

NOTES ON EVENTS AT THE CAPITAL.

Jottings Here and There in Washington
—What the New Administration is Doing—Gleanings from the Telegraph and the "Reliable" Correspondent.

—The President proved himself a good angler at Woodmont on Monday. He landed twenty-five fine bass and was delighted with the sport.

—It is expected that Mr. Bosher Ratcliffe, of Baltimore, will be appointed consul to San Domingo, where he has resided for eighteen months.

—Chief Clerk Swayse, of the Treasury Department, has resigned, and Mr. E. B. Youmans, of Elmira, N. Y., has been appointed in his place.

—Mr. Albert Guerry, a Baltimore artist, has made an engagement to paint a portrait of President Cleveland, and he commenced the sittings this week.

—A paper published in Buffalo, N. Y., and called the *Sixteenth Amendment*, nominates Mrs. Hayes and Miss Cleveland as its Presidential ticket for 1888.

—The Postmaster-General is about going into the business of decapitating the Mahone postmasters in Virginia and filling their places with Democrats.

—Mr. George W. O'Donnell, of Baltimore, this week filed an application with the Secretary of the Treasury for the office of general appraiser at the port of Baltimore.

—The wife of Secretary Bayard has been extremely ill for some days at the family residence, Wilmington, Del. At last accounts her condition had improved somewhat.

—There is an unusual demand for Miss Cleveland's book and the sixth edition has already been exhausted and another has been ordered. It is meeting an unprecedented sale.

—The P. M. General has issued an order that those clerks in his department who lose time from sickness or other causes shall have the same deducted from their annual leave of absence.

—Wm. H. Stedman, who has been chief of the navy pay division of the fourth auditor's office for twenty-one years, has resigned and James M. Wright, of Alabama, has been appointed in his place.

—It was whispered in Washington this week that the Government's agricultural reports were garbled and inaccurate, but Prof. Dodge, statistician of the Agricultural Bureau, positively denies the charges.

—Messrs. A. Hoen & Co., of Baltimore, were the lowest bidders for supplying the Postoffice Department with post route maps for the present year. Their bid was \$14,700. The highest bid was \$20,000.

—Senator Sherman, of Ohio, is credited with the following remark about Mr. Cleveland: "The most that can be said of President Cleveland is that he has not done as badly as was to be expected of a Democrat."

—The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed a special commission to inspect all the large custom houses of the country with a view to reducing the force and dispensing with the services of all inefficient employees.

—L. C. Moore, a colored Democrat from Mississippi, has been appointed a messenger in the office of the Secretary of the Interior. He is an ex-member of the Legislature of that State, and was endorsed by Congressman Catchings.

—There appears to be no truth in the report that a movement is on foot in Washington to raise the necessary funds to build a monument to the memory of Mrs. Surratt, who was hanged for supposed complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln.

—Another bustling old lady, who said she had been waiting twenty-five years to see a Democrat in the White House, was among the President's callers on Wednesday. She had the usual set speech and she would not let up until she had

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LETTER FROM BALTIMORE.

The Lynching of Cooper—A Lawyer's View of the Affair—A Successful Builder, &c.

BALTIMORE, July 14th, 1885.

Messrs. Editors:—Howard Cooper, the abominable negro who has been confined in your jail for several weeks under condemnation and sentence of death for an assault of an outrageous character upon a highly respectable young lady, was taken from the jail on last Monday morning and hanged to a tree until he was dead. Without saying much more upon so repulsive a subject or bringing it again before the public, I assert most heartily and emphatically that those engaged in avenging the wrongs upon one so innocent, so unprotected, so comparatively weak in physical nature, deserve all praise and commendation for what they did. Whoever the lynchers were, without hesitation I say they were right and deserve high praise. I take pleasure in asserting that they did a noble act; one that might not have been sufficiently reached otherwise, owing to the law's delay and other causes. I have no hesitancy in believing they were all gentlemen, whose appreciation of female innocence rose higher even than law and justice as occasionally administered through the courts, though I have for them the highest respect. I speak thus as a lawyer who has practiced before the bar in Baltimore and elsewhere for many years. Hence I speak whereof I know. The chief regret is that the offender could not have been made to suffer longer and more severely for his offense. I would be glad to see even those who attempt such assaults or outrages served precisely in the same way as the negro Cooper was. Punish them to the extreme extent that they may know, unmistakably, what to depend upon. They should be hunted down as mad dogs or other rabid animals wherever seen upon the face of the globe. So pure a thing as female innocence and female rights cannot be measured by any standard save that of unalloyed innocence and justice. The one, therefore, who grossly encroaches upon it, as has been charged in the case above named, should have no respect nor protection.—This should be understood the world over. When the law fails through legal subterfuges in such cases, make just punishment take its place in some other way.

To encroach thus upon unprotected female innocence and subject it to the baseness of overpowering physical force has no counterpart nor excuse. It should be annihilated wherever found so that we may feel secure in their guardianship and innocence. Let us think of our mothers, sisters, wives and those connected with us by tender ties of love, and we may see and learn there is no power beyond that which seeks to protect them inviolate, save that of absolute force combined with a high degree of masculine judgment, stern justice and rightly directed intelligence, which an enlightened world must and will ever approve, no matter when or how administered. Let us accept gladly what the law gives us, but when brutal desperadoes, possibly, may escape, justice must rise higher and demand avengement in some other way. There must be no possibility of escaping whilst life remains. A pure female is too apt to suffer in character and feeling through such an ordeal, but it should not be. She has only been made to endure what she could not possibly prevent, therefore she stands before society and the world, before God and man and in her own conscience as she ever was, pure as the glittering diamond or the icicle. I would most gladly have the world come to such an estimation of virtue, and those who risk their lives in its defense are entitled to the highest praise and honor. Be it understood that no such inhuman monster as would rob of these jewels can be permitted to live, no matter by what means he is put out of existence. The courts and law first, if they can be availed of, and if not, in broad daylight, wherever found, and if necessary without masks. Moral homilies do no good after the deed is done. They should forfeit their existence by the surest means. I say, therefore, without apology, that the gentlemen who lynched Cooper have my thorough approbation. No such creature in the shape of humanity should be allowed to breathe anywhere on the broad face of the globe. It is an offence which ranks even above murder; the one killing only physically, the other both physically and mentally. There should be no spot of the earth whereon such an inhuman creature ought to be permitted to stand for even so vile an attempt.—I pity even the pretence of some sham moralists who would let such monsters off from punishment by occasional slips of the law. I am glad the thing is over with Howard Cooper and hope that others who would act like him may be summarily dealt with and that speedily. I have no sympathy with him but praise for those who took ven-

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THE "MAD STONE."

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Editors Union:—At Waterford, Mississippi the Illinois Central Railroad, there lives a gentleman who owns a stone which possesses the wonderful power of extracting the poison imparted through the bites of mad dogs, rattle snakes, and many persons throughout Mississippi and surrounding States can testify to cures made by application of this stone, even five or six after the patient had been bitten. This fact is worthy of notice, as it affords ample time to reach Waterford from almost any part of the United States, though, of course, the earlier the application the easier the cure or surer the prevention. The stone is said to adhere readily to the wound if used promptly, but after much delay requires to be bound to the bitten place till it becomes saturated with the poison. It is then placed in water or milk, which soon becomes filled with a ugly green scum. This is buried for fear of injuring animals or people, and the stone again applied to each wound as often as necessary—is, until it fails to draw more poison, when considered as having accomplished its work.

Your correspondent was, about five years ago, visiting in the village of Raymond, Mississippi when a rabid dog bit a poor little boy in full places. The physicians cauterized all the wounds, ridiculing the idea of taking the child to the "stone;" but after waiting nearly three days the mother decided to make the experiment. The owner of the stone said that although it was of the worst cases ever brought to him he would apply the stone. The child was under treatment for, I think, two weeks, the gentleman first binding the cauterized skin from each wound by binding on the stone. He said the use of the stone was very injurious, as it sealed up the open wounds thereby preventing even nature from discharging any of the poison. The child has been perfectly well ever since and in excellent physical condition when I saw him this spring.

The mother informed us that the owner of the stone had told her it was smuggled out of the Chinese Empire by some of his ancestors many years ago, and I have heard, through a lawyer in Mississippi, that he had an important law suit by securing the stone, so valuable was it considered. It seems that this stone is the only known remedy for the bite of a very venomous reptile peculiar to China, hence the removal of one was forbidden the Emperor.

Knowing these facts and believing it to be the only hope of a sure and permanent cure for the bite of a mad dog, I have long been anxious to have them published, and thank you earnestly for the offer to place them before the public in your popular journal. Then, too, I have a great deal to know and to have others know if there are other stones of this kind in or near Maryland. Can you not ask in this connection that any one who knows the whereabouts of such a stone will give, through your paper, the name and address of the possessor, and as much of its history as can be relied upon? I regret that I cannot now recall the name of the owner of the one herein mentioned; but it is so well known in Mississippi that he could easily be found by a patient who would go down to the little town of Waterford, on the Illinois Central Railroad.

Trusting some one may find comfort and relief from what I have collected in regard to this wonderful remedy, I am

Yours truly and respectfully, * *

[The above, which was written by an intelligent lady who would not assert anything that is not strictly true, is well worthy of consideration and our exchanges will copy the article thereby rendering an invaluable service to our readers, and its publication may result in finding a "mad stone" nearer than the one referred to. We have implicit confidence in what our correspondent says and can therefore commend the statement to the press of the country.—Eds.]

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LETTER FROM SHREWSBURY, PA.

The Camp-Meeting Season—Prominent Persons Dead—The Stewartstown Railroad, Etc., Etc.

SHREWSBURY, PA., July 10th, 1885

Messrs. Editors:—As the camp meeting season approaches persons are busy about the groves fixing up and getting things in shape. A large number of families are at Summit Grove camp already and every week increases the number until the general move to the grounds, which takes place day or two before camp. By the July change of deaths and sickness in families, a number of ob-

fired all of it at Mr. Cleveland.

—The President, accompanied by several members of his Cabinet, were the guests last Sunday of the Woodmont Club, at their beautiful resort on the upper Potomac. Bass fishing is the favorite sport of the members of the club and the President is said to be an enthusiastic angler.

—At an informal reception held by the President the other day a clerk in the Capitol grasped the hand of Mr. Cleveland and commenced firing a lot of Shakespeare at him. The fellow was quietly hustled out of the way to make room for other people who were not quite so brilliant.

—Attorney-General Garland has decided that the dispatch boat Dolphin, built by John Roach, and about which there has lately been so much talk, cannot be accepted by the Secretary of the Navy, and that the large sum of money already paid to Mr. Roach can be recovered by the Government.

—Eugene Higgins keeps the news mongers of Washington quite busy. They now have it that he has grown tired of his desk in the Treasury Department and would like to be made door-keeper of the House of Representatives. Higgins says "I would like to know what they will have me at next."

—The President's mail grows heavier every day and letters are being received by the hundred.—Only a few of these reach Secretary Lamont's hands, the foolish or unimportant letters being promptly burned. Requests for autographs are laid aside until the President has time to give them his personal attention.

—Secretaries Manning and Whitney have not yet rented permanent quarters in Washington.—Secretary Garland lives with his mother in a very retired way, Secretary Lamar lives in a boarding-house and Secretary Vilas is keeping bachelor's hall with Judge Bryant. Secretary Endicott is the only member of the Cabinet who has rented a house.

—The clerks in the several departments in Washington are very much displeased because the time of their summer leave has been cut down from thirty to twenty days. They think this particularly hard in view of the fact that many of them have lately been obliged to work at night in order to dispose of the rapidly accumulating busi-

ness upon the abominable monster and all others of his kind. No man among them—regardless of what may be said or done—but is entitled to the appellation of gentleman and a defender of woman's innocence.

The weather is now very warm and not much disposition to meddle in politics. People want to get to the country, the mountains or the seaside and enjoy themselves. So they should as there is only a short time for such healthful amusements.

I observe that Mr. L. F. Bowen, carpenter and builder, who has built some thirty-four very handsome residences on Greenmount avenue, Lanvale, Townsend and other streets in north Baltimore and in the Belt, will commence erecting eleven more fine houses on Third street, in the Belt, about the 1st of August. Mr. Bowen is a much esteemed resident of Calverton, Baltimore county, where he also does a considerable amount of work. It is possible he may get the building of No. 1 public school house, in that place, where one is very much needed. The county, I learn, owns quite a fine lot there on which it might erect a commodious school house.

I see the entire crop of wheat of the United States for this year is put down at 330,000,000 bushels. The yield of corn promises to be very good—also oats and other products.

Mr. John H. Hewitt, so well known as a poet and writer for the press, was 85 years of age last Saturday. He enjoys remarkably good health.

The livery stables on Oak street and North avenue, near the Maryland Central railroad depot, when finished will be the finest in Baltimore.—They are progressing rapidly.

The report a few evenings ago of the sinking of one of the excursion boats to Tolchester Beach, filled with excursionists, produced a painful alarm all over city until it was contradicted as false.

Quite a number of persons are now going to Boston and other parts of the North on summer excursions. It is among the chief excursions which go out of the city so far as sea voyaging is concerned. Our best citizens partake thereof.

Mr. James L. McLane has been elected president of our North Baltimore City Passenger Railway. The cars again run out to Darley Park, Hall's Springs and other points on the Harford road.

NESTOR.

—We have heard a great many hard things said of Messrs. Weld and White, counsel for Howard Cooper, and we think that some people are disposed to treat those young gentlemen unfairly. The court appointed them to defend Cooper—they did not take the case from choice—but after they had shouldered the responsibility they conceived it to be their duty, as honorable men, to do the very best they could in the interest of their client.

tents are for rent and can be had on a to Thos. Leib, secretary, Calvert Stat more, Md. Mr. Koller, who is to m boarding tent, will move upon the gr week and in a few days thereafter be i work.

A number of prominent deaths have lately. Mr. William Sykes, of New M; Mr. John Davis, of Shawsville, Md., Samuel Small, Sr., of York, Pa. The great loss to York. He was a great be the poor and needy. He was the foun eral important institutions and endowe such a manner as to protect them for come. The good Mr. Small has accom his lifetime will live and grow after he

The harvest is about closing up with dry weather has seriously effected the vegetable crop.

The locusts have gone to be absent ten years. As a result of their having the trees and bushes in many places they were burned from heat. Some badly cut by them.

The Stewartstown railroad is pushing of track laying along as rapidly as possible the first of September the road will be in working order. Freight is carried along the road in car loads to places where are put down. The road will do a good business when finished. The outfit will not be so heavy until a full crop comes. The crop this year will be short, hence for sale will also be short of former years.

The borough of Stewartstown is improving in view of the advantages of them in erecting new buildings and repairing when finished.

Shrewsbury has improved more than it has for a number of years. It has been the case everywhere, at least here. This is a good sign of better House carpenters cannot be had at around here. They are all busy and earn a long time ahead.

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WESTMINSTER, July 14th
TO THE EDITORS OF THE UNION, TOWSON
Dear Sir:—The cadetship due the Congressional District of Maryland at the U tary Academy, West Point, is vacant, an been requested to nominate a proper person. As a means of doing so, I invite candidates for the position to a competitive tion, to be held at the Court-House in ster, on Wednesday, 5th of August, proceeding promptly at 9 o'clock a. m.
Candidates must be bona fide reside