

The Cecil Whig

ELKTON, JULY 18, 1874

Local Affairs.

What street in Elkton is most frequented by old maids?—Doe street.

The uniforms for the Grooms Guards have arrived. They look like they had seen service.

Money sold at the Elkton Building Society on Saturday night last, at 5 to 10 per cent.

A correspondent sends us an article on "Woodcock," which we will find room for on the first page next week.

Rev. J. W. Weston, of Cherry Hill, will preach in the Elkton M. E. Church, on to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at the usual hour.

On the first page an interesting article on "Holly Tree Linn" is published, which comments itself to philanthropists who are studying the temperance question in its many phases.

Elkton has a business directory, and must necessarily be on the high road to prosperity. No more hard times. Messrs. Frederick & Uhler are the enterprising gentlemen who got up the register and have hung a copy in every public place.

The Zion Sunday School of the M. E. Church will hold their Picnic and Collocation on Saturday 25th inst. In the afternoon of the same day a Festival will be held in the same grove (Carhart's), for the benefit of the Sunday School.

The first peaches of the season were shipped by M. Frank Lowman, of Felton, Del., on the 13th inst. The peaches were very fine, of Hale's variety, grown by Dr. John A. Moore, of Felton. The fruit was the first product of a young orchard.

The farmers who have threshed wheat report the yield only moderate, falling short about a fourth of expectation based on the appearance of the growing crop. A few days of unfavorable weather about the time the grain was setting, materially damaged the crop.

Mr. Crewell, ex-Postmaster-General, has removed his law books to Washington, and he proposes to establish a law office forthwith. He is a man of business who loses no time or stands on the order of going. The ablest and most indefatigable Postmaster-General that ever filled the office, he will doubtless prove as successful a lawyer as a cabinet officer.

A Carpet Hag.—A traveling agent on the cars went into the smoking car and left his traveling bag—a large one—at his seat. After passing Elkton he returned to his seat and found his carpet bag gone. He left the train at Elkton and took the half past nine train for Elkton, and starting Mr. T. White in search of the missing bag he soon came up with it in possession of a woman who had left the cars at Elkton Depot. She said that she took it in a mistake for one she lost, which she did not show much anxiety to find, saying it had nothing in it of any material value. The carpet bag recovered had baggage in it of considerable value.

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Disappearance of an Elkton Merchant.—A slight illness was caused at the Elkton public on Monday evening, the disappearance of William M. Smedley, who left town on the previous day. Mr. Smedley had been one of Elkton store keepers for many years, and had done a business of varying success, but was generally compelled to resort to numerous shifts to meet his obligations, particularly those contracted in the purchase of goods in the cities. It was well understood that the condition of difficulties was gradually, but surely closing about him, but that at no distant day he would either, by some determined effort, break away and become a fugitive or succumb to them; and in the day mentioned he chose the former step.

He is reported having been seen in Baltimore and Wilmington since the uncertainties leave taking of his friends and family in this town, but these reports could not be traced to any reliable source, and we believe his whereabouts is not known to his Elkton friends. A letter was left in the family Bible which gave a kind of formal good-bye to them, giving the reasons for going away, which had been compelled, by a stress of circumstances, to commit, to a general failure in business. He, like many others in straitened circumstances, resorted to the hazardous expedient of using his father's name on notes in payment of city merchants for goods, and meeting the notes before or at maturity by a cash payment and a renewal of these obligations with similar paper. This thing of course must have an end sooner or later, and generally a disastrous one. This thing the public and all times which have made the name of a disreputable man, and a child ren now own the property near Rowlandsville, in this county. Philip Physick, Jr., was not a Doctor.

Pups and Pistols.—Under this head the Wilmington Commercial, of Tuesday, gives an account of a disgraceful affair at Lewisville, Chester county, a small village just over the line, on Sunday last.

The following, as near as can be ascertained, are the facts about the case: A few days ago, a couple of females were suddenly assaulted by two young men who instead of giving the usual notice of a man by the name of Taylor, well known in the vicinity of Lewisville. These two young men were consequently arrested and taken before a Justice of the Peace, where the evidence was of such a character as to show that they were not implicated, and were discharged. One of the acquitted young men, by the name of Taylor, under this unprovoked attack upon his character, had very strong reasons for believing that a man by the name of Joseph Taylor, the landlord at the Lewisville hotel, and at the same time a respectable citizen, was the author of the assault, as he was fully convinced of the fact.

This matter went until Sunday, the 12th inst., when Lee, who was walking along the main street of Lewisville, was hailed by the man by the name of Taylor, and starting Mr. T. White in search of the missing bag he soon came up with it in possession of a woman who had left the cars at Elkton Depot. She said that she took it in a mistake for one she lost, which she did not show much anxiety to find, saying it had nothing in it of any material value. The carpet bag recovered had baggage in it of considerable value.

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Temperance Convention.—The 11th session of the (the) Temperance Convention will meet at the Old Fellowship Hall, Elkton, on Wednesday, 25th inst.

This Convention is composed of delegates from all the temperance societies in the county, and all who have had the name taken part in its proceedings, and especially the ladies of Elkton and vicinity, and the Clergy. It is held in the evening, and is designed to assemble for organization and to lay out business for the morning, and devote the afternoon to general business and free discussion.

Severe Fall.—Our citizen, William King, line-man of the Western Union Telegraph Company, had a severe fall from a ladder at Nottingham a few days ago. He was at the top of a sixteen foot ladder, taking the lines from the top of a building, when the ladder carried him down to the ground. He was unhurt, but he was slightly injured, and he was taken to his home, where he is now recovering sufficiently to walk about, and is now nearly well.—Editorial Press. Mr. King was a resident of Port Deposit for a number of years.

Election of Pastor.—The Baltimore Sun of Tuesday last, says:—The following is a list of the names of the candidates for the office of Pastor of the First Reformed Church, on Calvert street, near E. street. All of the male communicants and contributing members of the congregation with an exception voted in favor of extending the call of Mr. Poulson. It was stated that the call would be accepted, and Mr. Poulson is expected to preach his first sermon in the First Reformed Church on Sunday, 26th inst. It is understood that the congregation of the Second English Reformed Church, now worshippers in the church on Myrtle street, which Mr. Poulson has been Pastored for some years, has been invited to unite with the First Reformed Church, forming one congregation with the latter under Mr. Poulson's ministrations. It is stated Mr. Poulson will receive a liberal salary, and will devote himself entirely to his pastoral duties. Rev. E. H. Eschbach, his predecessor, it will be recalled, has taken charge of a church in Frederick city.

The New License Law.—The following act was passed by the last General Assembly of this State, which places the licensing of places to sell spirituous liquors virtually in the hands of the Grand Jury of several counties, including Cecil:

AN ACT to regulate the issuing of licenses for the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors in this State.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of this State to issue any license for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or lager beer to any person or body politic in this State, unless such person or body politic shall have been recommended to

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