

The Kittyhawk Mystery.—Commissioner Rogers yesterday held an examination in the case of the three Manila seamen of the wrecked schooner M. & E. Henderson, with a cargo of phosphate from Bull river, bound to Baltimore. The men have been held in jail in Baltimore some weeks pending the clearing up of the mystery of the wreck. The authorities at Washington, through the officer of the station at Kittyhawk Point, on the coast of North Carolina, where the wreck occurred on December 1, have made a searching investigation, with a view to discover whether there was any foul play. The three men now under arrest were washed ashore on parts of the wreck in an exhausted state at the time of the disaster. Since then the body of the captain, Elias Swain, has been thrown ashore by the waves. Letters from L. B. Midgett, Jr., keeper of the life-saving station, and General Superintendent Kimball, are in possession of Commissioner Rogers and District Attorney Stirling describing the finding of the body of the captain by four hunters in the water inside of New Inlet or Body Island, about 35 miles north of Hatteras lighthouse. They took the body out of the water and reported to the station. The officers examined the body and then buried it. They found no marks of violence upon it, except from being in the water, by which the face was disfigured and the hands partly so. The body was 5 feet 10 inches in height. On the right arm were the letters S. A. V. S. and on the left arm S. A. S. The dress on the body was an overcoat, vest, two shirts, two pairs pants, drawers, and boots on feet. In the pockets were a \$10 bill on the National Bank of Cortland, N. Y., a pistol, pocket-knife, kc., and a telegram, as follows: "Baltimore, Md., 10-17, 1873.—Received at 4 P. M., D's and D. To Elias Swain, Gloucester, New Jersey. Come Monday afternoon. E. H. Crammer. Paid."

Commissioner Rogers has received a number of letters from relatives of Capt. Swain and the first mate, Prentiss, at Boston, Massachusetts, inquiring if any discoveries have been made in the case. The captain and mate are represented as men of high character and good seamen. The witnesses examined yesterday were Walter Swoy, Capt. Thomas C. Scull, mate, and M. Williams, cook, of the schooner Kately, Robinson, and Capt. Theophilus Vaugulider, of the Garlaide. The witnesses while on board these vessels saw the Henderson schooner at 4 P. M., November 31, off Hatteras, bound up northerly. Capt. Vaugulider testified, like the others, that he had seen the M. & E. Henderson before, and knew her. She was partly off and partly on the wind, ten miles off Hatteras. There was a stiff breeze, cloudy, but not bad at all. He did not think she forged ahead more than twelve knots an hour up the beach from 4 P. M. to 5 A. M. on December 1. If the wind held all night she could have got to Body Island at 5 A. M., and it may be that the wreck there found was the wreck of the Henderson. The vessel witness saw was "yawing" about as if she was not properly managed, but as if somebody was in charge who did not know anything about what he was doing. He did not think a vessel would have been in any unusual danger at that time if properly managed. If she missed stays she could have recovered in five minutes.

At the close of the testimony the commissioner said an officer of the government was making a complete investigation of the affair, and he would remand the men until his report could be made. This was due to the government and to the prisoners. The names of the men are Anetta, Filoria and Lopez. Mr. J. K. Shott was their counsel.

A Sharp Horse Transaction.—A farmer from Baltimore county yesterday complained to Police Justice Johns that he had lost \$20 in a transaction with a horse trader. He said he went to the place to buy a cheap mule. A trader sought his acquaintance and pointed to a horse that was offered for sale. The trader told the farmer that he and the owner of the horse were deadly enemies, and whilst the trader wanted the horse very bad, the owner would not deal with him at any price. The farmer was solicited to go and buy the horse for the trader, who promised to pay him for his services. The farmer bought the horse for \$25, paid \$20 on account, and then told the trader what he had done. The trader said he would pay the \$20 in a few minutes, and would give the farmer his \$20 and \$5 for his services. In a short time the farmer realized that the trader, horse and horse-owner had disappeared, and he was minus his \$20. The proprietor of the sale stables promptly notified Justice Johns that he would assist the farmer in getting redress, and the proper legal steps were taken.

Funeral of Mr. J. S. Holden.—The funeral of Ira H. Holden took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, No. 51 McCulloh street, and was largely attended. The officiating clergymen were Ezra Augustus P. Stryker and George E. Warner, of the P. E. Church. The active pall-bearers were Dr. T. W. Lee, Dr. Jno. Dickson, Knight Sandford, Henry Warner, Jno. Warner, C. M. Wood, Wm. Rich, L. Gooley; honorary, T. J. Carey, Wm. A. Dunnington, Wm. Peterkin, John Cushing, Thomas M. Johnson, Geo. W. Krebs, C. David McFarland and Mr. Proud. Among the friends present were E. Q. Taylor, Gen. Shriver, A. S. Abell, Geo. Tingey, Wm. Brown, Jos. Rogers, Jr., Wm. Massey, Louis McMurray, Benj. Harrison, A. N. Bastable and H. O. Houghton. Beuben Holden, of Cincinnati, brother of the deceased, was present. The floral decorations were numerous and beautiful, consisting of large crosses, crowns, sheaf of wheat, kc. The body was placed in the family vault in Greenmount Cemetery.

Instruction of the Blind.—The board and officers of the Maryland Institution for the Instruction of the Blind held a meeting yesterday for organization. President J. Howard McHenry, Treasurer B. F. Newcomer and Secretary John T. Morris were re-elected, as were the old board of directors. The vacancy in the board of directors occasioned by the death of Dr. William Fisher was filled by the election of James B. Green. The annual report is in course of publication. It shows the number of white and colored pupils in the institution to be 104, the largest number yet under instruction at one time. The new buildings of the institution were completed last year. Matres and broommaking are now taught, and some of the colored pupils are learning bootmaking, and make good boots. The superintendent of the institution is F. D. Morrison.

Wholesale Chicken Thieves.—Andrew Sterling, Edward Brannan, Thomas Crowley and James O'Donnell, all boys, were yesterday committed for the grand jury by Justice Farlow, charged with the larceny of 27 chickens, valued at \$25, from the yards of Wm. Beers, No. 419 East Fruit street; Charles A. Hancock, No. 379 East Baltimore street, and Anton Goeking, No. 29 Canton avenue. The loss of valuable fowls had for some time past been a source of annoyance to parties living near Patterson Park, and complaints were made to the police. A small boy, John Connors, confessed that he with others had stolen the chickens and sold them to a young man on Eastern avenue for about half their value. Connors was released and the others committed.

Canton Institute.—Dr. W. W. Jacques, of Johns Hopkins University, lectured before Canton Institute last night, in Tome Street Presbyterian Church, on "Electricity and what it is." The building was crowded, a large portion of the audience being ladies. Dr. Jacques explained the nature of electricity, which he considered to be a gas, as much lighter than air as air is than lead. The lecture was illustrated with interesting experiments with the magnet, the telephone and the electric light. Close interest was paid to the lecturer, and the experiments elicited applause. A meeting of the institute was held afterwards, and Rev. J. Wynne Jones was elected general agent. Two additional vice-presidents and a number of new members were also elected.

Accidents were reported yesterday as follows: Stephen Lynch, ship celter, living on Fayette street, near Washington street, was severely injured by falling into the hold of a vessel, while employed by Waggoner & Neenan, on Fell's Point. Joseph King, aged 19 years, No. 29 Courtland street, had the two middle fingers of his right hand mashed at a printing press yesterday, and both fingers were amputated at the City Hospital.

Cost of the Public Schools.—Mr. John T. Morris, president of the school board, has sent to City Registrar Hobb estimates of the amounts which will be required for the public schools in 1880. The total is \$640,000, of which \$423,000 is for salaries. Last year the school commissioners asked for \$620,000, but the council only appropriated \$600,000.

Inbound Vessels and the Telephone.—The Lazaretto was yesterday connected by telephons with Federal Hill and the Merchants' Exchange, and an operator stationed there will signal arriving vessels from that point. This move was taken in advance of the construction of a signal observatory at the Lazaretto.

Capeised.—The Norwegian bark Doutrigen, Capt. Anderson, capeised at the wharf of Barnes & Co., Boston street, Canton, on Tuesday afternoon, from a lot of lumber in the hold having been shifted too much to one side. She was soon righted, without damage.

Personal.—Messrs. E. L. F. Hardcastle, Thos. F. Shephard, P. A. Bowen, and other members of the executive committee of the Maryland State Grange, are in Baltimore to transact routine business to-day.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Almanac for Baltimore—This Day.
Sun rises..... 7 23 | Moon sets..... 3 38
Sun sets..... 4 54 | Moon rises..... 11 31
HIGH WATER, Baltimore: January 8, 1880.—Time 3:00 A. M., height 1 ft. 2 in; 3:34 P. M., height 1 ft. 3 in.

E. F. SIGNAL SERVICE MIDNIGHT REPORT.
Observations taken at 11:59 P. M., Baltimore Time, January 7, 1880.

STATIONS.	WIND.		Weather	Sea & swell.
	Dirco.	Velocity.		
Cape Hatteras.....	N. E.	20	Lt. Rain.	Heavy N. E.
Kittyhawk.....	N. E.	25	Cloudy.	Heavy S. E.
Cape Henry.....	N. E.	16	Cloudy.	Light E.
Norfolk.....	N. W.	12	Fair.
Cape May.....	N. E.	12	Cloudy.
Lookout.....	N. E.	24	Lt. Rain.	Light E.
Atlantic City.....	N. E.	17	Clear.	Heavy E.
Barraget.....	N. E.	17	Clear.	Heavy E.
Sandy Hook.....	N. E.	34	Clear.	Light N. E.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Thursday, Jan. 8, 1 A. M.—Indications—For the Middle Atlantic States and New England, north-east veering to southeast winds, warmer, clear or partly cloudy weather, falling barometer. For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, stationary or falling barometer, south to east winds, stationary temperature, partly cloudy weather, possibly occasional light rain.

LOCAL REPORT, JANUARY 7, 1880, BALTIMORE.

Time.	Barom.	Therm.	Humidity.	Wind.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Rain Fall.	State of Weather.
7.00	30.30	46	84	S. W.	2	.00	Cloudy.	
11.00	30.30	46	78	N. E.	11	.00	Cloudy.	
1.00	30.20	46	71	N. E.	8	.00	Cloudy.	
3.00	30.10	46	60	N. E.	8	.00	Cloudy.	
11.00	30.10	45	60	E.	6	.00	Cloudy.	

Mean barometer..... 30.24 | Max. temperature..... 49
Mean thermometer..... 47 | Min. temperature..... 43
Highest velocity of winds to-day, for one hour, 13 miles.

Midnight Report.—Alpena, 21, cloudy; Boston, 25, clear; Buffalo, 24, cloudy; Chesapeake, 41, fair; Chicago, 43, foggy; Cleveland, 46, cloudy; Detroit, 26, lt. rain; Duluth, 34, light rain; La Crosse, 43, cloudy; Madison, 26, foggy; Marquette, 34, clear; Milwaukee, 41, foggy; New York, 38, fair; Oswego, 41, cloudy; Port Haron, 30, fog; St. Paul, 24, light rain; Toledo, 27, foggy.

Welcome to a Musical Composer.—Mr. Arthur Sullivan, composer of Pinafire and other operas, arrived in Baltimore yesterday afternoon from New York, and was met at Charles-street depot by Messrs. John T. Ford, Asger Hamerik and Rev. W. G. Day. He then went to the Academy of Music and conducted a rehearsal of his orchestral music, which is to be played at the welcome concert to-night. In the evening he held an informal reception at Mt. Vernon Hotel, and also visited Ford's Opera House. Some of the audience recognized him, and he bowed his acknowledgments from the box in which he was seated. The audience, however, were not satisfied until he came before the curtain, where he was enthusiastically received. After leaving the theatre he went to the Wednesday Club, where he was tendered a reception. Mr. Sullivan is 37 years of age, with jet black hair, sparkling eyes and pleasant manner. In conversation he expressed himself as more than gratified with this his first visit to America, and with the kindness which had been shown to him. He is more than agreeably surprised at the musical talent which Baltimore possesses, and says he did not expect it could have furnished the material for such an excellent orchestra as he had conducted that afternoon. He will direct the orchestra in the playing of his Shakspearian music to-night.

Death of an Old Citizen.—Mr. Jacob Hiss, Jr., one of the oldest citizens of Baltimore, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, in the 87th year of his age, at his home place, "Daiselle," on the Harford road, 5 1/2 miles from Baltimore, adjoining the place where he was born, and near Hiss Chapel. Mr. Hiss was seized with a congestive chill on Monday. He was one of the old defenders of Baltimore in 1812-14. In his active business life he conducted one of the largest chair factories in the country, his place of business being on South Gay street, Baltimore. He shipped his manufactures very extensively to South America, and retired from active business in 1849. He was at one time a director in the Franklin Bank, but took no active part in politics, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Church. He leaves four sons and three daughters, one of his sons, Mr. Wm. H. Hiss, being reading clerk of the State Senate. His other sons are Douglas, Emory and Hamilton Hiss. Messrs. Wm., H. Cole and John Baldwin, the last-named living in Boston, married two of his daughters. Mr. Phillip Hiss, an old and respected citizen of Baltimore, is a brother of the deceased.

Santa Claus Cantata.—A beautiful Christmas cantata, by W. Howard Doane, was given last night at the Academy of Music, by the Third English Lutheran Church Sunday school. The tickets were all complimentary, and the house was crowded on every floor. Probably 2000 people were in the house, about 900 of whom, teachers, children and attendants, were on the stage. The scenes were, first, waiting for Santa Claus; second, Santa Claus's visit to the little ones; third, Santa Claus's visit to the school. Between the scenes there were solos, duets, choruses, dialogues, &c. An address was made by Rev. I. O. Burke, after which a collection was taken up. Over \$300 were realized. S. A. Wilson, John E. A. Cunningham and A. O. Hippy constituted the committee of arrangements, and the exhibition reflected great credit on all engaged in its production.

Cigar Taxation.—All the district deputies of this internal revenue collection district are at work taking inventories of the stock of all the cigarmakers in Baltimore, as is done once a year. The stocks of cigars are counted, the leaf tobacco weighed, and minute reports upon each are made up.