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Friday, - - November 11, 1881.

THE ELECTION.

It appears from the returns that the Democrats elected their State ticket by from 13,000 to 15,000 majority.

In this county the Republicans elected their entire ticket by majorities ranging from 4 to 300. The name of Frank L. Morling, Greenback candidate for Comptroller, appeared on a few tickets in the different districts of the county.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

No more important subject can be presented to the consideration of the people than that of the public schools, knowing, as we do, how much depends upon their efficiency. In order that they may be successfully conducted, certain conditions must be preserved. It is not only necessary that the supervision exercised by the Trustees over the scholls should be constant and intelligent; that the teachers should be thoroughly competent educators, and that suitable buildings should be erected, but it is also essential to their success that proper hygienic conditions should be maintained in every department. Desks and seats should be so constructed that the scholar, while pursuing his studies, or reciting, will not be compelled to occupy a cramped or unnatural position; and, above all, especial care should be taken that no room contains more than a definite number of children. A teacher cannot do justice to more than thirty-five or forty scholars at one time, yet we are informed that some of the roll-books of the Sharpsburg schools contain as high as one hundred and twenty-six names. Of course, there are absentees every day, but in any event, and under all circumstances, the average is too high. We understand that an additional teacher will not be furnished unless *every* school in the Town has an average attendance of at least fifty. This is an approximate statement of the present status of our public schools. There are four in the one building, one of which will show an average daily attendance of eighty-five, while the average of the remaining ones is only about forty. Here we have, say, three hundred scholars, the exact number which entitles us to six teachers under the apportionment understood to be in vogue in the County, but because these three hundred children are not distributed equally among the four rooms, the School Commissioners say there shall be but five teachers to perform the labor, that, according to our opinion, is too arduous for six. The view we have just taken of our overcrowded departments has reference only to the inability of the teachers to accomplish the work rendered necessary by the presence of so many scholars. There is another objection which is too frequently overlooked. Imagine eighty five children occupying one room that should properly contain not over forty; take into consideration the atmospheric condition surrounding them after the expiration of several hours, remembering that, with the exception of one hour in the middle of the day, this confinement continues for about seven hours, and ask yourselves if this state of affairs is conducive to health, or is calculated to develop the receptivity of the youthful mind. We do not think that the lassitude necessarily produced in both teacher and scholar by the vitiated atmosphere of overcrowded rooms is peculiarly favorable to the work of either.

These are some of the evils to be considered, and now the question as to the remedy naturally suggests itself. Although we consider the apportionment of fifty scholars to one teacher too high, yet the School Commissioners are hampered by circumstances they cannot control. They cannot sow the County broad-cast with teachers, but they can give us one more teacher, and so carry into effect their own system. As they have not done so, there is a remedy among the people themselves. Let the parents and guardians of the scholars see that the ratio of absenteeism is reduced, and there will no longer be any ground for the excuse that, although some of the schools contain over fifty pupils, the others do not contain so many. This is perhaps the greatest and most annoying evil the teacher has to encounter, and, without the active cooperation of parents, he cannot overcome it. The absence of scholars, instead of reducing, augments the labor of the teacher, not to mention the positive injury sustained by the absentee. Let the parents remember that their duty in connection with the public schools is to see that the attendance is regular, and there will be a manifest improvement in every direction and, we suppose, the much needed additional teacher will be forthcoming.

But so long as the present condition of affairs continues, we cannot expect our schools to be as efficient as their importance demands, and, instead of being enabled to congratulate the teacher on his hard-won success, and the scholar on his improvement, we can only extend our sympathy to both.

A Relic of the Revolution.

At the last meeting of the Virginia Historical Society, in Richmond, Va., a curious ancient document was read by the corresponding secretary. It is the handwriting of Col. Thomas Waring of Goldberry, Essex County, Va., an ardent rebel, who was with Washington at the battles of Trenton and Princeton. It is entitled "The Last Will and Testament of Old England" and is dated at the "Palace of Necessity, this 19th day of April, just four years from the fatal day on which my last opportunity was lost by shedding the blood of America at Lexington, in the year 1776." The following are the bequests made:

1. Old England, being in a very weak and languishing state, through voluptuousness and loss of Blood, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following—vizt: Imprimis—I do give and bequeath unto the Bishops of St. Asaph and Petersborough, to be equally divided among them, all my religion.

2. I give all my sincerity to the Worthy Members of the Minority in the House of Commons.

3. I give all my Knowledge in politics to Lord Camden and Lord Abingdon and those other noble Lords who oppos'd the Ministry in their Mischievous and Cursed war in America.

4. I give to my sister Scotland all my Pride and Haughtiness.

5. I give to my sister Ireland the one half of my poverty, Distress and Ruin.

6. I give to the Earl of Bute and Lord North all my Treachery and Tyranny, to be equally divided among them.

7. I give to Lord Howe and General Howe all my Cruelty as a reward for their Treatment of the American prisoners.

8. I give all my cunning to Lord Mansfield and Lord George Gorman.

9. I give all my stupidity and obstinacy to the present ministry.

10. I give my Power by Sea and Land to the French King.

11. I give my integrity to the King of Spain.

12. I give my Trade and Commerce to the State of Holland.

13. I give those abject mortals, the Tories of America, one Tun of Hemp, to be equally distributed amonst them by I. C.

14. I give my right and Title in that most glorious trust called Magna Charta to the United States of America, to their Heirs and assigns forever.

15. I give unto my Colonies in America—vizt., Canada, Nova Scotia, East and West Florida—the other half of my Poverty Distress and Ruin: and I do appoint the United States of America to be guardians of my said Colonies.
—*Baltimore American.*

NOVEMBER STARS.

November is rich in material for planetary study. Mercury leads the list with an inferior conjunction, a transit and a western elongation.—Neptune follows Saturn in reaching opposition. Jupiter follows Neptune in arriving at the goal, donning his most superb array for the occasion. The great luminary himself contributes his share to the festive activity of his family in an annular eclipse. The moon pays her respects to every planet in turn. The grand line of planets, clustering beyond us and on the same side of the sun, remains unbroken; three of the other planets, Saturn Neptune and Jupiter—arriving at opposition within 13 days of each other. The moonless nights of mid November will be glorious with star-lit beauty. Saturn, Jupiter and Mars will reign as lords of the ascendant and around them will be grouped some of the brightest stars and constellations that grace the firmament; those twinkling mysteries that fill the soul with emotions of wonder and awe while it tries to grasp the boundlessness of space and the all-pervading power that holds in harmony the shining suns that people the blue vault of heaven.—*Providence Journal.*

West Virginia Items.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—A Life Insurance Company has been organized in this place, under the charter of West Virginia, entitled the "Shepherdstown Mutual Life Insurance Company," with the following officers:

John H. Zittle, President,
Wm. J. Knott, Vice-President,
H. C. Entler, Secretary,
Col. W. A. Morgan, Treasurer,
Dr. W. P. Manning, Medical Director,
R. D. Lamar, General Agent.

Executive Committee—Dr. W. P. Manning, Wm. J. Knott, Col. Wm. A. Morgan, John F. Welshans, R. D. Lamar.

This company will be ready for business about the latter part of next week. A large number of policies are now awaiting to be recorded.—*Shepherdstown Register.*

—A contract has been made with a Philadelphia firm for the erection and equipment of the gas works &c. at Charlestown, Jefferson Co., to be ready for use by the 1st of January next.

—Jefferson Co. produces the largest wheat crop in W. Va, and Berkely Co., follows next. The Eastern Panhandle—Morgan, Berkely and Jefferson, produces nearly one-fourth of the entire crop of the State.

Pennsylvania Items

—The Philadelphia County Medical Society has decided that henceforth female practitioners may be eligible to membership under its rules.

—The multiplication of charcoal furnaces has reduced the forests of Albany township, Berks Co., to a minimum and wood is becoming scarce thereabouts.

—There are 12,000,000 bushels of coal awaiting a rise in the Ohio river at Pittsburg. But for railroad facilities the Upper Ohio Valley industries would not be in their present prosperous condition. Wheeling and Pittsburg can congratulate themselves that they are measurably independent of the river.

—A large business is carried on in the western part of the State in the collection and preparation of forest leaves, which are shipped to New York and other places and sold. Many of the rare specimens are sent to England and France. where they are highly prized.

The Petroleum Supply.

The question of the future petroleum supply is growing more and more interesting to Pennsylvania. Regions once spouting out abundantly are now strewn with ruined derricks over wells, pumped dry. New resources of supply have hitherto been readily found in place of the drained reservoirs, but now the great Pennsylvania oil sponge appears to be nearly squeezed. The Bradford region in McKean county for instance, which pumps 60,000 barrels daily, and is the petroleum centre of the State, steadily failed during the month of August at the average of 2,500 barrels daily.

ENCRYSTALED FISH.

In Virginia City, Nev., recently was on exhibition a lump of ice in which were frozen several trout.—The ice was frozen by the company's ice machine on the divide. The trout were almost as plainly visible as though they had been suspended in the air. They were in natural attitudes, and appeared to have congealed without knowing that anything unusual was happening to them. As all their spots and colors were distinctly visible, and they stood immovable, with tails and fins expanded, they would have formed a splendid study for an artist. Bets were made that they would thaw out "alive and kicking" and the block of ice was accordingly placed in a tank and allowed to melt, but at last accounts the trout were lying on the bottom apparently dead.—Artificial freezing was evidently too quick for them.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

We copy the following kindly notices of our first issue from our county neighbors:

REVIVED.—The Sharpsburg *Enterprise*, recently revived and reconstructed by Messrs. Charles G and Edward C. Biggs, two intelligent and enterprising young gentlemen, made its appearance upon our table on Saturday last. The first issue is gotten up neatly, and in each department shows business vim and ability. The gentlemen having the *Enterprise* in charge deserve success, and we have every reason to believe that they will be rewarded in their efforts to give Sharpsburg a good, live, local paper.—*Herald & Torch.*

JOURNALISTIC.—Under the proprietorship of Messrs Chas. G. and Edw. C. Biggs, two of Sharpsburg's most enterprising and worthy young men, the *Enterprise*, of that place, which suspended publication a few weeks ago, has been resumed. These gentlemen have wrought decided improvements over the appearance of the *Enterprise* and the subject matter is so far superior to that which it formerly contained that we deem the change a happy result. We hope its journey may ever be as pleasant as upon the start and regard it as the duty of that community to give its strong support to the successful issue of this *enterprise*.—*Daily Globe.*

—The Sharpsburg *Enterprise*, after a discontinuance of two months, comes to us under the management of Chas. G. and Edward C. Biggs, very much improved, presenting the appearance of an able and well managed journal. May success crown the efforts of the new journalists.—*Boonsboro Times,*

—A metal star has been placed by the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company in the floor of their depot at Washington on the spot where the head of the late President Garfield rested immediately after he had fallen when shot by Guiteau. It has attracted considerable attention from travelers and visitors generally.

—It is wonderful how silent a man can be when he knows his cause is just, and how boisterous he becomes when he knows he is in the wrong.

—The Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company has contracted for a $50,000 hotel at Roanoke.

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Repairing a Specialty. Nov4-y

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Thankful for past favors, I solicit a continuance of the same.
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From
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Hagerstown Advertisements.

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An examination of prices solicited.
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TEACHERS, PARENTS and GUARDIANS
to the largest and most complete stock of
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