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**THE RAIL ROAD MURDER**  
On Thursday last, *Green Murphy* was  
found guilty of the murder of *John  
Miles* in the first degree, at the  
Court, now sitting in this city.

**Court of Appeals, December 1853.**  
Thursday, Jan'y. 15.—Present as usual.  
Cousin for the appellant, moved the  
for the writ of procedendo in No. 3 *J. H.  
Gora vs Miles and Goldsmith*, decided  
in *Gora*.

The argument of No. 3, *Elizabeth  
vs Thes. L. Hall et al*, was concluded by  
for the Appellants.

No. 53. *The Union Bank of Maryland  
vs Deborah Cockran et al*. This case was  
by *Knolly* and *Johnson* for the appellants.  
Friday, Jan'y. 16.—Present as usual.  
Copt *Dorsey* Judge.

No. 50. *John C. Norris vs the Trustees  
of the Abingdon Academy*. The argument  
of this case was commenced by *McMahon* for the  
pellant, and *Maulsby* and *Wm. P. Madsen*,  
the Appellees.

Saturday, Jan'y. 17.—Present as usual.  
The argument of the above case was  
by *McMahon* for the Appellant.

No. 51. *Samuel D. Walker vs Henry  
son et al*. This case was argued by  
for the Appellant.

No. 61. *Vachel Severe vs the State vs  
ard Scott*. This case was argued by  
for the Appellant. *Alexander* for the  
was stopped by the Court, who affirmed  
Judgment.

Monday, Jan'y. 19.—Present as usual.  
No. 52. *Henry A. Callis and Susan  
Samuel Riout, and Teuch Riegold*. The argu-  
ment of this case was commenced by  
for the Appellant, and *Alexander* for the  
pellants.

Tuesday, Jan'y. 20.—Present as usual.  
The argument of the above case was  
by *Alexander* and *M. Grider* for the Appellants,  
and *Johnson* for the Appellants.

Wednesday, Jan. 21.—Present as usual.  
*Buclanch Ch. J.* delivered the opinion of  
Court in No. 53. *Patrick Dougherty vs  
McColgan*, reversing the decree of *B. C.*  
collor, with costs in this Court.

*Stephen, Judge*, delivered the opinion of  
Court in No. 24. *John Byers vs John  
han Jr.* affirming the decree of *Wm. P. Madsen*,  
County Court, with costs.

*Chambers, Judge*, delivered the opinion of  
Court in No. 63: 64. *Henry Lewis vs  
zells Adrs.* and *Hoblitzell's Adrs.* *Wm. P. Madsen*,  
Lewis (Cross appeals) affirming the  
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of the Court, on the appeal by *Lewis*, and  
versing it, and awarding a procedendo  
appeal of *Hoblitzell's Adrs*.

No. 57. *Richard Hardesty vs Thos.  
son*. This case was argued by *Pinkey* for the  
Appellant, and by *Speed* in writing for the  
pellant.

**AGRICULTURE, INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS, MANUFACTURES, AND THE VARIOUS USEFUL ARTS, OCCUPY AT PRESENT SO LARGE A PLACE IN PUBLIC ATTENTION, AS TO RENDER EVERY METHOD WHICH CAN BE ADOPTED TO ADVANCE THEM, WORTHY OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PATRONAGE.**

10. The introduction of geology into schools, would tend to promote moral improvement among the young. Perhaps there are not two more unfortunate circumstances attending our system of popular education, than that the exercises of the children in the school-room are, irksome, and those for recreation are dissipating to the mind. If school-rooms could be rendered places of pleasant resort, and amusements sources of useful instruction, the great work of reform in cultivating intellectual and moral taste, would be fairly begun. The more innocent and useful amusements are scattered around the young, the less time and disposition will there be to pursue those which are pernicious or useless. No subject, perhaps, is better fitted to answer the double purpose of amusement and instruction, than geology. And few are better fitted to show the power and wisdom of Him, who weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance.

11. It is easily acquired. The features of this science are not only striking and grand, but they are few and simple, and exactly fitted to enter and expand the juvenile mind. By the aid of specimens, with appropriate description, its general principles are more easily and readily understood, than those of any other science which is taught. Nothing is more easy than to introduce it into every district and private school in the country; and to acquaint every child with the names, ingredients and uses, of the rocks he daily observes in his walks, and with the prominent geological features of our country.

12. It is necessary. Without it, gazetteers and journals of travel cannot be understood. In some places a knowledge of the great geological features of the earth, is as common and familiar, as of the continents and oceans; and consequently, without this knowledge, a person is liable to find himself ignorant of the most common and familiar topics of conversation in the society he will frequently meet. To be destitute of a branch of science so important and accessible, is to be unprovided with a great source of mental occupation and entertainment for life; and in the case of teachers, the want of it is the want of a powerful and happy means of influencing the youthful mind.

Few teachers are prepared at present acquainted to any extent with this important department of knowledge. But none need long remain so, who are in the neighbourhood of a Lyceum.

The first extension of this useful instruction will, it is to be hoped, offer opportunities to every instructor, of acquiring at least a good knowledge of local geology.

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Sam'l Roberts on entering his apartment in Hamilton-street, Boston, found his wife, the mother of his child, lying upon the floor burnt to death. It is supposed she was taken in a fit and fell into the fire; her arms were burnt to a crisp, and the upper portion of her body presented a horrible spectacle.

We understand that the ice in the Schuylkill below the dam gave way yesterday; also, that in the river Delaware below Chester, the ice was driving, and most probably the strong westerly wind has cleared the channel there and below, and we have now a fair prospect of an opening up to the city in a day or two.

**ASTONISHING FACT.**  
It is a fact that has been proved by figures, that the amount of tonnage in 1832, in the New York Canal alone, which passed Alexander's Lock, exceeds the whole amount of tonnage, both for sea and domestic, of the port of New York in 1833.—The tonnage of the port of New York for 1833, was 3,459, vessels cleared and arrived, of 771,846 tons, of which one third departed in ballast; whereas 800,000 tons, by computation, passed Alexander's Lock, without taking into consideration trade stopping a boat.

We remark that in 1833, there passed the lock at Utica 1,009,512 gallons of domestic spirits, and in 1834, the amount was 1,464,051, making a decrease in that article of 148,551, in one year.

**REMARKABLE.**  
The packet South America, on her last arrival at this port, brought the Liverpool Times, containing the following:  
*Currents of the Atlantic Ocean.*—On Tuesday last, a bottle, containing the following notice, was picked up on the Lancashire coast, near Southport. "Thrown overboard from the packet ship South America, by the passengers, March 1833, in the Gulf Stream, off Cape Cod, lat. 40 30, long. 69 W. The finder is earnestly requested to publish this in the nearest newspaper to which it may be found, to show the currents of the ocean, and oblige the passengers, as well as confer a benefit on science." It cannot be regarded as a singular circumstance, that this bottle, thrown into the Gulf Stream, off the U. States of America, should have floated to within a few miles of the port in Europe from which the South America sailed, supposing her to have been on her outward passage, or to which she was sailing, supposing her to have been bound to Liverpool. A gale from the north, or a slight temporary change in the current, would have brought it into the Mersey, to the captain of the South America, who probably saw it launched off, Cape Cod.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**  
Joseph Weaver, aged 23, and Joseph Kessler, aged 22, two young men in the employment of Mr. Cooper, living in New Jersey, above Cambridge, crossed the Delaware on the 10th of Saturday evening, to Kensington. They took the precaution to extend before them a long pole to pry the ice. Having obtained a quantity of clothing, for which they came over, they started to return; but it being a bright moon-light night, they left the pole, and walked in the path as near as they could, on which they came. On Sunday morning their bundles of clothing were found on the ice at the edge of an air hole.—This was the first intimation given of their non-arrival at Mr. Cooper's. Satisfied that the persons had fallen through, their friends offered a reward for the recovery of their bodies, and on Monday both bodies were grappled and brought up through the hole into which they had fallen, in water 18 feet deep.

*United States Gazette.*

**ATTEMPT AT MURDER AND SUICIDE.**  
PITTSBURG, Pa. Jan. 12.  
We have never before been called upon to record so deep a tragedy as the following, which occurred yesterday (Sunday) morning, in the very heart of our city—the particulars are as follows:—A German named Seybrecht, residing in Diamond Alley, between Market and Wood streets discharged the contents of a loaded pistol into the breast of his wife, and then destroyed his own life by applying another to his throat. The diabolical attempt on his wife was providentially unsuccessful, the ball having been deflected by the ribs, and ultimately lodged near the spine, from which it was extracted without much difficulty. We are happy to state that the wound is not considered mortal. The wretched man was more successful in his intent upon himself, the ball having passed through the chin, tongue and palate, and lodged in the back of his head—the charge not being sufficient to accomplish his purpose instantaneously—he died in the afternoon. His fall intent on the person of another, and that other the sharer of his fortunes, a helpless and defenceless woman, has thus been thwarted by an overruling providence; but the same hand which would have done this heinous deed, is made the instrument of retribution.

Seybrecht, we understand, was a republican, and had always borne an irreproachable character. Divers reasons are assigned for the act, such as jealousy, reverse of fortune, &c. but as they have no further warrant than mere surmise, we multiply and comment upon them, we are at a loss to know which is best entitled to credence.

Mrs. Seybrecht is reported to be an amiable and estimable woman, and most exemplary domestic habits.—*Recorder.*

**BOSTON, (Ms.) Jan. 13.**  
We learn with much regret, from the dwelling of H. L. E. Hamilton, Esq. on the 10th inst., a fire broke out in the night, which is supposed to have taken fire from a spark from the chimney, at a late hour of the night, and was not discovered until the roof was in flames. A portion of the furniture was ruined and saved, as also the kitchen and outer buildings.

**RECENT DISCOVERIES AT POMPEII.**  
At Pompeii there has been lately opened the street leading from the Temple of Fortuna to the gates of the city, passing nearly through the middle of the town. On reaching a certain point from which streets diverge to the three sides of the walls of the city, there was found an altar placed before the protecting genius of the town, in the form of a serpent; the faces of the serpent are ornamented with paintings representing the priest offering libations and other sacred rites. On exploring the streets of Pompeii, there was discovered a pair of bronze scales, and a weight in the shape of a pear, a bronze dish with handles, a hatchet, and one cylindrical object made of bone and perforated, supposed to have been used either in some fine work, or for making calculations. A house has been discovered behind the great Mosaic, comprising a vestibule, several sleeping rooms ornamented with stucco, and a tabular or bed adorned with the most exquisite paintings on stucco. In this house was found a bronze shell of elegant workmanship, an earthen lamp black with stucco, vessels containing colours, and a wooden chest lined with iron and surrounded by figures formed with brass nails.

*From the New York Commercial Advertiser.*  
**LATE FROM JAMAICA.**  
By the arrival of the John W. Carter, Captain Crane, we have received our regular files of Jamaica papers, with advices to Sunday the 29th of December inclusive. It was expected that the provincial Assembly would be prorogued at 12 o'clock on that day.

The turbulence of the apprentices is yet unsubdued. In consequence of their threats to set fire to the Sugar works on the Hector's River Estate, in the district of Manchioneal, the police, says the Dispatch of the 19th ult. were sent for, and a guard stationed for their protection. The Governor had given orders for a very general distribution of the King's troops throughout the island, for the purpose of being ready to act on an emergency.

Efforts are making to turn the attention of the inhabitants of island from the cultivation of the sugar cane, for which the requisite labour cannot be obtained, to grazing, and the raising of pigs, cattle, and other domestic animals.

The House of Assembly has voted the sum of £15, to the importers of European tobacco, to be located in that island.

The Herald of the 17th says.—An alarmingly unpleasant report reached Kingston yesterday morning, that the apprentices on Hector's River, in Manchioneal, the residence of Mr. Spittal, were in such a state of insubordination, as to render it prudent for Mr. Spittal and his lady to quit the property.

We have also heard that the peasantry of Golden Grove, in the Plantain Garden River District, have again shown symptoms of a dis-

position to set authority at defiance. Christmas is rapidly approaching and it is highly expedient that all should be on their guard against a possible sudden and simultaneous outbreak among the apprentices.

*From a Correspondent, Dec. 9.*  
The apprentices of Hanover are so pierced by Cupid's darts, that no less than 30 bands were published last Sunday. This looks well and may end well.

**CHOLERA.**  
The Mercantile of this morning, on the authority of a letter from a correspondent at Marseilles under date of Dec. 10th says:—"The Cholera still rages on board the American men of war at Mahon. The Delaware had, on the 29th of November, about 150 cases on board, and had lost about thirty men, but no officers. The authorities still keep them in quarantine, notwithstanding that several cases are daily declared in the town."

The Salem (Mass.) Gazette of the 13th, says that there is little or no doubt that for more than three weeks past, there has been a steady, powerful northeast gale, blowing into the Bay. The roar of the waves dashing upon the coast never heard, except during or immediately after a northeast storm was distinguished night and day during all this time. One singular effect of the agitation of the waters has been the death of myriads of small fish.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.**  
THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the Orphans Court on Saint Mary's county, letters of administration of the personal estate of Elizabeth Ford, late of Saint Mary's county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 25th day of November next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 13th day of January 1853.

JAMES R. FLOYD, Adm'r.

**BALTIMORE HOUSE OPENED.**  
THE celebrated Hotel, known as the INDIAN QUEEN, is now opened by the undersigned. The house has been remodelled and put up in elegant order, a new addition of 20 rooms, including a superior Dining Room, a Billiard Room, and a beautiful new Billiard Room attached, and several delightful Parloirs, situated on and commanding a view of the most fashionable neighbourhood of the city.—The House and Furniture are acknowledged to be superior to what they ever have been, and the proprietor pledges himself to the public to use his best exertions to give a comfortable and pleasant stay to all that are desirous of the comfort and pleasure of those who will honour the house with their company.

JOHN W. KING.  
January 22.

**IS CREAKLEBERRY.**  
10th January, 1853.  
Robert S. Bryman,  
David M. Gist.

THE object of the bill in this case is to amend a decree requiring the defendant, David R. Gist, to convey to the complainant parts of two tracts of land called Barlepe's Hill, and Pettibone's Rest.

The bill states, that the defendant on the 6th day of September, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, sold to the complainant parts of two tracts of land called Barlepe's Hill, and Pettibone's Rest, for the sum of two thousand and eight hundred dollars, and that the defendant thereupon executed to the complainant a bond of conveyance.

The bill further states, that all the purchase money and interest had been paid to the defendant, except about sixty dollars, which the complainant is ready to pay, or bring into court, provided the defendant will make and execute to the complainant a good and sufficient deed in fee for the said lands. The bill also states, that the defendant resides out of the State of Maryland.

It is thereupon ordered, that the complainant by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper once in each of four successive weeks before the 14th day of February next, give notice to the said David R. Gist, of the substance and object of this bill, that he be warned to appear in this court in person, or by solicitor, on or before the 15th day of May next, to show cause, if any he has, why a decree should not pass as prayed.

True copy—Test,  
RAMSAY WATKINS,  
Reg. Cur. Can.  
17th day 15.

**LAND FOR SALE.**  
THE subscriber will sell at Public Sale, on Tuesday the 10th of February 1853, on the premises, at 11 o'clock, A. M. if fair, if not the first fair day thereafter. (Sunday excepted), the farm at present occupied by Mr. William Bird, being part of the (traced) land called "The Connexion" and "Woodward's Inclusion," but generally called the Black Horse Farm, containing about 317 acres, with many valuable and useful buildings thereon; there is at least three fourths of this land covered with valuable Wood and Timber, and lies not more than one mile from Severn River. The above land will be shown to any person wishing to view the same, by the subscriber. Terms of sale will be one fourth CASH, the balance in three equal payments of six, twelve, and eighteen months, bearing interest from the day of sale. Security if required, must be given.

LANCELOT WARFIELD.  
January 15, 1853.

**STATE OF MARYLAND, SCT. Calvert County, Orphans Court.**  
December Term 1854.  
ON application by petition of John Wood, administrator of David L. Weems, late of Calvert County, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of six successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in the City of Annapolis.

JAS. A. D. DALRYMPLE,  
Reg. Wills for Calvert County.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**  
THAT the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans Court of Calvert County, letters of administration, on the personal estate of David L. Weems, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are desired to present them, legally authenticated, and those indebted are requested to make immediate payment.

JOHN WOOD, Adm'r.  
Jan. 15.

**WILLIAM BRYAN, Merchant Tailor.**  
HAS just received a large assortment of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES and VESTINGS, very superior in quality, and variety in colours; all of which is determined to sell low. His shop is kept in the house of Washington G. Luck, Esq. next door to Messrs. Hill & Franklin's store. He will make up work at the shortest notice, and to the best and most fashionable style. Gentlemen wishing to employ him would do well to call on him.

**TRUSTEES SALE OF LAND.**  
By virtue of a Decree of the Chancery Court, bearing date the thirtieth day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-four, in a cause wherein Jacob Weir, and others, were complainants, the subscriber will propose to public sale on FRIDAY 23rd day of January next, on the premises, all the tracts or parcels or parts of tracts of Land called "Popkins' Venture, Owens' Purchase and Fox Hall, or by whatsoever name the same may be called, which was conveyed by Thomas Allen and wife, to the heirs of the late Benjamin Carr, containing about TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO ACRES more or less. This land lies near the Patent, in Anne Arundel County, and adjoins the lands of Dr. James Owens, Alexander Owens, Mrs. Sherbert and Mrs. Allen; about one half of it is in wood and valuable timber, and the arable land is good and susceptible of improvement. The improvements on the land are a good dwelling House, a new Tobacco House, two Quarters, a Corn House, &c. The land also has with it a very valuable water power. This land will be sold in lots or parcels to suit purchasers.

THE TERMS OF SALE ARE, one fourth of the purchase money in Cash on the day of sale, or on the first day of the month thereof, and the balance in three equal payments to be paid on the 12th, 18th, and 24th instants of the day of sale, the whole to be secured by bonds, with good securities, to be approved by the subscriber, and bearing interest from the day of sale. When the whole purchase money is paid, (and not before) the subscriber is authorized to convey the property to the purchaser.

JACOB W. BIRD, Trustee.  
Jan. 15.

**STATE OF MARYLAND, SCT. Anne Arundel County, Orphans Court.**  
January 6th, 1855.  
ON application by petition of John S. Selby, administrator of William Nichols of Anne Arundel County, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in Annapolis.

SAM'L BRIGMAN, Jun'r,  
Reg. Wills A. A. County.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**  
THAT the subscriber of Anne Arundel County, hath obtained from the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel County, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of William Nichols of Anne Arundel County, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 6th day of July next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 6th day of January 1855.

JOHN S. SELBY, Adm'r.  
Jan. 9.—6w.

**STATE OF MARYLAND, SCT. Calvert County, Orphans Court.**  
December Term 1854.  
ON application by petition of John Wood, Executor of John L. Chew, late of Calvert County, deceased, it is ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of six successive weeks in one of the newspapers printed in the city of Annapolis.

JAMES A. D. DALRYMPLE,  
Reg. Wills for Calvert County.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**  
THAT the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans Court of Calvert County, letters of administration on the personal estate of John L. Chew, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are requested to present them, legally authenticated, and those indebted are required to make immediate payment.

JOHN WOOD, Ex'r.  
January 15.