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## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

**Dr. A. H. Somers,**  
HAS resumed the practice of medicine. He can be found at his office, next door to his dwelling, in Rockville, when not called away professionally.

**Dr. C. J. MADDOX**  
HAS REMOVED TO ROCKVILLE. OFFICE IN HIS DWELLING, ONE DOOR WEST OF THE POST OFFICE, WHERE HE MAY BE FOUND AT ALL TIMES, WHEN NOT PROFESSIONALLY CALLED AWAY.

**Dr. B. OFFUTT**  
RETURNS HIS THANKS to his friends and the citizens generally, for their kind patronage, and humbly solicits a continuance of the same, assuring them he has no idea of leaving the county, (as has been asserted,) but will continue punctually and faithfully to pursue the practice of his profession among them.

Office at Mrs. Eliza D. Offutt's about one and a half miles from Offutt's Road. Feb 2-4

**Dr. R. J. PERRY,**  
Office and Residence: 233 New York Avenue, (between 9th and 10th Streets),

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS' experience and practice, and special attention to "Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children." Gastric and Nervous Diseases, enables him to promise more than ordinary relief in "Diseases of Females, Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, Paralysis," &c.  
Office Hours—7 to 9 A. M.; 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 P. M. June 1-3m

**J. W. VEITCH,**  
Attorney at Law,  
WILL PRACTICE IN THE COURTS OF MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES.  
Office, at BROOKVILLE, Monty Co., Md. Oct 14-1f

**C. INGLE,**  
Attorney at Law,  
No. 26 LOUISIANA AVENUE,  
ABOVE NINTH STREET,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
May 8-31

**JOHN R. KENLEY,**  
Attorney at Law,  
Office, 2nd Floor Bible Building, Fayette St. near Charles, BALTIMORE.

Will practice in the several Courts of the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland, also Claims against the Government of the United States, and all business connected with the public offices at Washington, will be carefully attended to. Oct 13-3m

**HENRY E. WOOLTON,**  
Attorney at Law,  
AND  
Solicitor in Chancery,  
MILCOTTS' MILLS, MD.

HAVING resumed the practice of his profession, will give prompt attention to any business entrusted to him, in Howard or adjoining counties.  
Office nearly opposite Union Hotel. May 11-3m

**EDWIN HIGGINS,**  
Attorney at Law,  
No. 21 Lehigh Street,  
Reference:  
St. Geo. W. Teackle, Esq., Baltimore;  
Wm. Critchton & Son,  
H. J. Werdebaugh & Co.,  
H. H. Carter & Co.,  
David Miller & Co.,  
Woodward, Edlin & Co.,  
W. V. Boutwell, Esq., Rockville, Md.;  
W. Thompson, of Ft. Det., Wash. D. C. Aug 12-1f

**AUCTIONEERING.**  
JAMES W. BOSWELL respectfully sends his services to the citizens of Montgomery county as Auctioneer. From his long experience selling, he feels confident that he will be able to render general satisfaction. He has taken out the necessary LICENSE for the business, and therefore all sales will be legal.

He will attend to sales in any part of the county, and his terms will be such as cannot fail to please. All orders addressed to him at Rockville, Darlington, or Poolsville will be promptly attended to. ALEX. DABE, Clerk, Md. Aug 12-1f

**A CARD.**  
THE undersigned having taken out AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE for Montgomery county, as required by the "Internal Revenue Act," will attend to business in his line in any part of the State. He is the only person in this county who has taken out such license, and, therefore, the only one authorized to act as auctioneer.

Any business communication addressed to him, at Clarksville, Md., will be promptly attended to. ALEX. DABE, Aug 12-1f

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HAVING TAKEN OUT AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE for Montgomery county, as required by the "Internal Revenue Act," the undersigned will attend to business in his line in any portion of the State. He solicits a share of the public patronage.

Letters addressed to him, at Poolsville, Md., on business, will be promptly attended to. ALEX. DABE, Aug 12-1f

**SURVEYOR'S NOTICE.**  
THE subscriber will give prompt attention to all calls, from any part of the county, for LAND SURVEYING, LAYING OUT, &c. All persons who have land to survey, will please address him, by letter, at Brookville, or leave word with E. S. PERRY, Clerk, Rockville. J. W. M. GRAY, Surveyor. Jan 26-1f

## Correspondence.

### SCHOOL TAX LAW.

Howwood, Montgomery County, Md., June 26th, 1866.

To the Editor of the Sentinel.  
Dear Sir: Your paper, of the 22nd instant, contains a communication from W. V. Bousie, Esq., addressed to the County Commissioners, giving his opinion, which was asked by them, on the matter of certain levies asked of them by the Board of School Commissioners, in conformity with the requirements of the present School Law—that is to say—1st, a levy of ten cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessable property of the county, as a balance for the support of Schools and the building of School houses; 2nd, a levy to meet the expense incident to dividing the county into suitable School districts, prescribing the boundaries, &c., amounting to \$100,000, and 3rd, a levy for the purpose of paying the salaries of the School Commissioners.

I have read this communication with care and interest—with care, because it relates to the construction of a very important and beneficial law; with interest, because I fear the levies of that opinion may induce an action on the part of the County Commissioners, which may cause many of the Public Schools of the county to be again closed, and opportunity for instruction thus irreparably lost to many of the children of the county, who depend solely on the Public Schools for all the learning they may ever obtain.

I frankly admit that I do not believe either Mr. Bousie or the County Commissioners desire this. They know that the standard of public education in this county, is not what it ought to be. They both know how short a time many of the laboring class of our citizens allow their children to remain at school. In some cases it is only during the Spring and Summer months; that the younger and more delicate children, and some of the girls, can get to school; in other cases, it is only during the Winter months; that the boys can be spared from work on the farm. I am glad at its publication, because it invites discussion, and I will endeavor, though reluctantly, to reply to it.

As to the effect and consequences of the present School Law, it matters not whether it is a law *de jure* or *de facto*. Mr. Bousie himself says, that he, in common with all officers of the State, has taken an official oath to execute it, and "it is our duty to execute it in good faith until it is duly changed." I do not suppose there ever was a law which received the universal assent of the governed. This is subject to amendment or repeal, but, while it exists, we must obey it. This being so, we will not discuss the merits of the law, but we will discuss the manner of its execution. The Legislature, but we cannot execute the law as this "is our duty," we should seek to perform it, rather than evade it, even though it be disagreeable or inconvenient to do so. I am not one of those who think the present law perfect. The State Superintendent of public instruction himself, believed his own system, as proposed to the Legislature, better than this. We cannot expect a system which will meet with universal approbation.

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this, but for the mixed and defective system of education. How will the State do this? She will do it by a tax upon the assessable property of the State. There is a man in the State who is deficient in true State pride, wanting in love for her, whether she be his native or adopted State, so as to be unwilling thus to aid her in her glorious onward march.

The appointment of the County Board of School Commissioners was at one time vested in the County Commissioners, at another in the District Court, the people of the county in neither case being a direct voice in the appointment. The School Commissioners for the county are now appointed by the State Board of Education, in conformity with the requirements of the present School Law—that is to say—1st, a levy of ten cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessable property of the county, as a balance for the support of Schools and the building of School houses; 2nd, a levy to meet the expense incident to dividing the county into suitable School districts, prescribing the boundaries, &c., amounting to \$100,000, and 3rd, a levy for the purpose of paying the salaries of the School Commissioners.

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ter, the District Commissioners. It declares that "the annual salary of each School Commissioner and of each President of every Board of School Commissioners, shall be determined by the State Board of Education, and paid by the County Commissioners, as other officers are paid." This is too plain to require comment. With reference to the other item, the same chapter, section 5, declares that the School Commissioners "shall report the entire cost of dividing the county, and the publication of the notices aforesaid, to the County Commissioners, who shall pay the same to the Treasurer of the Board of School Commissioners, by whom it shall be paid to the parties to whom it may be due." This, it seems to me, is equally clear. Both are mandatory, leaving no question with the County Commissioners as to what they may deem expedient. They may not like the law, and it is unfortunate that when passed, as we now are, by national taxation, additional State taxation should be required, but there is the law, and I see no how you are to avoid the duty of obeying it.

These quotations from the new law, not referred to by Mr. Bousie, in his communication, where the second and third requests of the School Commissioners "shall report the entire cost of dividing the county, and the publication of the notices aforesaid, to the County Commissioners, by whom it shall be paid to the parties to whom it may be due." This, it seems to me, is equally clear. Both are mandatory, leaving no question with the County Commissioners as to what they may deem expedient. They may not like the law, and it is unfortunate that when passed, as we now are, by national taxation, additional State taxation should be required, but there is the law, and I see no how you are to avoid the duty of obeying it.

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## Selected Poetry.

### SATURDAY NIGHT.

BY HENRY B. WASHINGTON.

Pause, my soul, a week hath ended,  
One less for thee below;  
In this week there hath been blended  
Hope and fear, and joy and woe;  
Weary heart, thou canst not murmur,  
O'er thy sky a bow is cast;  
One week to thy heaven nearer,  
Courage gather from the past.

Pause, my soul! a week hath ended,  
What its record borne for thee?  
Whom oppressed hast thou befriended?  
Who the happier been for thee?  
Hast thou loved for love's request?  
To thy neighbor wert thou true?  
What, my soul, hast thou neglected?  
What performed thou best?

Pause, my soul! a week hath ended,  
Time is bearing thee  
Only for while e'er  
Is the life we live  
What may be up  
In God's mercy  
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## Selected M.

### ADDRESS OF J. C.

We find in the  
Allegation the full  
J. C. STUBBS in  
familiar topics which a  
State and nation  
but clearly, some  
To the Editor  
I find by the pro  
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my name was pl  
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have been used long enough. The  
has come when leaders of the ruly  
party must be checked; or they will  
bring upon us wholesale ruin. After  
sacrificing everything at the call of y  
country, are you willing to raise to p  
a more dangerous element, and plac  
future welfare and prosperity in  
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GENERAL LEE.

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