

## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

**DEATH OF COL. GROOME.**—On Friday evening last the community was startled by the unexpected announcement of the death of Col. Groome, the oldest resident member of the bar, and one of the most distinguished citizens of the county and State. He had long been in delicate health, but was much better for a few weeks previous to his death than for months, and hopes were entertained of his continued existence and usefulness. On Monday of last week he had contemplated taking part in the inaugural ceremonies at the opening of the great Susquehanna Bridge, in the construction of which enterprise he had most zealously co-operated, but felt the necessity to reserve all his strength to enable him to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Railroad on the following day in Philadelphia. His eye was consequently never permitted to rest upon this completed structure of which he in common with all Marylanders was so justly proud. On Tuesday he journeyed to Philadelphia in comparatively good health, and returned to us on Wednesday apparently uninjured by the trip.— On Thursday, however, he was attacked by severe illness, owing, it is supposed, to some indiscretion of diet, and lay in a state of semi-unconsciousness until Friday evening, when he died. His funeral occurred on Tuesday last. The day was very inclement. The rain during the entire morning poured in torrents, in consequence of which very many friends from a distance could not attend. A large concourse of citizens, however, assembled to do honor to the memory of one universally esteemed, and followed with saddened hearts to its final resting place the body of him whose place as a citizen, a lawyer and a man, cannot be readily filled.

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