

was on the stand up to the hour of adjournment. The case will be continued to-morrow. Hon. Wm. M. Merrick, J. T. Mason and J. Packard appear for plaintiff, and Col. Charles Marshall, Henry E. Wootton and R. D. Morrison for the defense.

A desperate encounter with a colored man named Lou Everly at Lapland, in the fourth district of this county, took place on Friday night last, in a thick wood. Everly was indicted by the grand jury of this term of court for stealing three mink skins, and also presented for various other offenses. He defied all the officers of the law to arrest him. Nicholas Hutchins, constable, armed with a bench warrant from the court, deputized eight other men and went to the rendezvous of Everly, in a thick swamp, where he had fortified himself, supplied with a frying-pan, sausage, potatoes, &c. As soon as Everly saw the men he opened fire on them with a revolver. They returned the fire, and Everly, who was badly wounded, fled to the woods. His pursuers gave up the chase for the night and resumed it next morning, when they traced him by marks of blood to his mother's house, where he was found lying on the floor, apparently in a dying condition. He was taken to Lisbon, attended by Dr. Worfield, and brought to Ellicott City jail on Saturday. He is now recovering.

The funeral of James L. Piper took place here to-day at 11½ A. M. from St. Peter's P. E. Church. The pall-bearers were Ex-Governor Liggon, J. H. Leishear, Dr. Worthington, Dr. Temple, Wm. H. Gibbons and A. M. Johnson. Among those present were James Mackubin, R. M. Dorsey, Dr. Cornelius Howard, Dr. Piper, Richard and Robert Piper, brothers of deceased. The officiating clergymen were Reva. R. E. Poole and H. Harrison.

A new iron bridge was commenced to-day over the Patapsco river at Woodstock, and travel, it is said, will be suspended at that place for two weeks.

**Letter from Howard County.**

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ELLCOTT CITY, MD., March 29, 1880.

In the Circuit Court to-day, Judge Hayden presiding, the case of Mrs. Margretta Ruths, by her next friend, George Ruths, vs. Dr. George Reuling, was heard. This case was tried in Baltimore City Court, but the jury failed to agree, and it was then removed to this county. All the witnesses for plaintiff testified to-day. The gist of their evidence was that Mrs. Ruths lost the sight of the right eye through an operation performed by Dr. Reuling without her or her husband's consent. Dr. Reuling was on the stand and testified that Mrs. Ruths's eyes were affected with glaucoma, which could not be cured, but might be arrested. Dr. Reuling