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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

UNION BRIDGE AND VICINITY.—On Friday afternoon, 21st ultimo, Miss Marian Lord exhibited to the gaze of her eager and expectant pupils, a large and handsome Christmas tree, freighted with a package for each child. After the room had been darkened, and the wax tapers lighted, many expressions of pleasure and enthusiasm burst from the lips of the young beholders.

Notwithstanding the mist and the fog, Christmas day, with a few exceptions, was spent very pleasantly by all. The sporting and juvenile fraternity were greatly amused by being blindfolded and then pushing an empty wheelbarrow towards a certain stake. It was the cause of considerable mirth on the part of the by-standers, when the contestant was further from the stake at the termination than at the beginning. Nothing occurred to mar the even tenor of the day, but a fight between two Africans, who were laboring under the influence of some bad whiskey. They were soon taken into custody and peace restored.

Free tickets being in order, a number of our railroad employees with their wives, made a hasty visit to the Monumental City.

Owing to the inclement weather, the protracted meeting referred to in a previous announcement was discontinued.

Miss Engel, a sister of our much esteemed merchant, has purchased a valuable lot, lying in the most pleasant part of our little city, with the intention of erecting a fine residence, in the spring.

We do not think the marrying "riot" is confined only to Finksburg, but has extended to our vicinity. Many of our fair maidens and young bachelors are being rapidly transferred from "single-blessedness" to "matrimonial bliss." A little incident will serve to show how great the "riot" has become in a small village near us. On Christmas day, while Mr. H. was standing in his yard, a little boy not more than nine years of age, ran up to him and asked, "Mr. H. can you please tell me where Mr. S. lives?" "What Mr. S?" Mr. H. inquired. "The preacher S." he replied. Mr. H. directed him, and then very naturally inquired what he wanted with the preacher? "Why," says he, after much stuttering, "I want him to marry my sister." We have not learned whether he found the preacher or not.

We are truly glad to say that we have a few energetic men, brave enough to sustain the cause of temperance, and denounce baneful inebriation. Blank petitions to send to the Legislature, requesting Local Option, are fluttering to and fro for signers. We hope from our inmost soul, that the Honorable Body will not turn a deaf ear to the appeals of our good and noble men of Carroll, who have the interest of their children and their country at heart. May the time speedily come when men and boys reeling under the influence of intoxicating beverages shall be no more.

MATRIMONIAL.—On Thursday afternoon last, the residence of Mr. Edward Lynch, of this city, was thronged with handsomely dressed ladies and neatly attired gentlemen, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter M. Ella to Edward H. Shriver, son of the late Augustus Shriver. The ceremony was announced for four o'clock, and promptly at the hour the bridal party entered, the wedding march being rendered by Mrs. I. E. Pearson. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. Thomas Wells and Miss Mollie Lynch, a sister of the bride. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. John Giloyd, who delivered a short and very fitting address to the interested party. As soon as the marriage ceremony was ended the happy couple received the congratulations of their friends. Refreshments in profusion were served, not only substantials, but cake, confectionery, nuts, ice cream, &c. The bride was dressed in a travelling suit, the groom in black. A large number of handsome presents to the bride were exhibited. Mr. and Mrs. Shriver left for New York on the 4.38 train.

We learn that there will be several other marriages during the season.

HOUCKSVILLE ITEMS.—The protracted meeting at this place is still continuing, with tolerable success.

The sudden change in the weather has had considerable effect upon our citizens, all whom you meet seem to be in a hurry and do not desire a conversation of any length, unless in doors.

Our holidays have passed off quietly, and I am happy to be able to state, very pleasantly in our little village. Quite a number of young persons were masquerading, and in the various scuffles, some of them must have been handled roughly, judging from appearances, the following day.

A gentleman in our section, reports having seen some Pheasants a few days since, among which was a white one.

S. A. Lauver, killed two hogs weighing 415 and 380.

Our farmers have finished their plowing and winter work, and all seem to be ready for snow, especially the young ones.

THE WEST.—A letter from a gentleman in New Pittsburg, Randolph county, Indiana, of December 21, to a gentleman in this city, says: The season was so wet that we could not work the corn, and as a consequence the crop was short; wheat, hay, oats and potatoes yielded a large crop; no peaches or apples; the fall was fine for seeding, and a larger acreage sown than heretofore; the wheat looks well, though some is damaged by the fly, to what extent is not known, as it is a new enemy in this country; the pasture fields look as well as in May, and the grass is growing finely; money is scarce and hard to get; wheat $1.12, oats 22 cents, corn 37 to 40 cents, potatoes 30 to 40 cents, dressed hogs $4.40, live hogs $3.50 to $3.75, butter 16 cents, eggs 18 cents. I saw in the *Advocate* the weight of some heavy hogs, including yours, and I send you the weight of mine, one 540, two 1090, nine 3690; now beat the Hoosiers, if you can.

ELECTION.—Columbia Encampment held their annual election on Tuesday last, viz: C. P., John Bernstein; H. P., H. L. Norris; S. W., George P. Albaugh; J. W., Charles Henneman; Scribe, Joshua Yingling; Treasurer, H. B. Grammer; Trustees, H. L. Norris, Joseph Schaeffer, John T. Diffenbagh.

Charity Lodge, No. 58, Knights of Pythias, held their semi-annual election on Friday of last week, viz: C. P., Granville Shunk; V. C., Frederick Himmler; K. of R. and S., Peter Leidlich; M. of F., John H. Mitten; M. of E., Edward Lloyd; M. at A., Wesley Poole; Representative to the Grand Lodge, John Bernstein; Trustees, George Leas, John Bernstein, John Shade.

NEW APPOINTMENT.—The Lancaster Pa., *New Era*, of December 21, says: The Pennsylvania railroad company yesterday appointed Dr. H. E. Norris, (successor to Dr. H. S. Trout,) their physician and surgeon at Marietta. Dr. Norris, a new comer at Marietta, is rapidly gaining favor by his courtesy to all, and his untiring attention to his profession. The railroad company could not have made a better appointment at that place.

Dr. Norris formerly resided at New Windsor, and his many friends will be glad to hear of his success.

SUNDAY'S STORM.—Persons who had been grumbling about the mild, spring-like weather, and there were many such, must have been gratified at the furious north-east storm which raged on Sunday last. The rain fell steadily from early morning, and formed into sleet as it fell, covering the trees and the houses with a coating of icy armor. Towards the middle of the day the temperature grew warmer, and the sleet rapidly disappeared. At night, the wind veered to the north-west, and gave us a touch of genuine winter weather, it growing clear and cold.

DEATH AND MARRIAGE.—The Reisterstown, Baltimore county, *People's Voice* says: "Immediately after the funeral of Dr. Fisher, on the 24th of December, his daughter, Miss Mary, was married to Rev. John F. Goucher, at the residence. The reason of the marriage taking place so soon after the death of her father was that relatives and friends had assembled from abroad to attend the funeral, and while there it was thought best that the marriage should take place, as all could not again be present.

REMEMBER THE POOR.—It has been suggested that a soup-house be started in Westminster, and a depot for cast-off clothing, for the benefit of the poor mendicants who beg from door to door. It would tend to concentrate effort for their relief, and save the daily annoyance of calls at your domicils. Let the benevolent consider the matter, and if the suggestion be worth anything, let it be put into practice.

THE MERRY MASKERS.—On New Year's Eve, a party of ladies and gentlemen, well masked and disguised, went from house to house singing carols, taking with them a missionary box for contributions to the children of the poor. Several dollars were realized, and had their object been better understood, the amount would have been largely increased. On New Year's Day eleven handsome New Year's Gifts were distributed to poor but deserving children, and their little hearts were made glad through the efforts of the Merry Minstrels on New Year's Eve, who, in the midst of their mirth, failed not to practice the golden precept, "To do good and to distribute forget not." The leader of the masqueraders desires us to return thanks to the generous contributors to the fund for the benefit of the children of the poor. We give, below, the song which they sang with such pleasing effect on that occasion:

Here we come a wassailing
Among the leaves so green,
Here we come a wandering,
So fair to be seen.

CHORUS—Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail too;
And God bless you and send you
A happy new year.

Our wassail-cup is made
Of the rosemary tree,
And so is your beer
Of the best barley.—CHO.

We are not daily beggars
That beg from door to door,
But we are neighbor's children
Whom you have seen before.—CHO.

Good Master and good Mistress,
As you sit by the fire,
Pray think of us poor children
Who are wandering in the mire.—CHO.

We have a little purse
Made of ratching* leather skin;
We want some of your small change
To line it well within.—CHO.

Call up the Butler of this house,
Put on his golden ring;
Let him bring us a glass of beer,
And the better we shall sing.—CHO.

Bring us out a table,
And spread it with a cloth;
Bring us out a mouldy cheese,
And some of your Christmas loaf.—CHO.

God bless the Master of this house,
Likewise the Mistress too;
And all the little children
That round the table go.—CHO.

*Leather that will stretch.

STATISTICAL.—We give below the number of deeds, mortgages and bills of sale recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for this county during the past year. As compared with the year 1876 we find that there was an increase of 94 deeds, a decrease of 33 mortgages and 34 bills of sale, and an increase of 30 marriage licenses.

	Deeds.	Mortgages.	Bills of Sale.	Marriage Licenses.
January	22	13	6	18
February	35	27	5	16
March	44	23	3	22
April	81	52	8	12
May	73	41	2	14
June	37	15	2	9
July	72	16	1	10
August	62	12	8	17
September	35	11	6	9
October	34	16	6	19
November	33	13	2	15
December	37	11	8	32
Total	565	250	57	193

For the year ending December 1st, 1876, the Clerk paid into the State Treasury excess of fees amounting to $690.07, and for the year ending December 1st, 1877, the sum of $801.09, being nearly as much as the sum paid by the Clerk of Baltimore county for the same year, which was $849.88.

Mr. George M. Parke, Deputy Register of Wills, furnishes us with the following statistics of that office for the year 1877:—During the past year 47 wills were admitted to probate; 99 administrations granted; 21 guardians appointed and bonded; 106 administration accounts settled; 94 guardian accounts settled; 170 inventories and lists of debts; 71 reports of sales of personal property; 27 reports of sales of real estate; taxes paid State treasury during the year on executors and administrators commissions $1396.52; on collateral inheritances $795.19, total $2191.71.

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

Monday, December 31.—James E. Valentine, administrator of William Valentine, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels and inventory of money, and received orders to sell personal property and notify creditors.

Jesse Myers, administrrtor of John Myers, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Letters testamentary on the estate of John Beaver, deceased, were granted to Andrew J. Beaver.

Jacob Sharrer of J., administrator of Elizabeth Sharrer, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, list of debts and inventory of money, and received orders to sell goods and chattels and notify creditors.

Tuesday, January 1st.—Report of sale of real estate of Warner W. Warfield, deceased, finally ratified.

Report of sale of real estate of Susan Bricker, deceased, finally ratified.

Report of sale of Real Estate of Elizabeth Baldwin, deceased, finally ratified.

Isaac E. Pearson, Jr., and Wm. A. McKellip, administrators of Isaac E. Pearson, Sr., deceased, reported sales of leasehold property and goods and chattels.

TANEYTOWN ITEMS.—A concert was given at Union Church, on the evening of the 1st instant. The participants were members of the Sabbath School, assisted and arranged by Prof. John H. Kurzenknabe, of Harrisburg. At 6.30 o'clock, after a short address, the school marched into the church, sweetly singing "With Merry Songs we come to greet you," arriving at the altar, which was beautifully decorated with evergreens and appropriate mottoes. After taking their seats quite a number of pieces were sang, in a manner very creditable to the school, and the Professor, who had but the short time of one week to prepare for it. All were very well rendered, but especially Faith, Hope and Charity, Silver Bells and the little ones, then gave several pieces which caused considerable amusement, P-r-o-f-u-n-d-o Basso, the Village School Master, the Mortgage Farm, when finally Santa Claus, on his return from his Christmas visit, appeared in person, with a multitude of presents, closing with the school all apparently dropping off to sleep. All were then dismissed, except the school, which remained to receive their presents. Many thanks to the Professor for his evening's entertainment. Financially, it was quite a success.

THANKS.—We received during the holidays a very generous supply of the best celery we have seen this winter from Mr. Louis Dielman, of New Windsor; from Mr. Napoleon Herbst, near this city, a pair of fine chickens, silver-skin onions, potatoes and pumpkins; and from Mrs. Wm. Struth, near this city, a bottle of her superior wine and some eggs.

NEW FIRMS.—Eckenrode & Stoner, corner Green and Liberty streets, this city, have opened a carriage manufactory. They are well known as reliable business men.

Prince, opposite Montour House, this city, has opened a dry goods and grocery store, and no doubt will be liberally patronized.

ANNIVERSARY.—The fifth Anniversary of the Children's P. M. Society, of Grace Lutheran Church of this city, will be held on Sunday evening, January 6th. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Prof. Cushing, of Western Maryland College, and Rev. Dr. Cole, of the Baptist Church. All are cordially invited.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.—New Year's Day was clear and beautiful, not a cloud dimmed the brightness of the sun, which shone with a genial warmth, inviting many of our citizens to a promenade in the open air, the crisp northwester of the morning having been greatly modified by noon.

Westminster was unusually lively during the holidays. Dinner and supper parties have been the order of the day; donation and dancing parties, family gatherings, social visiting, weddings, &c., have added much to the enjoyment of our citizens.

VACANCY FILLED.—Charles W. Humrichouse, of Williamsport, Washington county, Md., has been elected a director of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, to fill a vacancy in the board caused by the death of Mr. Isaac Motter.

The schools all re-opened on Wednesday last, and the average schoolboy crept, like the snail, unwillingly to school. There was little study, we venture to say, this week, for his thoughts would be running on his Christmas and New Year's sports.

Our young people are longing for snow that they may renew the glorious sport of last winter, in coasting down Green street. Since the foregoing was written, the snow has come.

MORE FINE HOGS.—Christian Awalt, of this city, butchered this week, three hogs weighing respectively, 474, 414, 333.

Don't neglect to feed the birds.

MANCHESTER ITEMS.—There was quite an excitement in town on New Year's morning, occasioned by the arrest of Frederick Reich, on the charge of rape upon the person of Eliza Weitzel, aged about twelve years, step-daughter of Frederick Koener, residing about four miles east of this place. Reich is a native of Germany, is forty years old, has been in this country about five years; was married about fifteen months ago, and lived with his wife from the time of his marriage until the latter part of last September, when he left her, and made his home with Mr. Koener. According to the statement of the girl, the fiendish act was first perpetrated on the 20th, and repeated on the 25d of last month, Mr. and Mrs. Koener being absent on both occasions, leaving the girl in the power of the monster, who compelled her to submit to his desires, and intimidated her by threats that she did not make the fact known until last Monday morning when her mother made discoveries which led to inquiries that brought out an account of the affair. Mr. Koener went immediately to have the offender arrested, but the warrant was not placed in the hands of the officer until Monday evening, and at a late hour on Monday night Constable Burns proceeded to the house of Koener, where he found Reich in bed, and brought him to town, where he was kept in custody until Tuesday morning, when he had a hearing before Justice Motter and was committed for the action of the Grand Jury. The child was very much bruised by her assailant, and complained, but would not tell the cause of her injuries until questioned by her mother.

Emanuel Lutheran Sunday School gave an entertainment consisting of declamations, dialogues, &c., on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week, in the lecture room of the church. They realized about $40 which will be appropriated to the purchase of a library.

Levi fair sold his property, situate about two miles south of this place, to Mrs. M. A. Menchey, for $825.

SURPRISE.—Dr. S. B. Southerland's family was greatly alarmed on New Year's Eve by a large company of people gathering about his house and then entering, when, upon the Doctor's appearance, and the familiar faces of friends shining in light, the object of the gathering was understood. The members of his congregation (M. P. Church,) desiring to cheer his home, replenish his larder, and testify to their appreciation of his labors and the ties that bind them as brethren, had used this means of expression. R. B. Norment, Jr., made the presentation speech in a few pleasant words, to which Dr. Southerland responded in his usual happy manner. A general intercourse between friends, a kindly shake of the hand, many good wishes, and the gathering dispersed, leaving behind them substantial proofs of their call.

A violent snow-storm set in yesterday morning, and from the force of the wind the snow must be very much banked. The storm abated about ten o'clock.

There was a decided change in the weather on Wednesday night. A snow squall passed over this vicinity lasting only a few minutes.

Elias Marker has been appointed Janitor of the Court House by the County Commissioners, vice Wm. S. Brown.

Get your ice houses ready so that you will lose no time in filling them, when the ice is of sufficient thickness.

Financial Disasters.

The following failures and suspensions were announced on Saturday last:

J. D. Park & Co., wholesale druggists of Cincinnati. There is no statement of their liabilities and assets.

Edward Albro & Co., hardware merchants, of Halifax, N. S., are reported embarrassed. They are said to owe $160,000, and to have only $100,000 to pay it with. John B. Flowers, dealer in boots and shoes, of the same city, has failed.

The Real Estate Savings Institution in St. Louis. Its assets, mainly bonds and mortgages on real estate, are placed at $450,000. The liabilities to depositors are about $255,000. It is thought the depositors will get their money back, and perhaps the stockholders receive something.

The trustees of the West Boston Savings Bank, in Boston, decided to close up the concern.

The Rockland County National Bank, at Nyack, N. Y., suspended.

A receiver for the Jersey City Savings Bank was appointed.

The Bank Commissioners of New Hampshire have cut down the deposits in the Derry Savings Bank 25 per centum, to meet the shrinkage in its investments, and it is understood that the bank will hereafter pay but 4 per cent. interest.

At Evanston, Ill., the Stephen P. Lunt Smelting and Refining establishment has gone into bankruptcy. Liabilities $105,000; assets $83,000. Herman Schwab, cigar dealer of the same city, has also become bankrupt. He owes $26,000 and has about $7000 worth of assetts.

George B. Bigelow, a prominent lawyer of Boston, was arrested on Saturday, on the charge of embezzling $40,000 which he held in trust. He was released on $60,000 bail.

George Winks & Co., dry goods importers of Montreal, failed on Saturday. They owe $300,000 and promise to pay 75 cents on the dollar.

The bank of George M. Brooks, Lowville, N. Y., was compelled to suspend Saturday, by a run. It owes $60,000 and claims to have equal assets.

There was a partial run on the Rochester Savings Bank, at Rochester, N. Y., Saturday. It was entirely causeless. The bank has a surplus of $700,000.

On Monday the failure was announced of the well-known New York brokers, Bonner & Co., and the flight of John Bonner, the senior member of the firm, to Canada. Several other firms have failed in consequence. The Bankers and Brokers Association, of which Bonner was president, has also suspended, having been "gutted" by Bonner. The liabilities of the firm are variously estimated at from $400,000 to $1,000,000.

Polledo, Rionda & Co., large sugar traders at Havana, Cuba, failed. The liabilities are unknown.

The extensive banking house of Jacob Bunn, of Springfield, Ill., made an assignment Wednesday. His wife joins him in the assignment. It is said the liabilities will reach $800,000, and that the assets will be sufficient to pay everything if time be allowed and the property not sacrificed. The immediate cause of the failure was the large amount of unproductive real estate held by the bank.

Hickox & Spear, bankers, of San Francisco, suspended Wednesday.

In the city of New York, during December, one hundred failures and assignments, with liabilities aggregating nearly $8,000,000, were reported. This is the heaviest record of the kind for any month of 1877, and the figures show an increase of 25 per cent. in number and 300 per cent. in amount on the list for November.

Excitement in Washington.

A Washington letter says:—Very great excitement has prevailed here since Saturday because of the terrible outrage perpetrated upon a young lady in the eastern part of the city, just after dark last Friday evening, the second case of the kind within two weeks. The citizens of that section have become very seriously alarmed, and movements are now progressing for the organization of a vigilance committee to patrol the streets and put an end to such shameful deeds of violence as have shocked the entire community within a few weeks. It is plainly apparent to every one that great necessity exists for a strong increase of the police force of the city, and particularly east of the Capitol.

Two negroes were arrested, Saturday, on suspicion of having committed the assault, and but for the strong protests of the police, who assured the crowd that had gathered in the vicinity of the arrest that there were probabilities of the proper parties not being in their custody, it is very certain that summary punishment would have been visited upon at least one of the arrested persons, then and there. The victim of the shameful assault is still very much prostrated and is unable to identify her assailant. An indignation meeting was held at the Presbyterian church, on Eighth street, on Saturday evening. It was largely attended by the respectable and influential element of the neighborhood, and though the proceedings were characterized by earnestness and determination there was nothing like riot manifested. Many of the speakers referred to the fact that their wives and daughters had been grossly insulted by roving bands of recklers negroes, and it was a common occurrence for their ears to be polluted by ribald songs and obscene jests, shouted by these shiftless negroes, seeming for their especial benefit. The time had come for them to take steps for their own protection, and something must be done at once. In the course of the remarks some one asked "where is Judge Lynch?" and was comforted with the answer from the chairman that if the guilty party in either of the recent assaults was found, Judge Lynch would do his work without any prompting.

The Philadelphia *Times* says:—The proposition to admit an Indian delegation to Congress is good enough, provided you are sure of your Indian. There are some Indians who are born Congressmen; who can talk, tipple and play draw with the most experienced politician in the country. But there are some who have not fully cultivated these graces of public life, and who might not prove such sociable companions on the floor of the House. The bald-headed Congressmen can favor this new proposition conscientiously and without fear, but the member who has any hair on the top of his head will be very likely to feel a little backward about rushing it through—at least before the army is increased in numbers.

Richard H. Hayes, son of President Hayes, will enter upon the practice of law in New York city this month.

News of the Week.

The empire of Japan is made up of 3,800 islands.

A four-year-old boy in Middletown, Conn., smokes and swears, just like his papa.

Anna Nassau, aged 96, and Mary McLoughlin, aged 98, died in Philadelphia, last week.

Strawberries grown in the open air are a luxury of the season at West Haven, Conn.

Fanny Kemble, once a bewitching beauty, is now 75 years old, and weighs nearly 200 pounds.

The sudden cold weather has filled the upper Hudson with floating ice, and navigation at Albany is closed.

A single tree cut on the Pacific coast recently, furnished seven logs 24 feet in length and scaled 25,540 feet.

The silver wedding of the President and Mrs. Hayes was celebrated at the White House on Monday night.

The Tennessee Legislature adjourned Friday week without having agreed on a plan for settling the State debt.

Mrs. Gen. Marcy, mother of Mrs. Gen. McClellan, fell in Baltimore, a few days ago, and broke one of her limbs.

An old colored woman named Huldy Coleman, aged about 104 years, died near Gordonsville, Va., a few days ago.

A Dallas, Texas, man has unearthed a sweet potato thirty inches in circumference and twenty-two pounds in weight.

The Delaware railroad company has declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent., payable on and after January 2.

Scott and Dunlap, the Northampton Bank burglars, were sentenced at Springfield, Mass. on Saturday, to 20 years' imprisonment.

No minister who smokes can now be admitted to a Methodist pulpit in Tennessee. This is a novel plan to weed out the clergy.

A cave has been discovered near Wytheville, Va., which is said to rival the Mammoth cave of Kentucky in extent and beauty.

In 1790 the United States exported 145,000 pounds of cheese, in 1877 the exports of cheese are set down at 107,364,666 pounds.

The report of the State auditor of Kentucky shows that the valuation of the State has decreased $13,521,651 during the last year.

In Pittsylvania county, Va., last week Giles Johnson, aged seventeen years, and Alice Richardson, aged thirteen years, were married.

Nine tons of silver and one ton of gold were shipped from the New York assay office on Monday to the Philadelphia mint for coinage.

The Nimbus, with a cargo of wheat from Portland, Oregon, for Cork, was lost off Columbia river bar on the 28th inst. Her crew are reported safe.

The gold-mining excitement which prevailed at Worcester, Vt., last year has about died out. There wasn't gold enough in the ground to pay for digging.

The harbor of Bangor, Me., was closed by ice Sunday, after having been open since March 29th. This is the longest period it has been open in any one year since 1818.

A five-year old daughter of Mr. Samuel Skinner, of Stevensville, Kent Island, fell into a well fifteen feet deep on Wednesday week, and was nearly dead when rescued.

The Republican Legislature of Ohio excluded negroes from the state militia, so that only white American citizens can become brigadier generals, and colonels and things.

James D. Burke, a messenger in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, was arrested on Thursday week for robbing letters. Money which had been marked was found upon him.

The War Department is advised that one hundred Nez Perces, who have joined Sitting Bull, are anxious to return to the United States. They say they are not well treated by the Sioux.

New York city has only two lime makers. Their material is oyster and clam shells, which, instead of paying for, they have to be paid forty cents per load to remove from markets and restaurants.

Joseph Nevius, Gardener of the Grand Duke Ernest of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, and a companion of his son Prince Albert—who subsequently married Queen Victoria—is now the city gardener of Hoboken.

Thomas Durkin was arrested in Wilkesbarre, Pa., on Saturday evening, on the charge of having been one of the gang of Molly Maguires who murdered Superintendent Smith at Jeanesville, in 1863.

A fire in St. John, N. B., on Saturday morning destroyed Valpley's shoe factory and eleven frame buildings. Loss $60,000. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment by the burning of the factory.

In the District Court at Washington, on Saturday, Mrs. Belva Lockwood applied for the appointment of Lavinia C. Dundore as constable. The Court held the petition under consideration. What next?

The house of Carl Maas, in Crawford county, Iowa, was burned on Christmas Day, and his three children, the eldest being four years of age, perished. The children were locked in the house while Maas and his wife went to husk corn.

In Washington on Friday, a youth of 16 put a pistol to his head, supposing it to be unloaded, and pulled the trigger, saying he "wondered how it would feel." He pulled the trigger a second time, and fell dead with a bullet in his brain.

On the Western rivers, during the year now closed, 70 lives were lost, more than two-thirds of them by boiler explosions and burning of steamers. The loss of property is estimated at $5,330,000, including $4,000,000 by disasters, by ice gorges, etc., on the Ohio river.

The railroad bridge across Ashley river, near Charleston, S. C. being completed, arrangements will soon be made by the Post-office Department for a fast mail service of ninety-six hours between New York and Havana, via Cedar Keys and Key West, Florida.

The Somerset, N. J. *Unionist* of the 27th ult. says: "Farmers have been enabled to keep their plows running through December, preparatory to spring planting, and Mr. C. P. Peterson, near South Branch, has an apple tree which shows green apples the size of walnuts."

It is understood that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has written a letter to the Ways and Means Committee recommending that all savings banks be relieved of taxation, but favoring the retention, for the present, of the tax on banks and bankers. He opposes any change in the existing rate of taxation on whisky and tobacco.

A supply of fresh strawberries, grown in the open air at Boothby Hill Harford county, Md., were served at Rennert's hotel, Baltimore, on Friday Dec. 28. The berries, it is said, were of good size and flavor, and made their appearance on the vines without forcing, at this unusual time of the year, in obedience to the general warmth of the sun.

Curtis, alias Ray, charged with enticing a young lady from Baltimore and feloniously assaulting her, was arraigned in New Orleans on Saturday, and remanded to await the arrival of an officer from Washington. He has been identified as John T. Claxton, who swindled many people in Cincinnati, by pretending to be a conductor and passenger agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

Philip Martz, of Monroeville, Indiana, having been married on Thursday week, gave a wedding reception on Friday night. The festivities were marred by a number of uninvited guests, who gave the newly wedded pair what is termed a "belling." The friends of Martz fired in the noisy crowd and wounded nine of them, three severely. Two of the firing party, named Moses and Krause, were arrested.

The crop reports thus far received at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, and which will be compiled and published, indicate that the wheat crop of this country for 1877 was about 360,000,000 bushels, or about 50,000,000 bushels greater than for any previous year. The corn crop is estimated, from the same reports, at 1,300,000,000 bushels. The crops of oats and potatoes were correspondingly large. Of the wheat, it is estimated that 110,000,000 bushels can be spared for export.

The whole yield of the precious metals during the year 1877 in the country west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia and Mexico, foot up ninety-eight and a-half millions, being an increase of seven and a-half millions over 1876. Nevada contributed over forty-four millions of silver, but this bullion is 95 per cent. gold. Nineteen millions of silver have been exported from San Francisco during the year to India, China and the Straits. Heavy rains have fallen in California, and the crop prospects are encouraging.

An intelligent young lady of nineteen summers arrived in Washington, D. C., on Friday night from Trenton, N. J., having walked the entire distance. She left Trenton on Saturday, the 22d ult., her object being to reach Columbia, S. C., where she has an uncle living. She is the daughter of a former State Senator of South Carolina. Three years ago she and her mother, having become very poor, left their native State for the North, in search of employment. Her mother died in Trenton about four months ago. Transportation to Fredericksburg, Va., has been secured for her.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Westminster, on the 1st of January, by the Rev. Jno. A. Earnest, Mr. Harry A. Miller and Miss Barbara E. Bankert, both of this county.

On the 13th of December, in Littlestown, by Rev. John Ault, Mr. Amos Lease, of this county, and Miss Mandilla Sheely, of Adams county, Pa.

On the 23d of December, by the same, Mr. W. M. Forney and Mrs. Margaret Angel, both of this county.

At the U. B. Parsonage, Littlestown, December 20th, by the Rev. R. H. Whitlock, Mr. John T. Clingan and Miss Mary E. Whitmore, both of this county.

December 18th, 1877, by Rev. E. J. Metzler, Hamilton H. Bair, of this county, and Miss Amanda M. Shoemaker, of Frederick county.

On the 23d ult., by Rev. John Ault, W. M. Forney and Mrs. Margaret Angel, both of this county.

On the 20th ult., in Littlestown, by Rev. R. H. Whitlock, John T. Clingan and Miss Mary Whitmore, both of this county.

On the 10th ult., at the same place, by the same, Pere Winchester and Miss Kate E. White.

On the 23d ult., at M. E. parsonage, in Hanover, by Rev. A. R. Miller, David H. Kirchuf, of Adams county, Pa., and Miss Louisa A. Jones, of this county.

DIED.

Deaths Free—Tributes, Poetry, &c., Five Cents per line.

Departed this life, at his residence at Union Bridge, this county, on the 17th of December, after a few days' illness, William Russell, in the 66th year of his age. Also at the same place, on the 22d of December, after a few days' illness, Rebecca Russell, (sister to the above,) in the 61st year of her age.

In Baltimore, December 28th, Catharine McCann, in the 70th year of her age, formerly of this county.

At his home near Houcksville, on the 27th of December, Melchor Harris, aged 52 years, 4 months and 4 days, leaving a wife and family who greatly mourn his loss.

In New Windsor, on the 2d instant, Emma Florence, aged 22 years, eldest daughter of William A. and E. M. Norris.

In Hampstead district, on the 26th of December, Joshua Stricklin, aged 84 years and 1 month.

THE MARKETS.

WESTMINSTER MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices by Grimes & Weaver.

FRIDAY, January 4th, 1878.

Flour—Extra	$5.50@6.50
" Super	5.00@6.00
" Family	7.00@7.50
" Rye	4.00@4.73
Wheat—Red	1.32@1.32
" White	1.32@1.32
Oats	30@32
Corn	55@55
Corn in the ear per barrel	2.50@2.75
Rye	50@55
Corn Meal	1.00@1.25
Buckwheat Meal	2.00@2.25
Clover Seed	5.00@5.75
Timothy Seed	1.50@1.75
Flax Seed	1.25@1.55
Lard	7@7
Sides	8@9
Shoulders	8@8
Ham	10@12
Pork	5.00@5.00
Potatoes	40@50
Hungarian Seed	60@60

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

Super	$400.@4.50
Common to fair Extra	4.75@5.75
Family	6.00@7.00
Patapsco Family	8.50@0.00
" Extra	8.25@0.00
Corn Meal	3.00@3.15
Wheat—White	1.40@1.52
" Red	1.30@1.40
Corn—White	45@48
" Yellow	53@55
Oats	35@36
Rye	62@65
Beef Cattle—best quality	4.75@5.50
" " medium	4.00@4.50
" " ordinary	3.00@4.00
Sheep—fair to good	4@5
" extra	5@5
" stock	2.00@3.25
Hogs	6@ 6½
Hay and Straw—Hay	12.00@16.00 ton
Straw	8.00@14.00 ton
Hides—steer	10½@12 cts ℔ lb
" cow	8½@ 9½ "
Leather—city slaughtered	30@ 34 "
" country	28@ 30 "
" Spanish Sole	30@ 35 "
" Rough skirting	27@ 30 "
Seeds—Clover	8½@ 9 "
" Timothy	1.40@ 1.50 ℔ bu
" Flax	1.30@ 1.40 ℔ lb
Wool—unwashed free of burrs	30@32 "
" bury	35@36 "
" tub-washed	38@40 "

County Treasurer's Report

OF THE

Finances and the Financial Condition

OF CARROLL COUNTY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 12, 1877.

DR.

To cash on hand Dec. 12, 1876	$5,287.56
Amount received during the year to Dec. 12, 1877	100,915.38
	$106,202.94

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By amount paid out during the year	$100,550.84
By cash on hand Dec. 12, 1877	5,652.10
	$106,202.94

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

DR.

To county certificates outstanding to Dec. 12, 1877	$46,875.00
To current expenses unpaid on levy 1876-77	676.00
To amount due School Commissioners on levy 1877	14,000.00
To amount due on county roads and small bridges on levy 1877, estimated	6,000.00
	$67,551.00

CR.

Amounts due from Tax Collectors as follows:	
For year 1874	$221.25
For year 1875	6,818.99
For year 1876	28,824.40
For year 1877	39,129.00
Judgments vs. Tax Collectors	9,194.38
Note due Commissioners	385.47
Cash on hand Dec. 12, 1877	5,652.10
	$90,225.59

Leaving a balance of $22,674.59 for the entire assets of the county over and above the indebtedness, provided the above amounts are all available.

L. C. TRUMBO,
County Treasurer.

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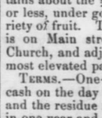
Public Sale of Valuable Real Estate

IN UNION BRIDGE, MD.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the subscriber, as Executor of Ann Clay, deceased, late of Carroll county, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, in Union Bridge, on

Saturday, January 26th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.,



a valuable House and Lot; the house is comfortable and substantially built of brick, containing 3 rooms and pantry on first floor; four rooms on second floor; a basement kitchen and cellar, with a large cistern, through which the water is filtered and purified and a spicket in the kitchen to draw the filtered water; the outbuildings consist of a wood, meat and smoke house, and other buildings, all in good repair. The lot contains about the ½ of ¾ of an acre of land, more or less, under good fencing, with a choice variety of fruit. The above described property is on Main street, south of the Methodist Church, and adjoins the same, and is in the most elevated part of the town.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale or ratification thereof, and the residue in two equal payments, one in one year and one in two years from the day of sale; the credit payments to be secured by bonds or notes bearing interest from the day of sale.

THEODORE A. CLAY,
Executor.

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House and Lot for Sale.

A Desirable Property on Pennsylvania Avenue, in the City of Westminster, will be disposed of at a bargain. The improvements are first class. Terms easy and possession given on the 1st of April next. For further particulars inquire of

dec 22 WM. A. McKELLIP, Agent.

Black Crape Veils

RENOVATED and made equal to new. One door East of Smith & McKellips Law Office, Westminster, Md. dec