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Woodstock Items.—A week or so ago Mrs. Martha Berry, an aged resident of this vicinity underwent an operation for the removal of a cancer from her breast, which, if allowed to remain, would have made her life a question of a few weeks only. It was successfully taken out by several doctors and a professor in one of the medical schools of Baltimore. The patient yet remains in the city, and gives every promise for a complete re-

Ice six inches thick was gathered off the river at this point on Wednesday. Nearly a sufficiency has been housed for hot weather and mint juleps. On Thursday night the rain had swollen the river to such a degree as to leave it clear on Friday morning.

The announcement by Thursday's papers of the death of Victor Emmanuel was the cause of our learning, while conversing on the subject, a very pleasing anecdote of his son Amadeus, once King of Spain. Although not a legitimate Woodstock item, its relation was by a resident of this place who has the honor acquaintance with that monarch. while he with others was enga- game of ball in the yard of one es in Turin, Sardinia, King d a visit to the institution stay evinced a lively in- estimes of the students. Be- sked to see the gymna- ormed to his great sur- r that the finances of t justify an outlay for pleasure. No more . A few days af- d students were a gift, in the n which had madeus, by l erected

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ready hinted the same chances for observation. Therefore, when Christmas affords them a change, in the shape of a gathering of some kind, can it be wondered that they turn in all their strength and bring to it an exuberance seldom witnessed among the classes If they show a surprise at things which the latter would scarcely notice, so great indeed as to cause a smile, it cannot be looked upon in any other light than that of admiration. Yet our little country folks are happy and innocent and these virtues complied with their rustic simplicity, many times outshine the accomplishments of those with whom we have drawn the parallel.

These reflections were suggested by the celebrations of Christmas eve at the three Catholic Sunday Schools, Woodstock, Elysville and Harkersville, last Sunday, where could be truly seen representative gatherings of country children in all their glory.

WOODSTOCK SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Like all the other children belonging to the various missions attended from Woodstock college, the little ones of Woodstock and vicinity, had long been looking forward with eager expectation to the Christmas festival, which they are accustomed to celebrate every year. The elements of the feast consisted of a Christmas tree, loaded with gifts for the young ones, and a distribution of prizes to these who have distinguished themselves in the Sunday school, whether by diligence, or good behavior. The fun has usually been enjoyed on the Sunday after Christmas, but this year it was unavoidably put off till the following Sunday, which was, appropriately enough, the feast of the Epiphany, our "old Christmas" or "little Christmas." The Christmas tree had been set up in a building near the college, and very tastefully decorated by kind ladies of the congregation, which attends the chapel of the college. The room was darkened, so that the garish light of an early afternoon sun might not mar the effect of the Chinese lanterns and other ornamental lights, by which the room was lighted and the bush adorned. Altogether the effect was very Christmas-like and was much admired all who came to see and to enjoy it. At t 3 o'clock the children, to the num- about forty or fifty marched into om, from an adjoining room, where d been anxiously waiting the sig- start. After the usual clatter attering, which commonly ad surprise, had abated ymn had b e young

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The Telephone as it is to Be.

MR. EDITOR: Some recent remarks upon the possibilities of the Telephone from the London *Times*, has induced me to write for our TIMES an American view of the same. Already by the use of this instrument, the voice is conveyed a great number of miles with distinctness and no one doubts, but that in the near future it will do away with the present system of telegraphing. And by another clever little instrument, (as I am credibly informed), the sound representing the voice is recorded upon paper by a series of lines, higher or lower, and corresponding to the wave sound represented, the recording being done by using the magnetic needle. Or to make matters plainer, the human voice can be bottled up to be used when called for. What a line of thought for the political economist is here opened. If one only starts to think of it, in a few minutes the average cranium becomes laden with so many new ideas, that he is apt to think that the brain of the future generation will have to be greatly enlarged to take it all in. Millions may be saved to the government annually by using these little instruments. Already the halls of congress are too small to accommodate its members, and in the near future if there were no remedy for this crowding, the result would be somewhat similar, to that which Blackstone informs us resulted when governments were first formed. The people met together, chose rulers, made laws, &c., but when population increased they were compelled to delegate their powers to the few. Now the few are fast becoming a mob, and if no remedy were provided, some of the members would soon have to take seats in the galleries, and in time fill them as they now do the floor; and the *oi polloi*, or great unwashed, now confined to the galleries, would be shut out entirely. Think of shutting a m brother out in the cold weather, it is enough tion. Then member c fear

paying for him at *his owners assessed valuation* and of slaying him on the spot. For it is a very difficult matter to prove sheep killing on a dog. Dogs old in the trade have the subtlety of a fox and will wash away in the nearest stream all traces of their bloody feast, every time it takes place. But the dog is worth what his owner values him at and that only. If the sheep owner prefers to pay for him as he would for a pig to save himself from probable loss, who can complain? But let my suggestions go for what they are worth. One thing is certain, we want a law on the subject, and a law we must have. And Howard county may well take the initiatory step, not only in its papers, but from the mouths of her representatives.

T. B. Dorsey.

MARRIED.

On December 24, by Rev. S. D. Noyes, THOMAS BOONE, of Howard County, to ELLA, eldest daughter of William McGahan, of Baltimore.

On Tuesday, December 25, 1877, by Rev. J. McKendree Reily, at the residence of the bride, CLINTON BARLOW of Howard County, to LIZZIE AKERS, of Baltimore City.

On December 27, by Rev. D. F. Forest, CHARLES COLLINS, of Marriottsville, to Miss JULIA A. McKINZIE, of Jonestown.

DIED.

At Granite, near Woodstock, on Dec. 9th, ANDREW GIFFIN, in the 44th year of his age.

In this city, on Jan. 6th, 1878, Mrs. WILHELMINA SHERMAN, formerly of Barnesville, Montgomery County, aged 98 years.

At Granite, near Woodstock, on Jan. 8, 1878, AGNES, only child of Joshua G laher, aged 2 ye

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