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Hood's Mills Items. Railroad Accident, Man Killed—An Enjoyable Evening—Tournament at Littlestown—Mill Burned—Admitted—Local Brevities—B. & C. V. Railroad—Burglar Shot—Orphans' Court—Manchester Items—Emory Grove—etc., etc.

HOOD'S MILLS ITEMS.—It is scarcely necessary to inform you of the extensive and fatal accident which occured at this place on Saturday last, nor do I know how to enlighten the public after the many canards that have been sent in all directions. It is to me passing strange how so many can witness an event and no two be able to relate the same thing with any accuracy. You are acquainted with the surroundings of this place, but for the benefit of many who are not, I will again give a description:—About three hundred yards west of the mills is a short, very short, curve at a crossing called Lime Kiln Hill; at the base of this hill is probably one of the most extensive dams of our stream, the race of the dam running parallel with and bordering on the track; then, at this place, stands the mill, and on the east corner is the crossing by which you reach the cars, the road used is parallel with the race and about eight feet lower than the railroad track. Now the shortness of the curve at the dam at the one end, and the position of the mill at the other, renders necessary the greatest caution, not only by all crossing the track at either end, but all who may have any connection with the road. You perceive from my description that the railroad is completely shut from view, and in connection with the roar of the dam and noise of any vehicle that may be passing, too much caution cannot be exercised. On Saturday morning, between five and six o'clock, the time when a constant succession of burden trains are passing, a four-horse wagon, belonging to Mr. Chas. Hobbs, of Howard county, attempted to cross the track at this place, and just as the leaders cleared the track the tongue horses were struck by engine 218, William Hilton engineer, and one of the most reliable of the road, breaking the tongue and instantly killing the horses. The wagon contained a musical band from Baltimore, as follows:—David Emerich, Henry Yuncke, Joseph Ferris, and Henry Silver. They had been performing the day before at a pic nic given by the Grangers of Howard county. In an instant seven cars were hurled over the south embankment, while two were thrown across the north track; such a wreck you never saw; the cars were loaded with wheat, flour, &c. Fortunately the tender broke from the train, and still more fortunate for all concerned, the accident did not occur to the train that was following, which was a stock train. Just imagine, it was seven car loads of stock, every one of which must have been killed. Would we of the neighborhood not have had a good time? the thermometer at 90°. But for the breaking of the tongue every man must have been killed, as well as the two horses in the lead. On one of the cars an unfortunate tramp named Alexander Colwell, claiming residence in New Jersey, (this is the name and residence given your correspondent by the unfortunate himself,) was stealing a ride. He got on the cars at Mt. Airy, and after a nine-mile ride was thrown at least twenty feet and fell into the race; he would have drowned but for the promptness of persons rescuing him. Upon examination he was found terribly mutilated. Dr. C. C. Morehead was promptly on the spot, and with the assistance of D. A. Riggs, skilfully amputated the left leg above the knee, but the internal injuries of the poor creature were so great that death shortly came to his relief. The body was taken in charge by Dr. Morehead in name of the railroad company, and transmitted to Baltimore. As far as I can learn the company is exonerated by a large majority of our people. The engineer not only blew the whistle at the proper place, but again, when he discovered the horses on the track. This being a down grade it is impossible to stop a train instantly. The driver of the wagon states that he at first refused to come upon the track, but was urged by the occupants of the wagon to do so, and Mr. John Wagoner, who was standing on the platform at the time, beckoned him to stay back. The accident caused the detention of the Frederick train about four hours and the Winchester about two, while the mail was not detained more than three-quarters of an hour. Chief Engineer, Bradley Shipley, with his valuable aids, Messrs. A. Arrington and R. O. Day, and about forty able hands, seemed to have fallen from the clouds, so promptly were they on the ground. All day Saturday and Sunday did they work like Turks, and by Monday morning the evidences of the disaster ceased to be a wonder. I have probably been more lengthy than necessary or acceptable, but so many ridiculous stories have gone abroad I thought I would give a detailed and, I think, a thruthful statement.

We are now receiving a bountiful rain. All vegetation is in a most luxuriant condition, and if present prospects continue it will be very singular if all cannot live.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.—A letter from Lisbon, Howard county, says:

Finding in your columns no mention of a very entertaining evening spent several days ago, in the woods of Mr. Wm. H. B. Dorsey, I desire to send you, though late, a note or two for record. A very beautiful grove, just in the rear of Mr. Dorsey's place, has been set apart for these annual reunions. An elegant platform, painted and oiled, has been put up by Mr. Dorsey for these gatherings, which always prove to be pleasant. Price's band, of Frederick, known to all that section of country, was again, upon this occasion, brought into requisition, and nothing was wanting to make the evening pass away rapidly. In the midst of the entertainment a storm cloud passed over, bringing with it a terror to the ladies present. Retiring in good order to Mr. Dorsey's, however, all were entertained very handsomely by Mrs. Dorsey and her sister by some rare selections of both vocal and instrumental music. After which the platform was again resorted to and on went the dance. We noticed many handsome ladies from New Market, Frederick, Liberty, and other sections of Frederick, Carroll and Howard counties, among those that enjoyed this very pleasant little sociable. It is the purpose of the gentlemen of the neighborhood to resume these entertainments after the camps have ended. We trust that another rain storm will give us the opportunity of again hearing such a musical treat as was then given us.

TOURNAMENT AND BAND CONTEST.—At Littlestown, Pa., on Saturday last, a tournament and band contest was held, and the occasion drew together a large concourse of people. Wm. McSherry, son of Hon. Wm. McSherry, delivered the charge to the Knights. After a spirited contest the judges decided that A. C. Stitely, of Rocky Ridge, Md., was entitled to the honor of crowning the Queen; Lewis Ramer, of Gettysburg, Pa., the first maid, and Harry Spalding, of Littlestown, Pa., the second maid. The young ladies were Miss Emma Myers, of Littlestown, Queen; Miss Mary Long and Miss Annie Steffey, first and second maids. The first gentleman received a handsome riding bridle; the second a watch chain, and the third a silver goblet. In the band contest there were three entries, but the Littlestown Band withdrew, leaving the field to the Hanover and White Hall bands. The Hanover band was awarded the prize of $15 and the White Hall band $10. Dancing followed which was continued until late in the evening.

MILL BURNED.—About 11 o'clock on Saturday night last the large four story flouring mill belonging to the heirs of the late Daniel Reafauver, located near Middletown, Frederick county, was completely destroyed by fire, together with its contents. The fire is supposed to have occurred by a heated journal setting fire to some bran. It was one of the largest mills in the county, having a capacity of 125 barrels per day. At the time of the fire there was stored in the mill 3000 bushels of wheat, 50 barrels of flour, between 1200 and 1500 bushels of bran, feed, &c., together with rye, oats and corn. The books and papers were burned. Loss $18,000; no insurance.

ADMITTED.—On Tuesday last Mr. James A. Diffenbaugh was admitted to the Carroll County Bar on motion of Hon. Charles B. Roberts, with whom he had read law. Mr. Diffenbaugh was publicly examined, being the first examined in this Court under the law of 1876, the examiners being Hons. Wm. P. Maulsby, John E. Smith and Joseph M. Parke, Esq. Mr. Diffenbaugh graduated at Western Maryland College in the class of '74, and in 1877 the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by the same College.

Whoopingcough prevails among the children in Westminster.

Local Brevities.

George C. Crass has opened a coal yard in this city.

The open-air concerts of the Kazydid are of nightly occurrence.

Now look to the wheat drill and see that it is in good working order.

In about two weeks the seaside season will be over, "then the swallows homeward fly."

The number of summer visitors to Westminster, this season, is greater than ever before.

The corn and buckwheat crops are very flourishing in this county. The late showers will mature both crops.

Meadow Branch Sabbath School will hold its annual celebration, in an adjoining grove, on Saturday, the 31st instant.

Westminster thieves milk your cows, grabble your potatoes, pull your roasting-ears and are very fond of fried chicken.

"F. J. W." of Gettysburg, writes to the Philadelphia *Times* that he has discovered the secret of perpetual motion.

Wm. R. McDaniel, of Talbot county, has received the appointment to the free scholarship in Western Maryland College.

The pic nic held on Tuesday of last week for the benefit of St. Joseph's Church, Taneytown, realized the gross sum of $230.

David H. Shriver, of this city, is building a brick wash house, 12x14 feet. Jacob Worley carpenter; Reigle & Kneller masons.

Messrs. B. F. Shriver & Co., of Union Mills, raised 29 bushels of Lancaster wheat, per acre, on their Biggs farm, near Westminster, this season.

"Beware of the Smallpox," posted at the outer gate of the farm, is said to be more effectual against tramps than mercurial ointment for bedbugs.

A handsome public park in the vicinity of the Court House is part and parcel of the local chit-chat of the hour. Shall we ever see it? We would like to.

Dr. J. J. Weaver and wife, and Captain Brubaker, of Uniontown, Sarah Haines, of Linwood, Dr. Manakee and wife, of Union Bridge, have gone to Nantucket, Mass.

The Westminster Socials propose giving a Ball at Odd Fellows' Hall, on the 11th of September. The one given by them in February last was largely attended and heartily enjoyed.

We asked a Carroll county farmer, last week, this question—"Has the increased yield of wheat paid for the increased quantity of fertilizers purchased last fall? His reply was—"Yes, and more."

The sky was cloudless on Monday evening, and the full-orbed moon in partial eclipse was plainly visible. We were not cheated of a view of the phenomenon by the clouds as we were of the solar eclipse last week.

Mr. M. W. Fout, of Frederick county, has raised 41 bushels of Fultz wheat to the acre, this season, using 140 lbs of fertilizer to the acre. His Lancaster wheat yielded 27 2-3 bushels per acre in a field of 25 acres.

The rain-crow frequents the silver maples in order to feed on the green worms with which they abound. It is a graceful bird, with a long tail, somewhat larger than the mocking-bird. Its note is very discordant, and is supposed to foretell rain; hence its name.

A Sunday School celebration will be held at the Meadow Branch School House, in Westminster district, on Saturday, August 31st, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning and continuing throughout the day. A band of music will be present to enliven the occasion.

The First Maryland Cavalry, Confederate States army, will hold their annual reunion at Poplar Springs, Howard county, Saturday, August 24. Gen. Frank A. Bond is president of the society and Fielder C. Slingluff secretary. Many of the members reside in this county.

Potato bugs appear to be on the march. A large number of them have made their appearance upon our sidewalks and in our streets, and all moving in the same direction, toward the South. Are they migrating? It would be pleasant to know that they were taking their final departure.

Mr. Frank Stocksdale, son of Mr. William Stocksdale, of Westminster district, while driving on the Washington road, on Monday, in a buggy had his dash board kicked through and the horse got one foot caught over the cross-piece, which caused him to fall and break both shafts of the carriage.

Some very fine peaches have been brought to this market, this week. This shows what might be done with the fruit in Carroll county by a little more attention to its culture. Peaches are always saleable. They are wanted in quantities at the packing house of B. F. Shriver & Co., at Union Mills.

Harvey S. Reese, of Tiffin, Ohio, son of Wm. Reese, Esq., this city, arrived here on Monday. He represents business as being very brisk, and that C. J. Yingling, formerly of this city, with whom he is engaged, is doing a thriving trade. Mr. Yingling's well-known business activity would assure him success any where.

MANCHESTER ITEMS.—Edward, son of Mr. Isaac Brilhart, residing about half a mile south of town, received a painful injury on Friday of last week, in trying to stop the horse power of a threshing machine. The strap or belt flew off while the machine was in motion, and the young man in attempting to run a pole into the ground to press against the pit wheel to break the speed, struck the rim of the wheel with the end of the stick, which was carried round, causing the other end to strike him in the stomach and throw him some distance. He lay unconscious for some time and suffered much pain for several days, but is now doing well under the treatment of Dr. T. A. Shower.

Emanuel Lutheran Sunday School held a pic nic last Saturday in Mr. Jacob Hoffacker's woods, about four miles east of town.

George E. Cramer, Esq., delivered an able lecture in Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday evening of last week. I am sorry to say that he did not receive the patronage merited.

Farmers are actively engaged in preparing the ground for seeding. All were richly rewarded for their labors of last fall, and no doubt feel very much encouraged, notwithstanding the low prices of produce. The crops have not only yielded largely in quantity, but are also of excellent quality. Mr. George Trump threshed wheat a few days ago that weighed 67 pounds to the bushel. As for the merchants they should not complain. Dry goods are in demand, groceries looking up, hardware firm; some butter is strong, and some cheese lively.

EMORY GROVE.—The senior of the *Adevocate* dropped in at Emory Grove Camp, on Monday afternoon, and found the camp in a state of quietude, not over five hundred persons present in the auditorium; heard a sermon by Rev. W. T. L. Weech, and an exhortation by Rev. Dr. J. McK. Reilly. The ground was free from dust or mud, and an air of comfort pervaded every part of it; the tents, principally canvass, are substantial, spacious and neat. Shook hands with Mr. John F. Plummer, Secretary of the Association, a former fellow-townsman. Found reporters of the several Baltimore papers "taking notes." Two policemen attend the arrival and departure of the trains and keep the children from harm, of whom there are a large number present and throng the platform at train time. About About a dozen colored bootblacks at the station, improvised an open-air concert and awoke the echoes of the grove by their camp-meeting choruses. Persons were coming and going by every train, those arriving being provided with baskets of provisions, flowers, etc., for the purpose of adding to their camp enjoyments and comforts. Ladies in groups were wandering in the woods gathering ferns and wild flowers; young ladies and gentlemen were promenading in the environs, and nurses and children taking invigorating and health-giving exercise. The number of tents on the ground is three hundred and fifty.

ORPHANS' COURT.—*Monday, August 12th.*—Thomas W. Harn, guardian to Willamine Grove, settled 1st and final account, and guardian to George Grove, settled 1st account.

Abraham Stoner, executor of Delilah M. Ohler, deceased, returned list of sales of personal property.

Augustus M. Barnitz, administrator of Mary Lee Mathias, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

John Messinger, administrator of Mary M. Messinger, 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.

William P. Gardner and Elias N. Gardner, executors of Nimrod Gardner, deceased, received orders to sell real estate.

Tuesday, August 13th.—Emanuel Sauble, guardian to Guy Lynn, Hampton Lynn, Luther Dorsey Lynn and Mary Elleanor Lynn, settled 2d account.

BALTIMORE AND CUMBERLAND VALLEY RAILROAD.—The organization of this road was recently completed at Waynesboro', the necessary amount of stock having been subscribed, by the election of Dr. E. A. Hering, President; George J. Balsley, Secretary; Treasurer, Joseph Price; Directors, Simon Lecron, Jacob S. Good, Dr. J. N. Snively and David Hoover. The road will start from Welty's water station, on the Western Maryland Railroad, three miles east of Smithburg, Washington county, Md., and run to Waynesboro', Franklin county, Pa., a distance of six miles. It will be continued to Chambersburg and Shippensburg when subscriptions will justify it. Messrs. Dacey, of Boston, contractors for the construction, will commence operations in a few weeks.

HEAVY YIELD.—The Reisterstown *Voice* says:—"James Williams has raised this year 60 bushels of Fultz wheat per acre from three acres, on his farm of 40 acres. When he purchased the farm four years ago it was so poor it would hardly produce grain. Six hundred pounds of phosphate were used at seeding, and the land was measured in the presence of several gentlemen."

On thirty-five acres of land on the Rose Hill farm, near Pikesville, Baltimore county, belonging to the heirs of the late Wm. Devries, there was raised this year 1,540 bushels of wheat, an average of 44 bushels to the acre. Mr. Christian Devries states that this measurement was achieved after the wheat had been subjected to three cleanings. This was the entire crop of wheat put out, and the land, after being well plastered, had been heavily fertilized. It is questionable whether a better average crop was raised in Maryland or anywhere else east of the Mississippi river.

BURGLAR SHOT.—John Slade, manager of the farm of J. Howard McHenry, near Pikesville, Baltimore county, was robbed several times last year of grain, and the thief had returned this year and taken between 50 and 60 bushels from the barn. On Monday night a watch was placed on the barn, and about 12 o'clock a man was seen entering. He was called upon to halt, but not heeding the summons, Mr. Slade fired, bringing the burglar to the ground. It proved to be Lewis Scrodt, of 196 West street, Baltimore. His wounds were dressed and he was taken to Towsontown and lodged in jail.

BARN BURNED.—Early on Thursday morning of last week, the barn of Mrs. Butler, near Conewago Chapel, Adams county, was discovered to be on fire and was entirely destroyed. How the fire originated, is not known, but it is supposed from some one smoking in the barn.—*Hanover, Pa. Herald.*

CONFIRMATION.—Archbishop Gibbons will hold confirmation at St. John's Church, this city, September 29; at St. Bartholomew's Church, Manchester, September 30; at St. Joseph's Church, Taneytown, October 1; and at St. Thomas' Church, New Windsor, October 2.

HOG CHOLERA is raging in the western part of this county and the eastern section of Frederick county, in Sam's Creek Valley. P. J. Bennett lost 10 fine shoats and Abdon Carlisle lost 12. Different other parties lost smaller numbers.

ARM BROKEN.—On Tuesday a son of Jesse Shuler, living with Emanuel Furney, near Mt. Pleasant, fell from an apple tree, by the breaking of a lander, fracturing both bones of the right forearm, and sustained other injuries. Dr. D. S. Coonan reduced the fracture.

For the Democratic Advocate.

The Charitable Entertainment.

It is not often that Westminster receives as great a treat as was given in the lecture room and chapel of the Episcopal Church on Monday evening last. The entertainment had been thoroughly advertised, and the room was well filled by the appointed hour, with a refined, intelligent and appreciative audience. At a quarter past eight H. Vanderford, Esq., introduted Miss Mae Blackman, Baltimore's favorite elocutionist, who opened the exercises by reading "The Legend Beautiful," by Longfellow. This was followed by "Bobolink," in which Miss Blackman exhibited fine imitative powers. Misses Crouse, Shellman, Mrs. I. E. Pearson, Messrs. F. Mitten and C. Zeiber then sang a beautiful little ballad, entitled "The Old Boat." Miss Blackman next delighted the audience with a rehearsal of the May Queen, which exhibited more of the genuine childish glee and sorrow than Mrs. Scott Siddons succeeded in giving to it; the tears of many in the audience proving how truly she had touched the feelings of many a tender heart. "How He Whipped Him," particularly pleased the boys, and "The Housekeeper" seemed equally striking to the girls. But the gems of the evening were "Rock of Ages," read with vocal and instrumental accompainment; "Archie Dean" and "Charlie Machree," in which Miss Blackman's splendid elocutionary powers were fully developed. After the reading of "The Catastrophe" and a portion of "Hiawatha," by request, a quaint old negro quartette, entitled "The Virginia Rose Bud," was sung. The rich bass of Mr. Mitten and the fine tenor of Mr. Zeiber being highly complimented as well as enjoyed.

One of the most attractive features of the programme was the beautiful vocal solo by Miss Sallie Crouse, entitled "Ecstasy Waltz." Miss Crouse's magnificent soprano voice was universally admired, and she was warmly applauded at the close of the song and presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. With a few words of thanks to the audience by Miss M. B. Shellman, who also stated the object of the entertainment, a neat speech from Mr. H. Vanderford of the *Adevocate*, and one from Col. W. P. Maulsby, the entertainment closed.

That all were pleased may be proved by the fact that Miss Blackman, who was the recipient of many handsome floral tributes, has been earnestly requested to repeat the entertainment at an early date. Her equals in elocution are few; her superiors none. Although the entertainment was thoroughly advertised and the object was to defray an expense incurred in securing a soldier's lot in the cemetery and erecting head-stones to the neglected graves of Union soldiers, it was a noticeable fact that but very few of those who professed to be and ought to be interested in the matter were present, while many strangers and citizens, who had no personal interest in the matter contributed to the success of the entertainment, and thanks to them, $20 was cleared and the debt raised. And thus a charitable undertaking has been crowned with success.

ONE OF THE AUDIENCE.

Business Locals.

First Class English, French, Scotch and American Cloths, Cassimers and Suitings, Fall styles, just opened, at H. L. Norris'.

Lost, on Thursday, August 8th, at Linwood Camp, a Gold Charm from a watch chain; valued as a gift from a friend. Liberal reward if left at this office, or at New Windsor Post Office.

The remnant of Lads' and Gents' Shoes and Slippers of Spring and Summer wear, will be closed out at cost for the next 30 days, at Lawyer & Reaver's.

A very large stock of Shoes and Hats, bought at great sacrifice, and will be sold at prices that cannot be undersold.

H. L. Norris.

Lawyer & Reaver, Railroad Depot, are selling Straw Hats at and below cost. Only a few left; call for a bargain.

Best White Sugar 10 cents, also Brown Sugar, best Coffees, Syrup, Coal Oil, and Groceries generally at Baltimore prices, at

H. L. Norris'.

Fall styles fine Fur Hats for men and Boys; 10 cases in stock, opened this day, at popular prices. Call at Lawyer & Reaver's, 1st National Bank Building.

The Celebrated York Carpets direct from the manufacturers, also Ingrain and Rag Carpets, cheap, at H. L. Norris'.

Gloves, Hosiery, Laces, Edgings and Fancy Goods generally, cheap, at H. L. Norris'.

The best Women's Shoe for one dollar ever sold in Westminster. H. L. Norris.

John E. Leete, a Louisiana carpet bagger, was before the Potter Committee, Thursday. He is a friend and associate of Anderson, and the tale he told is of the same pattern. He says that he saw the Sherman letter, and that Kellogg, Anderson and himself conspired together to get up fraudulent testimony upon which the East Feliciana returns were thrown out.

TOM THUMB BEATEN.—Ellis Rinehart, of Goldsboro, this county, was in York on Tuesday last when we formed his acquaintance. In point of size, Mr. R. is certainly the smallest man in this country. He will be 21 years of age on the 17th proximo. He is three feet high, weighs 43 pounds and says he is a Democrat.—*York, Pa. Republican.*

EARLY CORN.—On Saturday, August 10th, John W. Knotts ground at his mill near Hillsborough, Md., one bushel of new corn, in very good order, which made good meal. It was grown in Tuckahoe Neck by a colored man named Jones, who had new corn ground at the same mill last year on the 17th of August.

The Working Men's delegates elect to the California Constitutional Convention have sent to the President and Secretary of State a memorial setting forth the evils of Chinese immigration, and asking that immediate steps be taken to secure the abrogation of the Burlingame treaty.

The election in Cincinnati on Wednesday on the question of issuing two millions in bonds for completing the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, and also confirming the contract to to complete the road, resulted in a majority of 5,800 for the measure in a total vote of 26,649.

In Berks, Lancaster, Chester and York counties, Pa., the tramps are so numerous and their outrages so frequent and daring that the farmers are arming and travel in company for mutual protection.

TERRIBLE TORNADOES.

Great Loss of Life and Destruction of Dwellings, Barns, etc.

Violent local storms prevailed in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Northern New York on Friday of last week, doing great damage to property, and in one instance, at Wallingford, Conn., causing terrible loss of life. The storm at Wallingford occurred at six o'clock on the "sand plains," about a mile north of the railroad station, on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. For a few minutes there was a deluge of rain with terrific thunder and lightning, and then, for about a minute of time, the wind burst in fury, demolished 40 houses and about fifty barns. Twenty persons were killed outright, and fifty injured. The number of deaths has been increased to thirty-three.

On Monday the details of the storm were published, from which we take the following:

Never did a storm come with more appalling suddenness. Friday afternoon was one of the loveliest of the season. Light clouds sailed across the sky until three or four o'clock in the afternoon, occasionally obscuring the sun. Then a few black clouds, portending disaster, appeared over Mount Lamentation, a high hill lying to the westward of the village. Under the foot of this hill spreads Lake Windermere, an artificial pond, created by the Community people by damming the Quinnipiac river. Wallingford lies between this hill and another not so high that runs parallel to the mountain east of the town. Hills surround the pretty village and run through it, though its general situation is that of a town in a valley encircled by hills.

The clouds grew darker toward 5 o'clock, and by 5:30 o'clock they had become intensely black. Still, there was no great sense of impending danger. No one was frightened. The utter stillness that precedes many thunder-storms settled down in the valley just before 6 o'clock. All the wind seemed to have died away, but aloft the clouds went tearing wildly along at such a pace that many observers took alarm, and hastened through the streets to seek shelter. Lightning began to play incessantly across the low-hanging clouds. With horrible suddenness a change took place in the aspect of the heavens. Under the threatening clouds that spread over the village like a black curtain other and blacker clouds were driven. They came up from the west almost with the swiftness of thought. Before a dense black mass that rolled over the Wallingford community, a fleecy, misty curtain advanced, hiding the orchards and vineyards as it moved forward. The lightning flashed in blinding force from this cloud that was more like smoke than vapor in its lightness. Incessantly the flashes lighted up the surrounding country with a lurid, purple light, while the thunder rattled and boomed with interminable and deafening loudness. It was about 6:15 that a second mass of of clouds was noticed approaching on a different current of wind from the northwest, and some say there was also a counter current setting in from the southward, bringing heavy black clouds that seemed to touch the tops of the trees. A few drops of rain fell gently. Men and women hurried to the windows to close them, and home-going laborers began to run.

Before a cry could be raised, or preparations made to escape, a death dealing blast fell upon the homes of the poor. The heavy clouds over Windermere Lake seemed suddenly to descend, to drop upon the lake, and the waters were churned into foam. With a great whirling and whistling the winds from opposite quarters seemed to meet. A great volume of water was lifted from the lake, and went swirling up and up into the air. Lightning is not quicker than was the advance from west to east of this column of water, and the clouds that seemed to mingle with it. In a second it started on a forward course. Before it lay the Sand Plains, on which about fifty poor families, mostly Irish, have bought lots and established their dwellings.

The plains are nearly flat for a distance west to east of about a third of a mile. Then the land rises rapidly to the ridge on which Main street is laid out. Corn and tobacco grew on this hillside, and at the top are pretty country houses, spacious barns and a country road lined with elm trees. The Wallingford Community had a water-wheel on the shore of Windermere Lake. The whirlwind caught it, and it was crumbled as if it had been built of straw. A few hundred yards from the lake, to the east of it, was a poor cottage, in which lived Michael Twohey, his wife Mary, and their sons Daniel and Michael. Michael was in the village. With the first puff of wind the woman attempted to shut the windows. The boys assisted her. Before they knew what happened the house was leveled to the earth. A power that seemed irresistible carried the building, twisted into fragments, flying through the air. Mrs. Twohey was caught up and hurled along through branches of trees and over telegraph wires, beyond the railroad, across two lanes, a distance of nearly a quarter of a mile, when she was flung down tattered, and gashed, and bloody. The boys were blown through windows along with bricks, and pots and pans. Michael was carried into the branches of a prostrated apple tree. Daniel was whirled away on the gale one hundred and fifty yards, when he was flung down so violently as to have his arm broken, while his face was a mass of livid blue spots and deep scratches.

The wooden houses were carried clear off their foundations from a few feet to an eighth of a mile. In the line of the tornado nothing was left standing, and on each side of its track lesser damage was done, chimneys especially suffering. The Catholic church, (wooden,) and the new brick high school were totally demolished. The top of the brick factory of the Wallingford Community was carried away. Fires were communicated to the ruins in many cases by lamps and stoves, and but for the rain the horror of the affair would have been greatly increased.

There were many incidents. A youth, Matthew Mooney, was standing on a railroad track when struck by the full force of the tornado. He was picked up fifty feet away, almost beheaded. Mrs. Huldy had her child in her arms; when picked up both were dead and almost scalped. Fred. Littlewood was killed by flying timber as he was coming home from work. Four female relatives of John Munson were buried in the cellar of the house when blown down, and it took a long while to get them out. It was reported they were killed, but when found two were injured slightly, the other two escaping. Dwelling houses were swept out of existence and barns lifted clear off the hay contained therein, the latter being left standing, and the roofs of innumerable houses taken off. The railroad tracks were not disturbed, and trains are running as usual.

As the wind sped on it whipped the tops off the corn, cut the clover as if it had been mowed, tore up telegraph poles and tossed them into the air as if they had been feathers. The wind swirled and gyrated more swiftly, and its power seemed to develop as the cyclone advanced.

The deadly blast heeded not the pretty gardens, or the little children whose faces were pressed against the window panes to watch the storm, against which they felt so secure. In the twinkling of an eye everything was crushed, and then the fragments of what were but a moment before houses were carried aloft in the consuming gale, to mingle with masses of trees, trunks and branches, potato vines, chairs, clothing, and all manner of things in the craziest confusion. In one of the houses lived Mrs. Downes, a middle-aged lady. She was whirled away six hundred feet, and was picked up dead and almost naked.

The path of the storm makes a plain winrow, half a mile in width in its widest part, and in that dreadful lane only two or three houses still cling together at all, and these are so badly twisted, tilted and defaced that it will be difficult ever to rebuild them.

On Sunday impressive funeral services were held for those who lost their lives by the terrible tornado on Friday. Fully ten thousand people were in attendance.

The tornado did considerable damage to property at and about Meriden, Connecticut, but no lives were lost. $10,000 were raised here Sunday for the sufferers at Wallingford.

At Rye Beach, V. T., the shower at noon is reported as having been terrific, and accompanied by hail and a violent wind, the latter being quite wide in its path, and blowing down whole sections of woodland. The doors of the postoffice were blown down and the building was flooded with water. The bridge at the bathing beach was demolished and several of the buildings were more or less injured. A small boarding house on the beach, occupied by about twenty people, was split in two, but fortunately the inmates escaped injury. Whole acres of woodland are blown over, and nearly all the chimneys in the track of the storm are blown down. No lives were lost.

A portion of Anne Arundel county, Md., was devasted by a storm about two o'clock on Saturday afternoon last. It struck Queen Anne and went on in a north-west direction toward West River. The number of barns and buildings destroyed is not less than fifty, many contained the crops gathered this year, which were scattered or ruined, and the loss is estimated at $100,000.

A colored camp was located near Mount Zion Crossroads, and a crowd were there when it struck the meeting. The wind lifted the tents as leaves, and some were found in Mr. William Hall's field, fully a mile distant. There was little thunder or lightning, but the rain and hail were heavy. The hailstones were as large as black walnuts, but the fall lasted but a few minutes. The width of the storm was about a mile, and the tornado passed in the twinkling of an eye, leaving destruction in its wake. Tobacco and corn in its path were torn up, cut to pieces, and in some instances blown right out of the ground. At Mr. Philip Mayhew's the trees blew down on the house, took away the end of it, and filled the house with limbs. Mr. Mayne's pig-pen was blown a quarter of a mile off, and not missed until the next day, when it was found right end up and the two pigs none the worse for their aerial journey. The public roads and private fields are filled with blown down trees. Trees two feet in diameter were snapped off like twigs.

Easton, Md., was struck by a tornado about the same time. The tornado began near the river, and taking the dust and dirt from the roads along with it, continued on its way toward the town with terrific force. The steeple of the Methodist church was partly blown to the ground, damaging it to the extent of about $1,000. A great deal of other damage was done, but no lives were lost. The wharf depot at Martin's wharf, on Miles river, was also blown down. Dwellings, barns, outhouses and forests were demolished, while the damage to cornfields is terrible, some losing their entire crop.

Washington was visited by another violent storm on Saturday afternoon. The wind blew a hurricane for about ten minutes, levelling trees, overturning carriages in the streets, and damaging buildings. St. Ann's Orphan Asylum was unroofed. The plate glass windows in front of the Western Union Telegraph Office were blown in and one of the messenger boys was severely lacerated by the fragments of glass.

The English Postoffice Department recently wanted a few women clerks, and advertised for them—applicants to call between 10 a. m. and noon. Three thousand women put in an appearance, and the streets were blockaded for hours.

THE MARKETS.

WESTMINSTER MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices by Grimes & Weaver.

FRIDAY, August 16, 1878.

Flour—Extra	$5.00@5.00
" Super	4.00@4.50
" Family	5.50@6.25
" Rye	3.00@3.25
Wheat—Red	.95@ .95
" White	.95@ .95
Oats	30@ 30
Corn	50@ 55
Corn in the ear per barrel	2.50@2.50
Rye	45@ 00
Corn Meal	1.00@1.25
Buckwheat Meal	2.00@2.00
Clover Seed	3.50@3.75
Timothy Seed	1.25@1.35
Flax Seed	1.25@1.55
Lard	6@ 7
Sides	6@ 7
Shoulders	6@ 7
Ham	10@ 10
Pork	4.00@4.00
Potatoes	30@ 35
Hungarian Seed	60@ 60
Eggs	10@ 00

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

Flour, Super	$2.00@2.35
Common to fair Extra	3.50@4.50
Family	4.75@5.25
Patapsco Family	6.50@0.00
" Extra	6.25@0.00
Corn Meal	2.62½@0.00
Wheat—White	1.05@1.08
" Red	75@1.03
Corn—White	56@ 00
" Yellow	00@ 00
Oats	28@ 32
Rye	50@ 52
Beef Cattle—best quality	5.00@5.40
" " medium	3.75@4.50
" " ordinary	3.00@3.50
Sheep—fair to good	3 @ 3½
" extra	0@ 00
" stock	2.00@3.00
Hogs	5¾@ 6¾
Hay and Straw—Hay	6.00@14.00 ⅌ ton
Straw	5.00@12.00 ⅌ ton
Hides—steer	8½@9 cts ⅌ lb
" cow	7½@ 8½ "
Leather—city slaughtered	29@ 32 "
" country	28@ 32 "
" Spanish Sole	30@ 33 "
" Rough skirting	30@ 35 "
Butter—roll	12@16 "
" near-by roll	12@14 "
Eggs—fresh	11@12 ⅌ doz
Wool—unwashed free of burrs	22@26 "
" " bury	00@00 "
" tub-washed	32@36 "

Executors' Sale of Real Estate.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the undersigned, as Executors of Nimrod Gardner, deceased, offer at Private Sale, the following valuable Real Estate situated on the Deerpark Road, adjoining lands of D. D. Byers, Solomon Zepp and others. First,—The Home Farm, being parts of Lot No. 17 of Perth and Isaac's Retirement, containing

138 Acres, 3 Roods and 19 Perches of Land,

more or less, about 30 in superior timber. The improvements consist of a large Log and Frame Weatherboarded House, two stories, consisting of eleven rooms, large Switzer Barn, and all other necessary outbuildings such as wagon house, corn crib, hog house, blacksmith shop, spring house near the door, ice house, wood house, &c., also a variety of choice fruit trees in bearing condition.

Also a Lot of Land known as part of Glendoic, adjoining the Home Farm, containing

42 Acres, 3 Roods and 5 Perches of Land, more or Less,

About half of this Lot is in excellent timber land.

Also a Lot situated directly on the Deerpark road, containing 1 3-5 Acres of Land, more or less. The improvements thereon consist of a two story Log Dwelling House, Stable, &c.

Also a Lot of Land situated south of the Deerpark road, adjoining lands of Andrew Saylor and others, containing 6 ACRES and 3 ROODS, more or less. This Lot is all in excellent timber.

The above property has all been recently surveyed and stoned at the corners.

The Home Farm and the lot of 42 acres, adjoining, will be sold together, or separately, as may be desired.

This property is conveniently located as to churches, schools, mills, and postoffice, and is only 4 miles from Patapsco Station on the Western Maryland Railroad.

For terms and further particulars apply to Solomon Zepp, near the property, or to

W. P. & E. W. GARDNER,
Emmittsburg, Md.

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AT PRIVATE SALE
A VALUABLE PIECE OF

TIMBER LAND,

In Hampstead District, Carroll Co., Md.

THE undersigned is empowered to offer at Private Sale, all that valuable piece of Timber Land, in Hampstead district, Carroll county, and owned by Walter S. Kennedy. This land is situate on the division line between Carroll and Baltimore counties, and on the road leading from Manchester, Carroll county to Beckleysville, in Baltimore county, and is about 3 miles from the town of Hampstead, and adjoins the lands of Phillip Hare, George Baublitz, George Albans, and others. This is the same property formerly owned by Alexander H. Horner, and contains

152 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less, 30 of which is cleared, and the balance in fine thrifty timber, consisting of Chestnut, White and Black Oak, Hickory and Rock Oak. A large proportion of the timber is Chestnut, suitable for rails, shingles or saw-logs. This property is accessible to saw mills (one being only 1 mile distant,) and railroads.

Terms of Sale made known on applying to the undersigned, at his office in Westminster.

JAS. A. C. BOND,
Attorney at Law.

N. B.—This property will be divided into lots to suite purchasers if found advantageous to the sale.

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Notice to Creditors.

THIS is to give notice that the sub