

# LOCAL MATTERS.

Almanac for Baltimore—This Day.

Sun rises.....5 15 | Evening.  
Sun sets.....5 32 | Moon sets.....7 07  
High water, Baltimore, August 13, 1878.—Time 1.03  
A. M., height 1 ft. 4 in.; 1.25 P. M., height 1 ft. 4 in.

U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE MIDNIGHT REPORT.  
Observations Taken at 11.02 P. M., Baltimore Time,  
August 12, 1878.

STATIONS.	Direction.	Wind.	Weather.	Sea Swell.
Cape Hatteras.....	S. E.	12	Cloudy.	Heavy S. E.
Kittyhawk.....	S. E.	5	Fair.	Light S.
Cape Henry.....	S. E.	4	Fair.	Light S. E.
Norfolk.....	S.	4	Cloudy.	.....
Cape May.....	N. W.	4	Fair.	.....
Cape Lookout.....	S. E.	28	Threat'g	Heavy S. E.
Atlantic City.....	S. W.	3	Fair.	Heavy S. E.
Barnegat.....	S. W.	3	Fair.	Short S. E.
Bundy Hook.....	Calm.	.....	Lt. Rain.	Long S. E.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—War Department,  
Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.  
C., Monday, August 13, 1 A. M.—Indications.—  
For the Middle Atlantic States, rainy, followed  
by partly cloudy weather, variable winds, mostly  
northerly, with nearly stationary temperature.

LOCAL REPORT, AUGUST 12, 1878, BALTIMORE.

Time.	Barom- eter.	Thermom- eter.	Direction of wind.	Velocity of wind.	State of sky.	State of weather.
7.00	29.967	71	SE	4	AS	Light rain.
12.00	29.972	77	SE W.	4	AS	Threat'g
4.37	29.908	77	SE W.	3	AS	Heavy rain.
9.00	29.908	75	W	1	AS	Light rain.
11.02	29.902	72	SE W.	2	AS	Heavy rain.

Mean barometer.....29.92 | Max. temperature.....77  
Mean thermometer.....72.9 | Min. temperature.....70  
Highest velocity of winds to-day, for one hour,  
7 miles.

Midnight Report.—Alpena, 54, clear; Boston, 35,  
light rain; Breckinridge, 55, cloudy; Buffalo, 35, clear;  
Cheyenne, 61, clear; Chicago, 65, clear; Cleveland,  
51, clear; Detroit, 61, clear; Duluth, 62, clear; La  
Crosse, 64, clear; Marquette, 61, clear; Milwaukee,  
60, clear; New York, 70, light rain; Pembina, 61, Port  
Huron, 36, clear; St. Paul, 65, fair; Toledo, 62, clear.

**Police Prohibition of Sunday Excursions by Rail.**—Police Marshal Gray yesterday stopped an extra train at Hillen Station, which was about starting for Hollingsworth Grove camp-meeting, at Finksburg Station, on the Western Maryland railroad. The train was announced to leave at 1.20 P. M. A short time previous to that hour Marshal Gray, Capt. Lannan and several policemen of the middle district made their appearance. Mr. J. M. Hood, president and general manager, Mr. E. J. Hull, superintendent of trains, and other Western Maryland railroad officials, were also present, together with a crowd of lookers-on, some of whom would have been passengers on the train. Marshal Gray first notified Mr. McCurdy, the engineer that if he started the engine he would be arrested for working on Sunday. The engineer replied that he was acting under instructions from his employers. The gong was sounded to make ready. Marshal Gray ordered a policeman to get into the cab of the engine with the engineer. Mr. Hull ordered the policeman out, but he was not acting under railroad company orders, and remained standing by the steam throttle as unimpressible as a statue. The gong again sounded—this time for the train to go—but a policeman acquainted with railroad braking was ordered on the front platform of the first passenger coach and quickly detached the couplings. When the engine pulled out it left the coaches behind. Mr. Hull, who is a stout man, rather lost his temper at this move of the marshal, but the latter good-humoredly pinned him around the shoulders, and the equanimity of the superintendent was soon restored. Mr. Hood ordered the engine back to the train, but the marshal directed the police brakeman not to allow it to be coupled again. This ended the matter so far as the running of that train was concerned, and the engine was taken to the round-house. A regular train, which stopped at the camp-meeting, left Hillen Station an hour later. Only the special train was interfered with by the police. Sunday of last week camp-meeting excursion trains were run on the Western Maryland road. Marshal Gray says he overlooked their previous announcement, and as he had not notified the company in advance that they should not go, he did not interfere with them. On last Monday he served a written notice on Mr. Hood forbidding the future running of Sunday excursion trains. Considerable correspondence ensued between the police board on one side and Col. Charles Marshall, counsel, and Mr. Hood on the other. The railroad company claimed that any schedule they make is their regular schedule for the running of trains, and that they cannot legally be interfered with. The police board responded that it was their duty to stop excursion trains, under the requirements of the Sunday laws.—The attempt to start the train was made for the purpose of giving the company a test case on which to bring a suit for damages in the courts. It is probable that Marshal Gray will be the person against whom the suit will be brought. The engineer will be cited before Justice Johns for working on Sunday. The episode at Hillen Station was over in a few minutes, and the crowd looked quietly on, but the current of feeling was with the railroad company. Had the train started only a few passengers would have been aboard, as the weather was bad. The Baltimore and Ohio and Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore roads were notified by the marshal some time since that extra Sunday trains could not be run, and none have been announced by those companies. The regular trains carry the mails and cannot be interfered with.

**Charges Against Postmaster Tyler.**—Hearing of charges against Gen. E. B. Tyler, postmaster of Baltimore, was continued Saturday by postal agents Shalkcross and Tidball, in a room of the custom-house building. As heretofore, the only persons admitted besides the agents were Gen. Tyler, Capt. B. F. Matthews, who made the charges, and the witnesses. The testimony covered an investigation into the details of the management of the postoffice. Among the witnesses examined was Rev. J. H. Baker, of the Methodist Church, a resident of Annapolis, and formerly a clerk in the post-office. Mr. Baker's dismissal was in connection with the sending to the dead letter office of a misive with a Latin superscription from Rome, addressed to Archbishop Gibbons. H. C. Grove, clerk in the registered letter department, Robert Coulson, an ex-clerk, Henry Williams, janitor, M. L. Forbes, a clerk, were the other witnesses called. Miss Murray, a post-office clerk, who was expected to testify on Friday, but did not, was not before the agents on Saturday. It is claimed on behalf of the prosecution that the evidence of two other ladies will be put before the agents, or failing in that, a letter from one of them, already written, will be submitted. Thus far it is said that only secondary or hearsay evidence on charges in which the name of a lady was mentioned has as yet been heard by the agents. On Friday Mr. C. C. Fulton and another witness were examined in reference to statements made to them by a lady clerk in the postoffice. Mr. Fulton, as reported, declined to explain the matter until the lady in question was heard, after which he promised to give testimony that might be corroborative. The lady has not yet gone before the agents. A number of witnesses will be up to-day, and the investigation will last until the middle of the week. The sessions occupy five or six hours each, and all the care possible is taken to keep the proceedings secret.

**Heavy Rainfall.**—For the past two days a very extensive rain prevailed throughout the country, including in the area the Middle, New England and Western States, as well as some of the South Atlantic States. In Baltimore the total rainfall up to ten o'clock last night, when it was still raining, was three inches, which is often as much as the total for a month. In two of the heavy showers of Sunday the total was as much as three-quarters of an inch. The showers were of very brief duration, but the rainfall was in torrents. Great fear was felt that disastrous flooding and damage to sewers, cellars and culverts would be the result, but nothing of the sort has been reported. Jones's dikes brought down the yellow flood usual when rains are heavy in the country, but the freshet was not sufficient to do any damage in the city, and Harrison street, though anxious, was all serene. Signal service reports show that in Cape May and Philadelphia the rain was very heavy Sunday afternoon, while at Boston and other New England cities the temperature was down to 54 degrees. In Baltimore the highest point of the thermometer was 71. The rain greatly interfered with the Sunday attendance at churches and put an embargo on afternoon visitations to the parks and suburban resorts usually so largely visited on Sundays. The temperance men had too much water for the good of open-air meetings, and the Jonadabs of Druid Hill Park kept Sunday observances in their homes, and the Three Sevens of Riverside had plenty of water. Street cars did a slim business.

**The Late Fatal Collision.—Funeral of the Victim.**—Captain W. R. McClellan, of the Philadelphia steamer David Reeves, which, on the night of August 11, at the mouth of Chester river, was in collision with the yacht Curlew, when Mr. N. B. Keene, of the yacht, was drowned, has made his statement at the Baltimore custom-house. He says the collision was caused by the Curlew changing its course.—The night was clear and the breeze moderate. The steamer, he says, had no headway on when the collision occurred. The Reeves picked up one of the crew of the yacht and lay by two hours to render assistance. The body of Mr. Keene was brought to Baltimore Saturday on the steamer George Law, and the funeral took place from the residence of his mother, No. 334 North Fremont street. The local board of steam vessel inspectors will make an investigation. Mr. Keene's funeral took place Saturday afternoon from No. 334 North Fremont street, Rev. Wm. Murphy, of Ascension P. E. Church, officiating. The pall-bearers were J. M. Briggs, W. B. Greene, George Michael, Charles Munder, Thos. Alexander and Emory Barry. The attendance was large, particularly of young people, the deceased having been a member of numerous socials and much esteemed by all who knew him. The interment was at Loudon Park.

**Rifle Practice.**—The weekly target practice of the Maryland Rifle Club took place at Patuxent range as usual on Saturday last. Each member present had ten shots; 200 yards, off-hand, Creedmoor rules. The following are the prize winners and score out of a possible fifty: B. E. Lynch, 43; A. Boeder, 41; F. Y. Vickers, 36.

**An Exciting Episode.—A lively time** was experienced about 9.30 o'clock Saturday evening by the inmates of the building on the northwest corner of Howard and Lexington streets, which threatened to collapse on account of some improvements going on in the adjoining premises. The excitement soon spread through the neighborhood, causing a large crowd to collect. Both Bros. occupy the ground floor as a dry goods and notion store, and the upper stories are occupied by two families named Stein and Sigel. The store was, as is usual on Saturday nights, well filled with customers, and the various members of the families above were about their usual avocations, when suddenly, without any preliminary noises, the northern wall of the house quickly settled about six inches, breaking the large bow window near it, twisting the floors on every story, lowering the timbers of the roof and cracking the wall in fissures several inches wide. The settling was accompanied by a loud report that was heard as far as Eutaw street, and was followed by a succession of reports that resembled the firing of a Gatling gun. Those in the store and the inmates of the upper stories quickly took refuge in the street, convinced that the house was coming down. Wm. Sigel, the head of one of the families occupying the upper stories, had just returned from work, and was resting himself on a bed in the third story when the settling took place. A large clock near him was thrown down, and the pictures, ornaments on the walls, &c., were showered around him. He did not fully realize what had happened until he saw light coming in through a six-inch fissure in the wall and the door opposite him bent over. He speedily got out into the street, thinking it a blessing not to have a roof over his head. Police officer Berger was soon on the spot, and erected barricades to keep the crowd off, fearing the building would fall. Saturday night and Sunday night the families feared to sleep in the house and sought quarters elsewhere. Throughout yesterday a large number of persons were examining the premises, and several of the more venturesome went into the front room over the store, the floor trembling as they did so. The inspector of public buildings will examine the premises to-day. The disaster was caused by the removal of the wall on the north side of the building in order to connect No. 33 with the adjoining store, both Bros. intending to enlarge their place of business. The wall had been removed and replaced with iron pillars, and the settling of one or more of these pillars caused the house to settle several inches. M. Lieblich owns the corner house, No. 33 North Howard street, and the house adjoining, No. 37, is owned by the Fonder estate.

**Drowning of George Trull.**—The body of George Trull, aged 45 years, a resident merchant of New York, was found about 9.30 o'clock Friday morning floating in Long Island sound, about fifty feet from the depot of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at New Haven. The corpse was towed to the shore near the depot and the coroner summoned. A jury was impaneled, who rendered a verdict of accidental drowning. Mr. John Trull, a brother of the deceased, of this city, who returned from New York on Saturday night, states that his brother George left New York on Tuesday on business, and that it is supposed he was on the sea-wall at New Haven, waiting for a return train to New York, when he was seized with vertigo, to which he was subject, and fell into the water below, and being unable to swim was drowned. His watch, \$16 40 in money, and the usual effects upon his person were all found undisturbed on the corpse, and there were no marks on his person to indicate violence. From the fact that his watch stopped at 1.10 o'clock it is inferred that he fell over the wall at that hour Wednesday morning. The deceased was the second of four brothers—John, George, William and Graham. George Trull was born in New York, and spent a portion of his youth in Baltimore, and removed to New York again in 1861, since which time he has been in active business there. For nearly twenty years he was salesman in the dry goods house of Harvey, Spencer & Co., No. 100 Worth street. Lately he was in business for himself. He married Ellen, daughter of Henry D. Harvey, president of the Merchants' Shot Tower Company. Mrs. Trull came to Baltimore with her two children last week on a visit to her father, and was completely overcome on receipt of the intelligence of her husband's death. The remains will arrive here Tuesday morning, and will be interred at Loudon Park.

**One Year in Jail for Assault.**—Lewis Gault, a colored man, was sentenced to jail for twelve months by Judge Pinkney, in the Criminal Court, Saturday, for assault on Mary Foreman, colored. Gault was very valuable in making his defense, but he evidently made no impression on the judge. It was stated there is some slight ground for supposing Gault's mind may be somewhat disturbed. Judge Pinkney said Gault had been before the court a number of times on such charges, but there was a method in his madness and a discretion in his valor, for he always selected women for his attacks. If there is anything to make him irresponsible criminally that may be inquired into.

**Fatal Result.**—Mrs. Elias Allen, No. 3 Parish alley, near Winchester street, who was so dreadfully burnt on Friday night by the explosion of a coal-oil lamp, died on Saturday morning. Her husband, a carpenter by trade, who was away in the country at the time of the accident, returned to Baltimore on Saturday. Owing to Mrs. Allen having been so badly burnt to give an account of the affair it is not known certainly how the accident occurred. The only person in the house besides herself was an infant 15 months old. The remains were taken to Westminster for interment, accompanied by a number of friends.

**The Baltimore Schuetzen Society** gave their annual dinner to the members of the press at Schuetzen Park, Belair road, on Saturday evening. The officers of the society present were Edw. Gronau, president, and Messrs. Chas. N. Oehm, Joseph Letzer, Fritz Hasselhorst, F. Brandau, G. Leimbach, Henry Quast, Franz Gardner and H. Sprugenberger. Both the daily and weekly press of the city were fully represented. An excellent bill of fare was provided by Mr. Daniel Barth, and the evening was spent very pleasantly. The annual Schuetzenfest begins next week.

**Comptroller Fossant** writes from Capo May that he is much improved by his stay there and will remain about ten days longer. Before leaving the city Mr. Van-ant was quite unwell, having been nearly overcome by the heat while near the fire at T. Robert Jenkins & Sons', two weeks ago.