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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Local Brevities.

Overcoats are not as much in demand now as they were.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Baltimore and Hanover Railroad will be held at Hampstead on May 26th.

Two correspondents this week furnish articles on dust. Really something ought to be done to make Main street habitable.

It is hoped that the boys competing for the ADVOCATE'S two prizes for the first and second best piece of corn, are putting forth their best efforts.

"Peach cider" is now the favorite beverage in one of the "local option" districts of Frederick county. The effect, says the *Union*, resembles "tangle-foot."

The Governor has appointed Andrew S. Dougherty justice of the peace for the fifth district of this county, vice S. S. Spaulding, removed from the county.

Mr. Charles J. Yingling, of Tiffin, Ohio, son of Joshua Yingling, Esq., of this city, arrived here on Saturday on a visit to his friends. He represents trade as flourishing.

The Union National Bank, of this city, on May 6th had $201,184.44 on deposit, and the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank had $51,821.-45. Reports of both are published in this issue.

Attend Miss Bigbie's reading, on Monday evening next, at Carroll Hall, and spend an hour in enjoyment. The Buell Family will assist with some choice vocal and instrumental music.

S. Carr Wickert has moved to his new saloon and dining rooms. The establishment is not yet completed. He purposes having it fitted up in good style during the summer.

On May 19, at 11, a. m., there will be a farmers' meeting at the fair grounds of the Baltimore County Agricultural Society. Addresses will be delivered by several prominent gentlemen.

Two arrests were made in Westminster Saturday evening. Justice Crapster fined one offender $1 and costs under the "cussing bill," and the other $2 and costs, for being drunk and swearing.

A. Thomson, Esq., of the Delaware, Ohio, *Gazette*, paid the ADVOCATE a visit this week. Mr. Thomson was called east by the illness of his mother at Taneytown, who died last week at a very advanced age.

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Proceedings of the Circuit Court.

The May term of the Circuit Court, Judge Wm. N. Hayden presiding, began here on Monday last. As usual, on the first day, the attendance was quite large, and included several attorneys from other courts—George Cramer and Mr. Crowl, of Baltimore; Jas. A. Pearre, of Frederick; and Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, of Washington, D. C. The latter was the first female lawyer to enter our court, and her presence created considerable interest, all who could going into the courtroom to get a glimpse of this female disciple of Blackstone. Interest increased when, on motion of Col. Wm. P. Maulsby, her admission to the bar was applied for. This motion was denied, an abstract of Judge Hayden's able opinion on the application being published elsewhere in this issue.

The first day was occupied in the drawing of juries, calling the docket and arranging preliminaries. Following are the juries:

GRAND JURY.

Dr. Samuel Swope, foreman, David Ireland (colored), John Beaver, of A. J., John W. Lucabaugh, Wm. Frock, James A. Clary, Samuel Rinedollar, Joshua Lockard, John H. Chew, Dr. Wm. H. Rippard, John Frick, Francis E. Reese, Robert D. Garsuch, Richard Manning, Jonas S. Harner, David Witter, Michael Buchman, John O. Devries, Nicholas Benson, Charles E. Lauver, Josiah Hann, Andrew Drexler, and Samuel Kesselring.

PETIT JURY.

Samuel Yingling, Whitfield Stansbury, John W. Jones, Edwin G. Gilbert, Jesse Hesson, Peter Otto, Isaac Brilhart, Jarrett N. Shanck, Americus Shoemaker, David A. C. Webster, John W. Bennett, Christian Awalt, Samuel Geeting, David Zepp, Joshua Lee, Owen Bankard, Louis Dielman, Thomas D. Thompson, Peter Baile, Josiah Adelsperger, Charles Grove, Charles Myers, James C. Douty, Lewis W. W. Selby, and Dr. Geo. S. Fouke.

Quite a number of cases have been stricken from the docket, others non pros'd, and some judgments have been entered by default.

The First National Bank of New Windsor vs. Solomon S. Ecker, executor of Jonas S. Ecker, deceased, to recover on a promissory note, was the first case contested. Tried before the court. Verdict for the——

Smith & McKellip and Maulsby for plaintiff; Roberts for defendant.

In the case of Cornelius Lippy vs. David H. Leister, action for slander, motion for removal was made by plaintiff, and the court ordered it to be taken to Garrett county. The same vs. Nathaniel E. Leister and Lydia, his wife, also for slander, was on motion of the plaintiff removed by the court to the same county. Pearson for plaintiff, and Reifsnider for defendants in both cases.

Peter Sellers vs. John Yingling, action for damages from fence. Jury trial. Pearson and Crouse for plaintiff; Bond for defendant.

Manchester Items.

Carroll Literary Society gave an entertainment last Monday evening for the benefit of Manchester M. C. Band. This closed the public entertainments by the Society for this season. The programme consisted of Dialogue, Churning for a Prize, farce; Breeze in a Family; song, Old Black Joe, in full costume; recital of select poetry; The Beautiful Banner, Drama, Moonlight Masquerade, Dialogue, Society of the Delectables, two Quartets by male voices, singing by two little girls, and a number of selections by the Band, among which were, Sleigh Bell Polka and Anvil Polka. The parts were all well performed.

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Orphans' Court.

Monday, May 9.—Ellen C. Murray, executrix of Samuel Murray, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels and received order to notify creditors.

Jas. A. C. Bond, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of Henry Hudson, deceased, settled 2d and final account.

Distribution among creditors of Henry W. Lucabaugh, deceased, filed.

Chas. E. Fink, guardian to Alice, Mary, Pauline, James, Annie, Florence, Hannah, Lorette and Charles Theodore Massicot, settled 1st account.

Wm. Massey, administrator of Mary Massey, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Letters of administration on the estate of Henry Bussard, deceased, were granted to Milton B. S. Bussard.

Letters of administration on the estate of Eliza Lamotte, deceased, were granted to Francis Lamotte.

J. Oliver Wadlow, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of Jacob Hildebridle, deceased, settled 2d account.

Tuesday, May 10.—John Geiman, Sr., executor of George Leese, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and received order to notify creditors.

Alfred Zollickoffer and J. C. Brubaker, administrators of Eleanor R. Roberts, deceased, settled 1st account.

Erwith Beacham, administratrix of James W. Beacham, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels and received order to sell goods and chattels.

Letters of administration on the estate of Lucy Watson, deceased, were granted to Dr. Samuel Swope.

The last will and testament of Jacob Keefer, deceased, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary granted to Sarah J. Keefer and John Musser.

The last will and testament of William Engleman, deceased, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary granted to Eden Engleman.

Letters of administration pendente lite on the estate of Israel Norris, deceased, were granted to John Geiger.

Thursday, May 12.—Jabez A. Bush, executor of Daniel Bush, deceased, settled 2d account.

Report of sale of real estate of Daniel Bush, deceased, finally ratified.

Emanuel C. Forney, administrator of Emanuel Forney, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Soiree Musicale.

The music class of Western Maryland College, under the direction of Mrs. S. F. M. Jones, on Friday, May 6th, gave a *soiree musicale* in the College Chapel. The evening was a delightful one, and quite a number from the town was in attendance. The audience was sympathetic throughout, and showed its appreciation by frequent applause. The programme comprised some admirable selections, and was, on the whole, well carried out. The "Caliph of Bagdad," by Miss Florence Hering and Sallie Wilmer; "Centennial Schottische," by Mr. Harvey Rouser; "Battle of Manassas," by Miss LaMotte; Organ Solo, by Master G. Nonnemaker; "Mazeppa Gallop," by the Misses Wilmer, were all well rendered. The chorus, "The Beautiful Hills" received an encore, as did also the Vocal Duet of Misses Lula Bell and Julia Newman. "The Wandering Jew," an instrumental duet, performed by Misses Jennie Smith and Jaime Norment, closed the exercises, after which the audience dispersed itself, well pleased.

Union Bridge Items.

The weather has been warm since Sabbath last, the thermometer at times registering over 90 in the shade.

Prof. Ward, who has been teaching reading in the classical and scientific school here since February last, gave an entertainment in Moore's Hall on the evening of the 6th inst. The exercises were all rendered in a manner highly creditable and praiseworthy. It was announced at the close that the U. B. Orchestra will give an entertainment about the last of this month for the benefit of the widow of Ephraim Hooker, who was killed on the railroad about a year ago.

Peter Shriner, Esq., has begun to clear out the foundation for a dwelling house on the corner of Main and Thomas streets. We do not only welcome Mr. Shriner and his family to our midst, but would welcome many more like him.

Painting houses and whitewashing fences are the order of the day here just now.

Uniontown Items.

The Maryland Mutual Beneficial Association of Carroll County for Unmarried Persons, has been organized with Thomas H. Routson, President; Philip H. Baughman, Vice President; Edward H. Davis, Secretary; Edwin G. Gilbert, Treasurer; John A. Brown, General Agent; and Chas. T. Reifsnider, of Westminster, Attorney. It is for the purpose of assisting persons who contemplate matrimony. The officers are well known and the association will no doubt be a success.

A cemetery company has been formed and they have purchased 1½ acres of land from Edwin G. Gilbert. It adjoins the grave yard of the M. P. Church.

O. M. Hiteshoe is building a three story frame dwelling house.

The Lutheran congregation are building a new parsonage, Andrew Slonaker, builder.

Summer boarders are arriving, and our hotel has a number of guests.

Select Readings.

The citizens of this city are promised a pleasing entertainment on Monday evening next, at Carroll Hall, by Miss Lulie Clay Bigbie, of Tennessee, a pupil of Murdock and of Bronson, celebrated elocutionists. The entertainment will consist of humorous, dramatic and sympathetic readings, with vocal and instrumental music by the Buell Family, well-known as talented musicians. Miss Bigbie brings with her letters from Ex-Gov. Wm. Smith, (Extra Billy) of Virginia, and other prominent persons in the South, commending her to public favor, and she has received the highest encomiums from the press of various cities upon her talents as a reader, of which we quote the following from the New Orleans *Times*:

"The rich and varied programme yielded examples of the most various, pathetic and sublime, and the genius may be described as eloquent, beautiful and true."

Death of a Former Citizen.

The Baltimore *Sun* of Tuesday, says:—Mr. George Shaffer, aged 73 years, died yesterday at his residence, 321 West Lanvale street, of apoplexy, after a sickness of nine days. Mr. Shaffer was born in Westminster, Md., February 7, 1808, and received his education there. In early life he ran an engine on a steamboat on the Ohio river from Pittsburg to New Orleans. Later he was in the produce business in Cumberland and agent there for the Frostburg Coal Company. In 1860 he came to Baltimore, and was eight years United States storekeeper under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson. For several years he has not been actively engaged in any business. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Legs Broken.

Sebastian Bowers, of Freedom district, had a leg broken on Tuesday. He was riding a horse in from a field, when the horse fell and caught Mr. Bowers' right leg under him, breaking it about half way between the knee and ankle, causing severe injury.

Luther Miller, son of John Miller, of Bachman's Valley, had his left leg broken on Wednesday morning at the depot, in this city. The horses of his team became frightened and ran against him, causing the injury. The same leg was broken about six months ago. Dr. J. H. Billingslea, of this city, was the physician in each case.

Sharpsburg Items.

Apple and cherry trees are in bloom, and promise large crops. Peaches will be scarce. The wheat is looking well. Corn planting is the order of the day, though some farmers have finished. Mr. Peter Lingenfelter was the first to get his corn in.

Mr. William Shilling has quit the milk business, and Mr. Peter Fiater has quit trade. The latter has just built a wagon shed on his place.

Mr. Jacob Hoff has had a cow stable put up, which is one of the best arranged in Woolery's district. J. T. Zile was the carpenter.

Frizellsburg Items.

The weather has been very warm during the past few days, and at noon to-day, May 12, the thermometer registered 90° in the shade.

Farmers have finished planting corn, and are very busy hauling lime and peeling bark.

Messrs. A. Brown, M. S. Fleagle and R. W. Fleagle have gone to Baltimore city to work at the carpenter trade.

The Colorado bugs have made their appearance again in large numbers, and are proving very destructive to the early potatoes.

Weather Record for the Week.

May 7—Mercury 48 at 7 a. m. and 70 at 2 p. m.; clear. May 8—Mercury 57 at 7 a. m. and 74 at 2 p. m.; clear. May 9—Mercury 56 at 7 a. m. and 79 at 2 p. m.; clear in the morning, slightly cloudy in the evening. May 10—Mercury 62 at 7 a. m. and 85 at 2 p. m.; clear and warm; slightly cloudy at night. May 11—Mercury 66 at 7 a. m. and 85 at 2 p. m.; clear in the morning, partially cloudy in the afternoon. May 12—Mercury 73 at 7 a. m. and 91 at 2 p. m.; generally clear. May 13—Mercury 73 at 6 a. m., 76 at 7 a m, and 90 at 12 m.; clear.

Youthful Band of Brigands Broken Up.

The Baltimore *Evening Herald*, of Tuesday, says:—For some time past a gang of youthful desperadoes have been carrying on a system of petty robberies against the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and have hitherto baffled all the efforts of the railroad officers in conjunction with the police to capture them. On the night of the 30th of April a store-house of the railroad company at Mount Airy was broken open and robbed of nearly 400 pounds of brass bearings, valued at about $110. Special officer Michael J. Corcoran was immediately deputised to work up the case, and after an infinite amount of trouble, and the exercise of much ingenuity, he succeeded in tracing the crime to a crowd of about a dozen youths that reside in the western suburbs of this city, in the neighborhood of the Washington road. Warrants were at once procured for the arrest of eight of the most prominent members of the gang and placed in Mr. Corcoran's hands, who last night left the city in search of the offenders, and had the luck to arrest six of them along the line of the railroad between Mount Airy and Harper's Ferry, all engaged in their usual occupation of robbing the company along the road whenever an opportunity presented itself. They were safely lodged in Frederick City Jail, where they are awaiting trial. Hearing that the remaining two youths were in Baltimore, Mr. Corcoran returned at once to the city, and, with the assistance of Sergeant Seibold, arrested Walter McFarland, alias Boliver, and Jos. Craft, and lodged them in the Western police station. Mr. Corcoran's efforts in breaking up this band of young brigands are deserving of the highest praise. The system that these young rascals pursued was to proceed along the line of the railroad and rob cars, or storehouses, or anything else that they came across, sell their booty at once and divide the spoils. Although they are all residents of the city, yet they confined their operations to localities distant from the city, going as far as Harper's Ferry in their operations. They usually left this city by the night train, which proceeds along the main stem, and although carrying passengers yet picks up all the local freight along the road. Hence, as it stopped at every siding and way station, their opportunities for pilfering were greatly augmented. They have been for a long time engaged in this business, and the amount of property stolen by them will reach a startling figure when the whole is summed up at their trial.

On Wednesday Walter McFarland, alias Boliver, Joseph Kraft, Harry Lawrence, alias Harry the Bum, Jos. Smith, Frank Brown, alias Mouse, Fred. Hutchinson, John Kraft and John Spiller, had a hearing before Justice Exstine, of Frederick, charged with stealing 400 pounds of brass bearings from the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Mt. Airy. After an examination the first six accused were committed for the action of the grand jury in default of $500 bail, and the two latter were dismissed.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomson, widow of the late Hugh Thomson, died at her residence in Taneytown on the 4th inst., in the 91st year of her age. Her illness was brief, and notwithstanding her extreme age, she was up to within a few days of her decease in the full enjoyment of her faculties, and was to a remarkable extent exempt from the bodily infirmities usual to one of her years. She was born in the vicinity of the village in which, with the exception of a short residence in the city of New York, she spent her long life. Having exceeded the ordinary limit of human existence, her cotemporaries, the fathers and mothers of her earlier days, had departed, and in the place that once knew them she for years stood a solitary memento. She filled well and faithfully the part of wife, mother, neighbor and friend—was respected and esteemed by all who knew her—beautifully exemplified the christian life, and died with the full assurance of enjoying the christian's reward. She was the mother of nine surviving children, five sons and four daughters—one son residing in Minnesota, one son and three daughters in Ohio, one son in Pennsylvania, and two sons and a daughter in Maryland—all of whom fondly cherish her memory, and five were present and participated in the last sad rites pertaining to mortality.

Non-Delivery of the Advocate.

Complaints reaching this office that the ADVOCATE of last week was not received at Sykesville, Freedom, Marriottsville, Winfield and some other postoffices, inquiry was instituted and it was ascertained that the missing ADVOCATES laid in the Baltimore postoffice from Friday night until Monday morning. A slight mistake was made in the Westminster postoffice, in using a tag, but it did not intefere with the prompt and safe arrival of the papers at the Baltimore office, from which the papers are distributed for the offices from which complaints were received. This information is learned from Mr. A. H. Huber, postmaster of this city, who used commendable diligence in ascertaining the cause of the non-delivery of the paper. The facts have been reported to the Post-office Department at Washington.

New Advertisements.

Examiners' Notice—Wm. A. Wampler, Alfred Zollickoffer and Jacob C. Brubaker, Examiners.

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Dr. M. L. Bott, Allopathic Physician and Surgeon, Westminster.

Report of the Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank.

J. B. DaCamara, Photo Artist, Westminster, Md.

Select Readings at Carroll Hall, Westminster.

For Sale.—Stitely & Shriver, Westminster.

Farmers—Baugh & Sons, Baltimore, Md.

Legal Notices. List of Unclaimed Matter.

Report of the Union National Bank.

For the Democratic Advocate.

Taneytown and Vicinity.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In my business capacity I had occasion recently to visit and spend a few hours in Taneytown, and I must confess that I was agreeably surprised to witness not only the improvements of the past season, but also the present progressive state of affairs. Mr. Eckenrode is now laying the foundation of a very large structure, intended not only for a capacious store house, but also for dwelling purposes, and the town hall to be in the third story. This building occupies one corner of the public square, and certainly will be enough of itself to destroy every vestige of the old oft-repeated adage, that Taneytown is finished and should be let alone. There are other very fine improvements visible, one of which I note: A nice, tasty frame house used as a dwelling and millinery, which is truly a beauty, and as I am informed was built by, and is the property of, a carpenter, and if this building is an evi lence of his skill, of which I have no doubt it is, he is in a fair way to be a master mechanic.

There is freshness about the whole town, the painter no less than the whitewasher have been plying their avocations to very good effect. I wish to remark, too, that the farmers in the vicinity are not idle spectators to the improvements of the town, their grain and grass being luxurious, and not only their fences showing the effects of lime, but field after field also receiving heavy coats of the substantial fertilizer. Now I am about to close; but from a desire I shall do violence to my own feelings, if I neglect to inform the many friends of our former and esteemed citizen, Mr. George Crase, the successor to Mr. Eckenrode in the warehouse near the railroad, who was busy at his post and seemed pleased at his prospects for a successful business.

INSURANCE AGENT.

For the Democratic Advocate.

The Stifling Dust.

There is a general complaint in regard to the dust that daily flies through our streets in perfect clouds, covering everything, ruining clothes, filling upeyes, causing people to exclaim whew! what a dust! Strangers daily are passing remarks about our dusty city, saying, Pittsburg for smoke and Westminster for dust.

Will not our citizens, immediately following the next rain, have the streets scraped, thereby lessening the dust and adding comfort to the people of this town and inducing strangers to come here among us?

The scrapings will willingly be taken away by those who will take them for the fertilizing qualities they contain.

MERCHANT.

To the Adveocate:

Something must be done with our streets. Our main thoroughfare must be paved and regularly swept and kept clean. This cloud of dust is intolerable. What's the use of building hotels and opening summer boarding houses? People are not coming here from the cities to be smothered in dust. Something must be done, and that speedily. Let us have a town meeting and ascertain what that something is.

VOX POPULI.

Business Locals.

Fine stock of Saddles, Harness, Whips, Fly Nets, Lap Dusters, Collars, Screms and Horse-Furnishing Goods, at very attractive prices. I. A. Miller, next door to A. H. Wentz's new jewelry store, nearly opposite Catholic Church, Westminster, Md. 4t.

The Buckeye Self-Binder is guaranteed or no sale. All Buckeye Machines warranted or no settlement. A. M. Warner, Agent, Westminster, Md.

The hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that moves the earth. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is the best remedy for all complaints children are subject to, such as Dysentery, Diarrhœa, Summer Complaint, Wind Colic, etc. Price 25 cents.

There are $20 at the ADVOCATE Office for John T. Anders, at the West End, which are awaiting his orders.

Nice Pasture Lot located near West End of the city, for sale cheap. Apply to A. M. Warner.

After thirty years' absence, Robert Thorn of Haverhill, Mass., came home the other day, and his first business was to kick over a tombstone that had been erected to his memory many years before.

AN ABLE OPINION.

Decision of Judge Wm. N. Hayden upon the application of Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, of Washington, D.C., for Admission to the Carroll County Bar.

Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, of Washington, D. C., appeared among the attorneys in the Circuit Court here on Monday, and a motion was made by Col. Wm. P. Maulsby for her admission to the bar. The Court held the motion under consideration until Tuesday, when, in an able opinion, the Court denied the applicant admission.

Mrs. Lockwood stated to the court on Monday evening before adjournment that she was a practicing attorney in the United States Supreme Court, in the various courts of the District of Columbia, in the United States Court at Baltimore, and exhibited a certificate of admission to the bar of Frederick county, Md., court. She also cited the court to section 6 of article 59 of the Revised Code, which provides that a lawyer from another State or Territory, when applying for license to practice in a court of this State, it shall be the duty of the court to admit *him* upon the same terms and under the same regulations that a citizen of Maryland would be admitted to the court of th State, District or Territory in which said applicant may have practiced, or may have been licensed to practice; provided, that in the said State, District or Territory the mode and terms of admission to the bar be regulated by law. The court was then cited to the 6th rule of interpretation of the statutes, which says that "masculine includes all genders, except where such construction would be absurd and unreasonable."

The court first took up the decision of the Maryland Court of Appeals in the matter of the application of Charles Taylor, colored, who had applied to practice in that court, and claimed the right of admission under the provisions of the 14th amendment of the federal constitution, which prohibits States from making discriminations against the negro as a class.

The Court of appeals in this case followed the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the slaughter-house cases, which held that the amendment had reference only to the rights and immunities belonging to citizens of the United States as such, as contradistinguished from those belonging to them as citizens of a State. From this the Court of Appeals held that "if there is a difference between the privileges and immunities belonging to a citizen of the United States as such, and those belonging to a citizen of the State as such, the latter must rest for security and protection where they have heretofore rested." The court decided that the right to admission to practice law in the courts of a State was one not belonging to citizens of the United States *as such*, and that the right to control and regulate the granting of license to practice law in the courts of a State is one of those powers which are not transferred for its protection to the federal government, and its exercise is in no manner governed or controlled by citizenship of the United States in the party seeking such license. "It is the prerogative of the Legislature," says the court, "to prescribe regulations founded on nature, reason and experience, for the due admission of qualified persons to professions and callings demanding special skill and confidence. This fairly belongs to the police power of the State."

From this decision, said Judge Hayden, and the authorities therein referred to, it appeared to be well settled that the several States may by statute provide for the admission of persons to practice law in the State courts and prescribe their qualifications, notwithstanding the 14th amendment to the federal constitution. Our statute law on this subject is, therefore, a legitimate exercise of the Legislative will.

Section 3, article 59, Revised Code, expressly provides for the admission of white *male* citizens to practice law in the courts of this State. All the sections of this article of the code, said the court, must be read and construed together to enable us to ascertain the true intent and meaning of the Legislature. When we find such an *express provision* that the applicants shall be white *males*, it would certainly be unreasonable to say this means *females*. Hence, the rule of interpretation that "The masculine includes all genders, except where such construction would be absurd or unreasonable," has no application to this case. But, continued the court, we are not without authority on this point. The Supreme Court of Wisconsin, in the matter of Miss R. Lavina Goodell, applying for admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of that State, was cited by the court in support of its decision. In Wisconsin the rules of interpretation, on the point under consideration, are substantially the same as in Maryland, and the language of the statute applies to males only when designating who shall be admitted to practice law in the courts of that State. The Wisconsin court held that, if the rule of interpretation was carried out, as construed by the applicant, it would make females eligible to nearly all the offices of the State, except so far as the constitution may interpose a virile qualification; that it was evident that the Legislature did not intend a sweeping revolution of the social order by adopting a very innocent rule of statutory construction.

In conclusion Judge Hayden read from the opinion of Chief Justice Ryan, who delivered the case just cited, as follows: "We cannot but think the common law wise in excluding women from the profession of the law. The profession enters largely into the well being of society; and, to be honorably filled and safely to society, exacts the devotion of life. The law of nature defines and limits and qualifies the female sex for the bearing and nurture of the children of our race and for the custody of the homes of the world and their maintenance in love and honor. And all life-long callings of women, inconsistent with these radical and sacred duties of their sex, as is the profession of the law, are departures from the order of nature; and when voluntary, treason against it. The cruel chances of life sometimes baffle both sexes, and may leave women free from the peculiar duties of their sex. These may need employment, and should be welcome to any not derogatory to their sex and its proprieties, or inconsistent with the good order of society. But it is public policy to provide for the sex, not for its superfluous members; and not to tempt women from the proper duties of their sex by opening to them duties peculiar to ours. There are employments as to which nature has tempered woman as little for the juridical conflicts of the court-room, as for the physical conflicts of the battlefield. Womanhood is moulded for gentler and better things. And it is not the saints of the world who chiefly give employment to our profession. It has essentially and habitually to do with all that is selfish and malicious, knavish and criminal, coarse and brutal, repulsive and obscene in human life. It would be revolting to all female sense of the innocence and sanctity of their sex, shocking to man's reverence for womanhood and faith in woman, on which hinge all the better affections and humanities of life, that woman should be permitted to mix professionally in all the nastiness of the world which finds its way into courts of justice."

The Baltimore *Sun's* Washington correspondent, writing under date of May 11, says:

Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, the lady lawyer, of this city, who was refused permission to practice in the Circuit Court at Westminster, Maryland, yesterday, gave a dinner to a number of her friends and local representatives to-night. Mrs. Lockwood is an applicant for the position of minister to Brazil, being the first woman who ever put in an application for a position in the American diplomatic service. Mrs. Lockwood said to a *Sun* correspondent to-night that she would soon appear before the Court of Appeals at Annapolis and ask that she and all other women properly qualified should be allowed to practice law before that court. She says she will make this application so that the full court will get a chance to pass upon the question, and should it fail she will next go before the Legislature and endeavor to get a law passed giving women lawyers the right to practice before all the courts of Maryland.

The *Germantown Telegraph* mentions a heavy yield of corn by Nathan G. Pierce, of Maryland, who produced 110 bushels to the acre. His mode of culture is to plow the ground, which was a gravelly loam, about the first of May, harrow it in the usual manner, and treat it to nine hundred pounds of a standard fertilizer per acre; again well harrow the ground, make the rows three feet apart, then a "small amount" of fertilizer scattered in each row, and on May 10 drop three grains of corn (the Lost Nation variety,) two feet apart in the rows, cultivate and hoe the crop four times, cutting out one of the three plants and removing all the suckers.