

Lynching of Howard Cooper.

Howard Cooper, the colored brutal assailant of Miss Kate Gray, of Baltimore county, was lynched at Towson on Sunday night last. The citizens of that county allowed the law to take its course. His trial was removed to Baltimore city, and he was duly adjudged guilty. The attorneys for the defense took the case to the Court of Appeals, and that tribunal sustained the court below. Cooper was then sentenced, and the day of his execution was fixed for July 31st. He would have been permitted to remain there and been judicially hung, but for the efforts of the colored people, at the instance of his lawyers, to collect funds to appeal to the United States Supreme Court, because colored men were not put upon the jury. That court could not, at the most in his behalf, have done more than to order a new trial, and the victim of Cooper's brutal assault would have again been subjected to the humiliation of detailing anew the circumstances of the outrage, which was one of the most revolting of such crimes. Miss Gray's friends and others would submit no longer to legal quibbling. Their patience had been exhausted, and they resolved to take matters in their own hands.

On Tuesday night the colored people of Hagerstown held an indignation meeting and resolved "that the time has not only come, but fully come, when the colored people of this State should assemble for the purpose of taking into consideration whatever means are necessary for their protection and promotion." They also declared "that the great number of colored men accused as criminals who have been lawlessly slain in this State within the last few years is a stigma upon the fair name of Maryland."

The colored people of this State have all the rights and privileges under the laws as are accorded to the white race; but they are so prejudiced against the white people that every act of justice through the courts toward colored people who break the law is regarded as an oppression. When one is arrested he is regarded as a martyr, and when he returns home after serving a term in the penitentiary, he is lionized by his friends as though he had had some great honor conferred upon him. There is no disgrace attached to conviction for crime; the rather, it is regarded as a persecution by the white race, and the convicted is considerably elevated in the estimation of his fellows.

What the colored people should do is to divest themselves of this prejudice. They should learn that the rights and privileges of all, regardless of color, are the same under the law, both State and National. They should protect and elevate themselves by ostracizing the vicious, the brutal and the wicked, and demand the punishment of all who violate the laws. Let them refuse to recognize, as respectable, the thief who serves a term in penitentiary, the worthless loungee, the debauched and the vicious.

The crime for which Cooper was convicted is the most revolting, and is punishable by death. Murder is punishable by death also; but it is rare that the people visit vengeance upon a murderer. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the law is allowed to take its course. It is often permitted to do so in

The Democrats of Annapolis achieved a great victory at the municipal election on Monday last, electing their candidates for mayor, counselor and four of the six aldermen. Dr. Claude, who was elected mayor two years ago by 57 majority, is re-elected by 162 majority; a gain of 105, and a gain of 204 on the Presidential vote of last year. James Revell is re-elected counselor over Frank Stockell, by 193 majority. The total vote cast was 1239.

Att-Gen. Garland has given a decision upon the three points relative to the acceptance of the despatch boat Dolphin, recently submitted by the Secretary of the Navy. The Attorney General holds that the vessel cannot be accepted by the Secretary of the Navy; that no contract exists between Mr. John Roach and the Government, and that the large sum of money paid to him for the vessel may be recovered.

The Virginia Republican State Convention at Richmond adjourned at an early hour on Thursday morning after nominating John S. Wise, of Richmond, for Governor; H. C. Wood, of Scott county, for Lieutenant-Governor, and Frank S. Blair for Attorney-General. The session was a stormy one, and a crashing defeat awaits the candidates in November.

The Second Comptroller of the treasury decides that naval officers who travel at Government expense are not entitled to mileage, and that mileage is allowable only when they travel at their own expense. This is a reversal of a former decision of the accounting officers, and will result in a saving to the Government of several hundred thousand dollars.

New disagreements between Russia and England, concerning possessions in Asia, have arisen, and a war cloud is on the horizon. England and Russia will eventually come to blows over the Afghanistan question. The matter cannot and will not be postponed long.

After 21 years service W. W. Busted has retired from the Centreville, Md., Observer. Under his management it was a thriving journal. To his successors, Busted, Roberts & Bro., we extend a hearty welcome.

What would the average Republican newspaper do for a squib, without Higgins? He seems to be their chief stock in trade, just now.

For the Democratic Advocate. New Windsor Awakening.

New Windsor is just awakening from the lethargy which for the past twenty years has encompassed her like a funeral pall. Now our streets are lighted with lamps which shine not as "through a glass, darkly," but clear and bright. The water no longer stands on our streets in stagnant pools, and the alleys no longer reek with filth and corruption. But what has brought about these marked changes? Merely the enterprise and energy of one man, who for two successive years has held the gubernatorial chair, and amidst the bitter opposition of cranks and old fogies (whose greatest tax bills amount to fifty cents), has brought matters to a successful termination.

During the past month subdued whisperings were heard along our quiet streets, as if some great calamity was impending. Daily the whisperings grew louder and louder, until fierce carbstone discussions became the order of the day. The theme of these discussions were invariably Norris and Beelzebub, Skeel, Tophet and Pavilions, used interchangeably. The suspense was terrible, but in the midst of the uproar the innocent cause of the clatter moved serenely along in the pursuit of his daily avocation, with the serene confidence

Maryland Affairs.

Ex-Gov. Hamilton proposes to erect a hotel in Hagerstown, corner of Washington / Jonathan streets.

The Western Union Telegraph Company putting up another wire on the Eastern Shore. Frank Kennedy, sup't W. Md. division C. & P. Telephone Co., died in Hagerstown on Wednesday, of consumption, aged 35.

Joshua Carson, once a prominent builder of Baltimore, died of paralysis on Sunday Oakland, Baltimore county, aged 62 years.

Jas. E. Stewart, whose back was broken by a fall from a ladder in Oxford Neck, 1st hot county, some weeks ago, died on Sunday.

Hog cholera has made its appearance Elk Neck, Cecil county, and many hogs it died, Mr. Wm. J. Wilson alone losing six five.

Maryland Democrats are preparing for an approaching campaign, and in a number of counties have fixed dates for primaries and county conventions.

Hugh Harris, of Landing Neck, Talbot county, has a young turkey hen that has laid over a hundred eggs this season, and shows no disposition to set.

Col. Wm. H. Love, Secretary to Major Latrobe, of Baltimore, was thrown from carriage at Pouch Bottom, Pa., on Wednesday, and had two ribs broken.

The Calvert Journal says the seventeen-year locusts in a slighted Calvert county, as far as it can learn, very few have appeared in any part of Southern Maryland.

The wheat crop of Washington county, it is thought, will average ten bushels per acre. At first the average was put at eight bushels but the grain turns out better than was supposed it would.

President Bughman, of the Chesapeake Ohio Canal, is lopping off expenses where possible, and his report shows a reduction \$5,300 for the month of June, compared with the same month last year.

The wheat crop in the neighborhood Reisterstown, Baltimore county, is reported to be very poor, the average yield being from eight to ten bushel per acre. The highest yield is said to be eighteen bushels.

The Baltimore Orioles have had a very disastrous Western trip. On Sunday they lost their ninth consecutive game of the trip. On Tuesday they won a game from the Pittsburgh, but were blanked out by the same club on Wednesday.

The establishments of J. C. Strausburg and John O'Brian, liquor dealers, on the Baltimore county side of the Patapsco, Elkoot City, were robbed Tuesday night a quantity of whisky, cigars and a small amount of money.

John C. Barkley, trading as Barkley & Co. coffee dealers, of Baltimore, on Monday made a deed of trust, for the benefit of his creditors, to Fielder C. Shingliff. The firm's liabilities are estimated at \$130,000, and its assets nearly the same.

Emory Grove camp is expected to be larger this year than ever before, the demand for lots being unusually large. Already there are a dozen families there, and on Wednesday four car loads of tents were shipped to the grounds. The camp opens regularly in August.

Farmers in Talbot county have been threshing their grain, and the reports of yields published in a local paper show from 20 to 40 bushels per acre. Perry Thomas Leonard on his Benoit Point farm, harvested 160 bushels from 40 acres, or an average of 4 bushels per acre.

Geo. Nachman and Thomas Turpin, found guilty on November 14, 1884, of giving indifferent performances at the French Frohly Concert Saloon, on Baltimore street, near North street, Baltimore, were sentenced Judge Phillips, in the Criminal Court, Saturday, to six months in jail and \$250 fine each and costs.

Ten carloads of steel rails arrived at Hagerstown last Saturday to be used in relaying that end of the Western Maryland Railroad Company's tracks. When this work is completed the entire road will be of steel rails thus placing it upon an equal footing in respect with the other roads centering in Hagerstown.

Mrs. Merrick, widow of the late Richard

crimes for which Cooper suffered death; but those of that character have been so numerous in this State the past three or four months that summary punishment was deemed necessary. When Townsend Cook assaulted Mrs. Knott, in this county, his was the seventh or eighth that had been committed in this State within two months. The people were prompted to violence in his case because of the frequency of the crime and the delay in the Cooper trial. Since Cook was swung up no further assaults by colored men on white women have occurred in Maryland. The fate of Cooper will have a still further influence to protect the women of this State.

Lawyers, too, had better note the fact that legal quibbling and delays in such cases may result in injury to themselves. Much condemnation has been heaped upon Cooper's attorneys, and had they been at hand on the night of the lynching, they, also, might have suffered some violence.

John Roach, the shipbuilder, contracted to build a despatch boat for the government that should make fifteen knots an hour, and under certain other requirements. He produced the Dolphin, and made several trials with her. Secretary Whitney has concluded the Dolphin does not answer requirements, and, backed by the opinion of Attorney-General Garland, has rejected the boat. Ex-Secretary of the Navy Chandler rushes into print to uphold Roach and to break down Whitney and Garland, and Roach himself is doing some talking. If Mr. Roach believes he has fulfilled his contract there is no use for him or his friends to rush into print over the action of the government. The courts will right any wrong, and into the courts he should go. Talk is cheap, but newspaper articles and interviews will not settle the matter.

A dispatch from Fortress Monroe, July 11, announced that 50 members of the Delaware Legislature arrived there that day. This is a mistake, as the Delaware Legislature is composed of only 30 members, 21 in the House and 9 in the Senate. Perhaps the members scattered out and "looked many," as the small Confederate commands did during the war, just for deception. Probably some of the members had their wives with them, but then women do not sit in the Delaware Legislature and could not be counted as members. Maybe the reporter drank out of the wrong spring. Or, he may be the kind that never see mosquitoes at seaside resorts and can get a whole or sea-serpent on the beach whenever necessary—magically 100 guests into 300, and produce a live French Count when desired.

The *Baltimore County Union*, published at Towson, undertakes to criticize an article in the *Advocate* of two weeks ago, in reference to some Maryland appointments. The *Union* failed to comprehend the *Advocate's* meaning. We write good English, but cannot give people brains to understand. The *Advocate*

daily avocation, with the native gratefulness and dignity of one for whom personal vituperation has no terrors.

At last the fateful day and hour arrived, and Norris' pavilion was formally opened with a select dance; as was duly chronicled in the *Advocate*.

The affair passed off pleasantly in spite of the predictions of the snuits, who expected that this terrestrial ball would move from its accustomed track with the first strains of the grand opening march.

But the clamor still goes on among the so-called snuits, who religiously take the other side of the street when compelled to pass that way, and strike matches only with the greatest caution, in fear of igniting the brimstone which pervades the atmosphere of this devoted village.

With the characteristic forethought of a public benefactor, Mr. Norris offered his pavilion for the use of church festivals, but as yet the offer has been accepted by one congregation only. The opposition to any enterprise in this vicinity is based principally on ignorance, intolerance and superstition, and it is to be hoped that when the snuits find that the air in the pavilion is as pure from sulphur as elsewhere, they may become more tolerant, and may at least remain silent if they will not lend their sympathy and aid to a new enterprise.

### West Point Cadetship.

WESTMINSTER, Md., 14th July, 1885.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE *ADVOCATE*.—GENTLEMEN:—The cadetship due the Second Congressional District of Maryland at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, is vacant, and I have been requested to nominate a proper person to fill it. As a means of doing so I invite all applicants for the position to a competitive examination, to be held at the Court House, in Westminster, on Wednesday, 5th of August, prox., beginning promptly at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Candidates must be *bona fide* residents of the district, between seventeen and twenty-two years old, unmarried, at least five feet in height, and free from any deformity, disease, or infirmity which may render them unfit for military service.

"They must be well versed in reading, in writing, including orthography, in arithmetic, and have a knowledge of the elements of English grammar, of descriptive geography, (particularly of our own country), and of the history of the United States."

By giving publicity to the above you will greatly oblige your obedient servant,

FRANK T. SHAW.

### Reorganizing the Navy-Yards.

Secretary Whitney proposes to effect an entire reorganization of the nine government navy-yards not later than next fall. Committees at the different yards have been examining the books and papers covering the past ten years. The object is to find if the books will agree with the accounts at Washington. It is said that already the books at the department call for material on hand at one of the yards, but it cannot be found. A naval officer who is acquainted with the Secretary's intentions says money has been spent in some cases recklessly and perhaps fraudulently, but it cannot be recovered. He intimated that at Mare Island things have been very loosely conducted, rotted wood having been placed in vessels that they might be soon returned for more work. The prices charged were also extravagant. In the reorganization, the officer said, the Secretary would dispense with so many houses. The yards are full of them, and this is the danger that will be met.

T. Merrick, died in Washington on Thursday, last week. She died in ignorance of the death of her husband, her condition since the latter's death being at no time such as to allow the sad intelligence to be broken to her. She leaves a family of eight children, one of whom has been an invalid for several years.

President Cleveland, accompanied by Col. Lamont, Postmaster General Vilas, and Secretaries Whitney, Manning, and Lamar spent Sunday in Washington county, the guests of the Woodmont Rod and Gun Club, at their grounds along the Potomac. They left Washington at 4 P. M. Saturday, on the B. & O. road, spent a quiet Sunday, and returned to the city on Monday night.

The Western Maryland Railroad's new connection with the Baltimore and Ohio at Hagerstown is proving a source of great revenue to the company. The Baltimore and Ohio Company, by way of this connection, is delivering to the Western Maryland for transportation to points on its line and branches an average of ten carloads daily. The principal part of the freight now moving is back.

A frame building at Highlandtown, near Baltimore, belonging to Timothy Burke & Bro., contractors on the Philadelphia extension of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, were burned on Saturday morning last. Twenty-eight horses were burned to death, besides twelve wagons, tools, &c. The total loss is about \$13,000, including the cooerage establishment of Frank Heiseman, in the same building. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Sunday morning the regular freight crew of the B. & C. V. railroad ran an extra freight train to Baltimore over the Western Maryland railroad. On the return trip brakeman Daniel Ridge, of Blue Ridge, miraculously escaped a horrible death. Ridge was running on top of the cars towards the rear end of the train and did not see a bridge under which the train was passing. The result was that his head came in contact with the railing and he was knocked flat on the car roof. Luckily he did not fall between the car wheels or his end would have been gadded and horrible. Mr. Ridge will nurse his injury, a deep gash in the back of his head, for some time before he will be able to resume work.

The Peninsula Press Association, comprising journalists of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, have arranged a pleasant excursion for this year, beginning July 25. The rendezvous will be Wilmington, Del., whence the excursionists will go down the Peninsula by rail to Cape Charles City, across the bay to Old Point Comfort; thence for a day to Norfolk and other points adjacent of interest; then up the bay to Baltimore by the Bay Line steamers; then to Washington by the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad; a day or two at the capital and return home by rail. The association will spend Sunday and Monday at Old Point and vicinity. On Tuesday morning they will arrive in Baltimore and go direct to Washington. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at Old Point. The stay in Washington will probably include an excursion to Mt. Vernon.

Early in the spring of 1884, says the Hagerstown *Globe*, a resident of Frederick county, in the vicinity of Wolfsville, came into possession of a litter of pigs, one of which had a solid coat of black bristles, with a slight exception. The exception was in the form of a single spot of white bristles upon the body of the pig. The spot grew in prominence and size as the pig matured, and a more perfect letter "C" could not have been formed by pig-breeding, it is stated, than that formed by nature on the body of this pig. In time the Democratic National Convention nomi-