

# Catoctin Clarion.

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## DEATH OF REVERDY JOHNSON.

The sudden and tragic death of the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, which occurred in the court yard of the Governor's Mansion, at Annapolis, on the evening of Thursday, 10th instant, has created a profound sensation and feeling of regret not only in this State, but throughout the United States and Europe.

It is not our purpose to pronounce an eulogy upon the deceased as a lawyer, a statesman, a diplomatist and patriot—that has already been done by far abler hands—but to give the salient points and prominent events of his long and distinguished career.

Reverdy Johnson was born in the City of Annapolis, May 21, 1796. His family on his father's side were of English descent, and on that of his mother French, and his ancestors were among the earliest settlers in Maryland, several of them holding prominent positions under the colonial government. His father, John Johnson, was an eminent lawyer, and was successively Attorney General, a Judge of the Court of Appeals, and Chancellor of the State. His mother was a daughter of Reverdy Ghiselin, who was long known as Commissioner of the Land Office at Annapolis.

Mr. Johnson was educated at St. John's College, Annapolis, leaving the institution at sixteen years of age. He then read law under his father, and was for a time a student in the office of the late Judge Stevens. He was admitted to the bar and began to practice law at Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county, in 1815, when only in his twentieth year. He was soon appointed by the Attorney General of the State his deputy for the judicial district, remaining in that position till November, 1817. He then removed to Baltimore and entered upon his brilliant career as a lawyer. He was the professional and intimate companion of Luther Martin, Thomas B. Bayly, Robert Harper, Wm. Pinkney, Thomas Kell, Roger Brooke Taney, John V. L. McMahon, Wm. Wirt, John Buchanan and other men famous at the bar of Maryland.

In 1817 he was appointed Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Debtors. In 1821 he was elected to the Maryland State Senate, and in 1826 he was re-elected for another term, the late Philip E. Thomas, the first President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, as the elector for the City of Baltimore, casting his vote for him. But before completing his term, he resigned his position as State Senator, and devoted himself exclusively to the practice of law until 1845, when he was elected to the United Senate by the Whigs, where he was the associate of Clay and Webster, John M. Clayton and other leading members of that body.

In 1849 he resigned his seat in the Senate to accept the position of Attorney General tendered him by President Taylor. On the death of President Taylor and the accession of Mr. Fillmore, Mr. Johnson retired and resumed the practice of his profession, and was retained in almost every important cause in Maryland and the Supreme Court.

In 1854 he was employed by an English house to argue an important case against the United States Government before the joint English and American commission in London, where he received much attention from the public men and members of the English bar.

In 1860-61 he was sent as one of the Maryland Delegates to the Peace Convention assembled at Washington.

In 1861 he was sent from Baltimore county to the House of Delegates, and after the capture of New Orleans he was sent to that city by President Lincoln, as special commissioner, to revise the decisions of Gen. Butler, the military commandant, in regard to several important matters.

In 1861-62, he was elected to the United States Senate, and in March, 1863, resumed his seat in that body, after an absence of fourteen years, participating in all the leading debates as a Senator. Mr. Johnson voted against the impeachment of President

In the summer of 1868 Mr. Johnson was appointed Minister to England and the appointment was immediately confirmed. In England he was the recipient of honors never before paid to an American Ambassador. He visited different portions of the kingdom, and was everywhere met by a popular ovation and banqueted in the chief commercial and manufacturing cities. He negotiated the treaty for the settlement of the Alabama Claims.

Since 1850 up to his death he was employed in many important cases before the Courts of Baltimore, the Court of Appeals of Maryland and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Johnson was married Nov. 16, 1819, to Miss Mary Mackall Bowie, daughter of Gov. Robert W. Bowie, of Prince George's county. His wife died in 1873. He leaves twelve children, about fifty grand-children, and several great-grandchildren.

Hon. Reverdy Johnson was found dead in the yard of the Governor's Mansion as above stated. He had gone to Annapolis that day to argue the case of Medcalf vs. Brooklyn Life Insurance Company. By invitation of the Hon. John Lee Carroll, he became his guest at the Executive Mansion on arriving in Annapolis. The Governor invited Chief Justice Bartol and several other gentlemen to meet Mr. Johnson at dinner at the mansion. They dined at about 5:30 p. m. At dinner Mr. Johnson appeared to be in excellent spirits and in his usual health, and entertained the company by his conversation and relating anecdotes. After dinner he suddenly asked the Governor to conduct him into the parlor. He took the Governor's arm, and walking into the parlor sat down on a sofa. The Governor proposed to have coffee there, but Mr. Johnson replied, "No, if you want to smoke, rejoin your guests and smoke." The Governor replied to him, "Very well, we will join you in a few minutes," and returned to the dining room; but feeling uneasy about leaving Mr. Johnson alone, proposed to go into the parlor and join him. Mr. Charles G. Kerr, his son-in-law, who had come into the dining room freshly arrived from Baltimore by the evening train, after Mr. Johnson had left the table, said, "No, he always takes a nap after dinner, and I suppose he has gone to sleep." The company then went on smoking and talking, and while they were doing so, one of the Governor's servants appeared at the door, and called him out, telling him Mr. Johnson was lying in the yard on the stones. There the great man was found dead. It is supposed he went out of the parlor into the yard, where he slipped and fell, precipitated his head against some sharp stones, cracking his skull, causing almost instant death. Thus has a great man fallen in Israel—the greatest legal luminary in Maryland, and perhaps in the United States.

It is reported that Mr. Johnson had many years since effected an insurance upon his life for \$100,000.

At the annual meeting of the Maryland Editorial Association held at Annapolis city, on the 8th instant, a toast was offered to Gov. Carroll by President Wilson, wishing him long life and happiness, to which he briefly responded in an exceedingly neat and appropriate manner, acknowledging his high appreciation of the public press as an instrument of good, wishing success henceforth to those connected therewith. He desired to see that great intellectual lever and mighty auxiliary to civilization conducted in such manner as to continue outworking paramount purposes of truth, sound principle, virtue and refinement by properly instructing the people of our country.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania are going to press Governor Hartranft as their Presidential candidate.—Conkling, Hayes, Blaine, Morton and Wasburne are not to be the only contestants. "Addition, Division and Silence" are to be elements in the canvass. Pennsylvania will fight for Hartranft. If nominated he will make a powerful vote.

The invitation which the Plymouth Church wishes to extend to the Congregational churches throughout the country, to sit in the "Advisory Council," are being generally declined. The leading churches of the country evidently do not want to be mixed up with that affair.

The New York Herald thinks that when Prince Bismarck says: "We live in a state of the most profound peace; we have no wish for conquest; we are contented with what we possess; we have no thought of threatening any one," that it is high time to look out for a declaration of war in some direction. Of course Germany needs peace, but Bismarck should not say so, lest the skeptical should doubt it.

Two children of President Taylor are still living, Mrs. Bettie T. Dandridge, formerly Mrs. Bliss, living at Winchester, Va., and Gen. Richard Taylor, of Louisiana, a Lieutenant General in the Confederate Army.

Wm. A. Piper, the Democratic member of Congress from San Francisco, California, owns 200 acres of land within the limits of that city. If Congress shouldn't pay this Piper he would not mind it much.

The Courier-Journal rightly ranks Mr. Fruit and Mrs. Fruits, of Indiana, among the first Fruits of the earth, the one being 113 and the other 111 years old.

Senator Christiancy, of Michigan, aged 64, on Tuesday married Miss Lugenbeel, a clerk in the Treasury Department.

Generals Fitzhugh Lee, George B. McClellan and Ambrose E. Burnside will probably be the respective field officers of the Southern, Middle States and New England battalions of the Centennial Legion.

Kentucky permits her Legislators to take three daily papers during the session, and generously pays for them too, but Kansas, we learn from an exchange, pays for thirteen newspapers for her legislators.

## MECHANICSTOWN MARKETS.

Corrected Weekly by Geo. W. Stockdale.

THURSDAY, Feb. 17	
FLOUR	40 50 a 7 00
WHITE WHEAT	1 20 a 1 30
RED WHEAT	1 25 a 1 30
RYE	70 a 75
CORN	45 a 50
OATS	35 a 40
GLUERSSEED	7 00 a 7 50
POTATOES	40 a 60
APPLES	50 a 80

## MARRIED.

MOSEY-SARGENT.—In Martinsburg, West Virginia, on the 8th instant, by the Rev. J. D. Freed, Mr. Samuel D. Moser to Miss Amanda E. Sargent, both of Morgan county, West Va.

CHLER-RIDDLEMOSER.—On the 8th instant, at the residence of the bride's father, in Smithsburg, Washington co., by Rev. F. X. Richardson, Mr. Marion Chler, of Carroll county, to Miss Emma J. daughter of Dr. W. A. Riddlemoser, of Washington county, Md.

BURNS-MARKEL.—On the 3d instant, by Rev. J. S. Keller, Mr. Henry M. Burns, of Chesapeake, Washington co., Md., to Miss Mollie E. Markel, of Mechanicstown, Md.

HOOPER-ZIMMERMAN.—On the 1st instant, at the Lutheran Parsonage, in Frederick city, by the Rev. Dr. Diehl, William H. Hooper, to Miss Susan E. Zimmerman, both of Frederick City.

MORRIS-FRALEY.—On the 25th of December, 1875, by Phineas Rogers, Esq., Stewart T. Morris to Miss Sarah Fraley, both of this county.

DIMOND-HOFFMAN.—On January 25, 1876, near Myersville, by Elder A. Cost, Mr. David Dimond, of Washington county, to Miss Susan M. Hoffman, of Middletown Valley.

ECKENRODE-OINDORFF.—On the 15th instant, at Mt. St. Mary's Catholic Church, by the Rev. John A. Watterson, Mr. Vincent Eckenrode, to Miss Emma Orndorff, daughter of Mr. A. F. Orndorff, of Franklinville.

[Accompanying the above announcement we acknowledge the receipt of a bountiful supply of "wedding trimmings"—bride's cake, and all the et ceteras. Joy and long life to the happy pair. May their ways be ways of pleasantness and all their paths be paths of peace.—ED. C.]

## DIED.

CREGER.—In Saint Louis, Missouri, on the 24 of February, 1876, after a very painful illness of two months, Mary Ella Keen, aged 23 years and 10 months, formerly of Baltimore county, Maryland, wife of Jacob E. Creger, and son of Elder James Creger, of Mechanicstown, Md. Her remains were deposited for the present in a vault in Bellefontaine cemetery of Saint Louis.

BOYLE.—On the morning of the 6th instant, in Westminister, Elizabeth Mandine, wife of Col. John Brooke Boyle, in the 63d year of her age.

STULL.—At his residence in North Market street, Frederick, January 1st, 1876, Joshua Stull, aged 58 years, 11 months and 5 days.

DORSEY.—In the City of Baltimore, on Tuesday, the 8th instant, Dr. Robert E. Dorsey, formerly a resident and practicing physician of the City of Frederick, in the 80th year of his age.

STOFFER.—On the 14th instant, near Franklinville, Mechanicstown District, Mrs. Eli Stoffler, aged 63 years, 11 mos. and 14 days.

BUSSARD.—Near Wolf's old tavern, in Hauver's District, on the 14th instant, Mrs. Samuel Busbard, aged about 40 years.

CHAPMAN.—At Blue Ridge Summit, Franklin county, Pa., the residence of his father, Hon. John Lee Chapman, Mr. George Chapman, aged about 20 years.

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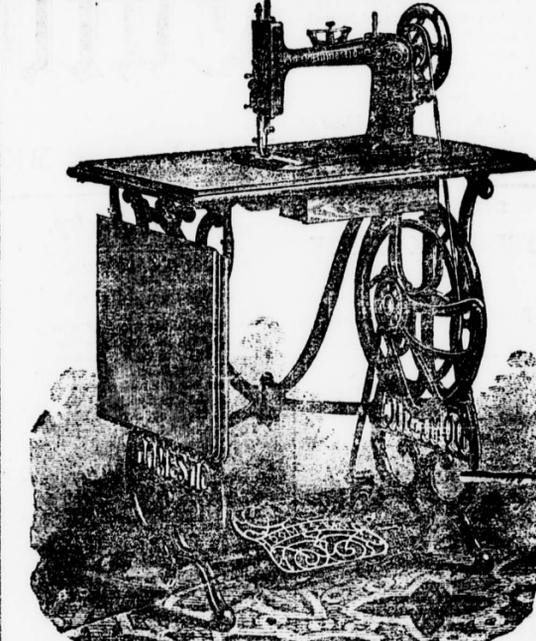
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