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Weather Meteorological Observations. TAKEN AT WOODSTOCK COLLEGE, from September 6, to September 12, 1877.

Table with columns for Days (Wednesday to Wednesday), Max, Min, Mean, and Wind. Includes a note: *One inch of melted is considered equivalent to ten of un-melted snow.

Attention, Democrats and Conservatives! The Democratic Conservative voters of Howard County are requested to assemble in primary meetings at the respective voting places in the several election districts of the county, on Saturday, September 22, 1877, between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock p. m., to choose five Delegates from each election district to meet in County Convention at Ellicott City, on Tuesday, September 25, to elect three Delegates to the State Convention which will assemble in Baltimore City on Thursday, September 27, and also to nominate two members of the House of Delegates, Sheriff, and County Commissioners.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

MONDAY. The Turkish embassy of the Russian capture of Lovatza which it was effected by a force of forty thousand Russians opposed to seven thousand Turks. It is now said that the accounts of the fighting sent from Bucharest to the London Standard, published on Thursday, turn out to be pure fiction. The nine assaults on the Turks existed only in some Romanian imagination, for it is ascertained that the Turks never attacked at all. Nor is the Russian success of such proportions as at first represented. Lovatza is only important as covering the roads to Trajan and Selvia. The reports of continued fighting in the direction of Lovatza and Plezna indicate that the Russians are trying to finish with Osman Pasha before it becomes necessary to meet the advances of Mehemes Ali Pasha. The Czarwitsch's army has been greatly weakened, and Mehemes Ali is threatening the Russian White Abentzen Pasha, threatens the Danube bridges at Pyrgor and Sistova. Osman Pasha has been dispatched to recapture Lovatza, and a skirmish of four hours is reported, in which the Turks were defeated. Another report is reported as commencing on Friday at Plezna. The latest despatches report that the whole Russian Rutchuk army has taken up fresh and less extended positions. An attack on Plezna was commenced on Friday, the Russians having erected a battery during the previous night on the heights surrounding the town. The fighting continued on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The left wing occupied the heights to the south of the town, and the centre and right advanced to within twelve or fourteen hundred yards of the Turkish fortifications. A general assault was to be made yesterday, the result of which has not been received. It is reported that as soon as there is a decisive action at Plezna, whether victory or defeat, the Czar, Czarwitsch and Grand Duke Vladimir will return to St. Petersburg, and the Grand Dukes Nicholas and Alexis and the Prince of Leuchtenburg will remain at the seat of war.

MONDAY. The London Daily News correspondent gives the number of Russian troops investing Plezna at one hundred thousand, including thirty-two thousand Romanians. There are two hundred and fifty guns, including siege artillery. The Manchester Examiner publishes a despatch, dated 6 o'clock last evening, announcing the capture of Plezna and the retreat of the Turkish forces in great disorder. The losses are said to be immense. The report for bodies among the ruins of the Hale piano factory, in New York, commenced on Saturday, but so far only three charred remains have been found, the age or sex being undistinguishable. The Soldiers' Orphan Home at Knights-town, Indiana, was burned on Saturday night. The children were all rescued. The loss amounts to \$20,000, and the insurance was only \$20,000. At the Baltimore Stock market Baltimore and Ohio shares closed 110 bid, 115 asked. Marietta and Cincinnati bonds were weaker.

The report of an intended strike of the railroad men in Philadelphia looks confirmation, and is not created by the engineers employed on the various roads centering there.

TUESDAY. The Manchester Guardian publishes despatches from Shumla reporting that after severe fighting on Thursday the Russians retreated beyond the Upper Lom and the Turkish army from Bagrad has passed the river Lom, and the Osman Bazar, including the Russians, has been hastily evacuated by the Russians, who went in the direction of Bida. The field of battle now lies between Bida and Ahlava. A correspondent of the London News confirms the retreat of the army of the Czarwitsch, but says that previously the Russians defeated the Turks at Ahlava and forced them to retreat across the Lom. Following this there was an armistice to bury the dead, and the Russians and Turks meeting for this purpose fraternized and acted like civilized people for the first time since the war commenced. Subsequently the Russians retreated to Banitza and on the following day to Bida. The Czarwitsch will hold the line of the Yautra, the Twelfth Corps occupying Terstnik, which has been fortified within a few days. It is situated on a hill overlooking the Danube.

The Labor party of Pennsylvania held a convention at Harrisburg yesterday and nominated State officers—Wm. L. Elwell for Auditor General, and James L. Wright for State Treasurer. The platform adopted calls for the abolition of the national banking system, repeal of the resumption act and the issue of a currency by the Government based upon the wealth of the nation, declares eight hours a legal day's work and punishment for its violation, calls for a tariff for protection, demands the equalization of taxes, abolition of the contract system, prohibition of prison labor, reservation of public lands for actual settlers, arbitration courts for settling disputes between capital and labor, compulsory education, against the employment of children under four years of age, and favors the abolition of conspiracy laws and the gratuitous education in educational institutions.

Washington despatches contradict the report that there has been any disagreement between Mr. Foster, our Minister to Mexico, and President Diaz. The announcement that fifteen hundred Mexican troops are ready to embark for Mexico is regarded as an evidence that Mexico is sincere in the desire to prevent war across the Rio Grande. Should Mexico succeed diplomatic relations will be resumed.

The Maine election yesterday resulted in the election of the Republican candidate for Governor by a reduced majority. At midnight from the returns, it is estimated, that 95,000 votes were cast, that Conner, the Republican candidate for Governor, will have about 6,000 majority. The Legislature is strongly Republican in both branches. The Greenback candidate received about 3,000 votes.

A despatch has been sent to the Turkish diplomatic agent abroad, complaining bitterly of inhuman treatment by the Bulgarians of inoffensive Mussulmans in the villages occupied by the Bulgarians during the progress of the war. A long list is given of villages in which the Mussulmans were massacred and the women and children carried off or imprisoned by the Cossacks and Bulgarians.

A despatch from Vienna reports that the Circassians have committed awful atrocities in eleven villages of Eastern Bulgaria. In one village inhabited by Greeks 150 houses were burned and 600 people massacred. One hundred corpses of women have been discovered in another village.

WEDNESDAY. In consequence of the yellow fever at Fernandina, Florida, there has been a general exodus of the citizens. There is much excitement throughout the State, and quarantine regulations have been established in all the towns. Seven fatal cases have occurred in Fernandina. Gen. Ord reports that fifteen hundred Mexican troops are ready to embark for Mexico, and that the Mexicans are under command of Gen. Gonzalez, to enforce the terms of the extradition treaty and secure order on the Mexican border.

The Mormon apostles have chosen Senior Apostle John Taylor president in place of Brigham Young, to be assisted by John W. Young, Daniel H. Wells and Geo. Q. Cannon. An official despatch from General Gibbon reports Sitting Bull beyond the line, with no intention of coming south.

Pacific Telegraph Company to get aside the recent arrangement with the Western Union Company. Mr. Orton says that the dissolution of the arrangement will not prejudice the Western Union, as that company now owns enough stock of the Atlantic and Pacific to prevent any damaging competition in the future.

There is still no authentic news of the capture of Plezna, though rumors prevail at Vienna to that effect, coupled with the report that Osman Pasha is a prisoner. Mehemes Ali has left the centre of his army and gone to the left wing, leading to the supposition that an action is impending near Eski Djumak.

A burglar who had been captured at St. Elmo, Illinois, escaped from his captors into a cornfield. The population of the place turned out to recapture him, when the burglar fired, instantly killing two and mortally wounding another. He was still at large, but it taken he will certainly be lynched, so great is the excitement.

The Custom House investigation in San Francisco has brought out the particulars of an opium smuggling case in 1875, in which Government employes were concerned. It was stated that the right force employed was too small to watch vessels or board them on arrival at night.

The War Department estimates for the support of the army for the present fiscal year have been prepared for transmission to Congress at the extra session. The President's message will be brief, and only relate to the business to be considered at the extra session.

The centennial celebration of the battle of Brandywine was celebrated yesterday at Chadds Ford, Pa. Several military companies from Wilmington, Del., and West Chester took part. Senator Bayard delivered an address, and was followed by other speakers.

The stockholders of the Maryland Agricultural College yesterday submitted to the present board of trustees and president of the college in their administration of the affairs of the institution.

Col. P. M. Snowden was yesterday nominated by the democratic convention as the candidate of that party for sheriff of Baltimore, and Simon J. Marten for city surveyor.

At the Baltimore Stock market to-day Baltimore and Ohio shares sold at 111 1/2, closing 111 bid, 111 1/2 asked. Marietta and Cincinnati bonds were quiet but stronger.

Additional remnants of human bodies have been dug out of the ruins of the late New York fire, but no idea can be formed from them of the number, age or sex of the victims of that calamity. There are at least one hundred families whose homes were consumed who need relief.

The Hyde Park Hotel, a summer resort in the vicinity of Chicago, swayed yesterday morning, involving a loss of \$100,000. The guests by the loss of their baggage suffered to the extent of from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The cattle in the neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio, are suffering with a cattle plague supposed to have been caught from the Texas cattle. Many deaths have occurred, and the disease appears to be infectious.

Despatches from Brownsville report that two of the Rio Grande City raiders and one of the released prisoners have been handed over to the United States by the Mexican Government under the extradition treaty.

The Baltimore Stock market was dull. There was quite a break in Virginia consols, which sold from 63 1/2 down to 61 1/2. Baltimore and Ohio, Marietta and Cincinnati bonds were weaker.

Governor Hampton has been interviewed on the subject of the South Carolina investigations, and he puts a very decided end to the silly rumors that he intended to stand between the law and the thieves, in pursuance of some sort of a pledge to Mr. R. B. Hayes. The government investigation is entirely non-partisan, and that "when all the evidence against the ringsters is brought out there will not be a republican in the state who will not sustain the committee and the grand jury."

The directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company met at New York yesterday. The report of the executive committee for the quarter ending September 30 shows that the surplus on July 1 was \$75,985 78, added to which the net profits for the quarter ending Sept. 30, \$792,109 92, makes a total of \$868,195 70, from which the quarter's interest on the bonded debt, \$112,000, and the quarter's proportion of the sinking fund, \$20,000, are deducted, leaving a balance of \$736,195 70. From this is deducted a dividend of 13 per cent on capital stock outstanding, which requires \$25,925 50, leaving a surplus of \$710,270 20. A dividend of 13 per cent was declared payable to the stockholders on the 15th of October, and the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held on Wednesday, October 10.

Complaints are made of the negligence and bad services of the Havana Postoffice since the Postal treaty was entered into. Letters directed to the United States are sorted in the Havana office with an entire disregard of geography that delays their delivery. The Legislature is strongly Republican in both branches. The Greenback candidate received about 3,000 votes.

The British ships Avalanche and Forest landed on Wednesday night and landed, carrying down ninety-six persons. The Avalanche was bound to New Zealand, and had a crew of thirty-two and sixty-three passengers. Of these the third officer and two seamen were the only ones saved. The Forest was in ballast, bound to New York, with a crew of twenty-one. Of these Captain Lockhart, the chief mate and seven others were saved. The rescue was made by three boats from the Forest, one of which is still missing. The latest despatch estimates the loss of life at not less than one hundred persons.

The Russian bulletins from Plezna, while dispelling the rumors of the capture of that important point, show that the Russians are gradually winning their footing there by gaining fresh positions and moving their batteries so that Plezna can be bombarded. On Sunday the Turks made a sortie, which was repulsed. The Romanians made a reconnaissance of the Turkish redoubts and were received by a heavy fire, but this was soon silenced, and the concentrated fire from the Russian batteries.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

B. & O. R. LOCAL TIME TABLE. East.—Frel. Acc. 7:11 A. M.; (Daily). E. City Acc. 8:15 A. M.; (Daily). W. City Acc. 10:12 A. M.; (Daily). Mail Acc. 11:15 A. M.; (Daily). West.—Way Train arrives 6:13 A. M.; leaves at 6:28 A. M.; E. City Acc. arrives at 7:05 A. M.; Mail Acc. arrives at 8:37 A. M.; E. City Acc. arrives at 4:57 P. M.; W. City Acc. arrives at 5:58 P. M.; (Daily). Mail Acc. arrives at 7:25 P. M.; (Daily). Theatre train leaves Baltimore at 11:00 P. M.; arrives here at about 11:55 P. M.

Court Proceedings.—Before Judges Miller and Hammond. H. E. Wadsworth, State's Attorney; G. W. Carr, Sheriff; L. J. Watkins, Clerk.

Friday, Sept. 7th.—State vs Frye Hipsley, indicted for assault and battery on Perry G. Shipley; tried before the Court; adjudged guilty, fined \$5 and costs; Linthicum for traverser. John Cairnes, notice of England, declaration to become a citizen.

Saturday.—State vs Perry Singleton alias Sing; indicted for larceny; tried before Court; adjudged guilty; sent to House of Reformation and instruction for colored children; J. D. McGuire for prisoner. State vs James Jason; indicted for larceny; tried before the Court; adjudged guilty, sentenced to Linthicum for thirty days. State vs Wm. A. Williams; indicted for larceny; jury trial, Upton W. Dorsey, foreman; verdict not guilty; G. W. King for traverser. State vs L. Williams; indicted for assault; tried before Court; sentenced to jail for one week; J. W. King for traverser. Naturalization papers granted to Henry Bowman, a native of England; State vs John Connell; indicted for larceny; plea of guilty; sentenced to the penitentiary for two years and six months.

Monday.—State vs Martha Holland; indicted for larceny; tried before Court; adjudged not guilty; Linthicum for prisoner. State vs G. W. Boswell; indicted for malfeasance in office; tried before the Court; adjudged not guilty; Hammond for traverser. State vs Wm. A. Smallwood; indicted for assault; tried before Court; adjudged not guilty; Linthicum for traverser. State vs John Hall; indicted for assault and battery on James E. Vansant; tried before Court; adjudged guilty, sentenced to be confined in jail for two months; McGuire for traverser. Court adjourned until Thursday, 13th.

Thursday.—State vs Philip Kramerer; indicted for selling liquor on Sunday; tried before the Court; adjudged not guilty; Wm. Reynolds for traverser. State vs Philip Kramerer; indicted for selling liquor to minors; tried before Court; adjudged guilty, fined \$50 and costs; Wm. Reynolds for traverser. State vs Jas. R. Reynolds; indicted for rape; removed from Baltimore county; set for trial on Monday, 24th inst. Court adjourned until Thursday, 20th inst.

Maryland Agricultural College.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Maryland Agricultural College was held on Tuesday at Guy's hotel, Baltimore, with Otto H. Williams, Esq., of Baltimore, in the chair, and R. McLane Harleky, of Baltimore county, secretary. Some twenty-five gentlemen were present, among them other than the chairman and the secretary, were Governor Carroll, Hon. Oden Bowie, A. Bowie Davis, George H. Calvert, Prince George's county; J. Howard McHenry, Baltimore county; Judge W. H. Tuck, Annapolis; Hon. Jas. T. Earle, Queen Anne's county; General Harleky, Talbot county; Gilmore Hoffman and Dr. W. Waring, Prince George's county; Captain William H. Parker, president, and William D. Morgan, register of the Maryland Agricultural College, Clement Hill, and others, and the following board of trustees: Hon. James T. Earle, J. P. Lee, E. L. P. M. Marine Esq., followed by a banquet at the Maryland House. Among the veterans was Mr. James Sykes of this county, now in the 88th year of his age.

The ostensible affect of the meeting was to determine whether or not the present board of trustees should be retained. The meeting was called to order by A. Bowie Davis, Esq., and that the present board of trustees be removed, gave rise to a lively debate. The resolution, upon being put to a vote, received 2,015 shares of votes in the affirmative, and 4,951 shares in the negative, the resolution being defeated by a large majority. The meeting then adjourned.

A called meeting of the board of trustees was subsequently held, there being present Hon. Judge Tuck, Messrs. J. F. Lee and Ezra Whitman. There not being a quorum present, an adjournment was taken until Tuesday, October 24, at which time the board of trustees were to meet. The public are invited. Should the weather prove unfavorable, due notice will be given for a future date.

Fourth District Items.—A little colored boy, named Savoy, probably about 10 years old, met with a shocking death at Hoods Mill, B. & O. R. R., one day this week by being crushed in the mill. It is supposed that he fell into the hopper and was drawn in between the burrs. He was found shortly afterwards, his body mangled and died in about half an hour after the occurrence. Savoy had been repeatedly warned of the danger he was risking, but did not heed, and his being in the mill at the time of his death was not known to any one.

A Temperance Meeting.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 23d at 8 o'clock, a temperance meeting will be held on the left adjoining the Old Fellows Hall, at Catonsville, under the auspices of the O. G. T. Temperance speakers from Baltimore will be present to address the meeting. The public are earnestly requested to attend and hear the subject of temperance discussed.

Fifth District Items.—The hope you expressed in your last has been gratified by the abundant rain of Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning, which completely soaks the ground, fills the streams, relieves the drought, and sets the mills and the work over all the county you may put down as plowing, our roads, however, pay the penalty, as they have been washed exceedingly tough. I received by Saturday's mail a circular from P. W. Andrews a Co., Managers of the 2d Gift Royal Dominion Concert, \$250,000 cash gifts. Simultaneously comes the announcement through the channels of the U. S. Marshal has ascertained the affair to be a swindle and that as such matter is debarred the U. S. Mail. As others of our people may have received similar letters I think it well to press this one, (enclosed in the circular) will be likely to receive a good cash prize, as thereby the managers' business will be increased in the localities by the sale of tickets.

German Lutheran Church Dedication.—The German Lutheran Church of this city, will be dedicated on Sunday next at 3 o'clock P. M. The dedication ceremonies will be conducted by the Pastor, Rev. Ernest Lehner, assisted by Revs. J. Pister, A. Burkhardt, Chas. Kirschmann, of Baltimore, Rev. T. A. Morgan, of this city, and Rev. C. H. St. John's Church of Baltimore have kindly consented to contribute the music on the occasion. The public are invited to attend.—Progress.

A Grand Reception Exhibition will be given in the Methodist Protestant Church of this city, on Thursday evening, next at 8 o'clock by G. W. Day et al. This exhibition has given such general satisfaction that its repetition has always been desired, and is a rare entertainment in the brilliant scenes which will be exhibited. If fair weather that evening the next will be employed, proceeds for benefit of pastor. Admission, adults 20 cents; children 10 cents.

Religious.—The public are respectfully invited to attend an All Day Meeting which will be held at Linthicum Chapel, near Clarksville, on Sunday, the 23d of September. These prayers will be favored with social and instrumental music. An Etecy organ has been recently placed in the church.

Real Estate Sale.—W. B. Peter, auctioneer, sold last week for M. Bamon, trustee, the farm of J. O. Patterson, in the second election of a tract in Howard County, to Nathan Pamphrey, for \$7,100.

Paragraph.—The Republicans of Howard County held their primary meetings to-day. Their Convention meets on Monday next in the Town Hall. The engineers of the proposed narrow-gauge road between Baltimore and this city have completed their survey and located the route. The Baltimore terminus so far is on Monroe St. near Pratt. The route proceeds along the street to the Frederick Turnpike, where it crosses the Patuxent River, at which point is the Ellicott City terminus.

The week has been one of showers. It has cleared off again, however, and farmers are busy plowing for wheat. The serious frost on the corn crop is not as serious as reported. Mr. Johnson, the contractor, has been busy in covering and weatherboarding the bridge over the river at this place. The recent rains have interfered with his operations, but with plenty of clear weather he expects to finish it in a short time.

The railroad station has been lively this week with the presence of students of Rock Hill and St. Charles Colleges returning to these institutions. A special train of four cars conveyed guests from Baltimore on Thursday last to the wedding of Miss Florence Patterson, of Frederick, who was married to Mr. James Carroll, of Baltimore, on the evening of that day.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the twelfth of September demonstrations in Baltimore were not of a very extensive scale. The Association of Old Defenders—about fifteen in number—made an excursion to Annapolis where Mr. Marine Esq., followed by a banquet at the Maryland House. Among the veterans was Mr. James Sykes of this county, now in the 88th year of his age.

At Gray's Station, Wednesday, William Basely, a Baltimore arab, attempted to jump on a freight train and had a toe caught in another toe being considerably injured. Dr. Hodges dressed the wounds. Performing bears are prohibited in the streets of Ellicott City. The appearance of one last week frightened a horse to the verge of throwing his rider, who, upon the obnoxious animal and his proprietors were speedily escorted out of town by the police. The prospects of a brisk fall trade are pronounced to be very good.

(CONTINUED.) LENOX, Sept. 13, 1877. Mr. Editor: According to previous announcement, Rev. Charles Beach officiated in the Presbyterian church last Sabbath forenoon. The attendance was as good as could be expected, in view of the interrupting causes, and the services were very acceptable. The scripture lessons and the prayers were quite appropriate, one of the prayers, as is, however, being rather lengthy. We are not heard for our much speaking, as we learn from the scriptures.

The text was a portion of the 3d verse of the 2d chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" The preacher first, in the sacrifice involved—the death, act, of Christ; second, in the great effect produced—all our boasted civilization and our human customs being the product of Christianity; and thirdly, in the final results, such as pertain particularly to the other world. The discourse was delivered with but little reference to notes and such preaching is generally preferred. We don't care much to listen to a man reading from a manuscript. It was remarked on a certain occasion, by one possibly not the most competent to judge, that the distinguished Dr. Charles Hooper, of the Princeton Theological Seminary, might be an eminent theologian, but he could not preach. Dr. Hooper, on the occasion referred to, and generally, for reasons satisfactory to himself, if not to others, read his pulpit discourses, which is what led to the unfavorable criticism. Rev. Charles Beach will preach again next Sabbath afternoon week at 3 1/2 o'clock. W.

A CARD. To the Voters of Howard County: I offer myself as a Democratic Candidate for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for Howard County at the coming election and intend to remain in the field. If elected I pledge myself to a faithful performance of the duties of the office and to look to the best interests of taxpayers. GEO. W. HIPSLEY, Second Election District. Sept. 15-25.

DIED. On Sunday, Sept. 9th, in this city, Edward, infant son of Charles C. and Hetty Koch, aged 3 months and 14 days. At Elkridge Landing, on September 11, 1877, FREDDY, aged 6 months and 7 days, fifth son of George and Jennie Laynor.

New Advertisements. BURNET HALL. SELECT SCHOOL FOR BOYS. OPENED SEPTEMBER 17TH. Day Scholars, \$30 to \$50 Per Year. Boarding Pupils, \$250. ADDRESS DR. F. GARRETTSON, ELICOTT CITY, MD. Sept. 15-25.

FARM FOR SALE OR RENT. I will sell or rent MY FARM of 120 ACRES, situated on the Columbia Turnpike, 5 miles from Laurel and 10 miles from Ellicott City. It contains a good DWELLING and suitable Outbuildings; plenty of fruit and abundance of water, and is convenient to Churches and Schools. For further particulars apply to Mrs. BENJAMIN H. DORSEY, Ellicott City, Md. Sept. 15-25.

PROPOSALS FOR PLANS. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOWARD COUNTY. ELICOTT CITY, Md., Sept. 6, 1877. The County Commissioners of Howard County invite the submission of plans, at their office on Tuesday, the 18th Sept. inst., a plan or plans for a WOODEN BRIDGE 110 feet long and 16 feet wide, with weather boards and eaves. The contract for building such bridge will be given to the lowest bidder, as soon as a plan of bridge is adopted. Due notice will be given of the time of the sale of said bridge.

By order, GEORGE R. SHANE, Clerk. Sept. 15-11.

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