

# THE CECIL WHIG, ELKTON, SATURDAY JANUARY

## REMINISCENCES.

### MEN AND THINGS OF LONG AGO.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Jan. 15, 1881.

WILL COSDEN.

Who knew him? I doubt if there be one in Elkton who knew Will Cosden. I think he was about my age. He was a youth of fine mind and morals; more admired, perhaps, than loved, for he had set a high estimate upon integrity and moral character. He knew himself, and knew what constituted the man; and by his standard of men, to entitle them to his estimation, they must measure up to his standard, must possess the virtues. With him, it was mind which made the man, and thus he would rather be alone than choose friends below his standard. His father, who, in his day, was a lawyer of high standing, and knew Will's mind and manner, bought for him a fine rifle. With this, Will would roam the woods and the river bank, where he would entertain himself on his own thoughts, if he had no suitable company. He had a select few with whom he associated. He did not subscribe to the world's thought, that "bad company is better than none." That aphorism was not in his vocabulary, and he knew he did not subscribe to it by practice or precept. I will not say that Will formed his idea of what a young man is, who regards the word of God where it is written thus, "How shall a young man cleave his way?" and answered, "by taking heed thereto according to Thy word." His mother, I know, was a very amiable and estimable woman, and his father had been a clergyman of the Episcopal Church until he exchanged the pulpit for the bar. Mrs. Cosden was a very fine lady, and I venture to say that Will was trained up in the way he should go. This I insist upon, that he had a high sense of honor. He knew what was right, and knowing, dared to maintain it. He was a youth of fine form, and was extremely manly. Thus constituted, at proper age he was sent to the grammar school at Newark, Del., about six miles from Elkton, now known, I believe, as the Newark

which, in the language of experienced foreign travelers, is unsurpassed on either Continent, comprising the entire valley of the oft-sung "Blue Juniata." Wopsonoc's fringe of timber shades below a wealth of rural comfort seldom seen elsewhere, in shape of highly cultivated farms bounded by swelling ranges of hills, gently undulating till they reach down to shelter the substantial old German or Scotch homes beyond which is always the serpentine meandering of the purest of virgin streams, where not only the lowing kine can slake their thirst, but wherein dwelleth the famous speckled beauties called mountain trout, which disport to the joy of the angler.

More again, PRETZEL.  
P. S.—Send us an honest lawyer here.  
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## GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Forster's private secretary in Ireland was recently hailed by a native with: "Well, young Snipeshot, how's old buckshot."

Sara Bernhardt's six performances in Chicago, last week, produced \$20,400 gross receipts. She has thus far given sixty-three performances, aggregating \$226,110 gross receipts.

A. J. Drexel and George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, have purchased a large tract of property on the ocean front near Long Branch, and will build a row of cottages and a mammoth hotel. It is intended to have the new summer resort ready for business during the coming season.

Catherina B. Decker was married to William J. Decker, in Indiana, twenty years ago. He became intemperate and she obtained a divorce. He reformed, wooed her a second time, and they were remarried in 1878. Now Catherina is suing for a second divorce, and says he is as bad as before.

Jennie Donahue, a Chicago school girl only ten years old, had set her heart on going to a birth-day party; but having taken a severe cold, her parents decided that she must stay at home. In her desperation she swallowed a dose of morphine, but medical aid was secured in time to save her life.

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J. H. STEELE, Secretary  
Chesapeake City, Jan. 22, 1

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Now, who killed Will Cosden? Vain man, dressed in a little brief authority, plays such fantastic airs before high heaven as make even angels weep. How much more befitting for that tutor, had he quietly called Cosden's attention to his deficiency, than thus to expose him before all the class or school. I do not know what became of that tutor, but he certainly erred. But he many times, doubtless, mourned over his act.

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On Friday night of last week fifty-two head of Jersey cattle, confined in a large barn near Brickerville, Lancaster county, Pa., were roasted alive by an incendiary. The bull Coxswain, valued at \$3,000, was one of the herd, and the entire value of the cattle and barn is variously estimated at from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The farm belonged to the estate of the late G. Dawson Coleman, of Lebanon, and was under the management of Cohen Cameron, a cousin of Senator Cameron.

Wade Hampton recently took offence at something said about him in the *Charleston Mercury* and discontinued his subscription to the paper. When the editor wrote an explanation Hampton replied that the letter was an impertinence and the paper a nuisance. Then the editor wrote again, accusing Hampton of trying to kick down the ladder which raised him to his elevated position, asserting his right as a Democrat in good standing to criticise the acts of the party's servants, and closing with the information that his address was Charleston, S. C.

There was quite a commotion created in the Pennsylvania Legislature at the opening of the session by the discovery of a Democratic Senator with an alleged conscientious scruple in his possession. He declined to take the oath on the ground that having used money to promote his election he could not swear that he had not. He was looked upon as a unique curiosity for several days, but it turns out that his fear to take the oath was inspired by Republican threats to contest his seat on the ground that he had bought it. He was not so much afraid of his conscience as of a conviction of perjury.

The Chicago druggist, who killed two children with neatness and dispatch by putting morphine in a prescription which called for quinine, explains that he is sometimes absent-minded, and that he has enemies in the trade. On the other hand, it is alleged that he was drunk when he filled out the prescription. He has been arrested, and admitted to \$3,000 bail. He took a drug bottle to the station marked "muriated quinine," which was found to contain morphine. This bottle, he said, was as he got it from the wholesale druggist. He thought it possible that somebody with intent to injure him had substituted the morphine for the quinine, but could not explain when, where, or why it was done.

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I have just read in *The Whig*, of the 8th instant, of the death of Mrs. Mary Evans, wife of the late Dr. Amos Alexander Evans, whom I knew in Elkton when a boy, in 1815. Dr. Evans stamped himself upon the citizenship of Elkton as a gentleman of the purest type. In all of my life, I think I never knew a more perfect type of a gentleman than Dr. Evans evinced in his every-day walk. Mrs. Evans was in all things a perfect Christian lady. They lived first, or when I knew them, in a new brick house just across Main street from the Franklin House, kept then by George Peacock. The Evans family were of the best in Maryland. I was most intimately acquainted with Levi H. Evans, perhaps the youngest son. I clerked for him during the summer of 1819, in the old Adam Whann store room. I remember very distinctly the trouble between Levi and James Mackey. What it grew out of I never knew; but Levi challenged Mackey to a duel, which Mackey declined.

Levi Evans married a Miss Stump, of Harford county, and died early. She was a sister of Henry Stump. The family was a high-strung and noble one. I knew Henry Stump; he was older than she. Dr. Evans was one of earth's best men. He would not do a mean act, nor countenance it in another.

Very respectfully yours,  
T. J. SAMPLE.

LETTER FROM THE ORPHAN.

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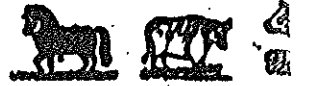
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A dairyman in Floyd county, Indiana, having settled it to his own satisfaction that a certain widow whom he was supplying with milk would make him an excellent wife, rang his bell in front of her house, and when she came out with her pan, addressed her as follows: "I want a wife. I have a good dairy of fifteen good cows. We rise at 3 o'clock in the morning; we have rye coffee for breakfast, with skimmed milk but no sugar for seasoning. You need not get up so early, and you may have cream in your coffee. We have bean soup once a week; we have boiled cabbage once a week. We occasionally have some bacon. But we do not use butter, for it is too expensive, and use lard in its place. We work hard and live saving. I have told you all and would like to marry you." The widow thanked him, said she preferred her own table, and told him he had better propose to his next customer.

Mother Shipton's venerable star is vanishing. A mightier seer than she has arisen in the person of a Kingston (Jamaica) philosopher, who deducts from the second chapter of St. Matthew's gospel the startling conclusion that the Star of Bethlehem in its periodic revolu-

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Notice to Tax

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