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Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy, died on Wednesday. Speaking of his death the *New York World* says:

"If no man may be called happy till he dies, who can refuse the title to Victor Emmanuel? He took his sceptre broken from his father in storm and night. He transmits it to his son a wand of power, having seen in his lifetime all the dreams of a great people fulfilled through him, and all the long ambition of the haughtiest, the oldest and the most aspiring royal house in Europe crowned through him with dazzling success. Modern times have seen no such career, unless we are to except that of King Victor's latest and not least useful ally, the Emperor William of Germany. The annals of the Hohenzollern are not so ancient as those of the House of Savoy, but they set before us as striking a record of great impersonal objects pursued and attained by unremitting personal effort. The position of United Italy is less preponderating in Europe than that of United Germany. But the estate of Sardinia was to the full as low after Novara as that of Prussia after Jena; and the resources of the Savoyard people were less abundant and less easily to be controlled."

—The avenues leading to an early grave have often been opened by a cough or cold. Thousands have been cured and saved by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy died Wednesday at Rome, in his 58th year. Prince Humbert, his eldest son, was proclaimed his successor.

—The arrivals of immigrants at New York for the years 1877 aggregated 51,536, against 71,265 in 1876.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

B. & O. R. R. LOCAL TIME TABLE.
East.—*Fred. Acc.* 7.14 A. M. (Daily); *E. City Acc.* 8.05 A. M., on Sunday at 9.00 A. M.; *Winchester Acc.* 10.13 A. M.; *E. City Acc.* 2.30 P. M.; *Way Train.* 3.15 P. M.; *Mail Acc.* 4.51 P. M.; *Milk Train Acc.* 6.28 P. 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.; *on Sunday arrives* at 8.33 A. M.; *Mail Acc. arrives* at 8.33 A. M.; *E. City Acc. arrives* at 2.10 P. M.; *Winchester Acc. arrives* at 4.57 P. M.; *Fred. Acc. arrives* at 5.53 P. M. (Daily); *Sykesville Acc. arrives* at 7.01 P. M. (Daily). *Theatre train leaves Baltimore* at 11.00 P. M., *arrives at Ellicott City* at 11.55 P. M.

Appointment.—Chas. Disney, Esq., has been appointed postmaster at Wall's Cross Roads in this county.

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Election of Officers.—At the weekly meeting of the Bayley Beneficial and A. I. Society of St. Paul's Catholic Church, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: Pres., E. P. Duffy; Vice Pres., Wm. Welsh; Sec., Joseph Ella; Bookkeeper, Wm. Haltman; Doorkeeper, Wm. Tub-
At a meeting of Centre Lodge No. 40, I. O. O. F., held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, the following officers were elected and installed to serve the ensuing year: N. G., William Allen; V. G., Calvin B. Green; R. S., Mark Mellor; P. S., James T. Bieley; Treas., Samuel J. Radcliffe; Representative to Grand Lodge, Robt. H. Thompson.

At a regular meeting of Fidelity Lodge, No. 61, K. of P., held on Friday, Dec. 29th, 1877, the following officers were elected: C. C., George Gaver; V. C., C. F. Rappanier, Jr.; K. of R. & S., S. W. Hazlett; M. of F., C. F. Bieley; M. of E., C. F. Herment M. at A., Benj. Coomes.

Pursuant to election the following officers were installed by the Byron Literary Club on Monday night last, to serve during the ensuing year: Pres., W. F. Perkins; Vice Pres., W. G. Sykes; R. S., Daniel Rappanier; Treas., I. J. Martin; Librarian, W. J. Keyes. The Club is in a flourishing condition and Dr. Frederic Ganetson has kindly consented to give the club weekly experimental illustrations on chemistry. This is a new feature connected with the club and doubtless will prove as instructive as it will be entertaining.

Oakland Items.—There are thirty-eight pupils on the roll of our public school.

A turbine water wheel will soon replace the old style of motive power now used in Oakland flour mill.

The recent freeze has given an opportunity to fill ice houses, and many hereabouts have taken advantage of it.

Again we draw the attention of the "proper authorities" to the necessity of paint upon our School house. Such an application would aid in prolonging its existence, as already the woodwork indicates its entry in that state known in medical parlance as a "decline."

On Tuesday last the parsonage of the Rev. P. N. Meade, formerly of Baltimore, and now pastor of the Grace Protestant Episcopal Church at ElkrIDGE Landing, in this county, narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire. A wood fire was lighted on a hearth of the dining-room in the evening for the first time, and the brick work being imperfect, the sparks dropped between the cracks, communicating with the rafters under the fireplace. The flames were extinguished with the greatest difficulty. The house is owned by Mr. R. Walz, and was finished last year.

Religious.—The Fourth Quarterly Meeting for Freedom Circuit, M. E. Church S. W., will be held at Harmony, near Cooksville, to-day and to-morrow (Sunday), Rev. E. P. Buscy is to preside.

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Union is divided into a number of differently named localities, among which are Spring street, logtown, shop-row, the corner, the hollow, long brick row *alias* "gap-street," short brick row and herring-hill. Should a stranger ask the whereabouts of a friend he would almost certainly be directed to one of the above. These names are part of our vernacular, and date back to the early days of the manufactory.

Ellicott City Saving Association, the allotted time of which expired on Dec. 21st, 1877, was reorganized on Monday night last, and the following permanent officers were elected: Pres., I. J. Martin, Jr.; V. Pres., Daniel Rappanier; Sec., J. Walter Hodges; Treas., Dr. Jas. Shreve. The Association will meet on the first Monday night in every month for the transaction of business. The Sec., J. Walter Hodges will receive the weekly deposits any time during the week.

A Freight Train jumped the track of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Tuesday morning at Marriottsville, Md., and caused a slight detention of the regular trains. In consequence of the intense cold in the Alleghany mountains, orders were issued by the company to run the trains slowly Monday night, which made them behind time at Camden Station.

Ice.—The various dams on the Patuxent river, in the neighborhood of our city, were for several days this week, the scenes of ceaseless activity. Nearly every one has taken advantage of the late freeze to fill their houses with ice, which is so essential to our comfort and convenience in the hot, sultry days of summer. The ice gathered this week seemed to be unusually fine and pure.

The Newly Appointed Board of County School Commissioners qualified before the Clerk of the Circuit Court on Tuesday last, and held a meeting at their office in the Court House. Dr. James T. Williams was elected President of the board. Without making any appointment for School Examiner the board adjourned until Tuesday next.

Sunday School Celebrations.
[Reported for the Times].

Christmas is no where looked forward to with so much pleasure in anticipation as in the rural districts. But in towns and villages signs of its coming long precede its arrival in the handsome and tempting shop windows, and even after its departure remnants of the same "feast for the eyes" remain to yet remind the jayvile observer that the departed festival is but an event of the brief season of respite from school and toil, one pleasure follows so close upon another as to keep it constantly in mind.

In the country, on the contrary, children do not see Christmas in its many pleasing phases as do their city cousins, and hence when it comes, it is hailed as a welcome diversion from the monotony, which their isolated life imposes upon them. They are less critical than their town brethren not having, as we have al-

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The entertainments at the schools at Harkersville and Ellysville partook of the same general features, as at Woodstock, and at both places were eminently successful and pleasing. At Harkersville Rev. Thos. Hughes, made a very happy address to the children, at the end of which medals were given to a number whose diligence and application merited the reward. At Ellysville the address was delivered by Fr. Francis Smith, which was elevated in its tone and very pleasing in the manner of its delivery. The children attending these three schools will look for the coming of next Christmas, with happy memories of the many good things they enjoyed this year.

LONG CORNER, JAN. 8, 1878.

Mr. Editor: In complying with your request to send you the local news, I always give the facts. Facts are often reported which are, by no means, scientific truths. The reporter is not responsible for the belief or disbelief of individuals or communities, any more than is the historian for recording the fact that the Partians were believers in witchcraft. It is historically true that the celebrated Baron Munchausen "shuffled off this mortal coil" years and years ago; but it is a fact that some people are of the opinion that he still writes from "Cooksville."

A belief in signs has existed in the United States from the time of the landing at Plymouth of the present day. Many of the best, and some of the most intelligent citizens of Maryland consult the signs of the Almanac before undertaking important agricultural labors. Some of the most important exploits recorded in ancient history were begun and consummated at the dictation of augurs, or sign-readers. Cæsar crossed the Rubicon not until a favorable omen was presented. It is a fact that a species of *exuperation* permeates all classes and conditions of people. But why is the "acculturation of one luminary, by another of less magnitude" a sign of war? A friend explains it for me: "If one lady richly and showily dressed (we will call her Luna), goes into church, or a concert, or any place, and sees another lady dressed in last years toggery, and looking comparatively nebulous by even distant comparison, (we call this one Venus), she partially occults her. Then she sails across her disc, or, in other words, crosses her in front, and sits by her, and then it is called the complete occultation, or total obscuration of Venus." In this case, belligerent tendencies are sure to be aroused, and, hence the "Savants" are correct, when they say that occultation is a sign of war.

Mr. M. S. Buerft lost a valuable cow a short time since. Having jammed its head between a post and the stable, it was so much injured that it had to be knocked on the head.

Mr. Perry G. Burdette, the Nimrod of this section, has up to date, captured one raccoon and thirty-five "oppossums," (fact).

No action was taken at the mass meeting at Mt. Airy, on the 23d ult.; it having transpired that Howard County could not legally be reduced in its dimensions. Long Corner's aspirations to metropolitan distinction are flat! Chuckle Cooksville! But know, of this; it will never be written *Troja fuit!* H.

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(COMMUNICATED.)

DEAR EDITORS: Now that the Legislature of 1878 has met, would it not be well to call their earnest attention to a subject which certainly demands legislative enactment. And especially, should that call come from Howard county, because even in the previous abortive attempts to remedy the evil, she has been excluded. We need—not a Dog Law—but a protective Law for sheep. In the war of adverse interest, the industries of a State should always be championed against its luxuries. The State of California, thirty years ago practically a wilderness, derives to-day one of its largest sources of revenue from the sheep raised within its borders. Why should not Maryland do the same. Throughout a larger portion of our State the country is especially adapted, both in its natural formation and its vegetation for the raising of sheep. Why are they not raised? Simply because they are not protected from their enemies—the dogs. Many have been the changes rung on this subject, and many the arguments pro and con. But no one has ever denied that dogs were articles of luxury, and that their possession and existence never added a dime to the revenue of the country. I believe on one occasion, when the subject was brought up in the Legislature, a venerable legislator, with tearful eyes, spoke feelingly of the dog as "the poor man's humble friend and the lonely widow's protection." Beautiful sentiment, but a trifle illogical. The humble friend chiefly aideth the poor man of sooty face and prehensile paw to snatch from earthly enjoyments, the unhappy's son; and the widow's protector spendeth his days in barking at the innocent traveler and his nights in chasing the sheep of his widow's neighbor. But what the farmers of this State want, is not a law taxing dogs, but a law protecting sheep. Let the Legislature pass a law which will embody in its sections the following points:

1. That dogs are property and the owners are absolutely responsible for the damage they commit. And let that damage be recovered by instant and summary process.
2. When the owner of the dog is without property—and he generally is—let the dog "pay his wergeld," and let him be surrendered to the tender mercies of the sheep-owner.
3. Let the dog be assessed as other personal property, at the owners valuation, and let the income derived from this source be allotted to cover losses sustained by sheep owners. 4th and lastly, and you will see why I have italicized the words in the preceding sentence. Let the owner of sheep, who suspects a dog, but cannot prove it to be that especial dog which has killed his sheep, have the option of going to the owner of the dog,

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New Advertisements.

A CARD.
Believing that I could discharge the duties of School Examiner, with great advantage and benefit to the County and Teachers, I respectfully make application to those who may be appointed County School Commissioners, for the office just named. As is generally known, I have long been identified with the cause of education, in one capacity or another.
WM. T. CRAFTER.
Jan. 12, 1878—11.

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OF VALUABLE
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BY VIRTUE of a power of sale contained in a Mortgage from John C. Hazanau to Kate G. Lester, bearing date the 31 day of January, 1876, and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County in Liber L. J. W., No. 39, folio 29, &c. the Undersigned, Attorney named in said Mortgage, will offer at Public Sale to the highest bidder, on

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AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M.,

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