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Weather Meteorological Observations,

TAKEN AT WOODSTOCK COLLEGE, from May 24, to May 30, 1877.

DAYS.	THERMOMETER. Max.	Min.	Mean.	R. H. S. Inches.	Force.	WIND. Direction.	WEATHER.
Thursday,	59 7	45 6	50 20		2	N.	Fair
Friday,	69 0	39 0	55 10		1	N.	Fair
Saturday,	73 2	43 6	59 32	R.—Imm.	1	W.	Fair
Sunday,	71 0	49 0	59 15	R.—Imm.	1	N.	Fair
Monday,	80 6	43 0	61 55		1	N. E.	Clear
Tuesday,	80 8	40 3	64 95		1	S. E.	Clear
Wednesday	80 0	48 0	66 27		1	S. E.	Clear

*One inch of melted is considered equivalent to ten of unmelted Snow.

[EXPLANATION.—Thermometer, *Max.*, *Min.* showing the extreme heat (in the shade) and cold in the 24 hours; *Mean*, the result of observations made at 7 A. M. and 2 and 9 P. M., obtained by dividing their sum by 3; *R. S. H.* rainfall, snow, or hail (melted) during the 24 hours; *Wind*, force, graduated between 10 (the highest) and 0 (a dead calm), taken at 4 P. M., *Direction*, the prevalent direction *from* which it blows. In the *Weather* column is given the general aspect of the sky during the day.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

MONDAY.

The second annual convention of secretaries of Masonic Relief Associations will be held at Albany, N. Y., on Tuesday, 29th instant.

Gov. Robinson, of New York, has not as yet rendered his decision in regard to the application of the New Jersey authorities for the surrender of the indicted officials of the New Jersey Mutual Life Insurance Company residing in that State.

It is expected that some conclusion will be reached to-day in the unsettled Western trunk railway matters. It is believed the fast train will be taken off by the Pennsylvania Central, and that the New York Central will not make the threatened reduction in fares.

It is said that pool selling is an indictable offense in New Jersey, and it is possible that the sales will be stopped.

Glass Brothers, linen importers, of New York, have applied to go into voluntary bankruptcy. Liabilities, nearly $300,000; nominal assets, $223,000.

The boat race for £400, and the single scull championship will take place on the Thames, London, to-day.

An International Exhibition will take place at Madrid, in 1878, under the auspices of the Spanish Government.

A deficiency is reported in the accounts of Chief Engineer Howell, of the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad, amounting to $45,000.

In the case of Stairbrook, one of the Chico murderers, at San Francisco, the jury on Saturday returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

The receipts of National Bank notes by express by the redemption agency of the Treasury Department at Washington during the week ending Saturday, averaged more than $1,100,000 a day.

The New York Stock Exchange propose organizing a rifle club.

Pomeroy's cotton-batting mills in Stansted, Canada, were destroyed by fire on Saturday; loss $4,000.

The Sub-treasurer at New York has received orders from Washington to sell $1,000,000 in gold on the 31st instant.

A London despatch states that the race for the Derby stakes comes off on the 30th instant, at Epsom Downs. Chamant sells as the favorite, and Rothschilds second.

Colonel Corbin, who has been on temporary duty at the Executive Mansion, since the inauguration of President Hayes, has been relieved and ordered to duty at the War Department. Colonel Corbin served ten years with his regiment on the frontier, without leave of absence.

Walter M. Bateman, of Cincinnati, has declined the position of Solicitor of the Treasury, offered him on Saturday.

Attorney General Devens has arrived in Boston.

Thursday morning, Mr. Wm. W. Pyles, of Barnesville, Montgomery county, Md., committeed suicide by shooting himself in the breast.

TUESDAY.

The Postmaster General and the Postal Commission arrived at Atlanta, Ga., on Saturday.

The resignation of White, Collector of Internal Revenue, at Richmond, Va., has been requested.

A London despatch reports that Chamant, the Derby favorite, has gone amiss. He has declined in the betting to 5 to 1 against him.

The race for the championship of the Thames between Boyd and Higgins, was won by the former by twenty lengths. Higgins was the favorite.

The Commission appointed to inspect the building where the American Photograph Company propose to print the postal cards, reports the building satisfactory.

In Wall street yesterday money closed easy at 2 per cent.; exchange steady at 488 to 489½; gold at 106⅞; governments closed weaker.

At a late hour last evening it was learned Fletcher Harper's physicians could scarcely give any hope beyond a few hours of life for him.

Rumors prevail that Attorney General Devens will be appointed to the vacant place on the Supreme Court Bench.

WEDNESDAY.

The Postoffice Department will not in future send out official advertisements through advertising agents, but will deal directly with the newspapers.

In London the betting on the Derby is now 4 to 1 against Chamant; 9 to 2 against Rob Roy; 6 to 1 against Altyre, and 12 to 1 against Mr. Sanford's Crown Prince. The event comes off to-day.

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At Troy, N. Y., yesterday, a boy named Anderson, fifteen years of age, had both legs cut off while attempting to jump on a passing train to steal a ride to the depot.

The President has signed commissions for Gen. E. B. Tyler, postmaster at Baltimore, and William Logan, for the same office at Hagerstown, Md.

A special from Walkerton, Ontario, says that half the town was destroyed in Monday's fire, including the Montreal Telegraph Company's office, twenty places of business and many dwelling houses; loss, $250,000.

A Scranton (Pa.) despatch says work has been resumed on full time at the mines of the Pennsylvania Coal Company.

THURSDAY.

The reports submitted at the national convention of superintendents of insane asylums, in session at St. Louis, show that in New York State there are six asylums capable of accommodating 2,500 patients; that additions are being made to increase the total capacity to 3,500, and that there are in the State nearly 7,000 insane persons; that the New Jersey Asylums have 800 patients; that various improvements and additions are being made to the Pennsylvania and Virginia asylums; that the West Virginia Asylum is overcrowded and the Legislature refused to make an appropriation to extend the building; that the North Carolina asylums are overcrowded but doing well, and a new building is being erected. Kentucky has 1,400 insane, 1,250 of whom are provided for by the State. Progress and improvement are noted in various other States.

The report of the loss of the Pacific Mail steamship City of San Francisco, by striking on one of the unknown reefs of the Pacific coast, is now fully confirmed by the arrival of the passengers at San Francisco. Their accounts show the most commendable and clear-headed courage on the part of the captain, James J. Waddell, of Shenandoah fame, and his officers. Not a life was lost. All hands were taken in the boats from the rapidly sinking ship in a regular and orderly manner and safely landed on the Mexican shore. The occasional discovery of previously unknown rocks on the Pacific coast has been a remarkable incident to navigation in that quarter. Many if not all of these "unknown" rocks possibly owe their orgin to recent volcanic influences. Captain Waddell accounts for the disaster to the City of San Francisco upon this theory.

Another disastrous conflagration occurred at Montreal, Canada, about one o'clock yesterday morning. Sixty houses were burned, and about as many families rendered homeless. The fire originated in a stable in what is known as Griffintown, communicating with a lumber yard and planing mill, sending millions of sparks amidst the small wooden tenement houses in the vicinity. A high wind prevailed and the houses went like tinder. The firemen made a determined fight. The principal establishments burned were Esplin's lumber yard and planing mill and Maxwell's planing mill. The burnt district is principally in Nazareth street, but Duke, William, Ottawa and Dalhousie streets suffered severely. The loss is estimated at nearly $150,000. Many of the people burned out are in poor circumstances and uninsured.

The assessment returns of real and personal property in Baltimore city, as made by the boards of control and review, foot up the large sum of $269,044.410, including about $25,000,000 of stocks which have been returned to the Appeal Tax Court. From this sum that court will abate about $8,000,000 on account of property assessments represented in return of stocks. This deduction will leave a taxable basis of about $260,000,000 including all railroad property within city taxable limits. The taxable basis under the assessment of 1876 was $231,503,129, abated to $228,512,552 for 1877, which would have covered the figures for the current tax levy but for the operation of the new assessment.

The Hanover breaker, owned by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, and worked by Charles Parrish & Co., seven miles from Wilkesbarre, Pa., was burned yesterday. It was valued at $85,000. It is believed that the structure was fired by lightning.

A fire at Osceola, Mich., yesterday, destroyed a saw mill, flouring mill, salt block and a large quantity of lumber owned by Londgay & Co., together with several dwellings. Loss $150,000.

FRIDAY.

In accordance with the policy which suggested the New York customhouse inquiry, the New Orleans institution is also to be investigated. If honestly and fearlessly conducted, the examination cannot but reveal the most flagrant abuses, if not corruption, on a mammoth scale. It is a matter of common notoriety that the New Orleans custom house, ever since the war, has given shelter to none but carpet-baggers; that its patronage has been steadily used to confirm the power of the ring which made the very name of government a mockery in Louisiana; that its offices been been parceled out in exchange for votes and money and political influence, and finally that the damning scheme which found its consummation in the crime of the returning board was concocted within its walls and perfected under its protection. Without the custom-house the republican ring might never had a being; deprived of its pap it would certainly have perished in its infancy.

Gen. Sheridan, after investigation, concludes that the story of Sitting Bull being in the recent fight with Gen. Miles's command is absolutely false, that chief being north of the Yellowstone, if not north of the Missouri. Lame Deer, whose village was captured, was the chief who seceded from the village brought in by Spotted Tail, saying he would take one more hunt and then go in to one of the agencies. He has a bad reputation.

According to a correspondent of the New York *Times*, now with the Turkish army in Asia, the fighting material of their army is in a bad condition, owing to mismanagement and dilatoriness. The *Times's* correspondent, writing from Batoum under date of May 6, reports that 300 Krupp guns were buried in the snow on the road from Trebizond to Erzeroum, and that more cannon were lying on the beach at the former place, as if impossible of being transported inland. So, too, of the Kurds and Circassians, of whom such great things were and are expected by the Turks. There was absolutely no preparation made for them, and they are miserably armed and equipped. Under such circumstances they are in a sorry condition for effective service, and will perhaps make but a feeble resistance when the real shock of battle comes.

Russia has been fighting the weather ever since it began its advance. Rains repeated and persistent have made the roads almost impassable for artillery and have kept the rivers swollen. Now the report comes of a threatened flood in the Danube. When it is remembered that the Turkish or Bulgarian side of the river is hilly, while the Roumanian side is low, flat and marshy, it will be seen that a rise the river would do great damage to the Russians and render untenable many of their positions. It might, perhaps, force a crossing, so that the Russians could get on high ground.

Crop reports from all parts of California show that the recent rain has had a beneficial effect generally on late sown grain and has improved the prospect for feed. Some damp has resulted from lodging of early sown grain and the wetting of hay cut, but on the whole the harvest promises rather better than at the last report. Exporters are estimating the surplus of wheat this season at 200,000 or 300,000 tons, but it is probably rather early yet to approximate very closely.

At the Congregational convention in Boston, Wednesday, a resolution was offered to dissolve because of a disgraceful lack of interest among the clergy and others. After a long discussion it was withdrawn. The receipts of the Congregation Publishing Society for the year from sales amounted to $71,193, with $4,405 on hand at the beginning of the year. The exceeditures were $72,641. Hon. C. T. Russell was elected president.

At the yesterday's session of the Lutheran Ministerium, in Allentown, Pa., Castle Garden, New York, was recommended to the liberal support of the congregation. The synod also recommends the introduction of the new German Church book to all congregations using the German language. The committee on systematic benevolence made an apportionment of $24,478 for the present year.

In view of Gen. Butler's denial as to his reported purchase of land in Colorado, a telegram from Pueblo county, Colorado, states that among the records of that county is a warranty deed from Wm. Craig to Benj. F. Butler for 71,638 acres of land, dated April 20, 1877, for a consideration of $30,000.

The annual meeting of the American Missionary Association was held in Boston yesterday. The receipts for 1876 were $264,709. The association has 57 missionaries, 46 of whom are in the South, and 193 teachers. Church membership in the South 3,935; among the Indians 36; in foreign fields 547.

A billiard match for $1,000 and the championship at Tammany Hall, New York, last night, between Dion, the champion, and Wm. Sexton, was won by Sexton. Score 600 to 442. Sexton finished the game with an unfinished run of 250. Dion's best run was 89.

The questions raised by the German residents of Cuba have been arranged to the satisfaction of both Spain and Germany.

The Russians have gained important advantages before Batoum. The recapture of Ardahan is still a disputed point.

It is stated that Mukhtar Pasha has been dismissed from his command.

A Russian man-of-war is watching for the Egyptian contingent. The contingent awaits an iron clad escort.

Mr. Gladstone received an ovation in Birmingham yesterday and made an anti-Turkish speech.

A Cairo, Egypt, dispatch says the Abyssinian question will be settled according to Gordon's programme.

The Agricultural Club in Paris gave Minister Washburne a farewell banquet Wednesday night.

The Berlin *Post* has another fierce anti-French article.

A church in Posen, Germany, was struck by lightning and six persons killed and seventy injured.

There have been eight failures of "bear" speculators on the London Stock Exchange during the pending settlement.

The great tidal wave was very disastrous in the Sandwich Islands.

The Queen of Holland is slightly better.

—One of the most discreditable tricks of the Fraudulent Administration has just been made conspicuous by the shabby treatment of Mr. Boker, Minister at St. Petersburg, to which he was promoted, two years ago, from Constantinople. He recently came home on leave of absence, and went to Washington to see Hayes and Evarts. Nothing was then said in regard to a change in the mission, but Mr. Boker had hardly returned to Philadelphia when a semi-official announcement was sent out from the Department of State that he had resigned. Upon going back to Washington he discovered that this false report did not originate in any misunderstanding, but was fabricated for a purpose. Mr. Hayes informed him that while he favored civil service reform, he thought at the same time the offices should go to the friends of the Administration.

Thus, while it is given out by Mr. Schurz and Mr. Evarts especially, that removals from office are only to be made for cause, and that merit is to be considered a good ground for retention, without regard to length of service—though eight years has recently been urged as a limit—an indirect and unworthy way has been found of practising a gross deception by pretended resignations. Mr. Boker's case by no means stands alone, and his successor had actually been agreed upon before he appeared at Washington in the first instance.

—In Guatemala, South America, the destruction of the forests in the neighborhood of cities is being attended with disastrous effects. The harvests are less in quantity and less to be relied upon, new forms of sickness have sprung up, the weather is more capricious. The want of wood for fuel and other purposes is already most seriously felt. Near Sensuetepec, in San Salvador, a large extent of forest ground has been destroyed to plant a sort of indigo, and since then storms which before were very moderate have assumed a most violent character. The Eucalyptus globulus is now being planted.

—The "Ring" still seems to control matters in Washington. The paving contracts awarded by the District Commissioners at rates about $10,000 above the prices bid by responsible persons, seem to have fallen to the share of the contractors who kept high jinks at the Washington Club House when A. R. Shepherd was "Boss." Nothing but the penitentiary, it would seem, will suffice to break up this nefarious association of public plunderers in the Federal city, and it is doubtful if Warden Pillsbury of the Alabany penitenitentiary has cell room for all of them who deserve to be sent to his custody.

—The report of Mr. John Jay's Commission for investigating the New York Custom-house and promoting reform therein, recommends a reduction of clerical force amounting to 20 per cent. of the present staff, which, excluding the appraiser's department, comprises 1,038 men, deducting 20 per cent. from which leaves a force of 830 men. This is something, but not in proportion to the reduction in business. The receipts from customs have fallen about 40 per cent. since 1872, and the actual work of the Custom-house from handling imports has declined still more.

—Colonel Staples, one of the leading democratic members of the North Carolina Legislature, denies emphatically that he had any conversation with the President during his recent call at the White House concerning the formation of an administration party in the North Star State, or that he is aware of any movement on the part of his fellow democrats. The denial is quite unnecessary. Nobody but Mr. Hayes seriously believes that the southern democrats are for sale, or that there are enough offices in the country to buy them with.

—Workmen in silver plating establishments are not allowed to keep their old clothes when they are worn out. An old tatered vest is valued at $20. Silver volatilizes when heated intensely, and much passes off in vapor and condenses again in a pure state. In Government assay offices the smelting of the crude metal throws off silver vapors, which rise and solidify in the soot in the chimney. A silver plating concern in New Haven, Conn., in removing to Meriden, took up the floor of the plating room, burned it, and analyzed the ashes, obtaining $981 in pure silver.

—Much to the surprise of many there was almost a general advance in securities on the London Stock Exchange last week. The reasons assigned were various, the leading one being that in France a strong party was bolstering up the Bourse for political purposes, in which they were actually aided by speculators for a rise. Russia's ultimate success to be regarded certain, which naturally supported Russian bonds. A general improvement is also noted in what are denominated investment stocks, and at the close business on 'Change is spoken of as having been "firm in all its departments," though with few transactions."

—Mr. Wayne MacVeagh's reply to Genlral Butler is in its way quite as good a sample of terse letter-writing as the latter's missive so Marshal Pitkin. The Pennsylvania commissioner does not confine himself to sarcasm, however, but tells the general very plainly that he lies, and not merely that, but lies with the full knowledge that he is lying. He also intimates pretty broadly that the reason the Massachusetts Comanche confounds the history of the southern compromise is because he has always been accustomed himself to securing political ends by dishonest methods.

—Since the dispersal of the Japanese rebels before Kumamato there has been great uncertainty about their movements. Saigo's place of retreat is unknown. The insurgents are supposed to be scattered in small bands among the mountains in the northern part of Satsuma and Hiogo. There haue been no general engagements of the opposing forces, but only small skirmishes in various directions. Order is entirely restored and the government authority re-established in Kumamato.

—The Solicitorship of the Treasury Department, with a salary of $4,500 a year, is not in very great demand, though there is no competitive examination, and Sherman is easy to please. It has been offered to three persons, including ex-Gov. Chamberlain, all of whom declined the honor with small thanks. Indeed, Chamberlain let Sherman understand that he was not at all complimented by a proposition which had no particular distinction and only limited pay.

—This has been a hard season on favorites of the turf, and they who make a livelihood by following the fortunes of the flyers have been hit very hard. In the English Derby, Silvio, a horse against which the knowing ones laid eleven to one, came in first under the string. The best of the favorites, Rob Roy, was only able to score himself third. The Derby is considered a splendid betting race, and thousands of pounds sterling were lost and won.

—The wool clip of the San Ferando (Cal.) Sheep Company this year was in many respects a remarkable one. It was probably the largest single clip in the United States, or perhaps in the world. The flocks of the company comprise 39,400 sheep, and their yield of wool was 391,000 pounds. As amongst this number there were a good many lambs last fall, this was an average of over nine pounds to the sheep.

—A Mr. Fisher, a wealthy Englishman and a heavy bondholder of the Chicago and Paducah Road, has charged its President, G. F. Hinckley, with having gone to England four years ago and by means of false representations secured £180,000 in return for bonds. Hinckley was arrested in Chicago on Saturday on the charge of "conspiring to defraud," and held under $50,000 bonds. Mr. Hinckley insists that the arrest is only an effort to levy black mail,

—The first elections held in Virginia under the amended Constitution, and the first since Hayes became President, took place a few days ago. Everywhere the Democrats were successful, even regaining control of Lynchburg, which has usually gone Republican.

—A white woman residing in Stewart county, Ga., was murdered by three negroes on Saturday morning. They were promptly hanged, the colored people residing in the neighborhood assisting in the lynching.

—Too much silver change is making trouble for the Postoffice Department. The Postmasters on the Pacific slope get more of it than they know what to do with. They are obliged to take it for postage, but they cannot pay it out for rent, salaries, and mail service, as it is not a legal tender in sums exceeding five dollars. The Government issued it at par, however, in the first instance, and suffers no loss, therefore, in receiving it back at the same rate.

—While the crop reports from California continue dismal in the extreme, those from the valley of the Mississippi are as notably encouraging. The wheat harvest especially promises well, and unless unfavorable weather should supervene the yield bids fair to exceed the memorable year of 1861. As already stated, however, the West must depend for her supply of peaches this year upon Maryland and Delaware.

—Indians, or white men in the guise of Indians, have been making pretty extensive depredations during the past two weeks in Kimble county, Texas, and the country to the west. A few days ago a body of State Rangers captured a party of five in the act of running off valuable stock, and taking them to a creek, made them wash, when they all proved to be white men.

—The French mining engineer, Sincolis, says that the silver mines of Colorado and of northwestern Texas give undoubted evidences of great wealth. The ores are true silver ores, and the mines are identical with those of Mexico, of which they are a continuation.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

B. & O. R. R. LOCAL TIME TABLE. *East.—Fred. Acc.* 7.14 *A. M.*, (*Daily*).; *E. City Acc.* 8.50 *A. M.; Winchester Acc.* 10.12 *A. M.; E. City Acc.* 2.40 *P. M.*, (*Daily*); *Way Train*, 3,28 *P. M.; Mail Acc.* 5.05 *P. M.; Milk Train Acc.* 6.42 *P. M.*, (*Daily*); *E. City Acc.* 8.30 *P. M. West.—Way Train arrives* 6.13 *A. M.*, *leaves at* 6.28 *A. M.; E. City Acco. arrives at* 7.10 *A. M.; Mail Acc. arrives at* 8.36 *A. M.; E. City Acc. arrives at* 2.10 *P. M.; Winchester Acc. arrives at* 4.38 *P. M.; Fred. Acc. arrives at* 5.58 *P. M.; E. City* 7.15 *P. M. Theatre train leaves Baltimore at* 11.00 *P. M., arrives here at about* 11.55 *P. M.*

Prisoners En-Route.—Sheriff Hanway, of Harford county, arrived in this city, on Saturday last, and took in charge Timothy and Mary Shields, colored, who had been already arrested, through a telegram sent by the sheriff before he left home. The sheriff returned with his prisoners on the 9.30 A. M. train, and left by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad The prisoners have been indicted for forgery.

The May Procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin took place in St. Paul's Catholic Church on Sunday evening last before vespers. The church was filled to repletion by people of all denominations, who had came to witness the turnout. The children met in the basement of the church, the girls wearing white dresses and crowns of flowers and the boys mostly dressed with white pants and black jackets, each bearing a bouquet of beautiful flowers. At quarter before four o'clock the procession with banners moved into the church headed by a cross bearer, four acolytes and Fr. Dougherty, the organ announcing their entrance by playing a march. Marching up the centre aisle to the front of the main altar they passed down the Gospel side of the church and there all became seated in front of the Bleseed Virgin's altar. They then sang several beautiful hymns to their Queen of May. Fr. Dougherty made some appropriate remarks to the little ones on the significance of their display, which he said was a worthy tribute of youthful innocence and love for the Mother of God. Vespers then began, after which Benediction of the blessed sacrament was given. The procession again formed. As each couple passed the Blessed Virgin's altar they deposited their boquets upon it, and when all had passed it presented the appearance of a pyramid of flowers. The girls were in charge of Miss Maggie Ells, assisted by Miss Cecelia Maloney, Miss Kate Ells and Miss Kate Maloney, and the boys were directed by Master David Donavin, to all of whom is due much credit for the excellent appearance of their youthful processionists.

Aid for the Laurel Operatives.—The appeal made in behalf of the unemployed operatives of the Laurel factory has aroused public interest in the suffering of a large and worthy class of people, and prompted liberal subscriptions from citizens of Baltimore. Mr. Jas. A. Gary sent his check for $100. Colonel George Wheeler acknowledges the following subscriptions: James D. Mason & Co. $6, William Devries $5, B. Brooke Nyce & Co. $5, W. A. Miller. $5, William Bridges $5, Smith Hannaway & Co. $5, Frank and Adler $5, James Bailey, T. Newton Kurtz, J. N. Curley and Richard Bentley (Montgomery county) smaller sums, aggregating in all $41.50; also from W. W. Post one barrel herring and J. R. Cox & Co. one hundred pounds cornmeal. The situation at Laurel remains unchanged, and every possible effort is being made by the relief committees to ameliorate the prevailing distress. —*Gazette of Wednesday.*

Abating a Nuisance.—Ever since Ellicott City has been more than a hamlet it has been infested by a nuisance in the shape of pigeons. At last it was resolved to abate the said nuisance, and permission having been obtained from the city authorities, a number of our young sporting fraternity armed themselves with shotguns on Thursday afternoon last and played sad havoc with the worthless bird in the vicinity of the Town Hall. It is to be hoped another vigorous assault will rid us of the pest.

A Horrible Murder was committed in the neighborhood of West River, Anne Arundel county, on Saturday. A young married woman named Mrs. Norfolk, went out to gather salad for dinner, and not returning at the time she was expected, search was made for her. Her body was found in the field where she had filled her basket with salad. There were wounds upon the head which showed she had been beaten to death with a club. Her husband is suspected of having perpetrated the murder.

Patmos Lodge, No. 70, A. F. & A. M., will hold their regular meeting on next Tuesday evening at 7½ o'clock, and we are requested to ask for a full attendance of members.

P. E. Convention.—The ninety-fourth annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maryland began at St. Peter's church, Baltimore, on Wednesday morning. The attendance of clergy and laity was large, and there were numerous visitors in attendance. Nearly all the Episcopal clergy in Maryland and the District of Columbia were present. Among the lay delegates were Hon. Montgomery Blair, Bernard Carter, Esq., Professor S. C. Chew, Dr. T. J. Franklin, Dr. E. P. Keech, W. S. Keech, C. F. Mayer, S. G. Wyman, General Chas. Phelps, E. Glenn Perine, Hon. John Merryman, Dr. Chas. A. Rutledge and William Woodward. The morning service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Stephenson, dean of Cumberland, assisted by Rev. Dr. Lewin, dean of Washington; Rev. Julius E. Grammer, Rea. Arthur J. Rich, dean of Baltimore; Rev. Dr. McKenny, Rev. Dr. Dalrymple and Rev. Wilbur F. Watkins. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Wilbur F. Watkins, of Grace church, who took for his text Paul's Epistle to Timothy i. 1. At the close of the sermon the holy communion was celebrated, Bishops Whittingham and Pinkney officiating in the distribution of the elements. The session was then opened, Bishop Whittingham presiding. Rev. Dr. A. E. Dalrymple was reelected secretary, and Mr. Joseph Packard, assistant.

Woodstock Items.—On Whit Monday the colored people of this section held a pic-nic in the grove of Mrs. Cleary near the railroad, and a day of general enjoyment was passed. No razors or pistols.

On the smae day the Woodstock B. B. Club, played a match game with the Granite nine on the latter's grounds. At the close the score stood Woodstock, 36; Granite, 10.

One day last week a lad named Rezin Lilly, living in "Possum Hollow" Baltimore county, was thrown from a horse and had one of his limbs broken. Dr. J. T. Williams attended the case.

American Israelites.—At the adjourned session of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites at New York on Wednesday the committee on statistics submitted their report, which stated that the earliest churches established in the United States were Shearith Israel, of New York, founded prior to 1684; Shaaray Shomayim, of Lancaster, Pa., prior to 1776; Rodef Sholom, of Philadelphia, prior to 1780; Beth Cholom, of Charleston, S. C., in 1789; Mickve Israel, of Savannah, Ga., in 1790, and Beth Sholom, of Richmond, Va., in 1791. There were, as reported, from 174 congregations, out out of 300 applied to 11,507 members and 11,341 children. The value of the church property was $5,497,400. The population was 189,576, to which 25 per cent. should be added owing to deficiencies in the reports, making the number of Jews in this country about 250,000. There were 14 public institutions under the control of Jews, and 15 newspapers and magazines devoted to Judaism. The Jewish secret orders or societies were four in number, comprising the I. O. of B'nai Brith, with a membership of 20,000; the I. O. of Free Sons of Israel, with 8,604 members; the Order of Kesher Shem Barzel, 10,000 members, and the Improved Order of Free Sons of Israel, 2,632 members.

Fine Strawberries.—Our thanks are due Messrs. John Day & Son for a fine offering of strawberries gathered from their patch in this city. The berries were of the Downing species and were certainly very fine—being pleasing both to the vision and the taste. Messrs. Day & Son are doing a large business in this line and their berries are already becoming celebrated.

Ten-Centenary of Concord. The five Lutheran Churches of Baltimore, comprising St. Paul's, Saratoga and Fremont streets; St. Marks, Broadway and Fairmont avenue; Emanuel, Caroline street; St. Martin's Sharp and Henrietta streets, and St. Peter's, East and Fayette streets, held a large meeting on Wednesday afternoon in grove Nos. 5 and 6, Druid Hill Park, in honor of the completion of the "formula of concord" composed in the year 1577, and which closed the great struggle the Church underwent after the death of Martin Luther. The meeting commenced at two o'clock with religious exercises by Rev. W. C. H. Luebkeist, of Washington, after which Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, pastor of St. Peter's Church, made an address in English, in which he stated the great trouble the Church had gone through, and the coming of the formula of concord which treasure God had entrusted to the Church and which the people should esteem and price with great devotion of the faithfulness. He was followed by Rev. J. Hoerr, of St. Mark's Church, who made an address in German.

Elysville Items.—The exhibition came off according to notice, and was so well appreciated that it was continued on Saturday. The door-keeper says it was a success, as he can hand over some eighty dollars to the Treasurer of the Sunday School committee.

Fire.—On Saturday last the framework of Mr. W. T. McCauley's ice house in Baltimore county, caught fire from the sparks from the foundry furnace and was totally consumed. The prompt assistance of our citizens prevented an otherwise disastrous conflagration.

Papal Jubilee.—To-morrow (Sunday) is the 50th anniversary of the consecration of Pius IX, the present Pope of Rome, as a Bishop. A circular issued by Rev. Fr. Dubreul, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, was read in all the churches on the 20th ult., directing that the day should be solemnly observed with all the pomp and grandeur, possible, also that all the faithful should approach Holy Communion, and offer it up for the continued health of the Sovereign Pontiff and the peace of the church.

Throughout the whole world the day will be one of general rejoicing among Catholics. In St. Paul's Catholic Church, this city, the day will be observed by High Mass at half-past ten o'clock, at which the Rev. pastor will deliver a sermon on the Pontificate of Pius IX. After Mass the Ninteenth Psalm will be sung by choir and congregation. Solemn Vespers will be sung in the evening, at 4 o'clock, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after which all will sing the *Te Deum*. At the half-past ten o'clock Mass the choir of Rock Hill College, with full orchestral accompaniment will render the music of the service. All are respectfully invited to attend.

Columbia Items.—The work on the newly acquired road above this point is being vigorously pushed forward.

The growing crops are in excellent condition.

Mr. Reese Davis, living on a farm near here, had two valuable hogs killed by lightning last week.

A valuable riding mare belonging to Mr. Frank Morris, of Oakland Manor, died last week.

The Pan-Presbyterian Council, which meets at Edinburgh on the 2d of July next, will include forty-eight Presbyterian sects of distinct organization, which, although they hold substantially the same creed, have hitherto had no common band of union. Their strength is placed at 20,000 churches and 34,000,000 people, and it is hoped that the council will do much toward bringing about that harmony of religious work which should accompany a harmony of faith. The council is expected to be in session a week or ten days, and the most famous divines in the church will take part in the deliberations.

Strawberry Festival.—The ladies of the congregation of St. Paul's Catholic Church will hold a Strawberry and Ice Cream Festival in the basement of the church on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 5th, 6th and 7th. Those having the affair in charge will leave nothing undone to make the Festival in all respects worthy of patronage. All are respectfully invited.

Cure for Corns.—According to the *Union Medicale*, corns may be cured with greater certainty and rapidity than in any other way, by simply applying morning and evening, a drop of perchloride of iron by means of a bit of straw. This treatment, continued for fifteen days, will, in most cases, effect a cure without involving any pain.

Appointment.—William C. Dorsey is appointed postmaster at Clarkesville, Howard county, Md., vice Upton Dorsey, deceased.

Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture.

Mem. from Society Journal. "Miss S—— appeared to positive disadvantage because of cloudiness of complexion and—must we write it?—Pimples spoiling an otherwise beautiful countenance." [She should by all means procure and use Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture. Rep].

MARRIED.

At the chapel on Carrollton Hall, Howard county, Md., the residence of the bride's uncle, Charles M. Dougherty, by Rev. Father Grillin, assisted by the Rev. John Dougherty, JOHN RENEHAN to ELLINOR FEENEY, all of the above county.

At Saint Paul's Church, on 24th May, by Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, rector, JAMES HARWOOD HODGES, of Annapolis, Md., to LIZZIE MASON, daughter of the late C. C. Jamison, of Baltimore.

On May 27th, in the parsonage of the M. P. Church, Ellicott City, by the Rev. A. D. Dick, SAMUEL W. NORTON to AGNES HIPSLEY.

DIED.

At Alberton, on the 24th of May, 1877, JAMES EDWARD, son of William and Margaret Engle, aged 2 years 5 months and 6 days.

On the morning of May 25, at three o'clock, at the residence of Mr. A. Laport, of paralysis, WILLIAM B. HAMMOND, in the 68th year of his age, eldest son of the late Charles Hammond, of Howard County, Md.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

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