head in again for more comfortable quarters.

The farmers about Rocky Ridge are unusually busy just now in forwarding their poultry and farming products to market.

The sale of the personal property of James P. Horbaugh, near this place, on the 29th November, was well attended. Mr. J. B. Kunkel purchased the Hay at \$21 per ton; Mr. John W. Sefton bought the pair of mules for \$450—cheap; Mr. Charles A. Damuth purchased the horse for \$140. Other articles sold at corresponding rates.

SHERIFF'S SHERIFFS.—Robert Lease, Sheriff of this county, has given bail in the sum of \$25,000. His sureties are: D. H. Rountzahn, Reuben Stevens, Amos Lease and Reuben Sheldenhelm.

BALANCE OF POWER.—The two political parties of this county, after next Monday will be about evenly balanced in regard to political power in this county for the next two years. The Democrats have the Governor and other State officers; Clerk of the County Court; Register of Wills; Officers of Registration, Justices of the Peace and School Commissioners.—The Republicans will have the Sheriff and Judges of the Orphans' Court; County Commissioners; County Collector; Constables, Election Judges, Road Supervisors, Keeper of the Montevue Hospital, etc. The Republicans also have the Senator and 5 Representatives to the House of Delegates; but their influence at Annapolis will be nullified by the overwhelming Democratic majority.

But then the Republicans have the Federal patronage also, which gives them a slight advantage.

A SUGGESTION.—Winter is coming and for the good of old bachelors and old maid, we suggest matrimony. Think over it ye old forgetful and remorseless blanks, and try to agree together. Any good minister of Frederick county will put you under one set of blankets for a five dollar green-back, or three dollars in silver or gold.

CELESTIAL.—The planet Venus, now the morning star, is unusually brilliant at this time. Preceding the dawn by a few hours, she sheds a light almost equal to the crescent moon, and lends additional glory to the morning.

LEWIS CRAWFORD, Esq., of Sabillasville, Haver's District, it is thought will be chosen President of the Board of County Commissioners, at their session next Monday—he having occupied the position of a Commissioner for six years.

HOOPPOLES.—Mr. David Bahman, of Haver's District, shipped a carload of hooppoles to Mr. Mordecai McKinstry, of McKinstry's Mills, Sam's creek, this week.

DEATHS.—We are called upon to record the death of two of the oldest citizens of Mechanistown and Creagerstown Districts.

On Friday, the 24th of November, Mr. Greenberry Ridge, residing about two miles from Creagerstown, on Hunting Creek, departed this transitory life lacking eight days of being 85 years of age. Mr. Ridge was born within the vicinity of his death, and was well and favorably known for his many estimable qualities. The mother of Mr. Ridge was a sister of the late Capt. Valentine Creager of the "Flying Camp" Regiment of the Revolutionary War of '76; and many incidents of those heroic days were detailed to her son Greenberry, of which he retained a vivid recollection up to a few weeks preceding his death; and in the relation of which he took a patriotic pride. Mr. Ridge was a truly good man; often went security for his neighbors, and lost a good deal of money by his generous and obliging disposition.—He was kind and affectionate to all. In his death one of the remaining links which connected his name with the old traditions of the District and County is severed;—he was the contemporary of Nicholas Holtz, John Null, Michael Zimmerman, William B. Head, Col. Jacob Cramer, Thomas Brawner and all the residents of the "old school" on Hunting creek. He was a member of Capt. Baker Johnson's troop of horse in the war of 1812, and his heart beat responsive to love of country and the noble appellation of an American citizen. His funeral took place last Sunday, when he was interred in the Lutheran burial ground at Utica, the resting place of his ancestors and friends. The course which followed his remains to the grave was very large. The Rev. J. Summers improved the occasion by an eloquent panegyric upon the virtues of the deceased.

Mr. Jacob Germond, for many years a resident of Graceham died last Sunday, the 26th of November, aged 74 years and 6 months. He was an estimable and upright citizen. The Rev. Jesse S. Blickensderfer, of the Moravian Church, preached the funeral sermon. Deceased was the father of 10 children, most of whom are still living. His remains were interred in the Moravian Cemetery at Graceham, on last Tuesday.

REVIVAL.—A religious revival is going on in the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place.

THE ORPHANS' COURT.—The members of the newly elected Court, Messrs. Howard G. Maynard, William J. Black and George W. Duddar will meet at the Court House in Frederick next Monday and take their seats. Gov. Bowie has commissioned Mr. Maynard as Chief Judge of the Court.

Thanksgiving Day is over, and the Christmas Holidays and New Year's Holidays will soon be here.—The indications of the joyful advent of these old time festivities are to be seen on every hand. Everyday something new and fresh is announced for sale. The boys and girls are busy with their well filled bags of chestnuts and shellbarks and bushels of walnuts stored away. Toys and trinkets are coming into fashion again; and "Santa Claus" is busy preparing his annual budget and making his round with merry-making and the distribution of good things.

THE TABLEAUX.—We understand that the Tableaux feature of the Chapel Fair to take place next week, will possess many points of attraction which will be both amusing and instructive. Some distinguished artists from abroad will appear on the stage of action.

Dr. T. C. Sweeney informs us that there is no truth in the report that the varioloid is prevailing at or near the College. As a precautionary measure, however, he vaccinated some 300 persons at the College and vicinity.

CORRECTION.—A correspondent, writing from Beaver Dam, says that it is not old maids who raise the largest and most turkeys. It is the young farmers' wife, who rises early, takes care of the flock, watches the foxes, hawks and crows from "gobbling" up the young ones, and prepares a roost where the grasshopper destroys roost high. An old maid counting the young gobblers—Fiddlesticks. An old maid can't raise turkeys.

The Rev. Mr. Fletcher, a Lutheran clergyman from Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, has been preaching for several weeks past at Creagerstown, Mechanistown and neighboring churches.—He has created quite a furore in church circles.

COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS.—The following table of figures, taken from the books of the County Commissioners, shows what the entire indebtedness of this county will amount to after January, 1872:

Bounty Bonds to individuals	\$61,800
" " Banks	45,000
Court House Bonds	6,600
Alms-house	90,000
	\$213,400

[Frederick Examiner.]

DECEMBER COURT.—The December term of the Circuit Court, which is a non-jury term, commences on Monday of week next, the 11th instant.

Go to the Fair!

THE EPISCOPAL CHAPEL FAIR.—The Fair for the Episcopal Chapel of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which will be held on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th instants, in Gilds' new building in this place, promises to be a very interesting and useful affair.

The ladies who have charge of the undertaking have been zealous in their endeavors to make it a great success. A chapel, small, neat and imposing, is required in this town.—Its erection will induce a number of families and visitors to locate among us in the summer season, when the weather is warm and good water can be had in abundance. The ladies have procured and will exhibit at the Fair a fine assortment of fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. They will also have ice cream, confections of all kinds, oysters cooked in every style, turkeys, ducks, geese, wild fowl, bread, butter, ham and eggs, buckwheat cakes and honey, nuts, raisins, etc., apples, fruit, in fact everything nice and excellent; hot coffee, tea, chocolate and all the ecceteras for a lunch or first rate dinner or supper. The room will be fitted up with evergreens, and wreaths and rosettes, and tastefully arranged to please the eye and gratify the taste. A Band of Music will be present in the evening to regale the lovers of the "concord of sweet sounds," and the most perfect order and decorum will be observed.

The object of the Fair, so highly creditable, will appeal to the liberality of the community to sustain it. It has the sanction of Bishop Whittingham and Assistant Bishop Pinkney of the Diocese of Maryland, and from Baltimore, Frederick and other places aid is expected. Mechanistown and vicinity should not lag behind in manifesting a degree of liberality on the occasion.

To one and all, we say go to the Fair! go to the Fair! go to the Fair!

THE BULLY HOG.—William Hauver, of Catoctin District, has raised the Bully Hog of Frederick County this year. His Westphalia porker weighs 625 pounds.

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY.—Mrs. Richard W. Simpson has sold her property in town to Mr. Abner C. Devillbiss, for the sum of \$1,800.

Mr. Elias E. Rohrer has sold his property to Mrs. Jane Devillbiss, for \$2,000.—*Liberty Banner*.

DR. McCARTHY.—The venerable Dr. John McCarty, President of Mt. St. Mary's College, passed up through this place on last Tuesday evening, from a visit to Philadelphia and New York. Dr. McCarty has been so long and favorably known for the last half century to the people of Emmitsburg, and we may say to many portions of the Union and Europe, that anything we might say of his scholarly and poetical attainments would be regarded as superfluous. The Institution over which he has presided for the last 33 years, with such eminent success, stands among the foremost colleges of the country as a seat of learning; and we are gratified to know that it is in a very flourishing and prosperous condition.

A LONG SAUSAGE.—We understand that Mr. George A. Clem, residing near Utica Mills, in this county, who killed hogs last week, cleaned and stuffed a sausage measuring sixty-two feet in length. Mr. Clem calls this a "republican Sausage." We would like to try some of it.—*Examiner*.

THE EPISCOPAL CHAPEL FAIR to come off next week is engrossing general attention in this town and vicinity.

PREFERS.—We are indebted to Dr. T. C. Sweeney, of Emmitsburg District, for two large green pippin apples, of the Goldsborough variety.—These were grown in his young orchard of choice fruit.

THE MISSIONARY FIELD IN THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.—The Mission Station at Liberty Copper Mines, Mechanistown and Catoctin Furnace, Frederick county, Md., were visited on the 16th, 17th and 18th Nov. by the Right Rev. Wm. Pinkney, D. D., and the hearts of the good people of the Church in that section were gladdened as well by the presence of the Bishop as by his earnest, able and clear gospel sermons. The class presented for confirmation by Rev. James B. Avirett, Rector, numbered ten persons, most of them heads of families. It is hoped that the effort to build a missionary chapel at Mechanistown through a Fair to be held there on the evenings of the 6th, 7th and 8th of December, will be strongly seconded by substantial contributions either of money or articles, sent by express to Mrs. J. Baker Kunkel, Mrs. Wm. S. McPherson or Mrs. James B. Avirett, Mechanistown, or Catoctin Furnace, Md.—*Baltimore Gazette*.

THE OLD SOLDIERS.—We are gratified to learn from William Beam, Esq., of Frederick, the old soldiers' friend and Pension Agent, that in addition to Messrs. Vernon and Carmack, as mentioned last week, the following veterans of the war of 1812, have also received their Pension from the National Government: Frederick Hawman, Jacob Hollar, Mary Stoner, Henry Shryock, Solomon Fitter, Peter Byrode, Leonard Moser, George Shaw-baker, Peter Cline, Frederick Cline and William Beam. We suppose our venerable friend, George Stokes, will come next.