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Weather Meteorological Observations.

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE, from November 30, to December 5, 1877.

WINDS.	TEMPERATURE.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	WIND DIRECTION.	WEATHER.
W. S. W.	41.0	80.2	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	40.8	81.5	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	40.5	82.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	40.2	82.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	40.0	83.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	39.7	83.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	39.4	84.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	39.1	84.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	38.8	85.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	38.5	85.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	38.2	86.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	37.9	86.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	37.6	87.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	37.3	87.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	37.0	88.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	36.7	88.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	36.4	89.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	36.1	89.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	35.8	90.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	35.5	90.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	35.2	91.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	34.9	91.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	34.6	92.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	34.3	92.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	34.0	93.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	33.7	93.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	33.4	94.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	33.1	94.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	32.8	95.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	32.5	95.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	32.2	96.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	31.9	96.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	31.6	97.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	31.3	97.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	31.0	98.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	30.7	98.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	30.4	99.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	30.1	99.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	29.8	100.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	29.5	100.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	29.2	101.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	28.9	101.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	28.6	102.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	28.3	102.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	28.0	103.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	27.7	103.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	27.4	104.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	27.1	104.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	26.8	105.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	26.5	105.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	26.2	106.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	25.9	106.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	25.6	107.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	25.3	107.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	25.0	108.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	24.7	108.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	24.4	109.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	24.1	109.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	23.8	110.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	23.5	110.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	23.2	111.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	22.9	111.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	22.6	112.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	22.3	112.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	22.0	113.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	21.7	113.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	21.4	114.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	21.1	114.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	20.8	115.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	20.5	115.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	20.2	116.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	19.9	116.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	19.6	117.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	19.3	117.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	19.0	118.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	18.7	118.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	18.4	119.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	18.1	119.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	17.8	120.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	17.5	120.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	17.2	121.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	16.9	121.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	16.6	122.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	16.3	122.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	16.0	123.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	15.7	123.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	15.4	124.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	15.1	124.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	14.8	125.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	14.5	125.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	14.2	126.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	13.9	126.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	13.6	127.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	13.3	127.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	13.0	128.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	12.7	128.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	12.4	129.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	12.1	129.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	11.8	130.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	11.5	130.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	11.2	131.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	10.9	131.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	10.6	132.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	10.3	132.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	10.0	133.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	9.7	133.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	9.4	134.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	9.1	134.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	8.8	135.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	8.5	135.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	8.2	136.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	7.9	136.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	7.6	137.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	7.3	137.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	7.0	138.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	6.7	138.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	6.4	139.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	6.1	139.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	5.8	140.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	5.5	140.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	5.2	141.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	4.9	141.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	4.6	142.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	4.3	142.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	4.0	143.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	3.7	143.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	3.4	144.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	3.1	144.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	2.8	145.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	2.5	145.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	2.2	146.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	1.9	146.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	1.6	147.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	1.3	147.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	1.0	148.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	0.7	148.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	0.4	149.15	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	0.1	149.65	W. S. W.	Clear
W. S. W.	0.0	150.15	W. S. W.	Clear

*One inch of melted is considered equivalent to ten of unmelted snow.
[EXPLANATIONS.—Thermometer, *Ther.*, showing the extreme heat (in the shade) and cold (in the shade) in the 24 hours; *Mean*, the result of observations made at 7 A. M. and 7 P. M.; *W.*, the wind; *Dir.*, the direction from which it blows; *Clouds*, the general aspect of the sky during the day.]

We have before us a copy of the Maryland Collegian, published by the Literary Society of St. John's College, Annapolis. We sincerely hope the young editors will meet the success which their enterprise and their interesting and pleasing journal eminently entitles them. St. John's is a most interesting institution in which all citizens of Maryland should take a particular interest and feel a peculiar pride. One of the best means of proving that interest is to subscribe to the Collegian, and in thus performing what all should feel to be a duty, at the same time acquire the real pleasure which a careful perusal of the paper is bound to afford. We will cheerfully place the Collegian on our exchange list.

We have received the fourth revised edition of Underdaak's History of Maryland, for the use of schools.—(Murphy & Co., Publishers). This work has been enlarged and altered with the design of obviating the objections made to the former editions, relating to the accounts given therein of the events of the late civil war. The success with which the distinguished author has accomplished this object, together with the clear and concise style in which the work is written and its historical exactness peculiarly adapt it for the use for which it is intended, and our teachers should congratulate themselves upon securing its adoption in our Public Schools. The book is neatly printed, well bound, and presents a most pleasing typographical appearance, as indeed do all the works issued by the well known Publishers, Murphy & Co., Baltimore.

A CURIOUS LAW CASE.—A curious case as to the rights of the finder of lost property, whose owner is unknown, is reported from Rhode Island. The plaintiff brought an old safe and offered to sell it to the defendant. The defendant would not buy it, but agreed to take it and sell it if he could, using it himself in the meantime. While it was thus in his possession he found a roll of bank bills in the safe. He did not know to whom they belonged. The defendant, therefore, concluded to keep them. The plaintiff, upon learning of the discovery of the money, demanded the return of the safe just as it was when delivered. The defendant returned it, but without the bank bills; whereupon the plaintiff sued for their value as money found. The Supreme Court held that the finder was entitled to retain the property as against the party who put the safe into his hands for sale, and the authorities generally maintain the right of the finder in this class of cases, as against all persons except the real owner.

An observer in Utah says that John Taylor, who, before Brigham Young's death, was regarded as a fanatic, has caused general surprise since he obtained control by his conservative disposition and his determination to act as a free policy differ from Brigham's. He declared that there should be no opposition in church affairs, and that the people should be left free to contribute their tithings as they saw fit. He ruled that there should be kept a full account of all the receipts and expenditures of church money, and this account should be regularly reported at the conferences. He has commenced a rigid examination of all the church books, and he promises to bring to light every hidden or mysterious affair connected with the church finances.

MARYLAND NEWS.

It is now generally understood that Hon. Montgomery Blair is a candidate for United States senator. Postmaster Logan, of Hagerstown, has slaughtered six fine hogs, weighing in the aggregate 3,051 pounds. The funeral of Mr. Isaac Motter took place Wednesday last from his late residence, near Williamsport.

Mr. Samuel O. Wells, son of the late proprietor of the Port Tobacco Times, has taken charge of that journal. Joseph Condon, near Port Deposit, Cecil county, has a horse 12 years old, and he is still quite active. The winter term of the public schools for Caroline county will commence on the first day of January next.

A large Otter was captured one day last week by Mr. C. H. Waterman who resides a few miles from Frederick city. Captain Emory London, of Fairmount, Somerset county, has grown potatoes this season which weighed eight pounds.

James E. McDaniel, Wm. H. Holliday and Henry P. Hopkins have been appointed School Commissioners for Talbot county. The Anne Arundel County Commissioners had fourteen ballots before electing a clerk, whose salary they then reduced from \$1,200 to \$900.

Mr. M. W. Bailey sold in Quantico, Somerset county, twelve goslings weighing 301 pounds, or 17 pounds each on an average. Two years ago there were 40 public schools in Dorchester county, with less than 2,000 pupils. Now there are 110 schools with over 5,000 pupils.

The salary of the Board of County Commissioners in Prince George's county has been reduced from \$1,000 to \$700 per annum. The last grand jury of Dorchester county found twenty-one indictments against persons for violation of the local-option law.

The rate of taxation at Hagerstown is only forty cents on the hundred dollars, and the municipal debt does not exceed ten thousand dollars. The Union Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church at Cambridge, Md., was burned to the ground Wednesday. The parsonage was saved.

The boiler house of the Hagerstown steam flour mill, demolished by the recent explosion of the steam boiler, is to be rebuilt immediately. Fanny Barry, wife of Daniel Barry, was convicted in the first degree for killing her child Biocy by throwing it in a well.

Susan Marshall, a young colored girl, was convicted in the Circuit Court for Washington county, Tuesday, of attempting to poison Miss Sallie and Ella Shupp, at Williamsport, some months since.

Mr. Lewis Rhoderick, for thirty years agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Catoctin Switch, is suffering from a severe attack of paralysis. He is in his eighty-second year of his age. His son, J. S. L. Rhoderick, is editor of the Liberator. The recent explosion at the Hagerstown flour mill failed to awaken persons in houses close by, while in houses at a distance the windows rattled, and one gentleman was thrown out of bed, causing him to believe that there had been an earthquake.

A train that arrived at Wheeling on Wednesday night contained about one hundred and fifty emigrants, who had emigrated from Hagerstown, Md., a year or two ago to Kansas, were on their return to Hagerstown, having proved by experience that "there is no place like home."

Mr. John T. Peddicord, living near Emmitsburg, says the *Clarion*, whilst on a deer hunt to Allegany county, shot a large buck weighing 170 pounds. He put seven buckshot through the deer, and it was not until an hour or more before he fell.

The repairs to the Georgetown level of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal have given employment to a large number of unemployed, and there was such a difficulty in getting hands that the police were enlisted in hunting them up. The repairs were completed on Thursday.

The Rockville Sentinel last week noted that the grand jury had been sent back to their room to look into the condition of the jail, and it was thought would indict the county commissioners, but on Thursday they informed the court that they had no further report to make and were discharged.

The damage to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which it was estimated by President Gorman would cost two hundred thousand dollars and which had been wintered, is not declared to have been greatly exaggerated. It is thought the damage can be repaired for \$50,000.

Hon. Edward Lloyd of Talbot, and James L. Dennis, of Somerset, are named in connection with the presidency of the State Senate. Pettee S. Holtzcliff, of Baltimore, and George H. Williams, of Baltimore county, were named in connection with the speakership of the House. The Legislature meets on the 21 of January.

The Cumberland Castled Manufacturing Company last month sold about a three fold greater quantity of tool steel than during any one month of their existence, and now have a prospect of largely increased orders, which will demand the continuous running of the works during the present winter, and probably necessitate the addition to the machinery of several steam lammers.

An old Irish penny was found on the farm of Mr. Edward Walton, near Annapolis, one day last week. On one side is a bust of a man, around which are the words, "Georgius III. Rex." On the other side is a harp surmounted by a crown and the word "Hibernia," while underneath is the date of coinage, "1775." The coin is well preserved, and was probably lost by a soldier during the Revolutionary War.

A young man named Huff was arrested in Baltimore a few months ago and sent to Hagerstown, charged with swindling James F. Krop of Williamsport, out of a sum of money for procuring him a situation in the United States secret service. The grand jury at the present term of court found two indictments against him, one for forging the name of J. Brooks, chief of the secret service, United States Treasury Department, by which he obtained \$29,100, and the other charging Huff with obtaining money from Krop under false pretences. Both cases were continued to-day to the next term of court, Huff making affidavit that material witnesses for the defense were absent.

The Press on the President's Message.

The opinion of the representative press of New York and Philadelphia in regard to the message of President Hayes is too significant to need any comments interlarded. [New York Herald].

President Hayes' first message to Congress deserves more commendation for the general soundness of its positions than for strength of reasoning or apt language. On the great question relating to the currency and the public credit it is satisfactory. The President stands firmly by his sound Southern policy, and he continues to pay to civil service reform the homage of professions, which may mean little or much, but can inspire no great confidence in view of its recent past.

Mr. Hayes' silver lever is of a mild type. Although he wants silver remembered and believes in the double standard he eschews a great deal more for the protection of the public credit.

[New York World]. The only criticism which candid men of either party can make upon that portion of the President's message which touches the most vital question of the moment—the question of the currency and its relations to the public faith—will be that he might with great advantage to the business interests of the country have found some way of saying long before this time what he now most plainly and emphatically says.

Still, in the present political crisis a President's message is in itself an actual appearance in the hand of Mr. Hayes clearly appears in this, his first really just official document, which needs only to be more steadily justified by firmness in execution to command a situation which is audibly crying out, as Mr. Carlyle would say, for a man to command it! [New York Standard].

Leave out its braving over his policy of modification, at least over the things which he claims to have done, but with which he had little or nothing to do; leave out his financial vagaries, his enmities against Mexico, his Suman project, and his maddening about educational leave out, along with these, his about his mental reports, and the space occupied by the remainder will be small.

[New York Tribune]. The first annual message of President Hayes is strongly marked by some of the traits of the personal character of its author. The same traits which disposed the same propensity to look upon the bright side of things, the same frankness and good humor, united with tenacity of purpose, which have been by him in the admiration and the despair of his friends at Washington, appear in almost every paragraph of this interesting document.

Mr. Hayes stands in a man with whom it is difficult to quarrel, an opinionated man with a sunny temper, a positive man who is not combative, a staunch upholder of the Executive prerogatives, with a cheerful respect for the prerogatives of Congress. He has taken his policy very much to heart, and to be built upon it. He seems to be perfectly well satisfied with its theory and its results, and yet he betrays neither bitterness nor even impatience against some of the men who may lack the gifts of a great statesman, yet it is evident that he has many of the qualities of an able administrator.

[New York Times]. While the President's message is calculated to allay a good many apprehensions which have been felt in regard to his position on questions affecting the currency and the public credit, it leaves his attitude toward other important issues open to doubt.

He has nothing to say on the question of subsidies, next to making the practical methods of revenue reform, and but very little that can be called satisfactory regarding civil service reform. The vague intimations of a policy on the last named subject are in striking contrast with the positive and clearly defined principles of the letter of acceptance, and the intimations of a policy on the last named subject are in striking contrast with the positive and clearly defined principles of the letter of acceptance, and the intimations of a policy on the last named subject are in striking contrast with the positive and clearly defined principles of the letter of acceptance.

It may be said of the first annual message of President Hayes that it bears the impress of the strong but not brilliant mental characteristics and breathes the spirit of candor that has marked all his official acts. It is a frank, forward and generally pretty well written presentation of the domestic and foreign affairs of the United States, and embraces all that is essential to be communicated to Congress concerning these matters.

[Phila. Ledger]. Every one at all familiar with the inaugural address of President Hayes would expect from him just such a document in substance and style as that which presents to his fellow-countrymen in his first annual message to Congress. It is entirely from pretention to orate-diction or rhetoric, as a state paper should be. It is plain in its statements and dispassionate in tone, and it bears throughout the clear marks of being the sincere utterance of an earnest man, having strong convictions of duty and conscience, who is striving to do what is right and best for his country.

Known Dogs.—The Austin (Tex.) Recaller says: Willie Burgess, who drives a team of sixteen oxen, having won a valuable assistant in an intelligent dog. The animal is of no particular breed, but possesses remarkable sagacity. It knows exactly what position the team should keep and how the oxen should go, and runs by their side and barks at them and bites their heels when they go wrong. The cattle seem to understand what he intelligently as they do the commands and prods with the goad given by their human driver.

The sight of a dog driving an ox team is not a new one to the writer of this. In the early days of White Pine there was a man engaged in hauling ore down from Treasure Hill to what is now Hamilton, who used for that purpose two ox teams, one of which he drove himself and the other was driven by his dog, a large yellow cur. The road wound with many curves down a steep mountain, but all that the man found necessary to do was to attend to the brakes of both teams and the front team, while the oxen were kept in the road by the dog, which gave its orders by barks and enforced them by bites.

A boy confined in the jail at West-Bowling, Mass., escaped recently through a hole which measured only eight inches by six.

Library Association at Catonsville.

(Continued.)—On Tuesday, 27th ult., Messrs. Chas. G. W. Macgill, John H. Fowler, Gustav W. Lurman, John B. Phillips and Eugene Carrington, citizens of Catonsville and vicinity, filed an Oath of Incorporation in the Clerk's Office in connection with the formation of a library association, to be known as "The Lyceum of Catonsville of Baltimore county." The act declares it to be "formed for the creation and maintenance of a library, public reading and lecture rooms; for the promotion of education and the cultivation of literature, music and the drama. The corporation is limited to run forty years. The capital stock is limited to \$3,500, and the general officers of the Association are to be managed by a Board of five Directors. We learn that the Association has been incorporated under the most favorable circumstances. The library now consists of 2,000 volumes of a splendid selection of books, secured through the efforts of Mr. Eugene Carrington. The books are given to the Association a handsome lot of ground in Catonsville, upon which a Hall, sufficient for the purposes of the Association, will be erected. For several months the Association has been holding general meetings, and has realized quite a handsome sum, which will be devoted to the erection of the proposed building. When the building is finished the grounds surrounding will admit of handsome ornamentation with beds of flowers, &c. It is also designed to introduce harmless amusements, such as chess and billiards. The names of the incorporators are: Eugene Carrington, Association agent; Gustav W. Lurman, Association agent; John B. Phillips, Association agent; John H. Fowler, Association agent; Chas. G. W. Macgill, Association agent. In fact the community is also deeply interested in the project, and there is the best of reason