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Weather Meteorological Observations. TAKEN AT WOODSTOCK COLLEGE, from February 1, to February 7, 1877.

Table with columns for Days (Wednesday to Saturday), Max. (Temperature), Min. (Temperature), Mean (Temperature), Wind (Direction and Force), and Weather (Conditions).

EXPLANATION.—Thermometer, Max., Min., showing the extreme heat (in the shade) and cold in the 24 hours; Mean, the result of observations made at 7 A. M. and 3 P. M., obtained by dividing their sum by 2.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

MONDAY. Details of the terrible sacking of Cali, Colombia, have been received. A fire at Trenton yesterday resulted in a loss of from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

TUESDAY. In Turkey, Midhat Pasha has been removed from the office of Grand Vizier; Ethem Pasha succeeds him. Prince Nicholas of Montenegro offers to treat directly with the Porte.

WEDNESDAY. Rear Admiral James Alden died at San Francisco yesterday. General Miles has defeated the hostile Sioux under Crazy Horse.

THURSDAY. The electoral commission commenced their session to-day at 10 o'clock, and continued until four. A large crowd of interested persons were in front of the court room, expressing great anxiety to learn the result of the deliberations.

FRIDAY. The electoral commission yesterday proceeded in its work in the Florida case on the basis laid down the day before, that the admission of the three several certificates from that State and accompanying papers, ruling out all other testimony except inquiry in regard to the eligibility of Humphreys, one of the Hayes electors, whose vote was contested on the ground of his holding a federal office at the time of election and of the casting of the vote.

Several witnesses yesterday contradicted Littlefield, the clerk of the Louisiana Returning Board who altered the Vernon parish figures. Before the House committee yesterday ex-Governor Wells' examination was continued, the witness denying that he had proposed making a confession to Governor Nichols.

On motion of Mr. Justice Miller—Ordered, That no evidence will be received or considered by the commission which was not submitted to the joint convention of the two Houses by the President of the Senate with the different certificates, except such as relates to the eligibility of F. C. Humphreys, one of the electors.

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—A snow storm such as has not occurred in the memory of man began on the 19th of December, in Schleswig, Jutland, the Danish islands and Sweden and Norway, and continued till Christmas. During all this time travel by ordinary roads and the railway was suspended, and the steamboats between Copenhagen and Stockholm were obliged to discontinue their trips for some days. On the Danish State railways the snow lay twelve feet deep between Fredericia and Aarhus, fourteen feet deep between Aarhus and Randers and Aalborg and seven feet deep at Vendysse.

—One of the very few clever things done by Grant in his vulgar rule of eight years, was the message which accompanied the Electoral bill. For that he is indebted to the inspiration of Mr. Conkling, for whoever wrote the message has not only followed out the line of his argument, but almost adopted the very words with which it was enforced. If the President had accepted more of the same sort of advice, he might, at least, retire from office with some share of public respect instead of being tainted with discredit and deserted by the friends of his better days.

—Wherever any part of a tree does not grow freely, pruning of which weak growth, at this season, will induce it to push more freely next year. It should be painted or tarred over to keep out the rain. Many fruit trees become hollow or fall into premature decay from the rain penetrating through old saw cuts made in pruning. Also, the branches should be cut close to the trunk so that no dead stubs shall be produced on the tree, and bark will readily grow over.

—There are at the present moment thirty-eight reigning sovereigns in Christendom, from the Queen of England, to whom 27,000,000 of human beings owe allegiance, to the Prince of Monaco, whom 5,741 subjects acknowledge as their liege lord. Of the princes ten are nominally Catholics—namely, the Emperors of Austria and Brazil, the Kings of Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Bavaria, Saxony, the Princes of Lichtenstein and Monaco.

—The famine in India is acquiring very serious proportions. It is said that in Bombay there is intense suffering over an area of 54,000 square miles among a population of nearly 8,000,000 people. The total area affected in Madras is 84,700 square miles, with a population of nearly 19,000,000. The Indian Government is doing its best to supply these districts with food, but the difficulties and the expense of the task are appalling, and when the authorities have done their utmost there will certainly be thousands of starving persons who will need no success. It is not without reason that the British liberals are commenting with great sympathy upon the waste of vast sums upon the foolish demonstration at Delhi, upon the occasion of the proclamation of the Queen as Empress of India, at the very moment when thousands of the Queen's subjects were perishing for lack of bread.

—Mr. Ward H. Lamon, of West Virginia, enters an earnest protest against the assertion that Judge Davis, of the Supreme Court, acquired a considerable portion of his vast private fortune during 1857 by making usurious loans to the farmers and promptly foreclosing on them whom the loans were not met. Mr. Lamon says that Judge Davis made his vast fortune, estimated at several millions of dollars, almost entirely by the judicious investment of money in real estate and patiently awaiting the development of the resources of the State for its realization.

—Were the five thousand dollars which Mr. Dorman B. Eaton wanted to have the Union League Club furnish to Zach Chandler, intended to form a part of the million or half million which Chandler had to pay to Wells and his confederates of the Returning Board, in order to secure the declaration of Louisiana in favor of Hayes?

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

B. & O. R. R. LOCAL TIME TABLE. East.—Fred. Acc. 7.14 A. M.; (Daily); Winchester Acc. 10.12 A. M.; E. City Acc. 2.40 P. M.; Way Train, 3.18 P. M.; Mail Acc. 4.38 P. M. West.—Way Train arrives 6.08 A. M.; leaves at 6.18 A. M.; Mail Acc. 8.86 A. M.; E. City Acc. arrives at 2.00 P. M.; Winchester Acc. arrives at 5.06 P. M.; Fred. Acc. arrives at 11.00 P. M.; arrives here at about 12.00 P. M.

List of Letters remaining in the Ellicott City Postoffice, the month ending January 31, 1877. If not called for in thirty days they will be forwarded to the Dead Letter Office: Adams John L. Disney Mrs W Brunsman Aug P Dorsey James Green Jacob Green Hiram A Palla Samuel Brown Mrs M A Pickett Jane H Beter Friedrich Rowen Berard Smith Sallie (2) Brenegan Edward Thompson Chas Barnes Osteen Wright Josiah Buckley Mrs Williams Georgiana Clark Thos Warfield Emma

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they are advertised. R. N. WAHRY, P. M. Jurors.—His Honor, Judge Hammond, drew on Tuesday last the following gentlemen to serve as Grand and Petit Jurors for the ensuing term of March Court: GRAND JURORS: Dennis P. Gaither, J. Musselman, Lawrence Hobbs, Emmit S. Treagle, Nimrod W. Dorsey, R. Dorsey, Rogers Luther Bradford, John H. Herbert, Robert A. Scaggs, Alphonso Latchford, E. L. Thompson, James Bazley, Pulaski Dorsey, Benjamin G. Cissell, Beal Carey, Benjamin D. Cooke, John M. Deleshmut, Geo. W. Leishear, Jos. Isaacs, Geo. W. Young, Wm. Clark of T., Stephen P. Heath, Nicholas T. Huichins.

WOODSTOCK ITEMS.—Mr. George Rodgers, who has resided for the last twenty years near Randallstown, Baltimore, four miles from here, suddenly terminated his life on the 2d inst., while mentally irresponsible. During the temporary absence of his son, who was sent for a physician, he hanged himself with a cord to the bedstead. His wife found him while the body was yet warm as he had swung out of the bed in a half kneeling posture with the full weight of his body pressed against the cord. When Dr. Barker, the physician, arrived he was quite dead. After hearing the circumstances in the case Justice Alex. Zimmerman refused to hold an inquest. The deceased was buried on Sunday last at Loudon Park, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Cadden, of the M. E. Church. He leaves a wife and six children.

On Friday Woodstock was visited by a Centennial Turk. He worked in the Turkish pavilion during the exhibition, and is now engaged in peddling. He speaks six languages with facility, and when asked his preference in the present prospective war between Turkey and Russia gave a decided answer that his sympathies were with Serbia. He is a Christian and came from Bethlehem in Judea. The county roads are in a fearful condition, travel being almost out of the question. Considerable wood-chopping, such as railroad ties, axe-handles and cord wood, is now going on in this vicinity.

Fatal Accident.—Yesterday morning about ten o'clock, a man and his wife, whose names we were unable to ascertain, were walking on the railroad track near Union Bridge when a coal train and the Winchester accommodation train, both bound east, made their appearance around the curve at that point simultaneously. The woman who was behind the man, became bewildered, and ran in front of the engine of the passenger train, which ran over her, mangling her horribly and killing her instantly. The remains were placed on the train and accompanied by the man, who escaped unhurt, were carried to Baltimore.

Catching Hawks.—As the season is approaching when hawks are most destructive to young poultry, a method of catching and killing these marauders will be in order. It is a well known fact that a hawk will always light on some conspicuous place close to the poultry yard, from which to swoop down on his victims. Taking advantage of this, erect a pole with a flat surface at the top just large enough to hold a strong steel trap. Fasten this trap by a chain to a staple in the pole, and await results. No bait will be needed, for the hawk will be quite certain to light on the trap and be caught. A gentleman who has tried this method has succeeded in killing all the hawks in his neighborhood, and now can raise poultry without loss except by accident.—California Horticulturist.

Lent.—Next (Ash) Wednesday will commence the season of Lent, which will continue forty days, closing with the festival of Easter. The Lenten regulations of the Archdiocese of Baltimore are precisely as published former years. The blessing of ashes will take place on Wednesday morning in St. Paul's Catholic Church at 8 o'clock. Religious services will also be held in St. Peter's P. E. Church.

Heptasoph.—A colored lodge of Heptasoph or Seven Wise Men, in full regalia, visited this city on Sunday from Charles County, and entertained the members with their evolutions in marching and counter-marching. In the afternoon one of the number delivered an address in the Missionary Church, respecting the order, its object, etc. A lodge, it is said, will shortly be started among the colored men of this city.

National Teachers' Association.—A meeting of the National Teachers' Association is called at Washington on Tuesday, March 1st, to be in session three days. A number of subjects have been arranged for consideration and discussion, among them the plan and means for an educational museum, publications connected with education in the South, and a question of reduction of salaries.

Paragraphe.

Messrs. Kirkwood and Reynolds are building an addition to their foundry which will considerably enlarge its capacity. Otho Gaut, colored, conspicuously known as a horse-thief in this county during the war, has been arrested in Baltimore charged with stealing several horses from persons residing in Loudon Co., Va. The near approach of St. Valentine's day is manifested in the windows of the stations and confectioners. The Grand Lodge of the Ku Klux of Pythias will hold their session in Baltimore next week. Alexander Fabey has been appointed postmaster at Ilchester in this county.

Centre Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., donated twenty-five dollars to the poor on Monday night last. Several contributions for the same purpose have been recently made by citizens of this place and the surrounding neighborhood. Miss Mary Denny, sister of the late Dr. Denny and an aged resident of this city, was suddenly stricken with paralysis on Tuesday last, and is critically ill. I. S. Strawbridge has removed his stationery store to the building opposite the Howard House. W. T. Steiger, of this county, has been awarded a patent for foot-warmers. The weather continues mild and spring-like.

From Centennial Headquarters. "I had Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup excellent, having a ready sale and rendering more satisfaction than any Cough Syrup I have ever sold."—A. B. Malony, M. D., Fifteenth and Carpenter Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. DIED. On February 3d, of typhoid fever, ADDIE P. E., aged 15 years 6 months and 12 days, second daughter of Perry G. M. and Mary E. Shipley, of Howard County. On February 5, 1877, in Washington, D. C., Mrs. RACHEL HAINES, in the 79th year of her age, formerly of Howard County, Md. New Advertisements. LATE COLLECTOR'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF the power vested in me as late Collector of State and County Taxes, the First Collection District of Howard County, I hereby give notice that I have selected taken in execution 2 HORSES, 2 MA I BULL, 1 HEIFER, 1 COW, AND ONE CART, the property of Henry Cragg, residing near Hanover Switch, in the First Election District of Howard County, and will sell the same or so much thereof as may be necessary at the residence of the said Henry Cragg, near Hanover Switch, Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on Saturday March 3, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., to the highest bidder for CASH for the payment of Taxes overdue and owing by the said Henry Cragg for the years 1874 and 1875. GEO. M. BUCKLEIGH, Collector. Feb. 10-1ts. Administrator's Notice NOTICE is hereby given, That the subscriber of Howard County has business from the Orphans' Court of Howard County, in Maryland, letters of Administration on the personal estate of CALEB SHIPLEY, late of Howard County, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, on or before the 12th day of August next; that they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. Given under my hand this 6th day of February, 1877. Feb. 10-6ts. L. M. SHIPLEY, Administrator. LOST! LOST in the 5 o'clock afternoon Frederick train, on Wednesday, February 7th, between the Relay and Ellicott City, a SHERMAN CASE-KEEPER BAG. The finder will be suitably rewarded by sending it to the Relay, directed to THOMAS DONALDSON, Esq. Feb. 10-1t. Ayer's Sarsaparilla Is widely known as one of the most effectual remedies ever discovered for cleansing the system and purifying the blood. It has stood the test of years, with a constant and growing reputation, based on its intrinsic virtues, and sustained by its remarkable cures. So mild as to be safe and beneficial to children, and yet so searching as to effectually purge out the great corruption of the blood, such as the scrofulous and syphilitic contamination. Impurities or diseases that have lurked in the system for years soon yield to this powerful antidote, and disappear. Hence its wonderful cures, many of which are publicly known, of Scrofula, and all scrofulous diseases, Ulcers, Eruptions, and eruptive disorders of the skin, Tumors, Blisters, Boils, Pimples, Pustules, Sores, Anthony's Fire, Rose or Itch, Scald Head, Ringworm, and internal Ulcerations of the Uterus, Stomach, and Liver. It also cures other complaints, to which it would not seem especially adapted, such as Dropsy, Dyspepsia, Fits, Neuralgia, Heart Disease, Female Weakness, Debility, and Leucorrhoea, when they are manifestations of the scrofulous poison. It is an excellent restorer of health and strength in the Spring. By renewing the appetite and vigor of the digestive organs, it dissipates the depression and listless languor of the season. Even where no disorder appears, people feel better, and live longer, for cleansing the blood. The system moves on with renewed vigor and a new lease of life. PREPARED BY DR. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass., Practical and Analytical Chemists. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE. Feb. 8, '77-ly.