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Primary Meetings—Attention Democrats.

The Democratic voters of Carroll county are hereby requested to assemble in their respective election districts, at the usual places of meeting, on *Saturday, July 3d*, at 2 o'clk. p. m. to select Five Delegates from each District, to meet in County Convention, on *Monday, July 12th*, at the Court House, in Westminster, at 10 o'clock a. m., to choose Five Delegates to represent Carroll county in the State Convention, which assembles in Baltimore, on *Wednesday, July 21st*, to select candidates for Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and Attorney General. By order

RICHARD MANNING, Chairman
County Central Committee.

A New Party.

An old party by a new name, perhaps, would be a better caption. Sporadic efforts are being made to organize the old Dark Lantern or Know Nothing Party, in New York, Baltimore, Cincinnati, and San Francisco. It will be composed of the old material, the old enemies of Democracy, who have assumed so many aliases in the past. The hide-bound zealots, the men of narrow views and illiberal and proscriptive principles and purposes, will rush into it. Black Republicanism is dead, and it is high time, now, to try something else, and what more convenient than this attempted cohesion and crystallization of the old elements under a new name, to be called the "People's Party" or by some other ad captandum title. But the old tricks will deceive no one; they are too well understood. The *American* makes the following mention of the Baltimore movement. It will take some time yet for the constituent elements to unite under one name and formula of principles. When it is done, it will prove to be the old Know Nothing Party, pure and simple, revived but to meet a speedier and more sure and certain fate than its predecessor:

THE NEW PARTY—WAR UPON THE CATHOLICS.—There has been a movement on foot in this city for some time past looking to the organization of a new party. Meetings are being held weekly in various wards, and it is said that a large number of persons have already joined. As these meetings are held with closed doors, and the deliberations carried on with the greatest secrecy, but little is known of the real objects of the movement. One of these assemblages was held last night at Lehmann's Hall, North Howard street, those present being from the Eleventh and Twelfth wards. There were about one hundred in attendance. No one was admitted unless he could be vouched for, the doorkeeper refusing to allow any one to pass if not known to be a member of the new party or friendly to its interests. A reporter of the *American* visited the hall, but was denied entrance, the promoters of the movement not wishing to have anything published about it at present. While standing at the door the reporter got into conversation with an individual who said that he was one of the new party, and had joined it some six months ago. He said that it was first started in the First, Second and Third wards about New Year's and had been spreading ever since. There was a regular initiation gone through with every new member, who was obliged to subscribe to a solemn oath. He was not willing to disclose what the principles of the party were, but he would say that the main feature was opposition to Roman Catholics. He did not think that any man could be a Catholic and at the same time a good citizen. This was the opinion of the new party, and no Catholic could affiliate with it, for the simple reason that he would find it impossible to comply with the obligations imposed. The organization, of which he was a member, was convinced that nothing good could proceed from Romanism. He claimed that there was an undue preponderance of Irish Catholics filling the public offices in this city, and that the Catholic interest wielded a great influence at present. It was the aim of the new party to exclude all Catholics from office, and to put none but Americans in positions in the gift of the people. He admitted that the new organization was somewhat similar to that of the Know-Nothing or American party, but was more likely to prove a permanent success. This concluded the interview.

During the progress of the meeting several very animated speeches were made by a number of the participants. The views enunciated evidently met with the unqualified approval of those in the hall, as was plainly evinced by the frequent interruptions of applause. The meeting adjourned at half-past ten, when the reporter learned from one of those who had been inside that forty new members had been initiated and enrolled during the evening. Men of all shades of political opinion were received into the new party, he said, and the accessions to it during the past few weeks had been very large.—*Baltimore American.*

From the *Baltimorean* of Saturday last, we take the following:

FOR COMPTROLLER.—Dr. S. R. Waters, of Carroll county, has been favorably named for Comptroller. He received in his youth a thorough business training in Montgomery, his native county, and in Baltimore city. He was a student under the late Professor Dunbar, and is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He has been a successful physician in Carroll for twenty years. Devoted to the principles of the Democratic party, he has always taken an active interest in its cause.

He was a member of the last House of Delegates, and made a good record. He was thoroughly identified with the interests of the workingmen of the City and State, and was a most valuable and efficient member. A gentleman of business training and experience, of culture and ability, and universally esteemed, he is well qualified for the position of Comptroller.

In this connection, we should state that the Western Shore has not had a Comptroller for about fifteen years. The present incumbent, from the Eastern Shore, has filled the position for six years and is again an aspirant. Under the circumstances, the Western Shore is entitled, and Dr. Waters will receive the hearty support of the people of that section. It is believed, moreover, his nomination will gratify, not only Western Maryland, but his numerous friends on the Eastern Shore and in BALTIMORE.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.—The Democratic convention of Frederick county met on Monday, and selected as delegates to the State convention Hon. John Ritchie, Francis Brengle, L. Victor Baughman, Col. George R. Dennis, Joshua Biggs and Joseph A. Gernand. They favor the nomination of Hon. Wm. T. Hamilton for Governor.

Cecil county held its convention on Tuesday, and elected William M. Knight, F. S. Everist, Clinton McCullough and Dr. Joseph V. Wallace as delegates. They are favorable to the nomination of Hon. James B. Groome, the present incumbent.

Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland are happy over a peach crop estimated at 10,000,000 baskets. Arrangements have been made to ship a portion of the crop to Western Pennsylvania, Northern New York, Boston and Montreal. Buyers are paying from 35 to 60 cents per basket, and it is thought the crop will realize over $4,000,000.

That toothless old tiger, Wendell Phillips, advocates a third term for Grant on sectional issues, claiming mixed schools under a Civil Rights Law amendment.

Hon. Lloyd Lowndes, of Cumberland, and Hon. Edwin Webster, of Harford county, are spoken of as the Republican candidates for Governor in this State.

Grant and the Black Hills.

Shortly after Gen. Custar's report of his expedition to the Black Hills and of the richness of the gold deposits in that region, it will be remembered that a counter report was started in the papers giving Lieut. Fred Grant as authority for the statement that there was little or no gold there, or that accounts of gold in the Black Hills had been greatly exaggerated. Suspicion at once was felt that Lieut. Fred was playing a sly game at finesse, and that he knew more of the auriferous qualities of the Black Hills than he wished to be made public. These suspicions have been partly confirmed, if the following, which we copy from the *New York Sun*, be true:

The aid and comfort given by President Grant to the efforts to dishonor the national name by violating faith with the Sioux and compelling them to give up their country to the whites, in disregard of treaty stipulations, find explanation in the rumor, generally accepted as true, that his hopeful son Fred is interested with the Ring of land grabbers, who hope to make money out of the country's dishonor. The people have often had occasion to admire the enterprise of the President in finding opportunities for enriching his kindred, even of the remotest degrees of consanguinity, at the public expense; and a man who would do what he has done for second cousins and brothers-in-law, would naturally strain a point to benefit his oldest son and heir apparent. Besides, it should be remembered what sacrifices the promising youth has made in being supported at West Point for several years, making the tour of Europe at the public expense and accepting rapid promotion without doing a day's service with his regiment as the army regulations required he should do. With such claims upon the public, it would certainly be the height of ingratitude for anybody to interfere with the consummation of Fred's speculative projects, even if they should entail an act of gross injustice to the Indians, and perhaps a savage warfare between the outraged red men and the whites.

The Beecher trial commenced on the 4th of January, and has been in progress just six months to-day. The case was given to the jury on Thursday of last week, and a verdict has not yet been rendered.

The jury in the Tilton-Beecher case were brought into Court on Thursday, and the foreman stated to the Judge that they could not agree; that they were hopelessly divided on a question of fact, and that they could not come any nearer an agreement if they remained out a month. It seems from Mr. Carpenter's statement that there is one persistent juror only who is not willing to abandon the hope of reaching a verdict. Judge Neilson was loth to discharge them. He called their attention to the importance of the case, and sent them back to their room, previously, however, instructing them that they were to pay no attention to the statements of Loader and Price. The jury retired and spent their eighth night in confinement last night. While these events were occurring in one court room the trial of Loader for perjury was in progress in another. The evidence shows that the false affidavit was obtained from Loader by Tilton's counsel, aided by Moulton, by whom it was drawn up. Mr. Beecher's counsel in the damage suit have requested that the jury be informed of the fact of the falsity of Loader and Price's statements, but Mr. Tilton's lawyers have declined to permit it to be communicated to them.

James Gordon Bennett, editor of the New York *Herald*, in connection with Lady Franklin and Capt. Allan Young, has fitted out a steamer to search for the north-west passage and relics of the Franklin expedition. The steamer, Pandora, is of 450 tons, and sailed from Portsmouth, England, on the 27th ultimo. She proceeds direct to Disco, Greenland. Esquimaux Joe is on board. Just before starting, Captain Young received a present of a splendid barometer from the Prince of Wales, who takes great interest in the expedition.

Ohio and Indiana may govern their local action as they please in reference to expansion. They cannot force their peculiar views upon the Democracy of other States. They will not attempt to introduce them into a national platform, and if they should they would be unceremoniously snubbed. Both parties in those States, occupy nearly similar ground on financial questions, and one cannot find fault with the other. Their local views cannot be engrafted upon a national declaration of principles, for the Democracy have always been in favor of specie payments and a readily convertible currency.

SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS.—The death rate of children in Baltimore is certainly alarming. For the week ending Saturday 26th ultimo, 110 children under 1 year died, between 1 and 2 years 23; between 2 and 5 years 11, total under 5 years 144. Of this number 74 died from cholera infantum, 16 from scarlet fever, and 14 from consumption of the lungs. The total number of deaths reported was 213, being 70 more than for the week previous.

THIRTY NINE YEARS OLD.—The Marlborough, Md. *Gazette*, published by Geo. W. Wilson & Son entered upon its 40th year on Thursday, and comes to us considerably enlarged. The senior editor started the paper in 1836, 39 years ago, since which time it has always maintained an excellent reputation. "Old Honesty" is as young to-day in feeling as he was then; may he live to celebrate the centennial of the *Gazette*.

It has been very appropriately suggested to erect in the Park on Federal Hill, Baltimore, Md. a monument to the memory of Francis S. Key, the author of the Star Spangled Banner. The Park overlooks Fort McHenry and the river, which was the scene of the bombardment during the last war with Great Britain. The remains of Mr. Key lie in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Md. with only a single marble slab to mark his grave.

TAXES.—The rate of taxation in Cecil county is 60 cents on the $100; in Talbot county a tax of 18 cents for public schools and 45 cents for county purposes, total 83 cents on the $100. The rate in Washington county is 65 cents on the $100. The rate in Montgomery county is $1 on the $100.

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.—Speculations abound in our Maryland exchanges upon the probabilities as to who will be the successful candidates before the approaching State Convention, for Governor, Controller and Attorney General, but throw no new light upon the subject.

We earnestly request the Secretaries of the Primary Meetings, held to-day, to send us a list of the Delegates appointed to attend the County Convention, as soon as possible.

Warfield T. Browning was expelled from the Baltimore City Council on Thursday, for receiving fees for services in having some claims allowed.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

THE FETE.—For some days past workmen have been engaged in arranging the Court House yard for the Fete which opens on Monday evening next. Over the main entrance there will be an arch lighted with two hundred gas jets, in the centre of which will be a transparency with an Eagle resting on a shield surrounded by 38 stars, with the legend "The Amphions," underneath on a scroll. Between the entrance and the Court House portico a fountain will be erected, in the centre of which will be a statue representing a gardner; over the door of the Court House will be placed a bust of Amphion, one of the ancient deities, who with his brother Zethus are reported to be the inventors of music. Gas pipes have been extended entirely around the yard which will light 150 jets, which, with chandeliers and hundreds of variegated Chinese lanterns will render the scene equal to anything that ever transpired in the Alhambra. In addition to the instrumental music furnished by the Amphions, five Brass Bands, viz:—Frizzellsburg, Mt. Pleasant, Manchester, Uniontown, and the National Grays, of this city, will be present. The choirs of the several churches will render some of the choicest National and other vocal music. Our citizens from all parts of the county are cordially invited to unite with us in this social reunion. Each evening there will be a pyrotechnic display. The water for the fountain will be obtained from the reservoir of the Taylor Manufacturing Company, who have generously offered the use of their hose and engine. The plumbing has been executed by P. Callaghan & Son, of this city.

HEAVY RAINS—KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—On Friday afternoon of last week portions of this county were visited by a heavy rain. On Morgan run it was very destructive, corn fields were badly washed, and two sheep belonging to Alexander Shipley were killed by lightning; in the vicinity of Linwood the storm was equally severe, gullies being washed in some of the fields; at York Road a telegraph pole was struck by lightning and completely shivered; at Union Bridge a telegraph pole was struck and knocked down, the electricity entered the telegraph office, melted the wires, and scorched the sleeve of Mr. A. L. Beard, the operator, who was very severely shocked. On Saturday evening there was a heavy rain in this vicinity, though a mile or so from this place no rain fell. Mr. Thomas Stevenson, near Orendorff's mill, lost a valuable mare by lightning, and two trees were struck on the farm of Jacob Zacharias, one of which took fire and burned until about noon on Sunday. On Monday evening another fine shower fell, which was also partial, there being no rain a short distance above this city. On Tuesday evening and night rain fell in sufficient quantity to wet the ground thoroughly. There was also a slight rain on Friday morning.

DOUBLE PIPE CREEK ITEMS.—The lightning rod on Mr. Josiah Eyler's new and commodious barn, built last year, was struck by lightning during the thunder storm which passed over here last Saturday. The entire charge was carried off by the rod without any damage.

Mr. Hiram Fogle is doing wonders in the way of catching white suckers and mullets in his net. Last Saturday morning he had 59 in his net, 30 of which measured fifteen inches and upward in length. On Monday morning he had 39, and thinking your correspondent ought to have a little brain food, sent him a string of a dozen of large fellows, averaging one foot in length. At this season these fish are very fine eating.

Mr. D. R. Sayler commenced harvesting on Saturday, the 26th, and by the time this reaches your readers, harvest hereabouts will be general; some of the wheat here is badly lodged. Rev. Mr. Sayler has some of the worst lodged wheat I ever saw. Mr. Kolb, his farmer, will have his patience tried by the time he has done his harvesting, this being his first crop he will at once learn what harvest on Double Pipe Creek lands is.

ORPHANS' COURT.—Adam Shower, Esq., Chief Judge; Isaac C. Baile and L. P. Slingluff, Esqrs., Associate Judges; Dr. Henry E. Beltz, Register of Wills; George M. Parke, Deputy Register.

Monday, June 28.—Sarah Lynn, executrix of Jos. Lynn, dec'd., returnee list of sales of goods and chattels, and received order to sell undevised real estate.

Wm. R. Curry, trustee for Thos. J. Bond, settled his thirteenth account.

Alfred Warner and Ferdinand Warner, executors of George Warner, deceased, settled first and final account.

Tuesday, June 29.—Executors of David W. Houck, deceased, returned list of additional sales.

Charles P. Jones, Joseph O. Jones and David B. Earhart, executors of John Jones, deceased, returned list of advancements and list of sale of bonds; also settled their first administration account.

Wm. Crumbacker and Nathan Crumbacker, administrators of Daniel Plaine, deceased, settled second final account.

FINKSBURG ITEMS.—The cool weather so long the subject of remark, has given place to the other extreme, and the thermometer has stood above 90° for several days past. The sudden change of temperature, though not so pleasant to us, is just what the grain needed to perfect the ripening process. Some of our neighbors are harvesting wheat. Hay-making commenced a week ago, and though the crop is lighter than usual, the fine weather for curing it adds materially to its value.

Our section was favored with a splendid rain on the evening and night of the 29th ult. which has cooled the air and revived all nature.

A festival for the entertainment of the young people was held in the school house grove on the evening of the 19th ultimo. The refreshments, consisting of ice cream, strawberries, pineapples, cake, candies, &c., were furnished by Mr. William Baxter, confectionery merchant of this place. The company engaged in various games, and the sport was continued until a late hour of the evening.

THE ANNUAL LEVY.—The County Commissioners on Monday and Tuesday were engaged in making out the levy list for the past year, and the rate of taxation has been fixed at 47 cents on the $100—35 cents for county purposes, and 12 cents for public schools. The rate last year was 49 cents on the $100, this year it has been reduced 2 cents. No higher encomium could be passed upon the present Board of Commissioners than that they have managed the affairs in an economical manner, though not niggardly, and have reduced the taxes. It is to be hoped that the improvements suggested by the Grand Jury, for the May Term of Court, will be commenced, and the fire-proof vaults for the storing of the County Records finished as soon as possible. Delays are dangerous.

A VICIOUS TRAMP.—On Tuesday last, a worthless tramp met a little boy of about twelve years of age, in the public highway, near his father's residence on the Nicodemus Road, near Mechanicsville, in this county, and threatened to kill him. The boy saved himself by running, when the ruffian hurled a stick at him, uttering vile imprecations. The father of the lad, hearing the cries of his frightened child went towards him from an adjoining field, but the villainous tramp had got beyond his reach. He was dressed in a dirty suit of clothes, and wore a gray cap with a red top. If still in the county he may be known by his cap, and persons should beware of him.

EXCURSION TO MARTINSBURG.—On Saturday, the 17th instant, an excursion to Martinsburg, West Virginia, under the auspices of Charity Lodge No. 58, Knights of Pythias, of this city, will take place. The train will leave Westminster at 7 a. m. stopping only at New Windsor, Union Bridge and Mechanicstown, arriving at Martinsburg about 10 o'clock. If desirable, on the return, two hours will be spent in Hagerstown. The fare for the round trip has been placed at the very low rate of $1.50, thus affording our citizens an opportunity of spending the day sociably, and of viewing the romantic scenery along the Western Maryland Railroad and at Martinsburg.

REUNION PIC NIC.—The various Young Men's Christian Associations of the State of Maryland, have made arrangements for a grand reunion basket pic nic at the new excursion grounds at Greenwood, about nine miles from Baltimore, on the line of the Western Maryland Railroad, on Monday, the 5th inst. The regular trains will be employed to transport the excursionists. The Western Maryland Railroad Company has generously reduced the fare from Westminster to sixty cents for the round trip. Members and friends of the Young Men's Christian Association, with their families, are cordially invited to attend.

SALARIES OF POSTMASTERS.—The Postoffice Department has increased the salaries for the following offices in this county:—Bird Hill, former salary $8, increased to $30; Carrollton, former salary $22, increased to $55; Finksburg, former salary $51, increased to $89; Franklinville, former salary $15, increased to $48; Freedom, former salary $24, increased to $44; Houckville, former salary $29, increased to $67.

The balance due Carroll county for the year ending June 15, ultimo, from the State Public School Fund, amounts to $2,482.64.

A TRIP TO HOWARD COUNTY.—On Tuesday we took a ride through lower Carroll and a part of Baltimore county into Howard, stopping at Ellicott City. A Teachers' Institute was in session at the Court House, and we embraced the opportunity to mingle with the instructors of the youth of Howard, with some of whom we had formed a previous acquaintance in this county. The exercises were of a very interesting character, and were presided over by Dr. Hardy, the Examiner, in the absence of Professor Newell, who was expected the next day. A number of visitors were present, among them Robert Henry, Esq. Examiner of Harford county, Professor Newson, Examiner of Carroll county, and Rev. Dr. Shepherd, of Ellicott city. Addresses were made by Messrs. Henry and Newson, and an essay upon "Teaching vs. Keeping School," by Mr. P. T. Harman, one of the teachers. The musical exercises, vocal and instrumental, were of a high order of merit and were presided over by the Misses Strawbridge, assisted by several ladies and gentlemen. In the evening we accepted the kind hospitality of Dr. Hardy, the gentlemanly Examiner for Howard county, who resides beyond Clarksville, some twelve miles from Ellicott City, in the upper section of the county. This region of Howard county seems well improved. The wheat and the corn fields gave us ample evidence that the great interests of agriculture are receiving proper attention from the enterprising farmers of Howard. The surface of the country was gracefully undulating, and we noticed many commodious and substantial farm houses in our journey. Wednesday morning we turned our faces homeward, leaving Howard county at Sykesville, passing through that beautiful region by the Patterson estate, on to Freedom. Here, at the kind invitation of David Prugh, Esq. one of the Board of Public School Commissioners for Carroll county, we paused for several hours, for the refreshment of horse and man. After which, we resumed our journey homeward, having enjoyed a most delightful trip to Howard county. The wheat crop in that county, is a heavy one, and the corn is much more advanced than it is in Carroll. The farmers were busily engaged in cutting wheat, and by the close of the week the most of them will have finished.

MANCHESTER ITEMS.—On Tuesday of last week, while Mr. George Garverick, residing about seven miles east of this place, was returning home from town with his wife and child in a buggy, the horse frightened and started at full speed, and as they turned from the county road into the lane leading to Mr. Garverick's house, the buggy upset and pitched the occupants out. Mr. G. and child escaped injury, but the side of Mrs. Garverick's head struck against a rail, a sliver penetrated the flesh on the left temple, run in several inches and broke off. Doctors Hoffmeier and Shaffer were called and succeeded in extracting the splinter, but not without some difficulty, as the wood was rotten and had to be taken out in pieces. The horse ran home without receiving any injury, but the buggy was entirely demolished.

There was quite an excitement in the western part of town last Thursday, the 24th ult., occasioned by a report that Mr. George Krantz's house was on fire. In a very short time quite a number of citizens were on hand to fight the destroying element, when some men ascended to the top of the house and found that the chimney was on fire and the roof had just caught, which was soon extinguished by a free use of water. If it had not been for the timely discovery, there doubtless would have been a great destruction of property, as the town is built very compactly in that locality, and mostly of wooden buildings.

Dr. H. E. Beltz and several other gentlemen from town, were on a fishing excursion last Saturday, and we have been informed by one of the party, that they caught about four bushels of fish and several large turtles.

We witnessed quite a novel race on Main street last Sunday evening. As a young man from the country entered town at the west end, he drove past some cattle, among which was a calf that thought it would try its speed, and set off at the top of its speed, keeping even with the horse for some distance, but the young man not wishing to be beaten by the calf applied the whip, and after running about 300 yards, the calf fell in the rear.

ERECTION OF A MONUMENT.—A neat monument has been erected over the remains of Henry Lum, interred at the M. E. Graveyard at Smithburg. It will be remembered that this young man was killed in November last while being employed on the Western Maryland Railroad, at bridge No. 39, near Shamberger's station. He was fireman on the engine of freight train No. 6, and was running back to the caboose, when he was struck by the rafters and almost instantly killed. He was sociable and friendly, and was quite popular with his associates. As a proper testimonial of their respect, the employes of the road, with assistance from others, raised funds sufficient to erect this beautiful monument. It is about six feet in height and is quite neat in design and execution. On one side of the monument is the inscription: "In memory of Jacob Henry, eldest son of John F. and Margaret H. Lum. Born June 9, 1853; died November 21, 1874, in the 21st year of his age.

O, cease, dear parents, cease your weeping,
Above the spot where I am sleeping.
My time was short, and blessed be He
That called me to eternity."

On the other side of the monument is the following inscription: "Erected by the employes of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, as a tribute of respect to their deceased friend."

THE WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD.—The Baltimore *Sun* of Tuesday says:—Under the direction of the city commissioners of finance, the committee, consisting of President Hood, Vice-President Rieman and E. G. Hipsley, director, of the Western Maryland railroad, have commenced the purchase of the portion of the square bounded by Hillen, Exeter and Front or French streets, on which to erect a new depot, and property on Buren street for an engine-house and turn-table. The titles are examined and deeds made by direction of the city solicitor and the counsel for the railroad company. After the property is vacated by the present occupants proposals will first be asked for contracts to raze the buildings now upon it, and then bids will be received for the erection of the new structures. The business is progressing satisfactorily, and it has been settled beyond doubt that the whole can be accomplished for the $200,000 appropriated. It is stated that the affairs of the Western Maryland road are encouraging to the friends of that enterprise. Verbal statement, it is understood, has been made that the company finds itself in condition to be able in the future to take care of the interest upon $2,000,000 of its $3,600,000 of principal debt.

OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAY—SOCIAL REUNION—BRILLIANT ILLUMINATION—FIRE WORKS, &C. Monday will be observed as our National Holiday. The Banks will be closed, but business will not be generally suspended. The public observance of the day will be deferred until the evening, when one of the finest displays ever given in Westminster will take place in the Court House Square, under the auspices of the Amphions. The grove will be brilliantly illuminated, and there will be a grand display of fire works each evening; several Bands of Music will be present; and the display will be kept up each evening until Friday, weather permitting. Ice cream and other delicacies will be abundant. It is intended to be a grand social reunion for our citizens in town and country, a place where they may resort with their wives and children, and devote the evening hours to social enjoyment.

NATIONAL GRAYS' BAND.—As this is the only Brass Band in Westminster, our citizens should desire to see its organization as perfect and effective as possible. It should also be uniformed, and it is understood that an effort will be made next week, during the Fete Champetre, to solicit donations for that purpose, and it is hoped our citizens will respond liberally to the appeal. The members are mostly poor men, not able to incur this additional expense themselves, and would be glad of assistance. They frequently enliven our city by their moonlight serenades, and we feel satisfied that the public will generously aid them in their efforts to effect a more thorough organization, in return for their efforts to minister to the pleasure of our citizens by their evening concerts.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—About 11 o'clock on Sunday night last, a large frame bank barn belonging to Mr. Bair, near New Salem, in North Codorus township, was totally destroyed by fire, together with all its contents. Eight fine cows, one horse and several hogs perished in the flames, the fire having made such headway when discovered that it was impossible to effect their release. The loss is heavy. The barn is supposed to have been set on fire.—*Hanover Spectator.*

FREE MAIL MATTER.—There is one class of matter which, in spite of all the vigilance of the Post Office Department, passes free in the mails. We allude to the Chinches, which are frequently seen scampering out from the midst of our exchanges, where no doubt they had taken refuge in the mail bags.

On Tuesday evening a horse owned by Mr. John Boyer became frightened at the hoisting of an umbrella, broke loose from the post to which it was hitched, and ran off, completely demolishing the vehicle to which it was attached. The horse was uninjured.

TANEYTOWN ITEMS.—Grasshoppers in considerable numbers have made their appearance in some parts of this district, but as yet no serious damage has been done.

Harvest is rapidly approaching, and our farmers will soon be busy in reaping the crop of grain. Some of the wheat in this district is very good, but in general, the yield will not be up to the standard.

The corn at this time is looking promising, and if the season be favorable, will no doubt yield a large crop.

The second session of the Quarterly Conference of the Littlestown Circuit of the United Brethren Church, was held in the village of Harney, on Saturday last. On Sunday the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. On Saturday evening the assemblage was not large on account of the rain, but on Sunday morning and evening there were crowded audiences. Rev. J. J. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Baltimore District, Pennsylvania Conference, was present, and added much to the interest of the occasion. His sermons were earnest and eloquent, and full of divine truth.

Another correspondent writes:—The photographer, who came to this place, with his wagon some five or six weeks ago, has had his sign out ever since, but will leave next week.

People still keep saying if it would only rain. Several days ago some one said if it do not rain soon there will surely be a dry spell. Of late there have been light showers frequently, but not enough to satisfy those who want it to only rain.

The hay-makers have been at work for the last two weeks, and most of them have nearly all of their hay made, the weather being so fine they could make hay almost as they pleased. The hay crop on an average in this district, is not more than half what it was last year. Some of the farmers expect to commence harvesting by the last of this week.

Several weeks ago two young ladies started from this place for the purpose of visiting some of the Southern States. It is said that they intend to spend the greater part of the summer traveling.

Eagleton Institute closed last week for the summer vacation.

The examination of teachers by Mr. J. M. Newson, will be much sooner than was expected by most of the teachers in this district.

GRASSHOPPERS.—A letter in the *American*, of Tuesday, dated Mountain View, Frederick county, Md., June 28, says:—We have heard much of the grasshopper in the West, but they are nearer to us now. On Sunday I visited the farm of my mother, two and a-half miles from Union Bridge, on the line of road leading thence to Liberty. As I passed through a lane some three hundred yards long, leading to the dwelling, the road and fences were swarming with grasshoppers. I noticed the wheat in one field, and I did not see one blade on the stalks. A further examination showed that the clover-field had received a visit from them, and the blades of clover were gone, leaving the stem and top standing. A visit was paid to the rye-field, where it is safe to say that millions of these pests were feeding upon the grain. Many heads were entirely stripped of grain, as you will see by specimens, whilst in many heads were discovered what seemed to be minute eggs, which, on examination by a glass, proved to be young grasshoppers fully formed. Some heads will be shown you, which you can examine. It has been generally supposed that the grasshopper of one season deposited its eggs, which hatch and develop during the next season. The heads of rye exhibited to you tell a different tale in regard to these visitors. The eggs are deposited and hatched, and the young insect enters upon its work of destruction in a few days. I have heard no complaint from any other farm in the neighborhood, but any one can go and see for himself. The hands commenced cutting the rye to-day to save it, and will follow on with wheat, though both are in a greener state than farmers usually like to cut their grain. The hoppers have commenced upon the corn in an adjoining field, though they have not yet done it much injury. When the grain is cut and shocked, the corn must necessarily suffer.

PERSONAL.—Mr. G. C. Marshall, the popular agent of Messrs. Rakestraw & Pyle, Proprietors of Willow Dale Nurseries, Chester county, Pa. left here on Wednesday. During his sojourn of a month he has sold over $1000 worth of stock. One farmer bought 200 pear trees alone, and expects to increase his order. The County Commissioners also purchased several hundred apple trees and some ornamental trees for the Almshouse farm.

Mrs. Josephine Reese and family, of this city, expect to move to Hagerstown, Md. next week.

James A. C. Bond, Esq. of this city, left for Chicago on Wednesday, on professional business.

Mrs. Louisa S. Dallas and Miss Kate Fortney have gone to Atlantic City, N. J.

Our hotels and boarding houses are filling up with summer boarders.

YOUTH AND BEAUTY.—Our little city is all ablaze with the scintillations of bright eyes and the irresistible allurements of ruby lips and dimpled chins. Representatives from Baltimore, Philadelphia, York, Frederick, and other places, enliven our streets with their welcome presence. Let the gallantry of the beaux of Westminster and Carroll county manifest itself, and demonstrate that it is quite equal to the occasion.

TRAINS DELAYED.—As the 5.02 p. m. train on Saturday was approaching New Windsor, the cylinder head of the air brake blew out, causing a delay to all the trains of several hours.

On Wednesday evening the Mechanicstown Accommodation train, due here at 5.55, was delayed about two hours and a-half by the breaking of an axle near Oakland station.

The public school building on Centre street, which was blown down last fall before it was completed, will in a few days be ready for the carpenters. The walls this time have been made thicker by 4 inches, and the weather has been more favorable for the masons than it was last year. The rafters will be of lighter material than those used before, and will be held together and braced with heavy irons.

DESTROYED BY GRASSHOPPERS.—Mr. Wm. Struth, residing near this city, has had his entire crop of oats destroyed by grasshoppers. The blades on his wheat have been entirely eaten off, also the clover. In his garden they have also been very destructive. The adjoining farms have not been disturbed by them.

CAPITAL INCREASED.—A few weeks ago the capital stock of the Union National Bank, this city, was increased $9,000, making the capital $100,000. On Saturday last the stock of the First National Bank, this city, was increased $25,000, making the capital stock $125,000.

FESTIVAL.—The ladies of the M. E. Church, of New Windsor, will hold a Raspberry and Ice Cream Festival in the Town Hall, commencing on Thursday evening, July 8th, and continue every afternoon and night during the rest of the week. All are invited.

HARVEST.—Wheat harvest began in this county this week. Farmers represent the wheat as being far ahead of their expectations. Oats are growing finely and give assurance of a good yield, though the straw will be short.

DIVIDENDS.—The First National Bank of this city has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. The First National Bank of New Windsor has declared a semi-annual dividend of four and-a-half per cent.

FINE OATS.—Mr. William Stansbury, Jr., of this city, on Monday, brought to our office a sample of a field of oats belonging to him. The stalks measured four feet, and the heads were large and filling finely.

The dry goods merchants of this city have decided to close their places of business at half-past seven each evening, Saturdays excepted, and hereafter no goods will be sold after that hour.

Croquet has taken the place of base ball this year in this city—certainly a very sensible change.

Business Locals.

Paris Green in large or small quantities, for sale by John W. Wilmer, Druggist, West End.

TO THE PEOPLE OF CARROLL COUNTY.

Selling a fine lot of Ready-Made Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods, at Schenthal's, opposite the Western Md. Railroad Depot. tf

Go to Schenthal's for your Ready-Made Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods. tf

THE HOUSES WE LIVE IN.—In other words our bodies—are held on repairing leases. We must prop and sustain them when they exhibit signs of weakness and decay, or they will inevitably break down. In Dr. Walker's California Vinegar Bitters, a matchless compound of newly discovered medical herbs, peculiar to the Pacific region, the debilitated, the bilious, the rheumatic, the consumptive, will find the most genial tonic and restorative ever offered to the suffering invalid. It contains no alcohol, and consequently leaves no sting behind.

Political Notes.

SENTIMENT IN POLITICS.—The Richmond Knights Templar, whose visit to Boston was prolonged by the cordiality of their hosts until long after the excitement of the celebration which brought them there had died away, have just gone home, after experiencing on their way through this city the same fraternal welcome which has greeted them at all points of their trip. They are reported to be nearly "exhausted" with the heartiness of their reception, and the diligent reader of the newspapers imagines them taking back to Virginia a confused memory of banquets and bouquets, hand-shakings and parades, a medley of Federal and Confederate music, and the huzzas of a million Yankees. Our Southern visitors have seen something of the real spirit of the North at last. They have had little to do with any Federal officials, and they have not come in contact with the class which supplies them with deputy marshals, collectors, and carpet-bag Senators. But they have had an opportunity to know our best people and to see the most attractive side of their characters; and they have learned the important truth that neither the unscrupulous Southern office-holders nor the politicians of the Administration, such as the late Attorney-General, nor the President himself, nor even the great mass of the Republican Representatives and Senators in Congress, spoke the sentiments of the Northern people, or comprehended their just and tender feeling toward their estranged brethren. They found us ready to go much more than half way to meet any movement toward reconciliation, quick to trust, and prompt to put away all irritating memories. In fact there was a great deal of unexpected effusiveness on both sides in the recent reunion, and much of the extraordinary heartiness of the meeting was attributable to the fact that North and South were alike so pleasantly surprised at each other. This is a case in which sentiment becomes an important political agent. The "era of good feeling" will not last forever, but while it endures it will effect some political changes which must last. It has already put an end to the bayonet-policy which threatened to become the leading principle of the Republican organization. When Congress adjourned it was almost an even chance that the reckless and violent faction which so nearly secured the passage of the Force bill would succeed in dragging the rest of the party into the dangerous and wicked course pursued by Williams and Sheridan in Louisiana and attempted by the President in Arkansas. There were strong indications that a concerted effort would be made to "fire the Northern heart" with stories of Ku-Klux massacre and defiance of the Civil Rights bill, and that many honest but timorous politicians would be deluded by the rumors of a new rebellion. Whatever effect this policy of agitation might have upon the elections, it could not fail to work the greatest mischief to the South, and it might have widened the breach between the two sections of the country until it became irreparable. But that danger is now over. The message of good will and confidence which we have sent to the South by our Masonic and military visitors will be conned by our politicians at home, and they will take the cue. Denunciation of imaginary outrages will be dropped from the proceedings of conventions, and the most sensational of party organs will be wary hereafter of the utterances of Charles Hays and the teeming budget of Detective Hester. There is no reason now why Republicans and Democrats should not concur in examining the wrongs of the South without recrimination or rancor, and both parties vie with each other in a just and generous policy.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Mr. Cæsar C. Antoine, the colored Lieutenant-Governor of Louisiana, is a statesman after the Administration's own heart. He told a reporter of the Galveston *News* recently that the colored people of Louisiana, including, of course, himself, and of the whole South, would be content for Gen. Grant to have six terms if he wanted them, though he was afraid the North was not inclined "to look at the matter in that light." His suspicions would appear to be well grounded. As the case stands at present, Mr. Wendell Phillips is the only man in the North openly in favor of even a third term.

The Iowa Republicans have nominated Samuel J. Kirkwood for Governor and J. J. Newbold for Lieutenant Governor. The platform declares that gold and silver are the only reliable legal tender and a currency convertible should be attained, for a revenue tariff with incidental protection, opposes land grants to railways, declares against a third term and favors the restriction and regulation of railway and other corporations.

Senator Ingalls of Kansas is the latest man to give his "views" of Presidential matters to the public. He does not think President Grant could carry a single State were he to be renominated. Kansas would go dead against him. Mr. Bristow, of Kentucky, the Senator considers the strongest Republican in the party, and the man destined to be the next President.

The California Democratic convention on Wednesday adopted a platform in which the Republican party in generally condemned for party frauds, extravagance, &c. Currency convertible into gold and silver at will is the financial feature of the platform. Wm. Irwin was nominated for Governor.

The elections are still enough to account for the prevalent languor in politics. Kentucky, with its invariable Democratic victory, comes Aug. 2; California in September; Maine, Sept. 13; Ohio and Iowa, Oct. 12.

The California State Temperance Reform Party Convention met Wednesday and nominated a full ticket for State officers, headed by W. E. Lovett for Governor.

Injunction Granted.

In the Circuit Court at Baltimore, Monday, upon a complaint of certain tax-payers, Judge Pinkney granted a preliminary injunction prohibiting the Mayor and City Council, its officers and agents from paying certain appropriations to a number of charitable and benevolent institutions in the city of Baltimore; also prohibiting such institutions from demanding payment. The appropriation bill passed recently by the City Council and approved by the Mayor contained appropriations for a number of institutions, "charitable and sectarian," such as the Aged Men's Home, the Aged Women's Home, the Maryland Agricultural Society, the Institution for the