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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1885.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Local Brevities.

The heavy rain storm of Thursday evening was attended by lightning and thunder.

Next Tuesday is election day. Polls open at 8 o'clock in the morning and close at 6 in evening.

The wheat crop in Carroll is looking well everywhere. The weather has been fine for fall work.

Next Tuesday being a legal holiday the banks will be closed. The public schools will be closed also.

To night is All Hallow E'en. The boy bent on fun will be abroad. Take in your door steps, cabbages and turnips.

Samuel W. Benford has sold his hotel in Manchester to Nelson Warehime for $2,800, possession to be given in April next.

From Mr. C. A. Shorb, of Fort Worth, Texas, we have received the *The Texas Special*, a journal devoted to the settlement of that state.

The Democratic meeting at Patapsco was not held on Thursday night, owing to the storm. It will be held on Saturday night, October 31.

Mr. T. H. Biggs, of Cranberry, has the brag corn of the Valley. From 1½ measured acres he husked 25½ barrels, or 85 bushels per acre. Can the Valley beat it?

Wm. L. Richards has been appointed postmaster at Patapsco, this county, in the place of Ezra Chew, resigned. Wm. L. Hammond has been appointed postmaster at Hood's Mills.

A colt belonging to Mr. Crouse, on the Van Bibber farm, near Avondale, was shot and killed while in a field a few days ago. A colored man named Bruce, it is said, did the shooting.

Mr. Stine, the proprietor of the skating rink, in this city, proposes to open the rink on Thursday or Saturday night of next week. The floor will be planed off and put in first class condition.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ridgely have rented their house on Cathedral street, Baltimore, and will shortly sail for Europe, where they will spend the winter. Mr. Ridgely is father-in-law of Mr. Frank Brown, of Sykesville.

Finksburg Items.

Mr. Hezekiah Caple has lately had his dwelling repaired. The repairs consist of a roof, new front porch and several inside improvements. Mr. Columbus Orem recently had a stable built on his place. Mrs. F. Shipley is having her property in the village improved, by removing the old blacksmith and wheelwright shops, putting up new fences, &c.

Mr. Wm. Gorsuch, for 31 years a resident of the village, sold a portion of his effects and moved with his family to New Windsor, on the 15th of October.

Prof. Edwards, organist of Mt. Calvary P. E. Church, Baltimore, with nineteen of his choir boys, spent last Saturday with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Leister. They were accompanied by two clergymen, Revs. Moffit and Sargeon. After dinner they paid a visit to Mr. Abraham Leister, where they entertained the family with some fine church music, the professor presiding at the organ.

Farmers are husking corn, which is turning out well. The growing grain is looking beautifully and the stand is generally good. A few places only having come up sparsely, owing to the drought. Mr. A. Leister got the $10 prize offered by Lamotte and Farrar to the purchasers of their phosphate, this fall. They, as usual, sold a large quantity of fertilizers.

Pleasant Valley Items.

Farmers are busy husking and housing their corn, which from all accounts thus far is certainly a good crop.

Uriah J. Heltibridle, residing near this place, claims to have grown the mammoth red beet of the season. It measures 8 inches in length and 27 inches in circumference, and weighs 11½ pounds.

On Saturday evening last the Pleasant Valley Cornet band serenaded Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fleagle, at Mayberry, after which they were invited to partake of a bountiful supper.

The political meeting here on Monday evening last was well attended and highly appreciated. The speakers were Dr. Wm. N. Martin, Hon. Frank T. Shaw, and Hon. Chas. B. Roberts; all were listened to with marked attention, even by the ladies.

Wm. Myers, residing near this place, lost his pocket book on Tuesday, the 27th inst., containing $60.

N. H. Kester has put up a new street lamp in front of his store, which adds greatly to the convenience of his customers and the public in general in coming for and depositing their mail matter after dark.

Mayberry Items.

Farmers are now busily engaged husking corn.

Mr. Jeremiah Linger, the oldest citizen of this place, fell down a hill one day last week and broke one of his hip bones.

Edward, son of Frederick Bankard, near this place, had one of his fingers cut off by the guano attachment of a grain drill.

Mr. Samuel Humbert, of Idaville, Adams county, Pa., formerly of this region, visited his father last week.

On last Thursday evening our rattle bang band, assisted by Tyrone and Copperville bands, marched to the residence and serenaded Mr. Charles H. Fleagle and wife.

On Saturday afternoon last the Pleasant Valley Cornet Band marched to our village to serenade Mr. Fleagle. After parading the village the captain halted the band in front of Mr. Fleagle's residence and discoursed some of their finest music.

Woodbine Items.

Since our last writing considerable improvement has been going on in this place. The ticket office has been repainted, which has improved the looks of it very much.

B. H. Betts & Bro. have received and sold a carload of the celebrated Auburn wagons.

S. D. Waters has taken Clarence Owings as a partner, and now the firm goes under the name of Waters & Owings.

Woodbine now has two daily mails each way, which is quite a convenience, especially for business men.

The prayer union which has been organized in this vicinity is well attended by both young and old, and we appreciate the vocal music much better than the paper mill whistle or Mr. Frank Leatherwood's mule, and even better than Mr. Geo. Pickett's saw, and we think all those who attend appreciate it more.

Personal.

Miss Nannie Baumgartner, of this city, has gone to Detroit, Michigan, to spend the winter.

Mrs. James H. Frazier, of Elkton, Md., is visiting relatives in Westminster.

Mr. E. W. Shriver and wife, of Brooklyn, New York, are spending a few days at his father's, this city.

Mr. J. T. Orndorff, of Westminster, who has been quite sick for some weeks, is much improved.

Mr. H. Dorsey Newson, formerly of this city, but for several years with Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., New York city, has now become business manager of the "The Writers' Publishing Company," 21 University Place, New York.

Organization of a Chautauqua Circle.

A local "Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle" was organized in Union Bridge Tuesday evening last. Twenty members were enrolled and the following officers elected—President, Dr. E. O. Mannakee; 1st vice-president, Daniel Wolfe; 2nd vice-president, Miss F. E. Wilson; secretary, Edw. Reisler; treasurer, Pemberton Wood. The Circle will hold weekly meetings, and will pursue the course of reading and study prescribed by the "C. L. S. C." University. Persons desiring to become members can apply to any of the officers for information.

Eden Items.

Mrs. Rebecca Green, wife of John Green, Sr., died Saturday morning last of consumption, aged 63 years, 7 months and 22 days. She was the last of the late David Pugh's family. Her remains were interred Sunday afternoon at Mt. Union Cemetery, Rev. Z. C. Mower officiating. The pall-bearers were J. J. Abbott, J. Basler, P. Menchy, A. Zimmerman, J. Brehm and H. Houck. The church was filled to overflowing.

Mr. Noah Lippy has left on a western tour, with a view of locating.

Day P. O. Items.

Pursuant to notice, the Sabbath School turnout at this place on Saturday, the 24th inst., was thought to be the largest assembly that has ever been there. Morgan Chapel was crowded to overflowing, with quite a concourse of people outside. We are taught that in the coming world the better class will be seated nearest the throne, while the innumerable company will stand in front. We do not know whether in this case the better class were seated or not, but we do know that we were among the outstanding, and could only catch the music as it wasted its sweetness on the outside air. The speaking of the pupils seemed to have been well performed, judging from the demonstrations of the more favored portion of the audience. The singing was unusually good, with the organ as an accompaniment, at which Misses Annie M. and Elizabeth Pickett, and Miss Easton, of Winfield, presided alternately, and perhaps others. After the inside ceremonies were through, and the insiders had absorbed all the best of it, the children were requested to repair to the open air, which was done *en masse*, when a four-bushel box was opened, and the children, answering to roll-call, were treated to sweet things. At least one hundred and forty names were called, when the waifs were invited to present themselves, and it was found that several names had been accidentally omitted, but not forgotten. It was most interesting to see so many budding, hopeful, innocent faces swimming in smiles, and we thought of the words, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." After the children's treat we bigger ones were handed cake, nicely prepared by delicate hands and baked to the taste. All passed off most enjoyably, and every one seemed for the time being to forget the heart's sad throbbings and its throes, however it may have suffered and may suffer again. We believe all left happier for their coming. We might except Mr. Rodney I. Davis and his bride, Miss Evvie I. Henry that was, whom Rev. Edward Smith, of the M. E. Church, had made one on Thursday, the 22d inst.; they, doubtless, came and went brimfull of happiness.

There were few of the "inevitable" candidates there; only those whose church relationship brought them out, among whom was Bro. John N. Selby, our presiding commissioner incumbent, who will no doubt so remain, and our pleasant political half-brother, Howard M. Zile, Republican candidate for the General Assembly, who says he "won't hurt the Democratic party a bit." We think just that way ourselves, for we calculate on a full ticket, and expect about the second week in November to see him sitting back as demurely quiet as a fly when licking the molasses from his front feet, carelessly dipped when taking his breakfast. However, we wish him no harm, and we hope he is not hurt by the new postoffice, "Daniel," being too near him.

And in this connection we are pleased to learn that, by the Department at Washington giving us all that we asked for, viz., a daily mail route from Woodbine to Winfield, and instead of granting our supplementary request for "Bloom" postoffice as a terminus, said Department substituted Taylorsville as our terminal point, thereby curtailing Mr. Little's route, and his pay as carrier correspondingly, which latter fact is the only one to be regretted—the public convenience is being much better subserved.

We are just informed that the venerable Aquila Pickett, of Winfield, died suddenly on the 24th inst., apparently without a pain, while at a neighbor's house on business. He was for many years a justice of the peace and postmaster at Winfield, and at the time of his death was heir apparent to a back, long delayed pension, due to his lately deceased wife, accruing from the death in the service of the United States of her soldier son.

New Freedom, Pa., Items.

Our farmers are about completing husking corn, and all seem to be pleased with the bountiful crop, which they did not expect.

The festival held by the New Freedom Cornet Band was a successful one. The band was favored with a visit from the Stewartstown Band; therefore had plenty of music.

The New Freedom Lyceum meets at the usual place, but at an earlier hour. The interest manifested is growing stronger every meeting. The following programme will be disposed of next Monday evening: Music, by Mrs. Allie Ward, J. H. L. Boyer, J. B. Wherley and J. T. Ward, Miss Kate Lazenby as organist; question for debate, "Resolved, Will the Republic of the United States decay as the great nations of antiquity have done?" Speakers—on the negative are Prof. N. D. R. Allen and W. S. King, of Maryland Line, Baltimore county; affirmative, Mr. Heathcoat. of Freelands, Baltimore county, and W. H. Manifold, M. D.; vocal solo, by Miss R. S. Heathcoat, of Freelands, Baltimore county, Md. The programme for two weeks hence (Nov. 9, '85,) will be as follows: Music, by J. H. L. Boyer, J. B. Wherley, E. H. Free and J. T. Ware—a male quartette; select reading, Miss Cora B. Nonemaker; oration, A. N. Hetrick; violin solo by J. H. L. Boyer, accompanied with the organ by Miss Allie Ward; dialogue, by E. H. Free and J. T. Ward; essay, by Wm. Shultz; quartette, by Miss Kate Lazenby, Miss Allie G. Ward, J. B. Wherley and J. H. L. Boyer.

C. B. Hunt, telegraph operator on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, in Fayette county, West Va., is at home with his parents, and is suffering severely with the ague.

W. W. Bahn, who is dealing in sheep, shipped the last lot to York this week.

Dr. Eli Free is having his barn repainted. Luther M. Free will move to Stewartstown on next Tuesday, and expects to follow his old trade, that of baker.

Cattle disease has not reached our vicinity yet, and the farmers are buying a large stock for this winter. Cattle are at a very low margin at present.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, October 26.—Henry E. Morelock, administrator of Geo. H. Winters, deceased, returned list of debts and settled first and final account.

Isaac N. Cole, administrator w. a. of Isaac Cole, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Isaac N. Cole, acting executor of Julia A. Cole, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

The last will and testament of Maria Matthews, deceased, was admitted to probate.

The last will and testament of Francis S. Null, deceased, was admitted to probate.

The last will and testament of Nancy Wright, deceased, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary granted to John C. Wright.

Letters of administration on the estate of Jacob Wickert, deceased, were granted to Geo. W. Horner and Stanislaus Walter.

Tuesday, October 27.—Eugenie E. Hayden, administratrix of Wm. N. Hayden, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Harriet A. Ways, administratrix of John T. Ways, deceased, settled third and final account.

Susan Roth, executrix of Levi J. Roth, deceased, reported sale of real estate.

Geo. W. Horner and Stanislaus Walter, administrators of Jacob Wickert, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels and received order to notify creditors.

J. Alexander Preston, executor of Usher Clabaugh, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and received order to sell goods and chattels and leasehold property.

Letters of administration on the estate of Hannah Hiteshew, deceased, were granted to Ephraim Hiteshew.

Sudden Death.

On last Saturday Mr. Aquilla Picket left his home in Winfield, this county, to appear as counsel in a case pending before Justice A. Daugherty, of Freedom district. Previous to the opening of the court, this aged gentleman sat conversing with those present with his usual vivacity, relating circumstances that had happened many years ago. When the case was called, in which he was to appear as counsel, the old gentleman arose deliberately and after examining some papers remarked that the case would have to be continued, as it was necessary to have other witnesses present. He then sat down beside the squire, and in less than two minutes was a corpse. He was 81 years old and died without a groan or struggle. The sad occasion had a solemnizing effect upon all present.

Tournament in Baltimore County.

A tournament was held at Randallston, on the Liberty turnpike, on Wednesday. Eighteen knights entered the contest. The first four received the prizes, and the next four had the honor of crowning the Queen and her maids of honor. The riding was the best of the season, it requiring thirty rings, or ten rides, to prove who should win first prize. Wm. B. Pearce, "Ivanhoe," won first prize, a set of harness; Harry Steele, "Howard," second prize, a saddle; Geo. Baseman, third prize, a carriage robe; John Shipley, fourth prize, a riding bridle. Thos. Ware crowned as Queen Miss Ella Baseman; John Hitshue, first maid of honor, Miss Martha Lemon, of Baltimore; Sam. Harker, second maid, Miss Stansfield; Walter Noyes, third maid, Miss M. Noyes. The ties were very exciting, there being ten knights who tied. Dr. H. J. Hebb delivered the charge to the knights. Carroll county knights took the three highest prizes.

New Advertisements.

Valuable House and Lot at Public Sale—Isaac N. Cole, Acting Administrator.

Notice to Road Supervisors—Charles E. Lauver, Clerk.

Legal Notices. List of Unclaimed Matter. Scientific American—Munn & Co., N. Y. Notice—I. S. Weaver.

An Unexpected Honor.

Our fellow-townsman, Col. Wm. A. McKellip, was the recipient of an unexpected honor on Monday last, at which time he received notice of his appointment as Assistant Inspector General for the United States of the Grand Army of the Republic. The position is one high up in that large and influential order, and is a just recognition of the Colonel's interest in and services to it. He will fulfil the duties ably and acceptably, and prove himself worthy of the distinction. The order has a no more zealous member in its organization.

Annual Meeting of Public School Commissioners.

A letter from Prof. M. A. Newell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the ADVOCATE, says: "The annual meeting of the Association of Public School Commissioners will be held at the State Normal School on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 24th and 25th. The Association will be called to order at noon Tuesday. Between the hours of nine and twelve members and their friends are invited to visit the several class rooms and witness the ordinary exercises of the school."

Weather Record for the Week.

October 24—mercury 40 at 7 a. m. and 53 at 2 p. m.; clear. October 25—mercury 38 at 7 a. m. and 56 at 2 p. m.; clear. October 26—mercury 41 at 7 a. m and 62 at 2 p. m. clear. October 27—mercury 44 at 7 a. m. and 63 at 2 p. m.; clear. October 28—mercury 50 at 7 a. m and 61 at 2 p. m., cloudy. October 29—mercury 58 at 7 a. m. and 58 at 2 p. m.; cloudy and rainy. October 30—mercury 47 at 7 a. m. and 49 at 12 m.; cloudy.

For the Democratic Advocate.

Not the Man to Vote For.

There were persons going around in Westminster during the campaign of 1880 to solicit subscriptions for a flag for Democratic headquarters, and one of them went to Mr. Stephan, not knowing that he was a Republican, and asked him for something towards purchasing it. While the solicitor was walking away Mr. Stephan remarked to some other persons standing there that it was a great note asking Republicans to help Democrats. Now Mr. Stephan asks Democrats to vote for him. Remember, Democrats, Stephan don't propose to help Democrats, not even to the extent of buying a flag, much less to vote for any of them. CITIZEN.

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Business Locals.

SPECIAL BARGAIN SALE

For ten days only at the new store of Milton Senft, Westminster. We will sell all Black and Colored Silks at cost; Satin Berbers, in all shades, at cost; all Colored Cashmeres at cost; all Table Linens at cost; for ten days only. Complete line of Notions, Children's Fine Hosiery, Men's Fine Shirts, Men's Neckwear, Red Flannel, Shirtings, Muslins, Bed Blankets, Bed Comforts, at lowest prices. Don't forget the place—West of Depot, Westminster, Md. Milton Senft.

FIRST-CLASS FEED.

The following grades of feed at reasonable prices always on hand: Choice Bran, White Middlings, Flax Seed Meal, Cotton Seed Meal, Flour Middlings, Hominy Chop. N. I. Gorsuch & Son. tf

Dr. Henley's Celery, Beef and Iron assists nature in throwing off disease, and restore the organs of the body to a healthy condition.

Just received the third car load of Studebaker Wagons, in sizes from one to six horses; also several Wagons specially for Hucksters, for sale cheap, at Shunk, Roop & Co's. 2t

It is safe to affirm that there is no known specific that can be compared with Dr. Henley's celebrated Celery, Beef and Iron, for the treatment of nervous diseases. Sold by all druggists.

The Studebaker Wagon is the only wagon on the market that has a slope-shoulder spoke. For sale by Shunk, Roop & Co. 2t

STOVES.

Coal and Wood Heating Stoves, Cook Stoves, Sausage Cutters and Stuffers. A. N. Stephan. iiii

Send to James E. Smith, General Insurance Agent, for terms before renewing or paying assessments on premium notes. If you Insure in his Agency no notes are taken and no assessments are made. Insurance from one day to 5 years. His rates are the lowest. feb 7

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Maryland Affairs.

Mrs. Louisa Hollingsworth Whyte, wife of ex-Governor Wm. Pinkney White, died on Wednesday morning, after an illness of some years.

Manager Barnie, of the Baltimore base ball club, has signed the following men for next year: Powell, Fullmer and Hoover, of Washington team, and Sommers. He will also sign Henderson. He has Greer, Macullar, Muldoon, Kilroy and Traffley in the reserve list.

David E. Hughes, colored, a former teacher of the colored school at Dayton, Howard county, was arrested on Friday of last week in Baltimore, and lodged in jail at Ellicott City, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from E. A. Talbott, of Ellicott City, in June last.

The American Gaslight and Fuel Company of Philadelphia have just succeeded in leasing for a term of years the plants of the two gas companies, the "Isabella" and the "Citizens," of Frederick, and will take possession of both establishments on the first of November next. The Philadelphia company will manufacture and supply what is known as water gas.

The completed lists of students in the Johns Hopkins University this year show the same number in attendance as last year, 200. The proportion of matriculates to graduates, however, is quite different. This year there are 162 graduates, (including fellows,) last year 174. This year there are 94 matriculates, last year 69. The special students this year are 34, last year 47.

Mrs. Loflin, widow of Wm. Loflin, attempted to take her own life on Tuesday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob James, near Smith's Chapel, Harford county, by hanging herself to the top of the bedstead in her chamber. In place of a rope she used articles of clothing tied together. Her daughter, Mrs. James, discovered her before life was extinct, and after being cut down she revived. Her mind was deranged.

The semi-annual meeting of the convention of Jewish clergymen opened on Monday in Baltimore. Rev. Dr. G. Gottheit, of New York, presided. The convention consists of 35 members, and 5 more were proposed for membership. New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut and the District of Columbia are represented. Those proposed for membership represent Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Missouri.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Booth, mother of Edwin Booth and widow of the late Junius Brutus Booth, who died at the residence of her son, Joseph A. Booth, in New York on Thursday of last week, were buried in the family lot at Greenmount cemetery, Baltimore, last Saturday. Mrs. Booth was in her 84th year. Her maiden name was Mary Anne Holmes. She was born in London on January 18, 1801, and was married to Mr. Booth in that city at the close of his successful engagement and with him embarked for this country in June of the same year, landing at Norfolk. Mr. Booth forwith played in Richmond "Richard III.," and began his distinguished career in this country. They had 11 children—Rosalie, Junius Brutus, Jr., Anne, Henry, Byron, Mary, Fredericka, Elizabeth, Edwin, John Wilkes, Joseph A. and Asia Booth. Mrs. Booth was widely known and highly esteemed by the members of the dramatic profession. The family resided on South Exeter street, in Baltimore, for many years, and also possessed a farm near Belair, Harford county, at the old academy in which town Edwin and John Wilkes received their early education.

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In the U. S. Court, at Pittsburg, Pa., on Wednesday, Boston Buck and the members of his gang of counterfeiters were sentenced to the panitentiary. Buck was sentenced to seven years; Edward Harman, four years; Louis Whitmore, three years; John B. Farr, two years and a half; John Segrist, two years; George Buck, one year, and Andrew Groner, two years. Sentence was suspended in the case of Wm. Segrist, a boy. The gang operated extensively in Clarion and Forest counties. Boston Buck, the leader, has been convicted before of counterfeiting. He is nearly 70 years of age, but says "he will live longer than those who prosecuted and sentenced him."

James Haller, a young man of Adamstown, Lancaster county, Pa., was shot in the head and instantly killed by Clayton Bucher, a companion, with whom he was gunning on Thursday.

Death of Gen. McClellan.

Major-General George B. McClellan died suddenly at 3.10 o'clock Thursday morning at Orange, New Jersey, of neuralgia of the heart.

George Brinton McClellan was born in Philadelphia, December 3, 1826. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1842, and from West Point in 1846. He served in the Mexican war, winning two brevets for gallant conduct. After the war he was stationed at West Point until 1851; was engaged in various engineering operations till 1855, when he was sent to Europe to observe the operations of the armies at Sebastopol. In 1857 he resigned his commission in the army and became chief-engineer and vice-president of the Illinois Central Railroad. At the outbreak of the civil war, in 1861, he assisted in the organization of Ohio troops, and in May was appointed a major-general, and sent against the Confederates in West Virginia, whom he defeated and drove from the state, receiving therefor the thanks of Congress. After the battle of Bull Run, General McClellan was called to Washington, where, after holding important department commands under General Scott, he was, upon the retirement of the latter, made commander-in-chief of the armies of the United States. He conducted the Peninsular campaign against Richmond in 1862, and after Pope's defeat at Manassas, was again placed in command of all the troops about Washington. September 14th and 17th he defeated the Confederates at South Mountain and Antietam. November 7th he was relieved from command. In 1864, he was the Democratic Candidate for President. In 1877 was elected Governor of New Jersey.

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Federal Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The President today appointed Frederick H. Winston, of Illinois, to be minister resident and consul-general to Persia; Wm. A. Mahoney to be collector of customs for the district of Fernandina, Fla.; Geo. A. Hessen to be surveyor of customs for the port of Memphis; Walter Goddard to be collector of customs for the district of Fairfield, Conn.

The Secretary of the Treasury today appointed L. M. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be a special inspector of customs for duty on the Ithmus of Panama. Frederick H. Winston, appointed minister to Persia, is a prominent lawyer and active Democratic politician of Chicago, and a man of wealth and high social standing. He is about 55 years of age, and has been a delegate to every Democratic national convention since 1864.

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The Colored State Fair of Mississippi was formally opened on Tuesday at Jackson. Governor Lowry, accompanied by ex-Senator Bruce (colored) and a number of other prominent citizens, was escorted to the fair grounds by military escort. Isaiah T. Montgomery (colored), of Vicksburg, offered prayer, and Governor Lowry, in a short address, declared the Fair opened. The Governor paid a high compliment to the progress of the colored people; praised the course of B. K. Bruce while United States Senator, and referred to the peaceful and happy relations now existing between the two races in Mississippi. His remarks elicited frequent and loud applause.

The Civil Service Commission has written to the President, calling his attention to "the attempt made by the Pennsylvania Republican Committee to collect political assessments in the departments," and suggesting the propriety of making an investigation of the matter with the view of punishing all parties connected with it who can be reached by the law. They say that "it is their belief that Chairman Cooper, who is responsible for the begging circular, is not an employe of the Government, and therefore cannot be reached by the law," and they discuss the propriety of asking Congress to extend the law to cover such cases.

A shocking incident occurred Monday at a nutting party on Walden's Ridge, near Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Geo. Snyder, a well-known lady, while picking chestnuts inserted her hand under a bush after a burr, and suddenly withdrew it with a shriek of pain. At the same instant a large rattlesnake, which was coiled under the bush, sprang out, and the lady saved herself from a second bite by falling from fright. The serpent had, however, inserted his fangs the first time. Every known remedy was applied, but at the last accounts it was thought the lady would die.

Anton Pfans, of Peninsula, Ohio, was given three to five grains of morphine in mistake for quinine by a green boy in a drug store. His life was despaired of, and the entire populace turned out, and about one hundred men, in an effort to save his life, ran him up and down the streets in the wildest manner, while women and children followed. At last Pfans turned upon his well-meaning tormentors and several desperate struggles ensued. His condition is critical. Physicians from Akron attended him later.

At East Saginaw, Michigan, about half-past six o'clock Wednesday evening, fire broke out on a tug near the Genessee avenue bridge. While a number of people were on the bridge looking at the fire, a piece of the sidewalk of the structure, about forty-five feet long, gave way, precipitating sixty people into the river, which is over fifteen feet deep and has a strong current. Most of them were saved, many being badly bruised, but it is thought several have perished, as twelve or thirteen are missing.

J. S. Nixon, of Chambersburg, Pa., while in attendance at the Presbytery at Newport, Pa., last week, engaged in conversation with the young Indian whom the Presbytery took under its care. In speaking of Indian names this young man said:—The Susquehanna river received its name in this way: An Indian standing on one side of the bank called across to the other "Susque," which means "are you there?" His friend replied "Hanna," which interpreted means "I am here." A white man standing near heard it and named the river accordingly.

☞*Democrats, vote your ticket straight. Don't trade.*

A dispatch from Boston says that the daily expenses of the city of Montreal are $3,000, and that owing to the ravages of small-pox business is prostrated, and the poor people who are not unwell appear to be preparing to move south into New England. The authorities are much concerned, and the Boston board of health was in consultation on Thursday with a view to prevent pauper immigration from Canada.

A great storm raged off the coast of Labrador on the 11th inst. Eighty fishing vessels were wrecked, and at least seventy lives were lost. Two thousand persons are now ashore in a destitute condition. Steamers will be sent to them from St. Johns, Newfoundland. A telegram received in Boston says the storm raged from the 11th to the 15th inst. and that twenty vessels and one hundred lives were lost.

The trial of the notorious Ferdinand Ward, in New York, ended Wednesday morning, the jury at a quarter before one o'clock, rendering a verdict of larceny in the first degree. The penalty is imprisonment in the State prison at the discretion of the Court for not more than ten years.

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An Indian and a cowboy quarrelled about drinks at Tishamingo, in the Choctaw Nation, last Friday, and settled it by a duel with pistols. Both were killed. The tragedy was witnessed by a crowd of about fifty Indians and whites.

Hercules Wilson, colored, has resigned his seat in the Georgia Legislature, giving as a reason that he can make more money by laying bricks at from $4 to $5 a day.

A boat containing a whole family, father, mother and child, was capsized in the St. Lawrence river on Thursday, and all were drowned.

☞*Democrats, vote your ticket straight. Don't trade.*

Sixty-five cows on one dairy farm in Westchester county, New York, have been slaughtered for having pleuro-pneumonia.

Kate Chase-Sprague is living in grand style in Paris, and her weekly receptions are the envy of the American colony.

Samuel J. Tilden on Thursday sent his check for $2,500 to the Democratic headquarters in New York.

There was a heavy snow fall at Grand Forks, Dakota, on Monday night.

News of the Week.

The fisheries in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are reported to be a failure, owing to a succession of heavy storms.

A vein of precious ore, assaying $200 per ton in gold and $150 in silver, is reported to have been discovered near Atlanta, Texas.

Archie C. Clark, aged 14 years, while playing at suicide with a revolver, in Providence, on Saturday, shot himself and died four hours afterward.

Judge Denny, ex-U. S. Consul at Shanghai, has accepted the position of foreign adviser to the Corean Goverment, at a salary of $1000 a month.

Twenty cases of scarlet fever were on Tuesday discovered in tenement blocks owned by the Tecumseh Mill Corporation at Fall river, Massachusetts.

Norfolk, Va., is to have another powerful cotton compress, making the sixth. The cotton trade is rapidly adding to the wealth of the "City by the Sea."

Civil Service Commissioner Thoman on Saturday handed his resignation to the President, and it was accepted. It takes effect on November 1st.

Official returns show 37 deaths from small-pox in Montreal, and 10 in its suburbs on Saturday, and 52 deaths in the city and 11 in the suburbs on Sunday.

A large anti-Chinese meeting, with a torch-light procession, was held in Seattle, Washington Territory, on Saturday night. There were 2000 men in line.

The Chinese Government has decided to maintain a standing army of 600,000 men, to be increased in time of war to 1,200,000. Four new ironclads have been ordered.

August Reinlar, 30 years of age, arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday night for passing a counterfeit bill, hanged himself in the jail before daylight Sunday morning.

Sarah Curry, aged 19 years, living in Dover, New Hampshire, has received a cable telegram announcing that by the death of an uncle in Scotland she inherits $1,000,000.

A herd of cows at Greenfield, Massachusetts, has been found to be afflicted with the anthrax, a disease similar to the Texas fever. The animals will be isolated and the premises disinfected.

Frederick Weigmann, a veteran of Waterloo, on Monday celebrated, his 106th birthday, at his son-in-law's residence, in Cincinnati. Mr. Weigmann was 90 years old when he emigrated to this country.

A Pittsburg paper publishes a list of 24 persons in that city worth $2,000,000 each, 15 worth between $1,200,000 and $1,500,000, and 31 worth $1,000,000. Mrs. Schenley heads the list and is worth $25,000,000.

A new disease is proving very fatal to the hogs in Webster county, Iowa. The animals are attacked with a cough and die in a day or two. Many farmers in the southern portion of the county have lost all their hogs.

The rear car of a train on the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad was thrown from the track near Laporte, Indiana, on Monday, by a broken rail, and rolled into a ditch. Nine persons were injured, all severely.

Rev. Alfred Coffee, a colored minister of Madison, Florida, has been arrested for beating to death his thirteen-year-old son, to make the child honest. The boy had sold three pounds of stolen cotton to a country store.

A telegram from Pittsburg, Pa., says: All the Evangelical denominations are holding day and night revival services in nearly all churches in Pittsburg and Allegheny. The movement is an outgrowth of the Moody and Sankey meetings last sping.

The Court of Alabama Claims, which will expire by limitation on December 31st, is making rapid progress with the business before it. One of the officers says that all the cases before the Court will certainly be disposed of by the middle of December.

John Howell, a farmer of Wayne county, Penna., last Friday afternoon shot four of his children, whose ages ranged from three to eleven years, and then shot himself. His wife and daughter were absent at the time. Howell, who is insane, will likely recover.

A man in Fort Worth, Texas, has contracted with an English syndicate to deliver on the wharf at Galveston fortnightly, for the next five years, 3000 frozen carcasses of beef cattle. The price is 6 cents per pound for the beef and 9 cents for the hides, and the shipments are to begin next week.

Samuel Campbell, twenty-one years of age, residing at Green Spring, Frederick county, Va., went hunting Saturday. Not returning, search was instituted, and he was found lying dead, with a portion of his face and top of his head shot away. It is supposed his gun was accidentally discharged.

On Monday morning, while twenty Italian laborers were being taken to their work on the Massachusetts Central Railroad, near Boston, about half of them were swept off the open car by contact with a box car left standing on a siding near Oakdale. Nine men were injured, one of them so badly that he died on the way to the hospital.

It has been decided by the Dominion Cabinet to postpone the execution of Riel until the 11th of November. The Toronto *Globe* says: "It now remains with Sir John MacDonald to say whether or not the sentence shall be carried out." The *Mail* is of the opinion that Riel will be hanged.

The St. Louis club, the champion of the American Association, won the third of the five games with the Chicago club, champions of the American League, and thus stands as the champion base ball club of the world. The last game was played at St. Louis on Saturday, the score standing St. Louis 13; Chicago 4.

According to a letter to the St. Louis *Globe Democrat* from El Paso, Mexico, there is a good deal of private talk among the intelligent and property-owning Mexicans in Chihuahua in favor of annexation to the United States of the northern tier of Mexican States. The letter adds that no open movement has yet been made, nor has the press touched the subject; it is all under-current yet.

It is announced that the President will leave Washington on Sunday evening for Buffalo, where he will vote for the Democratic State ticket and then return to Washington, arriving at the capital on Wednesday night or Thursday morning. He will probably make the journey alone. Secretaries Manning and Whitney, who vote respectively in Albany and New York city, will leave for their homes on Saturday night or Monday morning.

One of the most destructive prairie fires ever known in Texas was reported to be raging in several of the "Pan Handle" counties of that State, a few days ago. It is estimated that 500,000 acres have been burned over, the burned district extending from the Canadian river one hundred miles north. Judge Brown, of Claredon, has lost one-fourth of his range, and was severely burned in trying to save his crop of millet. The cowboys in some places were compelled to ride into the lakes to save their lives.

Near Waco, Nebraska, a few days ago, a man, named Brandt, was running a threshing machine. A thirteen-year-old boy, while cutting bands, accidentally cut Brandt's hand. Brant told the boy that if he cut his hand again he would run him through the machine. The boy became excited, and in a few minutes again slightly cut Brandt's hand. Brandt thereupon seized the boy and shoved him into the cylinder head first. He was instantly killed, his head being almost torn from his body. Brandt was arrested.

A bid of $34,000 was made Monday for a seat in the New York Stock Exchange, which is the highest price since 1881, when $32,500 was paid for a seat. Many brokers believe the price will advance still further, and Addison Cammack predicts that a seat will eventually be worth $50,000. This advance of $12,000 since last spring is the result of the great boom in stocks and the increased business on the floor of the exchange.

The authorities in Montreal still meet with much opposition in the work of isolating small-pox patients. On Sunday a carter named Trepanjer called a number of his neighbors to his assistance and together with the mob drove off a posse of sanitary police which had come to remove one of the carter's children to the hospital. At another house to which the officers went for a similar purpose a man drew a knife and kept them at bay until he was reasoned out of his folly.

Despatches from Perigueup, capital of the Department of Dordogne, France, state that a frightful accident has occurred at the Chancleade quarries near that town. While a large body of workmen were engaged in taking out stone, the quarries suddenly fell in, destroying a village situated on the the ground above the stonepits and killing a large number of persons. Many are buried in the ruins, and it is doubtful if any of them can be rescued in time to save their lives. Troops have been sent to the scene of the disaster to aid in the work of relief.

The shipment of grapes from Vineland, N. J., during the season up to date aggregates in the neighborhood of 800 tons, or 1,600,000 pounds. The crop is not yet all marketed, and this amount does not include the grapes which have been made into wine, either fermented or unfermented. The price has averaged three cents per pound, gross, out of which sum has to be taken the price of marketing, such as freight commission, expenses of packing, etc., so that the price netted to the grower will not be more than two cents per pound, or say $32,000 for the 1,600,000 pounds so far marketed.

Turkish Military Activity.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 28.—The war office presents a scene of unusual activity, clearly indicating that the Porte is determined on adopting effective measures in the event of the conference of the Powers failing to agree on a plan for the settlement of the Roumelian question.

An official report to-day shows that 180,000 Turkish troops are now mustered at available points on the frontier for active service in the Balkan Peninsula, and reinforcements are continually arriving. The Mustahfiz, or Landsturm, and the Bashi-Bazouks, have been summoned for military duty. The levy of the Landsturm is