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☞ The recent suspension of the publication of this paper was owing to the sickness of the hands engaged in the office.—They have now recovered and we hope that an occurrence of the kind will not again take place.

The date on the first page of this days paper is erroneously printed—Instead of "November 19th" it should be December 3rd.

Internal Improvement.—We observe, says the Baltimore American, that meetings have been called in Washington and Allegany counties, for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the Maryland Convention of Internal Improvements, which it is proposed shall assemble in Baltimore in December. These examples, we hope, will be the signal for the call of meetings in every county of the state—for we regard the proposed convention as the most desirable, as it is probably the only efficient, means by which local and sectional interests can be reconciled and united. By a candid and dispassionate examination and discussion of the various interests which will be presented, such a system may be recommended for the adoption of the legislature, as will unite all hearts in carrying it into operation; and thus will Maryland, by putting forth her energies and calling into activity her now dormant but invaluable resources, take that high rank among her sister states to which the improvement of her natural advantages and position may so easily elevate her.

The American Squadron.—A letter rom Smyrna, dated 19th of August last, to a merchant in Baltimore, says: "The "United States' ships North Carolina, "Constitution, Cyanne, and Ontario, "came to anchor at the Castle yester-"day, and sent a boat up to know if it "would be agreeable to the Pacha for "them to come up to the town. His re-"ply was, come and welcome, and that "he would be glad to see the Commo-"dore—they are all under way, com-"ing up."

U. S. Senate.—POWHATAN ELLIS has been appointed by the Governor of the state of Mississippi, to be a Senator of the United States from that state, vice David Holmes resigned.

Next Congress.—We observe with much pleasure, that the Cumberland Advocate announces JOHN M'MAHON, Esq. as a candidate to represent the western district of Maryland in the twentieth Congress.

New Steam Boat Line.—The Philadelphia Aurora of the 8th ult. states that a new line of steam-boats is about to be established between that city and Baltimore, not only for the conveyance of passengers, but merchandise, from one city to the other. A company with a large capital is to be formed for the purpose; and subscription books will, in a few days, be opened there and in Baltimore to obtain the requisite amount of stock. The object of the gentlemen originating the company is in addition to their personal interest, to reduce the fare on that route, and to facilitate the commercial operations between the two cities.

The sheet iron Steam Boat, constructing at York, Penn. intended to navigate the Susquehanna, is to be launched this week, and taken to the Susquehanna at Marietta.

State Lottery.—The following are the numbers which drew the high prizes in the last *Grand State Lottery of Maryland:* 11258, $30,000—38010, $10,000—34992, $5,000—781, 5934, 14419, 26539, 19718, 7068, 17234, 32033, 8418, 23027, prizes of $1000 each.

Next Governor.—Amongst the candidates proposed for the next choice, which according to good usage, belongs now to the Western Shore, are mentioned the names of Robert W. Bowie, of Prince George's, Thomas H. Carroll, of Annapolis, Dr. William Tyler, and Dr. Grafton Duvall, of Frederick county, Isaac M'Kim, of Baltimore, William Sewall, of Harford, and Col. Tilghman, of Washington county. Dr. Joseph Kent has likewise been mentioned in a Washington paper.

The notorious Edmund Kean arrived at New York on the 26th ult. in the ship Silas Richards, from Liverpool. Whiskey punch and assafœtida smelling bottles will soon be in great demand.—Major Noah is trying his best to avert the popular hurricane which is likely to ensue at the re-appearance of Kean on the New York boards—nevertheless a rotten-egg catastrophe may be anticipated.

Naval.—The Editor of the Chronicle has been favored with an extract of a letter received in this town, from an officer of the U. S. Navy, dated, U. S. ship Erie, Gibraltar Bay, Oct. 11th, 1825, which announces the death of several valuable officers, viz. Midshipmen *Pleasanton* of Washington, *Hopkins*, and Professor *Marshall*, officers of great merit. The letter also states, that Com. M'Donough has been in delicate health for some time, and is gradually declining—the news of the death of his wife on his arrival at Gibraltar, it is rumoured, will cause him to return immediately to the United States.

DORCHESTER
Cattle Show and Fair

The first public exhibition by the Dorchester Agricultural Society, held on the 10th and 11th ult. was attended by a large concourse of people. The variety and quality of articles exhibited, exceeded the most sanguine expectations.

At 12 o'clock on Thursday, an address was delivered at the tent of the society, before a numerous audience, by the President, Dr. Muse.

On Friday, were exhibited the Implements of Husbandry and the Ploughing Matches; and at 1 o'clock the President delivered the Premiums.

HORSES.

The Committee appointed to inspect Horse, and determine who should receive the premium for the best stallion, report,—that but one was exhibited, for premium, belonging to Dr. John Hooper, and although there was no competition, still his beauty of form, and activity and elegance of action, justly entitle him to the premium. They also further report, that Capt. Anthony Manning is entitled to the premium for the best brood mare; the one exhibited by him was remarkable for its beauty. We would remark, that Dr. Hooper's stallion wanted only size, to be considered a very superior horse.

HENRY NICOLS,
ROBERT F. TUBMAN,
WILLIAM M'KINZIE,
NATH'L APPLEGARTH.

CATTLE.

The Committee on Cattle have awarded to Dr. Joseph E. Muse, for his bull Champion, by Col. Lloyd's imported Champion, the first premium of $10.

To Mr. Joseph Byus, for his bull Prince Hall, of the improved Teeswater and short-horned breed, the second premium of $5.

To Dr. Thomas Woolford, for his bull Lafayette, by an imported Devon of Mr. Oliver's, of Baltimore, out of an improved short horned and Holderness cow, belonging to Col. Richardson, of this town, the first premium under two years old, of $5.

To Wm. V. Murray, for his bull Champion, junr. the second premium under two years old, of $3.

The competition in milch cows being small, and the committee considering none exhibited of sufficient distinction to merit the first premium, have awarded to Mr. Thomas Hayward, for his red cow, the second premium of $3

To Wm. V. Murray, for his white heifer Rose, by the imported Champion, under 3 years old, and without a calf, the first premium of $5.

To Dr. Thomas Woolford, for his heifer 6 months old, the second premium of $5.

To Mr. Samuel Cook, for his yoke of broken oxen, the first premium of $5.

To Mr. John C. Henry, for his yoke of broken oxen, the second premium of $4.

To Charles Goldsborough, Esq. for the best bullock, the premium of $5.

JAMES DIXON,
VERNON CREIGHTON,
JOHN DORSEY,
JAMES THOMPSON,
LITTLE. M. ROBERTSON,
JOSEPH LECOMPTE.

SWINE.

The committee report—that a great variety of swine were inspected, the great majority of which, in point of form, fatness, and general excellence, would have entitled them to the premium at any other cattle show but this. The committee, after frequent and repeated inspection, and the most perplexing deliberation, as to which swine were superior, determine and award, that

For the best boar, Dr. Tho. Woolford.
For the 2d best, Barzillai Streets
For the best sow, Thos. Hayward,
For the 2d best, Dr. J. H. Hooper.
For the fattest and heaviest hog, live weight, Solomon Wilson.

WILL. LECOMPTE,
SAM'L. PATTISON,
JOHN WILLOUGHBY,
STEPHEN BIDDLE.

SHEEP.

The committee appointed on Sheep, beg leave to report—that they have particularly and attentively viewed and examined the several lots of sheep offered for premium. The competitors were numerous, & deserve much praise for the efforts which they have made to promote the views and interest of the society, by giving a character of importance to its first exhibition. The committee have nevertheless to regret that the sheep exhibited, were not, *generally*, of a quality as good as they expected to see. Indeed, we have reason to believe, that the sheep submitted to our inspection, were not, with a few exceptions, much if at all superior to many, which might be selected from numerous flocks in this county. However, your committee believe that the owners of some of the sheep exhibited are entitled to premiums, and do therefore award as follows:

For the best ram, to John C. Henry.
Second best do. to Wm. V. Murray.
Best ewe, to John C. Henry.
Second best, to John C. Henry.
Best lot of wethers, to Thomas and James Woolford.

THOMAS I. H. ECCLESTON. Chairman.
JOSEPH BYUS,
WM. M. ROBINSON,
JOHN D. STEVENS.

IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY.

The committee to whom was assigned the inspection of Implements of Husbandry, Report—That, as they were to examine no implements but those of recent invention and would be of general utility, and for such only the premium was offered, there were but few submitted to their inspection—Mr. Samuel Keene exhibited a Briar Hook, which is of a different construction from those now in common use—it has two edges instead of one, and although but an improvement of the one heretofore used, yet possesses such superior advantages, that the committee are of opinion that he is justly entitled to the premium, and therefore award it to him.

JNO. R. PITT,
THOS. HAYWARD.
LEVIN JONES.

PLOUGHING.

We, the unersigned, judges appointed on the ploughing matches have with pleasure performed the duties with care and attention and upon the most minute inspection or attention, award the first premium to Mr. John C. Henry—to the ploughman $3.

The Second premium we award to Mrs. Sophia Murray—to the ploughman, $3—and we hereby offer with pleasure, our award of praise to all the competitors.

W. HUGHLETT.
JAS. B. STEELE.
WM. CRAFT.
BARZILLAI STREET.
ALLEN VAIN.

FAMILY MANUFACTURES.

The committee appointed by the Dorchester Agricultural Society to examine and decide on the Various articles of Family Manufacture this day exhibited for premiums, having duly and deliberately compared and considered their several merits, make the following Report viz.

For the best piece of Linsey not less than 10 yards, we award the premium of $4—to Mrs. Hughlett.

For the best Hearth Rug, we award the premium of $4—to Mrs Henrietta Trippe.

For the best Counterpane, we award the premium of $4—to Mrs. Eliza Ennalls.

For the best piece of Carpeting not less than 20 yards, we award the premium of $5—to Mrs. Ann Byus.

For the best piece of Linen Sheeting not less than 10 yards, we award the premium of $4—to Miss Keturah Dorsey.

For the best piece of Linen Diaper for Table cloths, we award the premium of $4—to Miss Rebecca Richardson.

For the best Towelling Linen Diaper, we award the premium of 4 dollars—to Mrs. Sarah Waggaman.

For the best pair of Knit Woollen Stockings, we award the premium of 3 dollars—to Miss Keturah Dorsey.

For the best pair of Knit Cotton Stockings, we award the premium of 3 dollars—to Miss Keturah Dorsey.

The Committee further represent that sundry articles of Household Manufacture were produced for their Inspection, of such neat, handsome, and ingenious execution, as for a time to stagger their judgements, and occasioned considerable perplexity in deciding between the worth and splendore of these, and those of the successful competitors. Other Valuable Articles of fine texture were shown among which was a piece of White Cotton Flannel of very superior quality the property of Mrs. Emmy Woodard, highly deserving of premium; they regret their inability to offer them, being restricted to the Manufactures contemplated and specified by the Society, but as to pieces of Jean Kersey [illegible] for the premium offered for that article, they would suggest the propriety of presenting that premium of 4 dollars—to Mrs. Emily Woodard, for her elegant piece of Flannel. All which is submitted

JOHN CRAIG.
JOSEPH K. TRAVERS.
THO. H. HICKS.

BUTTER.

The Committee appointed on the department of Butter, at the Dorchester Cattle Show, No. 1, held at Cambridge, on November 10th 1825, Report—That the display of both fresh and potted butter, was very large and splendid; and that it was with considerable difficulty they could discriminate between several parcels; that between those for which they have awarded premiums, a distinction of first and second in regard to both the fresh and potted, was made rather from necessity than otherwise, and that the whole exhibition of butter afforded the most gratifying evidence of the neatness and extent of Dorchester dairies. They report and award that the parcel of fresh butter, marked Mrs. Milcah Steele, of Elden, recieve the first premium, and that the parcel marked Mrs. Sophia Muse, the second premium—and that the parcel of potted butter marked Mrs. Elizabeth Vane, recieved the first premium—and that the one marked Mrs. Sophia Muse, recieve the second.

SAM'L. LECOMPTE.
JOHN R. KEENE.
JOSHUA BREERWOOD.
JOHN VINCENT.

CROPS.

The Committee to whom was referred the decision on Crops beg leave to Report—That from the accompanying papers they adjudge as follows, to wit.—

The premium proposed by the Agricultural Society for the best crop of good hay, well cured, we award to Colonel Richardson, he made on 1¾ acres 14,500 pounds.

To John Willoughby for the best crop of Indian Corn on not less than three acres of land, the premium offered by the said society—he made as per certificate, on 3 acres 169 bushels 3 pecks and one gallon.

STEPHEN RAWLEIGH.
BENJ. WOODARD.
JAMES WOOLFORD.
JOSEPH S. HOOPER.
DANIEL MARTIN.

FERMENTED LIQUORS.

We, the Committee of the Dorchester Agricultural Society on Fermented Liquors, have examined a barrel of Cider for Mr. Wm. McKinsey, and find it to be of a superior quality, and notwithstanding there was no opposition, we, the committee, think Mr. McKinsey's sample is entitled to a premium—In witness whereof, we, the committee, have hereunto set our hand this 10th day of November, 1825.

WM. WILES.
THOMAS DAIL.
SAM'L. KEENE, of E.
SALISBURY COLLINS.
ISAAC MEEKINS.

After the distribution of premiums the society adjourned to their room; the following gentlemen were elected officers of the society for the ensuing year.

JOSEPH E. MUSE, Prest.
THOS. WOOLFORD, } Vice
LEVIN LAKE, } Prest's.
THOS BREERWOOD, Tre'r.
JNO H. HOOPER, Sec'ry.

CURATORS.

James Dixon	*John R. Pitt,*
Wm. V. Murray,	*Thomas Hayward,*
Wm. Hughlett,	*Thomas Breerwood*
John N. Steele,	*T. J. H. Eccleston,*
James Thompson,	*Jas. Pattison, T.P.*

John C. Henry.

☞ The members of the Dorchester Agricultural Society are informed their copies of the address delivered by Dr. Muse at their last meeting can be had by calling at the Post office kept by Mr. Samuel Lecompte.

For the Cambridge Chronicle.

MR. SCOTT—I send for insertion in the Chronicle, the weight of several lots of Sheep, exhibited at the late Cattle Show. They were superior in point of weight, to any ever before exhibited.—In proof of which I have extracted from the American Farmer an article taken from the Farmer's Journal, which you will see below.

Weight of Sheep exhibited by Jno. C. Henry.

Ram	209 lbs.	
Ewes—No. 1	155	1 year old.
2	149	do.
3	148	do.
4	121	do.

Weight of William V. Murray's.

Ram	155 lbs.	
Ewes—No. 1	90	1 year old
2	105	next
3	110	spring.

Weight of Dr. Thos Woolford's.

Ram	144 lbs.
Do. young ram	143

The average weight of the 18 ewes exhibited were 118 lbs.—These were 1 year old.

Wethers—No. 1	138 lbs.
2	140
3	134
4	136

Mr. Coke's celebrated sheep in England, in 1819,—

Net average weight	115¾ lbs.

Mr. Barney's in this country,

in 1819	115½ lbs.
Do. in 1820	116½

Governor Troup and Gen. Gaines.—It will be recollected that some time ago, Gov'r. Troup demanded of the President of the United States the arrest and trial of General Gaines, for "using contemptuous and disrespectful language" towards him. Although much curiosity was excited at the time as to the President's answer, nothing was known, and the public mind forsook the subject,—as does a flock of butterflies after having exhausted the honied sweets, or ascertained that the flower contained none. Governor Troup, however, has revived it, and it is only for the purpose of satisfying the public on this point that we notice his message to the legislature at the present session, a paper as disgraceful to Georgia as any former one, and as disrespectful to the General Government, the President and other officers, as ever emanated from the executive of Georgia. In this message Governor Troup says, in speaking of his demand of the President, for the "recall, arrest, trial, and punishment" of General Gaines, the President informed him, "*that if the Governor of Georgia had not previously used toward General Gaines offensive language, the demand would have been complied with.*" Every reflecting mind, no matter of what party or state, must award to the President his warm approbation for this most just decision. What, sir, may a Governor of a State use every species of insulting and "contemptuous" language to an officer or any body else, and the latter be debarred the privilege of a reply?—This principle may do to apply to the slaves of a despot, by a forced construction of the law of power; but to none else.

[*Baltimore Patriot.*

THE MURDER OF S. P. SHARP.

The following particular account, of what is most truly termed a "horrible assassination," is copied from the Kentucky Argus of the 9th instant.

The annals of our country do not present an act so horrible as that which it is our painful duty to record. About 2 o'clock on Sunday night last, Col: *Solomon P. Sharp* was awakened by a knocking at his door, and, on enquiring who was there, was answered it was Covington. His wife observed it was not Covington's voice and advised him not to rise. He, however, got up, and the stranger informed him he had come in town late and could not get a bed in any of the taverns, and solicited lodging for the night. Col. Sharp told him he should have a bed, and opened the door. The assassin entered and passed with Col. Sharp by the door of Mrs. Sharp's room. He then asked, "are you Col. Sharp?"—The Colonel answered in the affirmative. The assassin then said "my name is John A. Covington." Col. Sharp replied "I do not know you." The assassin said, "damn you, you shall soon know me," and plunged the fatal weapon into his body. Mrs. Sharp heard her husband fall and groan, and springing from her bed, alarmed the family. He was found lying upon his face near the spot where the blow had been struck, gasping for breath.

Some of the nearest citizens were immediately alarmed, and on entering, witnessed a scene which beggars description. Colonel Sharp was expiring; his wife prostrate upon his body, was kissing him and bathing him with tears: their infant child was crying at missing its parents and Dr. Sharp, the Colonel's brother was lying by his side exhausted and overcome by emotion. Mrs. Sharp soon became wild and delirious, in which state she continued several hours. Col. Sharp never spoke, and could not have lived more than ten minutes after receiving the blow. The assassin's dirk or knife penetrated the centre of his body about three inches above the navel.

The murderer escaped at the same door by which he had entered. A bloody neck handkerchief was found near the door, with one corner cut off and two holes through it, evidently made by the same instrument which gave the fatal wound. Apparently the murderer had wrapped it around his hand and arm, and stabbed through it, for the purpose of avoiding being stained by the blood of his victim, and as he passed out, wiped his weapon upon it and threw it down.

Never was a more cool and deliberate murder perpetrated. The door at which the murderer applied was not the street door, but one which entered near the room where the Colonel slept, and the most private of the whole house. It is evident that he must have known the house and the room where his victim was sleeping; for, had he knocked at any other door, he would probably have been met by some other person.

The gloom which this event has spread through society is one of the deepest cast. The murder of a man in his own house, at the dead hour of night, almost in the presence of his wife, and warm from her embraces, with his children sleeping around him, while extending the rites of hospitality to his assassin, is a blow at all that is sacred in social or in civil life. The public feeling is also much heightened by the mystery which shrouds the motive of the murderer. Col. Sharp's talents, the station which he held, the time selected for the horrid deed, and the fact that he was not known to have a personal enemy, cause suspicions to flash across the mind, that the assassin was not actuated wholly by personal con-

siderations. May Heaven grant, that in the speedy apprehension of the murderer, all such painful thoughts may be dispelled.

Disgraceful.—We learn from the Philadelphia Gazette of Monday that "a transaction as disgraceful to the perpetrators, as it was disastrous to the sufferers, occurred on Sunday evening at the African Church, on sixth street, above Lombard. Just as the preacher for the evening was concluding his discourse, several young, well-dressed, white men, presented themselves at the door, with segars in their mouths, and demanded admission. This was refused until they threw away their segars, when they entered swearing "vengeance against the negroes," and proceeding to the lower stove on the men's side of the house, threw in a quantity of salt mixed with Cayenne pepper. They then retired.—Immediately afterwards a disagreeable smell was perceived which was quickly followed by a difficulty of breathing.—The most violent sneezing and coughing was heard in every part of the house, and the dread of strangulation became general. The cry of fire was raised, and the assembled multitude, amounting in all it is said to more than two thousand, rushed towards the different doors and windows, overturning the benches, and trampling under feet those persons who were so unfortunate as to fall. The scene is more easily conceived than described. The confusion lasted for many minutes, and the agonizing screams of the sufferers drew the people together from a distance of several squares. One woman, *Catharine Williams*, was taken from under a pile of bodies, and died immediately afterwards. Another, we are informed, died this morning. Several were wounded, & many slightly injured. The nature of the composition used by the young men, was discovered from a paper containing a parcel of it which one of them dropped on the floor. The poor coloured people think that if the windows and doors had not been opened immediately, the whole congregation would have been strangled."

Melancholy Intelligence.—By the arrival at Philadelphia of the schooner Mary Washington, captain RAE, in 15 days from Pensacola, the following melancholy intelligence has been received from the United States' ship of war Decoy. The John Adams, captain Nicholson, had also arrived 4 days before the Decoy at Pensacola from a cruize, with five of her crew sick.

Extract of a letter from an officer on board the United States' ship Decoy, off the Baraucas, Oct. 11, 1825.

"The United States' ship Decoy, arrived here on the 9th instant, after a passage of eleven days from Havana, where three of her crew contracted the yellow fever, which has proved very fatal to her officers and crew. The following officers and men have fallen victims to the disease: Lieutenant Commandant DULANY FORREST, died October 1; Lieutenant G. F. WEAVER, died October 5; WILLIAM L. CHEFFLIN died October 1; JOHN MALCOM died October 7.

"The remainder of the crew are landed at the Baraucas, and are doing well. Lieutenant WILLIAM POTTINGER, lieutenant WILLIAM GREEN, sailing master G. B. WILKINSON, Dr. GIDEON WHITE, midshipmen SKINNER, AIKIN, and YANCEY, master's mate B. S. RICHARDSON, THOS. STANLEY, gunner, and boatswain WELCH, are all well."

Mr. Owen.—Mr. Robert Owen, of New Lanark, was announced, in our last, to have arrived at New York. Previous to his arrival, he addressed a letter to "Americans," with all the pomposity that might be expected to be employed by a Bonaparte on his arrival in France; declaring that he returns with a fixed determination to exert all his power for our benefit, and through us for that of the world at large; observes that we possess peculiar advantages which furnish the means to secure immediately the most important benefits; that we have derived many advantages from our European ancestors, but many prejudices accompanied them which present our enjoying to their full *extent*, the benefits referred to *until* these errors of the old world shall have been removed: in other words, we presume, they are not to be enjoyed until Mr. Owen's visions are realized, and mankind becomes as anxious for the convenience and comfort of others as for themselves; and are as willing to employ their labour and talents as much for the general benefit as their own.—"All religions and laws," he says, "have been hitherto founded on error. Hence their want of success; hence the present *irrational state of the human mind in every part of the world;* and hence nearly all the evils, except those of climate which afflict the people of the United States." How peculiarly fortunate is the present generation in living at an age when Mr. Owen has made his appearance, and how exceedingly happy should we, the people of the United States, feel in the reflection that this important individual has resolved to take up his residence among us, and has come with "a fixed determination to exert all his powers for our benefit," who is to lay the axe to the root of all our evils, by destroying the errors and prejudices which have so long prevailed, and on which all *religions, law and practice* is founded! How wise must Mr. Owen be to have discovered a matter of so much importance

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