The Cecil Whig

ELKTON, MAY 25, 1872.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Local Miscellany.—At the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cecil county, on Tuesday last, the 21st inst., a resolution was passed, declaring that unless additional losses shall occur before the 1st of July next, sufficient to render it necessary to call a special meeting of the Board, the rate of premium for the next year shall be reduced to five per cent. on the premium notes.

The old customers of Mr. Joseph Wells, will be pleased to learn that he has again commenced the meat and provision business, at his old stand on Main street.

The Mutual Building Association will meet this evening. Persons who intend to subscribe for stock of series C. should give their names to the Directors of the Society. The first payment of the new series will be made in July.

Rain.—The long drought was broken on last Wednesday evening by a refreshing shower, which revived the parched vegetation and laid the dust.

Appointed.—Mr. George T. King, of this town, has been appointed Constable for this District by the County Commissioners, and has qualified and entered on his duties.

Soda Water.—Dr. J. H. Frazer has established his Arctic Soda Fountain in his new Drug Store, adjoining the postoffice, where a most delightful drink of the cool, sparkling beverage can be obtained.

Strawberry Festival.—The ladies of the Presbyterian Church in Elkton, will hold a Strawberry Festival, at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on Thursday evening next, May 30th. Doors open at 7 o'clock. The public is respectfully invited.

Another Fire in Elk Neck.—A fire broke out on the place of Mr. I. Z. Collings, on Monday last, which burned over about thirty acres of land, consuming a thousand new fence rails just built up. The loss in fence alone, Mr. C. estimates at $140. The same gentleman was a severe loser by the former fire.

A Productive Cow.—Mr. John E. Davis, of Cherry Hill, has a cow which makes 11 pounds of butter per week, besides providing milk and cream for a family of five persons. Mr. Davis keeps but one cow, and consequently he can fairly test her butter-making qualities. She gives a large quantity of milk, which the result proves is also very rich in cream; not often the case with large milkers.

Notes from Pleasant Grove, Pa.—Wheat looking bad; grass short; oats thin and burning; corn and potatoes up and doing well as they can, owing to a light shower on the morning of the 19th inst., which wet the ground a few inches.

Can't we always get your paper on the day it is printed (Saturday)? We do sometimes; but mostly on Monday evening.

[We always mail the Pleasant Grove package on Friday afternoon.—*Ed.*

Oxford and Peach Bottom R. R.—For the purpose of obtaining an approximate estimate of cost of construction of this road the Directors have advertised for sealed proposals to the 20th of next month for the graduation, masonery and bridging of the road east of the Susquehanna river.—The right of way along the line has been secured with but few exceptions and upon favorable terms.—*Oxford Press.*

Oxford Agricultural Society.—In another column of to-day's paper we publish the advertisement of the Annual Exhibition of the Oxford Agricultural Society, which will come off on the 6th and 7th of June. This Society is conducted with much spirit, and the annual exhibitions are always interesting and well attended by the farmers of Chester and Lancaster counties; and large numbers of persons from Cecil attend and compete for the prizes. Much good stock is exhibited at these annual fairs and a great deal of fine farm produce, which will compare favorably with any in the country.

Discovery of Burglars' Tools.—Mr. John Lewis, Supervisor of the section of railroad which passes through Elkton, came upon part of a set of first-class burgler's tools, on Thursday evening last, hid away in a culvert at the Blue Ball crossing. The tools were for opening safes and were very nicely finished. A leather bag contained a dark lantern, skeleton key, a coil of fuse and a few other articles. From appearance the tools had been very recently placed in the culvert. No clue has been found to the owners. The supposition is that the Elkton Bank was the objective point of the thieves.

Narrow Escape.—On Sunday night last, the through freight train, due at the Elkton depot at 10.15, struck the hind part of the buggy of Mr. William Arrents, at Stites' Mill crossing, tore the vehicle from the horse, throwing the animal down, and the driver several feet into the air, or as high as the telegraph poles, as a spectator expressed it. Mr. Arrents fortunately came down uninjured, with the exception of a pretty severe stunning, from which he recovered in a few moments. The horse was captured by a man who was present and proved to be uninjured also. The buggy sustained about all the damage done; but the escape was a very narrow one. Mr. Arrents saw the train, but his horse being afraid of the cars threatened to turn round, and to avoid being upset he attempted to drive across before the train, with the result above stated.

Interesting to Friends.—At the First-day school association of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, which met on Thursday evening, 16th inst., at the Meeting House on Race street above Fifth, a statement of the Association was read, showing the interest in the cause that had been awakened. Since last Yearly Meeting 18 First-day schools were started, including Fallowfield and Kennett Square, both in Pennsylvania, where schools were formerly held. The other new schools are at Upper Springfield, Westfield, Mullica Hill, Mount Holly and Medford, all in New Jersey; also at Straudsburg, Norristown, Providence, Middletown, Chester, Darby, West Bradford, West Grove Bible Class, West Grove, all in Pennsylvania. Sewing Schools were also established for poor children at Salem. The attendance there was 52, and 86 at West Philadelphia. Owing to the epidemic the latter and the Race street school were closed.

Including the Colored Mission School at Wilmington with the Philadelphia Meeting, there are 49 First-day schools, 5 Bible classes and 4 sewing schools. Accurate reports were not sent by all the organizations, but it is sufficiently near to say that there are about 400 teachers, 2250 children, and 850 of the adults. As far as reported, only 568 of the children belong among Friends.

The number of volumes in the libraries is 6500.

An epistle was read and directed to be forwarded to the Genesee Meeting.

Mary Lippincot, James Neal, Elizabeth Roberts, S. M. Janney, and a number of others made remarks in relation to First-day schools, and considerable interest was manifested.

Temperance.—The next quarterly Convention of Good Templars, for Cecil county, will meet at Cecilton, on Wednesday, the 5th of June. The Lodges throughout the county will all probably be represented here and some visitors are expected. Any additional arrangements may be announced hereafter.

A juvenile temperance society called a Band of Hope, has been in successful operation in connection with the Rising Sun Sabbath-school for several months past.—The Band numbers about 40 children at present. They have altered their time and place of meeting and will now hold forth in the Good Templars' Hall, on alternate Saturday evenings commencing on the 18th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M. These meetings are open to the public and all friends of Temperance are invited to come and bring their children along to hear some simple and plain facts in regard to our national enemy. Geo. Balderston is present Superintent. Lesson for the evening, Bible Wines.

Infanticide.—On Sunday morning last, something was seen floating down the Big Elk, near the lower bridge, by the colored people who live in that part of the town, which they took for an old quilt or something of that kind. It was allowed, however, to quietly float down the stream without molestation; but in the afternoon, the same bundle of rags, apparently, was again discovered being carried up on the tide, and a colored man with a pole drew it to shore, and unrolling the quilt discovered the dead body of a white female infant wrapped up in the cloth. Coroner Litzenburg summoned a jury and held an inquest. Dr. Frazer made a *post mortem* examination of the infant remains, and the conclusion arrived at was that the infant had been born a living child and thrown into the water wrapped up in the manner in which it was discovered. Bricks had been tied to the quilt, but which proved not sufficiently heavy to sink the package of human freight. The body had evidently been in the water several days, but no further facts than here stated could be gained by the jury of inquest.

The Underground Railroad.—A volume bearing the above title has just been issued by Porter & Coats, of Philadelphia, which purports to be a record of facts, narratives, &c., of the hardships, hairbreadth escapes and death struggles of slaves in their efforts for freedom, together with portraits and sketches of leading anti-slavery men and women, or "abolitionists," of the old slavery period. The work was written by William Still, who for many years was connected with the anti-slavery office in Philadelphia. The book, doubtless, is intensely interesting. Jacob Anderson, a colored agent, has been canvassing in this county for the work, and appeared to be meeting with considerable success when he called at our office. The book is handsomely bound and got up in fine style. The price ranges from four to six dollars and fifty cents.—He will return to Elkton, on Thursday next, to deliver the work to subscribers, when persons who have not had an opportunity of subscribing for a copy can then do so. It is highly recommended by the press and some of the most prominent men in the country.

Burglary.—On Friday night of last week, the store of Mr. R. C. Levis, of this town, was entered by a window in the basement at the rear, by prying off a window shutter. The drawers and desks in the store room were all broken open and their contents turned upside down and scattered about promiscuously. About five dollars in pennies and five cent pieces was taken, with some canned fruits and salmon and a couple of a pocket knives. Two bales of woolen goods—one a fine piece of cloth, the other quite a heavy roll of very common cassimere—were found in the back yard, where the thief, having suddenly changed his mind, left them. The gas was burning in the store all night, and one of the clerks asleep in a lower room, along side of which the burglar had entered without arousing the sleeper. The booty was scarcely worth the risk, a conclusion the thief doubtless came to. No further trace of the robber has been found.

The New Board.—The newly elected Board of Town Commissioners organized, on Monday night last. Mr. George Turner, having received the highest number of votes, was declared President of the Board; W. S. Evans, Esq., was elected Secretary; Mr. James H. Scott, Treasurer; and Mr. Charles H. Smith, Bailiff. The competition for Bailiff was sharp, there being about a dozen disinteresteds anxious to serve the town. Mr. J. Thompson, was appointed lamp lighter.

The curbstone board were, by their own request, allowed to remain in office since the town election on the 6th of May, to the present week, for the purpose of settling up the accounts of the Board, and publishing a statement; but the new Board, on taking possessions found the accounts still unclosed and the statement not ready for the public. Altogether the thing has a Tammany look. One of the officers of the Old Board stated two weeks ago that the report was ready to be made public. We suggest that the new Board owe it to the citizens to appoint an investigating committee to ascertain and make public the actions of the former Board. There has been a great deal of money for a town the size of Elkton, carelessly—or *worse*—expended and it would be a satisfaction to know who got it or what became of it.

Arrest of a Deserter.—Henry Garrett enlisted in the United States Navy, in 1870, for five years. He served about six months and deserted, or came home to this county on a visit, in August last, and forgot to return. He had been working in the iron works at North East, but work had ceased for repairs, and he was at the house of Mr. George Burns, in the neighborhood of Cherry Hill, on Thursday of last week, when two men drove up in a buggy and asked Mr. Burns' son, a lad, if Mr. Garrett was in the house? The boy answered in the affirmative, when the men in the buggy requested the boy to tell Garrett to come out, that he had been sent for to go to work at the mill immediately. When he made his appearance, the men seized him and placing him in the carriage, drove off to North East and took the cars for Baltimore with the prisoner. The whole proceeding was very unceremonious,—the prisoner not being allowed to return to the house to get some extra clothes. Supposition: Government detectives, who got on the trail of their victim and traced him round till they captured him. They called at two other houses in the neighborhood before coming up with their man. We heard that a letter had been received from the captured man since he was taken away, but the contents were not stated.

MAY.

The annual march of Intermittent Fever, and its various congeners has now extended from the marshes of Louisiana to the colder North, where the sternness of Winter, and the almost miraculous rapidity and vigor of the short-lived Summer vegetation, render nearly or quite impossible the production of dangerous vegetable miasmas. In proof of this last assertion, we will state that a row or grove of vigorous trees and tall shrubs planted around a house at such a distance as not to render its interior damp, will often preserve the health of a family in a densely malarious district. But as this guard is rarely present, and the mass of our population is proverbially imprudent, intermittents are still rife everywhere, within their proper range. Let us then, once more recall attention to the advertisement of Perchall's Fever and Ague Mixture, with the high, authoritative encomiums bestowed upon it on another page.

The Presidential Visit to Elkton—Public Reception, &c.—The President's visit to Elkton, as the guest of Postmaster General Creswell, was an epoch in the history of our village which will form a bright page to look back upon from the future. Preparations had been quietly making at the residence of the Postmaster General for the President and Mrs. Grant's visit for several days, but it did not leak out till Friday evening that the President and his estimable lady were expected in Elkton by the 4.45 P. M. train from Washington, on Saturday. The affair was managed very quietly it must be admitted, when it is considered that several females were necessarily in the secret.

Long before the arrival of the train, the population of the town had pretty well assembled at the depot *en mass*. The train was about a quarter of an hour late, which served to increase the impatience of the eager crowd; but finally the smoke of the engine was descried in the distance, and two minutes later the train stopped at the depot, and the President, Mrs. Grant and Postmaster General Creswell stepped, from the car to the platform, in the midst of the silent staring crowd. The Presidential party remained standing under the open structure on the platform recently erected for the better accommodation of travelers, for a short time, waiting for the carriage to come up to the depot, and during the interval the silent, staring crowd made the best use of its eyes, which were fixed immovably on the one object of intense curiosity. When the carriage was ready the party moved across through the depot, and took seats in the vehicle, the crowd moving in solid mass about the President, but maintaining a respectful distance. No one was bold enough to offer to shake hands, or propose a cheer, evidently questioning the propriety of any familiar manifestations while the President was the guest of Mr. Creswell, without some intimation from him, which he rigidly withheld. When at length the party were seated in the carriage, the driver flourished his whip over the impatient horses, and the off one starting with a sudden jerk, snap went the swingletree, and everything was at a stand still till the damage was repaired, which consumed another quarter of an hour in hunting up a swingletree; which proved to be an old broken one that had been thrown away; but with the assistance of some pieces of rope it served a temporary purpose, and the carriage drove off to the residence of the Postmaster General.

It was pretty generally understood that the President and Mrs. Grant would attend the Methodist Church, on the next day, and a full house was a matter of course.—The minister, Rev. H. S. Thompson, and choir seemed to make an effort commensurate to the occasion, and notwithstanding the Pastor was laboring under indisposition, he delivered an able and excellent sermon from the text, "Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."—Hebrews 12: 1. The choir which is noted for its fine singing, put on extra force—or voices perhaps we ought to say—and quite surpassed itself in doing honor to the occasion. We understood that the President was very much pleased with the services.

It was proposed that there should be a general reception by the President, on Monday, and the first arrangement was those who desired a shake hands should call on him at Mr. Creswell's, on Monday forenoon, which arrangement was afterward changed, and the reception took place in the Odd Fellows' Hall. The Elkton Cornet Band marched out to Mr. Creswell's in the forenoon and serenaded the President and drank the health of the party in some of the host's wine.

A committee was appointed, composed of members of the Bar, public officers and several prominent citizens of the town, with Hon. Alexander Evans as chairman. At 12 o'clock, the carriage of the Postmaster General drove up in front of the Hall, with the President and Mr. Creswell, when the Committee, through its chairman, welcomed the President in behalf of the citizens of Elkton, in a very handsome speech, which the President acknowledged by a bow. The band then struck up and the party entered the Hall, where the tedious ceremony of shaking hands was gone through with, Mr. Creswell and the committee introducing.

This ceremony lasted about half an hour, when all present seemed to have gratified their desire by having a grasp of the hand that wielded the sword, which conquered the rebellion. Dr. Ellis, a member of the committee of reception, ascended the stage and proposed three cheers for the President of the United States, which was construed as a signal that the ceremony had ended. It had been announced that the reception would last from 12 to 1 o'clock, and this summary close of the ceremony proved a sad disappointment to many, especially the ladies, who had not got through with the important business of dressing for the occasion when it was announced that the reception was over.

The President and Mr. Creswell then took a buggy and drove to Marley Paper Mill and examined the establishment where the paper for the *Public Ledger* is manufactured, at the rate of two tons per day. The Match Stick Factory of Mr. DeBowens and Dr. Mitchell was also the object of a Presidential visit; Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Creswell joining in the visit to the latter place. While the guest of the Postmaster General, General Grant was driven round and viewed the county for several miles about Elkton, and expressed himself much pleased with the country and the cordial reception given him by the citizens, without respect to party, all joining heartily in honoring the Chief Magistrate of the nation.

The Presidential party left Elkton for Washington, on Monday, by the 6 P. M. train. While in the Depot waiting for the train numbers who had failed to pay their respects to the President crowded round and shook hands with the General and Mrs. Grant, among whom were several ladies.—The President in speaking of his visit said he had driven seventy miles around the county since his arrival on Saturday evening. When informed that there was a man living here who had worked with his father, the General expressed a desire to see him. Enos Reitzel, an old German who has carried on the tanning business at this place for a number of years, was presented to the President at the Depot as the individual who had worked for his father for several years and knew intimately every member of the family except the President, who was at the time attending school at West Point. And so ended the Presidential visit to Elkton, which proved highly satisfactory to all who participated in it.

PILOT TOWN ITEMS.

Dry Weather.—The "dry spell" still continues. We cannot have half a crop of grass, oats, or wheat. The corn looks well.

Religious.—The Rev. Mr. Dunn, the minister on this Circuit, preached at Bethesda, on last Sabbath. He is quite an able reasoner.

Fruit.—The prospect for fruit of all kinds is splendid. The trees are very full.

Improvements.—John Richey is about to build a house, on the road leading to Mount Pleasant; and John Dunn, on the Lancaster road. So we will have two more dwellings in town. Mr. Kinnard is erecting a tinsmith shop, near the corner.

Cheese from the New Factory.—We received this week a substantial wedge of cheese, with the accompanying name of Wm. Brown, who is the proprietor of the new cheese factory, at Rising Sun, where the cheese was made. We found it to be a rich and most excellent cheese, and the enterprising manufacturer has our thanks, and what is perhaps more important, our earnest wishes for future success in the enterprise. If the factory is fairly established it will prove one of the most important institutions for the farmers in that vicinity that has ever been put in operation. They will turn their attention more to grazing and the production of milk, to the great gain in improvement of their farms, and their own pecuniary advantage. Cheese is becoming an article of immense importance to the United States, as a product of export to Europe and China. The factory system of making cheese in this country has fairly vanquished the old hand system in England, and cheese manufactured in the United States is preferred in the European market to the home-made article, on account of its more uniform quality. Cheese-making on the factory plan is destined, in the future, to become one of the leading agricultural pursuits of the farmers of Maryland and other Atlantic States; and few locations will be found better adapted to the business than the northern part of this county. The land is well watered, hilly and undulating, and admirably adapted to the cultivation of grasses.

The Oxford Press has the following in relation to the subject:

The cheese factory of Wm. Brown, at Rising Sun, has been in operation about a month, and is now turning out about 100 pounds of cheese daily. This is not near the full capacity of the factory, however, but it is all the milk at present furnished by the farmers of the vicinity will make. It requires about ten lbs. of milk to make one lb. cheese,—which is a little over a gallon. Mr. Brown charges two cents per pound for making the cheese, and the farmers receive the pay for their milk from the sale of the cheese, which has recently been commanding 20 to 25 cts. per lb., but is now down to 17 to 19 cents. Mr. Brown expects the supply of milk will be greatly increased as soon as other producers begin to see that it will be more profitable than butter-making. The farmers at present furnishing milk to the factory, are Edwin Haines, Barclay Reynolds, John W. Caldwell, Jefferson Haines, Basil Haines, Jacob Baer, Marshall J. Hunt and J. L. Haines. The management of the factory is under the charge of William Clark, a cheese-maker of considerable experience, who says that the quality of milk furnished is equal to any he ever manfactured.

CHESAPEAKE CITY ITEMS.

Religious.—M. E. Church, Rev. J. E. Kidney, Pastor, preaching every Sabbath morning, at 10 o'clock; every other Sabbath evening; at 8 o'clock. Sabbath school Sabbath afternoon at 1½ o'clock. Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. P. Mallery, Pastor, preaching every Sabbath morning, at 10½ o'clock; evening; 7½ o'clock. Sabbath school at 9 o'clock, morning.

Deceased.—Capt. Powell Smack, died at his residence, in Chesapeake City, on Sabbath morning last, aged about 79 years.—His remains were interred in Bethel Cemetry on Tuesday afternoon. The Masonic Lodge here accompanied the remains to the burial ground in a body. In respect to the deceased, the merchants closed their stores while the funeral was passing.

Torn Down.—The Mears' property, at the old Locks, in this town, has been torn down and is to be erected at the entrance of the new Locks, and fitted up for a store house by Wm. Barwick.

Whit-Monday.—This day being considered a general holiday amongst the colored people, was well observed here. A grand pic nic was held at Back Creek, which we are informed passed off very quietly and orderly. We have heard of no disturbance, excepting at Bunker Hill, where there was a whisky fight and one fellow was rather badly handled.

Name Changed.—Capt. F. Laymen has changed the name of the Manor House to Bayard House, in honor of the former owner of the property, the Hon. Richard Bayard, of Philadelphia, now deceased.

Welcome Rain.—The shower which fell on Wednesday evening last, was a very welcome visitor. The farmers have been reporting crops failing for the want of rain.

Failed.—The Farmers Association for which a preliminary meeting was called at Conrey's Hall failed to draw the farmers out, consequently the Farmers Association here we suppose will rest for the present.

FOURTH DISTRICT ITEMS.

Musical.—We have a new Brass Band in our District, being a consolidation of the Cowantown, the Independent and the Newark Bands.

Crops.—Owing to the recent dry weather, the grass is very short; and oats look yellow; the wheat, since it has formed a stalk, is falling over, as though it was knee-broken, being cut within an inch or so from the ground by the fly. Taking the above facts into consideration with the empty barns and hay houses, the prospect for the farmer looks rather dull at present.

Singing School.—The Big Elk Singing School closed, on Thursday evening last. The School has been in operation twenty-five nights, and has been a very pleasant and successful one.

Sudden Death.—John Smith, a well-known citizen of this District, died on Thursday last. It appears that on Sunday night sometime he got up, lighted a lamp, dressed himself, and after making some arrangements about his room, went down stairs, locked the front door, and left the house by the back way, and was not heard from until the next day, when was found in an insensible condition near Newark, Del., to which place he was immediately conveyed; and notwithstanding all their efforts to restore him, he lay in the same condition without speaking, eating or drinking untill he died.

Miscellaneous.—David Scott lost a valuable horse the other day. . . . . James A. Mackey and wife have gone to Iowa, on a tour. . . . . The Rock choir has reorganized. . . . . Wednesday night brought us the first rain we have had for forty days. . . . . A great many wells are going dry—some that had not failed for twenty years previous.

PORT DEPOSIT ITEMS.

—Rain has come at last. Two showers within a week, and on Wednesday last a thunder gust, which culminated in a refreshing rain.

—The drought has caused our street Commissioners to forget the culverts somewhat, and there was a good sized lake Wednesday evening in front of J. E. Reynolds Sash Factory. All these things will be attended to now as the new charter was substituted for the old at the special election.

—Rev. T. E. Martindale, left for Wisconsin, Wednesday morning, to attend the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Good Templars.

—The same day a committee of ladies from the M. E. Mite Society went to Philadelphia to procure carpets and cushions for the new Church.

—W. W. Nickle has torn down the old sheds on the railroad in the rear of his property, and is erecting a first-class blacksmith and wheel-wright shops.

—Wm. Armstrong has improved his dwelling by putting up a front porch.

CHERRY HILL ITEMS.

—Wm. Moat, is building on Main street a large frame dwelling house, which when finished will accommodate two families.—It is quite an improvement in the village.

—The cellar and foundation of the new parsonage of the M. E. Church, are partly dug out and some stones hauled on the ground. The building is to be commenced we understand, the first of June, the carpenter work having been contracted for.

—William Chapman, has built on Church street, a nice carriage house.

—S. Kennard Miller, has sold his farm at Cherry Hill recently, to Mr. Henry Eckart, of the same place. Price forty-two hundred dollars. Mr. Miller has also erected two very comfortable tenant houses on the street known by the name of Pat street.

—The Knights of Pythias, have put a very creditable board fence around the lot purchased by them.

—The *Ledger* mills were visited on Monday by General Grant and Postmaster General Cresswell. The distinguished visitors were taken through the mills and shown the different departments by the Superintendent, Edward Sweetapple.

NORTH EAST ITEMS.

First Pic-nic.—The first party visit to a grove transpired in our vicinity, on Friday, 17th inst., where the Seminary school, Mr. White, principal, repaired to Dr. Ford's grove, for some pleasure.

Arrest.—A man, unknown to the writer, was arrested, on Thursday, on Main street, taken before Justice Benjamin, and fined five dollars and cost, for severely whipping his horse.

Peach Prospect.—From personal examination of one or two orchards, and from information obtained from some growers, we think the prospect at present for a good yield of peaches in Elk Neck is promising.

Cutting Out.—We learn that some of the heavy operators in the fishing business on North East River, have "cut out" this week. The profits have not been so great this season as during some former seasons.

Drought.—Up to Wednesday evening, the date of this writing, the drought continued with the variation of a slight shower on Monday evening.

LETTER FROM NORTH EAST.

North East, May 23d, 1872.

Mr. Editor—*Dear Sir:*—We took occasion to be at the little Church called "Friendship," near Mrs. Boulden's, on the Nottingham road, on Sabbath last. We found quite a respectable number of children, large and small; also their teachers; all of whom were attentively engaged in their lessons. A more respectable and orderly school we never witnessed; which reflects much credit both on the Superintendent and teachers. After the school was dismissed, the pulpit was filled by Rev. Joseph Miller, who gave a very practicable and spirited discourse from the text:—"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

On our return home, we passed through the little village called "Mechanics Valley," which is a picture of taste, industry and economy; and, we are creditably informed, without the aid of a Dead River Grand Trunk Railroad Station. Quite a contrast, indeed, between it and our little town, which has *two* of the D. R. G. T. R. R. stations, which for business in their line, will compare favorably with anything of their kind in the State.

One day last week, we are informed, a country gentlemen came to town, who, when fairly steamed up, put whip to his horse and went through the streets at full speed, when the town authorities arrested him, and he was fined some seven dollars, and in default of payment had his horse locked up,—which soon brought him to a sense of his condition.

On Saturday night last, quite a number of young gents, we are informed, visited the upper, or Jacob's station, as it is called, and procured tickets sufficient to impair their mental faculties, which caused them to promenade the street until a late hour, using very obscene language, stoning dwellings and tearing boards off barns, &c., &c. Wonder why the authorities did not arrest *those* young men? Nevertheless the agents profess not to sell tickets to any whose mental faculties are impaired. Our streets, we believe, have not been freed from such exhibitions a single day this week.

Elkton, May, 21st 1872.

Mr. Editor:—At the last regular meeting of the Alethian Literary Society, a resolution was adopted, namely that a committee be appointed to issue a call to the young men of Elkton and vicinity, inviting them to become members of the said Society; and that the Editors of the Elkton papers, be respectfully requested to publish the following call:

TO THE YOUNG MEN OF ELKTON.

We earnestly recommend to your early consideration a matter with which you do not seem to be very well acquainted; namely, that there meets in the Academy, every Friday evening, an organization which calls itself a literary society. This society has been in existence for some time, and is now in a pretty flourishing condition; but not in such a condition that a few more members would not be acceptable, and accordingly with that object in view, viz: obtaining more members, we cordially and earnestly invite you, the young men of the town, to give us and our Society a fair trial, and if after such trial you shall be convinced that it is only a farce, and that you are in no respect improved; we give you *carte blanche* to tell the public the truth, if it so appear to you.

The order of exercises are Select Readings, Essays, Declamations and Debate on various topics of the day. Surely this is more beneficial than talking base ball, etc., on the Howard House corner, the Court House yard and elsewhere.

Now there are plenty of young men who sit around Micawber-like waiting for something to turn up. That something has turned up in the form of a Society where they can improve themselves, and pass away pleasantly the time that hangs so heavily upon their hands.

By order of The Committee.

CLOSING STORES.

We, the undersigned Merchants of the town of Elkton, do hereby authorize our respective Clerks, on and after Thursday, May 23rd, to close our places of business at eight o'clock, P. M., on each and every evening during the week, with the exception of Saturday evening. The said closing shall be designated by 8 taps of the Court House bell.

R. G Reese. H. E. Gallaher,
E. Brown & Bro., Drennen & Bro.,
R. C. Levis, M. McClelland.

Willis Butler, Tailor, has located himself at Brick Meeting House, and is prepared to accommodate the public in the best manner, and at reasonable rates. All work guaranteed. [19].

Havana Partagas Cigars, only 5 cents apiece, at Stanton's, in the Hollow. [10]

New Goods.—Mrs. Rosa Ganss, having been largely patronized, is constantly filling up her stock of Millinery Goods, and everything else to meet the demands of a fashionable public. [10]

Look! Cecil County, Look!—Every one who has not tried the "Wilmington City Soap," should begin at once. If you do not try a bar for next wash-day, you are fined half price. Buy a bar, and save the fine.

WILMINGTON.

L. H. FOULK,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN
BOOTS and SHOES.

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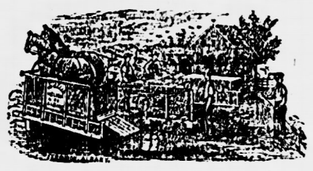

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