LOCAL MATTERS.

Almanac for Baltimore—This Day.

Sun rises.....5 22 | MORNING.
Sun sets.....6 32 | Moon sets.....12 42
HIGH WATER, *Baltimore*, August 27, 1879.—Tide 2 45 m. A. M. and 3 05 m. P. M.

U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE MIDNIGHT REPORT.
Observations Taken at 11.02 P. M., Baltimore Time, August 26, 1879.

STATIONS.	Direction.	Velocity.	Weather	Sea Swell.
Cape Henry.....	N.	16	Cloudy.	Short N. E.
Norfolk.....	N.	10	Lt. Rain.	
Baltimore.....	N.	14	Cloudy.	
Atlantic City.....	N. E.	24	Cloudy.	Heavy S. E.
Barnegat.....	N. E.	30	Cloudy.	Heavy E.
Sandy Hook.....	N. E.	30	Fair.	Heavy E.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—*War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Wednesday, August 27, 1 A. M.—Indications.*—*For New England and the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather, stationary temperature, slightly cooler, winds, mostly from northeast to northwest, stationary or higher temperature and barometer.*

LOCAL REPORT, AUGUST 26, 1879, BALTIMORE.

Time.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Weather.	Rain-fall.	Remarks.
7.00	29.83	61	N. E.	11	6	.06	Threaten'g.
12.00	29.87	68	N. E.	11	6	.25	Cloudy.
4.27	29.86	69		3	6	.01	Cloudy.
8.00	29.92	64	N. E.	4	6		Cloudy.
11.02	29.93	61	N. E.	4	1	.00	Clear.

Mean barometer.....29.893 | Max. temperature.....69
Mean temperature.....64 | Min. temperature.....58
Highest velocity of winds to-day, for one hour, 15 N. E.

Midnight Power.—Alderman, 32, clear; Boston, 36, clear; Charleston, 40, clear; Chicago, 50, clear; Cincinnati, 56, hazy; Cleveland, 48, clear; Cleveland, 56, clear; Detroit, 52, clear; Duluth, 44, clear; Grand Haven, 52, clear; Green Bay, 48, cloudy; Marquette, 40, cloudy; Milwaukee, 48, clear; New York, 54, clear; Oswego, 44, clear; Portland, 50, clear; Port Huron, 56, clear; Saint Paul, 50, clear; Toledo, 48, clear; Yankton, 54, fair.

Special Notices.—*Factories in South Baltimore.*—Another largely attended meeting of citizens of South Baltimore was held last night in relation to the proposed action against allowing fertilizer factories in that section to continue in work, on the ground that they are a nuisance. William Bone presided, with E. H. Gill as secretary. The mayor's invitation to John Morris was present and addressed the meeting. Dr. Morris said he was glad to say that the mayor was doing his duty as the guardian of the public of the people of South Baltimore. He had been visiting Federal Hill for about four years as a physician, and had perfect knowledge of the evils of which the people complain. He did not speak from hearsay, but knew the gases from the fertilizer factories. He was for the improvement to health. The people should insist upon having the nuisance abated. If the city and Legislature would not do it go to the State board, and if that failed go to the Legislature and have them give the power. Invite the grand jury down, and let them see how these factories are conducted and abused.

Dr. Thomas Dougherty said he was not there to make hasty measures, but he knew from these factories are too dangerous to be with stand, and nuisances should be abated. He exhibited on the platform the action of sulphuric acid on iron.

Lewis F. Henninghausen said the effects of the gases were worse than the yellow fever. They killed the people very fast for years, but it was taken no note of because the suffering was confined to the poor people. The habit of breathing this vitiated air had so diseased their constitutions that they could not stand it, as those could who were unused to it. Powder factories which explode on an average every 4 years are not allowed to the people kept out of the city, but these factories explode every month, and the brimstone is spread around them. The learned doctor had advised them to appeal to the Legislature. He had lived in two cities, and Dr. Stewart had only told them if they did not like the factory they must move away from it. He was for the people, and that was his own house! The gases destroyed all the vegetables in a large garden near the factory, and now weeds grow there. Dr. Stewart was but a novice to cut down the trees and plants and being a doctor he had nothing to do about the greater evil and nuisance.

Jacob Pumphrey said the gases smoke in the same point, and it was decided to appoint committees of 25 to get the people and people and receive signatures to protests against the nuisance, and to bring the matter before the mayor and the health commissioner. Part of the committee was appointed as follows: H. B. Noble, Wm. Pumphrey, Wm. Bone, Wm. Addison, John Ehlers, Jacob Funk, G. W. Delia, G. W. Penn, Philip Kaufman, John Hoffman, Jacob Hoffman, Hollo Munnely, Wm. White, John North and Edisia Hamilton. The rest of the committee will be selected hereafter.

Progress in Church Music.—The intention to commence the choral service in Grace and St. Paul's is to substitute more modern music for the solemn and stately music of the church, which music is very significant. The Gregorian chants are sublime in their way, and for Lenten services still retain their place. Those old religious melodies are immemorial in age and certainly imperishable in sentiment. It is a pity, though it that they embody fragments of the sort of music used in the Jewish services during the celebration of Elusinian mysteries. But it is useless to disguise the fact that there is a feeling in other minds for a better sort of harmony and melody, and that the strong, sustained, Handelian chants and the pathos and simplicity of the *cantofirmo* in the psalms and hymns of Luther, Wesley, Watts, are a tribe in permanuated. Just as art prefers the picturesque to the statuesque, color and tone to simple form, so music the Italian chorale and the Greek style have yielded place in the common taste to the Italian, and the Greek style of intonation has many as expounded by the German and Italian masters, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Handel, Beethoven, Hummel and the rest were discoverers in music just as much as Columbus and Vespucci, Cabot and Cartier were discoverers in geography. The Catholic Church has not refused to call in the aid of religious music, and it will not decline to believe that the masses in harmonious tones and melodies deeper and profounder fervors of religious emotion than those ancient masters who relied upon melody simply. Christ came not to do nothing of solemnity and appositeness by this change and the Church will gravitate gradually to the conclusion that the duty of reorganizing the Cathedral choir of Baltimore is assigned to the competent hands of Mr. Valentine A. Caulfield.

Custom-House Business.—Collector Thomas, Surveyor Kilbrede, and Naval Officer Corkran, who have been absent on brief summer recreations, are now back in the Baltimore custom-house yesterday. The heads of department were busy making up reports for the collector, to be forwarded to Washington for the fiscal year ended June 30. The statement of the collector, showing the receipts for the year were $3,093,000, a falling off of nearly a million compared with the receipts of the previous year. Collector Thomas, in a very full and clear statement written to Mr. Wm. Wilkins Carter, between 1 and 2 o'clock in Tue Sun, showed that the decreased receipts were due to the fact that the importations of foreign goods was almost abandoned in the last fiscal year because of the scarcity of refunding of foreign duties causes. The collector will show that while the customs receipts have fallen off the internal revenue has actually increased in almost everything except sugar; that there has been a falling off in imported goods, both free and duty paid, and that the large number of vessels that used to Baltimore for their cargoes must be looked after as well as those which bring freight.

A Derelict Fresh.—The schooner Fawn, heretofore reported abandoned at sea in the late cyclone, was picked up on August 20 by the steamer Mattie A. Franklin, Capt. Macdonald, and was brought to Baltimore yesterday by a prize crew. The Franklin found the derelict vessel in the copse, and the Fawn afterwards reported to have landed 14 stowaways at sea and towed the prize and the Franklin both up to port. The Fawn has been 6 feet of water in her hold, but is not seriously damaged. The vessel had 200 tons of coal from Baltimore for South Norwalk. Some Capt. Macdonald and his crew will receive a handsome amount in the shape of salvage money.

North Carolina Merchants.—Mr. John M. Robinson, president of the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad and of the Baltimore and Steam Packet Company, (old Bay line), has tendered the use of the Bay line steamer to 500 merchants of Charlotte, N. C., and other points in the vicinity to Baltimore, and the steamer will arrive here to-morrow. The design is to afford the merchants of North Carolina an opportunity of visiting Baltimore and becoming acquainted with our merchants preparatory to the opening of the fall trade.

Sent to the House of Reformation.—Alonzo Hall, aged 13, and Joseph Hall, aged 15 years, both colored, who on August 17 were convicted in the Criminal Court of assault, were yesterday committed to the Colored House of Reformation by Justice Johns, by authority of the court. The youth of the boys was considered, and the extreme penalty was not inflicted. Hall was convicted of assaulting Edward C. Lee, white, aged 7 years, in the stomach and Tilde for shooting at Joseph Sherry, a white boy.

Typhoid Fever.—Dr. Henry Stewart, health commissioner, states that the sensational accounts of typhoid fever prevalent in the eastern section of the city are highly exaggerated and unwarranted by the facts. Only a few cases have been reported to him, not more than are usual at this season, and he thinks no alarm need be felt of the disease becoming more prevalent.

A New Brass Band was organized on Monday night for Wilson Post, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, with Prof. Charles Weber, leader, and sixteen performers. The Post has a drum and fife corps. A drum-major will be chosen. The Post numbers 300 members, and is for in Philadelphia and the caps in Boston.

The Grist Mill of Mr. Edwin Scott, on the Western Run, near Ellicott City, burned down last Saturday night, was a very old building, having been erected in the year 1804. The loss is estimated at $5,000, upon which there is a insurance in the Harford County Company.

Appeal for Help.—A dispatch was received at the mayor's office yesterday from Beaufort, N. C., which was visited by a terrible storm on the 15th inst., asking aid for the people. Subscriptions will be received at the county Hall.

Baltimore County Agricultural Society.—A meeting of the managers of the Agricultural Society of Baltimore County was held yesterday at Timonium, on the Northern Central railroad. Present: Wm. Ingleby, president, Wm. H. Sands, secretary, Wm. D. Brackenridge, Col. Daniel Jenifer, Joshua F. Benson, Dickinson Dorsey and Robert S. Gorsuch were present. Various details for the first exhibition, beginning September 2, were made. It was decided to prohibit gambling games, such as wheels of fortune, &c., on the grounds, and that the judges range from $20 to $150 for premiums to pay various games of chance within the inclosure. The following appointments are expected from Baltimore application will be made to the president of the Northern Central railroad, policemen to assist in preserving order on the grounds, and Mr. Thomas Hall and Miss Bessie Brackenridge have been asked to serve as superintendents of the household department. Further details will be made at the meeting of judges in the several departments. The selection of the judges of the various departments, judges who have skill and experience, and who are known experts in the sections to which they are to be assigned.

Buildings, shedding, track, &c., at Timonium are being put in thorough order, and Mr. Ingleby in readiness when the fair opens. Mr. Brady, who gives his personal attention to fitting up the grounds, has had employed for the past four weeks 20 men, 10 teams, 2 steam rollers, 2 teams and 12 carts. About 220,000 feet of lumber have been received by rail, and sufficient to complete the number of exhibitions, bought in the vicinity, for fencing, &c. Nearly all the stabling and sheds have been completed, and work upon the grand stand, poultry department and the Exhibition building begun. The track (half-mile course) is graded, and as soon as the weather permits a few days hard rolling will be given it, and it will be ready. The course is protected by posts and rails; it is 30 feet wide in the straight and from 40 to 60 feet for the remainder. The grand stand is the wonder of all who see it, and will accommodate 3,400 spectators. Five wells have been sunk, and the grounds will be amply supplied with water. The main building, 200 feet in length, &c., will be worked by a windmill, the ground upon which it stands is level, with a gentle slope, dries rapidly after a rain. One side binds on the York road, and the other on the Northern Central railroad. Geographically it is near the center of Baltimore County, and is accessible not only by rail and pike, but by excellent country roads. The railroad has put in a siding 300 feet long, running directly to the exhibition building, from which trains from Baltimore will be landed inside the inclosure for 50 cents the round trip. The same trains will be run from Timonium to Westminster, on the York road. At the southeast corner is a large hotel, which has been put in good and fastenings for horses. A tent, 50 by 85 feet, will be erected, connected with the hotel, and another tent, 30 by 80 feet, for farm and garden products. A smaller tent will be used for dairy products. The exhibition buildings, as well as stalls, &c., will be permanent, as the Maryland Institute has a lease for machinery. The restaurant building is 102 feet long and 40 feet wide. Over 1,000 entries for exhibition have been made already.

Theatre Openings—Dramatic and Variety Amusements.—Ford's Opera House has seen a great Monday evening for the season, under the management of Mr. Harry Ford. The house has been thoroughly renovated, at a cost of $6,000, and the interior is fresh and bright. The house has been decorated in new, elegant proscenium boxes have replaced the old ones, the old seats have been removed, re-taken up with chairs, and with renewed upholstering, papering, painting, carpeting, and gilding the house presents a marked change. The cafe in the basement has been substantially fitted up, and is a fine place for Mr. Thos. Doylan, of Guy's Hotel. The initial performance was the "Ticket of Leave Man." The audience, which has had an extended run in London, here, is now in Boston, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, &c. H. Rowe and Miss Jean Burnside will be in the cast. The orchestra, all new performers, will be led by Mr. Wm. Schaefer. Prof. Adam Rosenberger. A number of "stars" will appear during the season. At the close of season, the list including the names of Sothern, Maggie Mitchell, Mary Anderson, Lotta, Rose Eytinge, Mme. Ponisi and others.

Front Street Theatre will also reopen on Monday evening, with a dramatic company, with Mr. J. Rosenfeld, lessee, Mr. E. D. Goodall, manager, and Mr. Ed. Ryan, stage manager, thorough renovation. It has been freshened up inside and outside, the scenery and stage rigging have been replaced the old, the seats have been upholstered from orchestra to dome, old partitions have been removed, and the entrance front has been modernized in several particulars. Prof. Goldman will have an orchestra, a variety company for the opening will include well-known performers, and the management will combine good entertainments for the public.

People's Line Street Cars.—The business of the people's line of street cars from Fort McHenry to Druid Hill Park is so much greater than the managers of the line expected that the managers are every week increasing the number of cars. At first the road began with five cars. Then another was added, and yesterday more larger cars will be in use within twenty days, and also the number of trips will be found to be put on as soon as they can be supplied. At present the business is so much deeper and the equipment is increased the interval will be brought down to five minutes, and when 35 cars have been secured the interval will be only three minutes between cars. It is expected that the entire equipment will be completed within thirty days. Early cars now leave Riverside at 5.45 A. M. and the last car leaves Union Station for the 8.15 A. M. train to Washington. Early cars leave Boundary avenue south at 5.45 A. M. and the last car leaves at 8 P. M.

Late cars leave Boundary avenue south at 11 P. M. and Riverside at 11.15 P. M.

The Courts.—In the Orphans' Court letters of administration d. b. n. were granted yesterday to Oliver Ellis, on the estate of Mary Ellis, late of Baltimore, and to Mr. Wm. Wilkins Carter