

THURSDAY MORNING March 21, 1870.

Correspondents must bear with us a while longer. We have had on hand for a week or upwards several communications which we had anticipated publishing to-day, but the pressure of advertising and other matters that we were under imperative obligation to print, has upset our calculations and forced us to defer their appearance to another day. "Others" will observe that we have "curtailed" even his Annapolis letter of "its fair proportions," but the necessity for so doing was unavoidable. The best we can promise is to publish all omitted matter in a future issue, and with this, we throw ourselves upon our country.

DEATH OF FATHER CHARLES F. KING.—We have already made brief reference to the death at Pottstown, Pa., of the earnest and devoted Priest whose name leads this notice, but the talents and eminence of Father King as a Teacher, Lecturer and Speaker, with the added facts, that his family were originally of our county and that he himself was personally well-known to many in our community, entitle him to fuller mention at our hands.

Of the qualifications of Father King as a Teacher, we can only speak by report. He had been for many years Professor of Poetry and Rhetoric at Georgetown College, and subsequently at Loyola, Baltimore, and we have been assured that he obtained in these situations the distinguished approval of the learned faculties of both these eminent institutions of learning.

Of the ability of Father King as a Lecturer, we can speak more surely, having heard the address he delivered in our town a year or more ago in aid of some charity, the purpose of which we have now forgotten. He then impressed us as a man of searching thought, as an accomplished letter-writer, scholar, as a writer of great force, at times playfully witty and humorous, but always tasteful and refined, and as a reader, second to few that we had ever heard.

The mental specialty, however, of Father King was, we think, at the altar exposing the enormity of sin and the terrors of Divine wrath or in painting the beauties of the just and the boundless wealth of God's mercy to man. We have heard him upon these themes when we thought he approached the highest reaches of eloquence.

But the able Teacher, the accomplished Lecturer, the eloquent speaker is not only a memory on earth. Whilst zealously struggling with missionary duty in a neighboring State, his land was suddenly arrested, and he now rests, we trust in peace, from his labors.

We may not here speak of the priestly service or character of Father King, but it is within the proprieties of our position to express the conviction, that few have been left to the church he so dearly loved and so loyally served of higher capacity and none of purer aim.

It remains for us but to add, that Father King was born in Washington on the 24th of March, 1818, that he entered the Society of Jesus on the 3rd of September, 1834, and died at Pottstown, Pa., on the 20th of March, instant, in the 52nd year of his age.

CREDIT COURT.—At the time of our going to press, the Circuit Court is still in session, Judge Ford, presiding. Judges Brent and Magruder having left for their homes on Saturday last. The Criminal cases that have engaged the attention of the Court thus far have been of minor interest. We name the two most interesting civil suits.

Action of Assumpsit. Jury Trial.—William T. Hammett vs John F. Dent, administrator of Mary J. Hammett. B. G. Harris and Maddox & Crane for Plaintiff. Wilson, Blakistone & Morgan for Defendant. Verdict for defendant.

Jno L. Budd vs The County Commissioners of Charles County. Case removed from Charles County. Jury Trial.—Digges and Mathews for Plaintiff. Brent and Combs for defendant. Verdict, under the instructions of the Court, for defendant.

A SUBJECT FOR INVESTIGATION.—A gentleman, who has investigated the subject, called our attention recently to the fact, that a considerable amount of the personal property which changes hands every year in our county by means of Constables' and other legal sales, was lost temporarily to taxation in consequence of the new ownership not being made known to the Commissioners' Court. There being no record of the change, the tax bill goes out against the original owners, who have generally become insolvent and are thus returned by collectors, and there being nothing to show against the new owners, the property in question escapes taxation altogether until a new assessment discovers in whose possession it is to be found. The evil and injustice in question might be corrected, we think, by the different Courts ordering their collecting officers to make returns to the County Commissioners of each and every party who becomes a purchaser of taxable personalty at all such sales.

PERSONAL.—As the question of the election of a President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company is now being actively canvassed in different parts of Maryland; and as it is of prime importance to the interest of the State and the welfare of the Corporation that a gentleman of proper qualifications, free and remote from the heats and prejudices which have hitherto disturbed and crippled in great measure the harmony and efficiency of this important agency of internal development, we respectfully nominate, if nominations are in order, Col. JAMES T. BLAKISTONE, of this county, for that responsible position. We believe the Colonel would make a most efficient and energetic officer and we are confident he would administer the affairs of the Company, if selected as its President, without fear, favor or affection, and with an eye single to the welfare of the State and the general interest. Coming from a position that has never yet been represented, we believe, in this organization, and which has contributed largely of its means to build and otherwise aid the canal and without any return thus far, we think there would be a peculiar propriety in making the selection we have above indicated.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)  
Annapolis, March 26, 1870.

As the session of the present General Assembly draws to a close, the business before both branches of the legislature accumulates to a degree that leaves little prospect of the passage (through want of time) of many bills which the exigencies of the day and interest of the community require. The "school law" has passed the House of Delegates not exactly as it came from the Committee of Education, but with amendments which, if they be few, are very important. Under the proposed law the number of County School Commissioners is reduced to three for each county, salary not to exceed \$100 per annum, and appointment of County School Commissioners is vested in the Judges of the Circuit Court. The power to tax the county for educational purposes is strictly limited, so that School Commissioners cannot, without consent of the County Commissioners, tax property to an amount exceeding 10 cents in the \$100. (Under present law their power to tax is unlimited.) School Commissioners are not limited as to the number of sessions they may hold, but may meet as often as necessity demands. It is also provided that no person shall hold the office of School Commissioner and teacher at the same time. The number of "district commissioners" or trustees, remains as at present, but their appointment is vested in the Board of County School Commissioners. They are expected and required to do a great deal for nothing. I trust that the bill may be so amended in the Senate as to secure the appointment of one trustee only for each school district, with remuneration commensurate with the duties imposed upon him. To expect in present times that competent men will give their attention to the public interests for merely love of country, is simply absurd. The duties of Examiner ought not to be blended with those of Treasurer and Secretary. A very good scholar may not possess business habits, indeed they are generally deficient in that particular, nor is a man of letters, however qualified he may be to fill the office of Examiner, always prepared to give bond for ten thousand dollars. It is hoped that in this particular, the House bill will be so amended in the Senate as to relieve the Treasurer and Secretary of the arduous and important duties which the law imposes (on him as Examiner also).

The usury laws or rather the advocates of their repeal, have, as you are aware, come to grief, they were defeated in the House by a very decided majority. But there is great vitality and energy in the promoters of this "change of base." They have moved and obtained a reconsideration of the vote. Should they succeed in pushing this bill through the House (of which I have been assured there is a very slim chance) they will meet a "Waterloo defeat" in the Senate. The county delegations and Senators (at least a majority of them) are not sufficiently read in political economy to appreciate the reasoning that goes to show that the "dearer you make money (by law) the cheaper it will become." The answer of a very plain common-sense farmer, made the other day in my hearing, to an advocate of a "repeal" who was urging on him the propriety and necessity, indeed, of abolishing all laws regulating and limiting the rate of interest, &c., struck me very forcibly and amused me too. To the sensation that (as the law now stood) a million man was obliged to charge 18.25+33 per cent in order to guard against penalties, &c., but that under the proposed change, money would be obtainable at 9 to 15 per cent, he replied, that though he was not prepared to combat or deny abstract principles or show the fallacy of premises learnedly assumed, of one thing, however, he was certain, that when men were authorized by law to ask 10 per cent, they would never lend their money at 6 per cent, as at present, and that under no circumstances was he either able or desirous to pay 9, 10 or 20 per cent for money.—that if the law passed it would ruin him and 3/4 of his neighbors, that if free of debt, it might be a matter of little indifference what the legal rate of interest was or would be, but that as matters now stood, an addition of 4 per cent would be "ruin, ruin, ruin."

The "Spates investigating committee" have done with examination of witnesses, but will not present their report for some days. It is understood, however, that it will triumphantly exculpate the Senator from Allegany from the grave accusations that have been made against him, and that he will come forth from the ordeal with unshaken laurels and exultation. That such will be the result, I believe, and I most sincerely hope and desire it may be.

The adoption of the Stevenson resolutions (from Finance Committee) by Sen-

ators, leaves the vexed question of State vs. Baltimore and Ohio Road, "in statu quo," ante session of the present General Assembly of Maryland.

Although there is a very general desire—I might say determination—to abolish all State Inspections, of all sorts, and although a bill has been reported and read the first time, yet it is not probable that nothing will be effected this session in that direction. The bill in question, like many others of great "importance," will have to lie over for some time until a more convenient season, and the Tobacco Interest will have to bear the burden for two years' longer of the present most onerous and damaging system of "inspection" laws.

On one subject men's minds are very much exercised and divided here—I mean the propriety of altering our Register Laws in view of the 15th Amendment. It has been urged with great force that the present Legislature should authorize without passing any law to adjust the registration of colored voters, that Congress would seize the opportunity and do so, and that a system will be organized to register, not only colored, but white voters also, under Federal and Congressional enactment of tyrannical provisions.

On the other hand, it is replied, that the President has not announced the passage of any such amendment as yet, and that all legislation in absence of official notification would be premature and possibly ridiculous and certainly unadvised. It has been further surmised that the President Grant may wish the right of allowing the General Assembly to adjourn without having taken any action in the premises, and thereby afford excuse and justification for Congressional interference. A bill, however, has been reported in view of the contemplated passage of this 15th Amendment, but I do not think it will pass into law this session. To the argument that the proclamation will certainly be issued after the adjournment of the General Assembly, it is replied, that it will be in the power of the Governor to call an extra session, if he should deem it proper or necessary, and that it is better and more consonant with State sovereignty to await the necessity of such legislation than to anticipate and provide for it.

An editorial in the Maryland (Annapolis) Republican on this subject (of the 26th instant) entitled "Registry Law," is worthy of perusal. It is from the pen of Mr. Colton and advocates the immediate passage of a law to meet the crisis that is on us. It is forcibly and tersely written, and covers the whole ground, as viewed from the stand-point of necessity and expediency.

Gov. Bowie deserves well of all friends of letters and polite learning for the manner in which he has called the attention of the Legislature to the wretched condition of the State library, and the course he has pursued on former Governors and Legislatures for their neglect of this institution, is fully justified. Mr. Martin informed the House some weeks ago that it did not contain a single perfect edition of Shakespeare. A low mutilated volume of a very imperfect edition were all he could find of England's greatest poet.—But it may be some consolation to lovers and admirers of Shakespeare to learn that other poets (his great predecessors) have been similarly treated. Wishing to compare some passages of Lord Dryden's translation of Homer's Iliad with the original Greek, to see how far the noble translator had preserved or departed from the sense, fire and painting of the great father of Poetry, I asked the present very courteous librarian to point me out where I could find his (Homer's) works, when to my little dismay and disappointment, I learned that there was not a single copy of Homer, or Virgil, or Horace, or Aeschylus (in fine) of any of the ancient classical authors to be found in the library. Being somewhat provoked, I joyously asked him if there were any volumes of nursery literature, Mother Goose for instance or Jack the Giant Killer on the shelves. He laughingly replied, "Oh yes, plenty of that sort, not much sought after though," and so I came away, grateful to Gov. Bowie for his effort to remedy a gross abuse tolerated too long by a succession of men, who in pursuit of politics, have overlooked and sadly neglected the interests and advancement of ancient as of modern literature.

The time-honored custom of "giving a colts' ball" has been departed from this session. In excuse for such departure and omission, it is urged that the last occasion of such ball being given, "the Assembly rooms" were invaded by too many of the "Demi-Mondes," both of Baltimore and Washington. It would require very little effort and management, I should think, to exclude such characters, and my mind the justification for breach of so excellent and time-honored a custom as the giving the usual Colts' Ball is very lame and insufficient indeed. On the part of all young folks, present and future, (though not "excess" very young myself), I protest against this infraction or omission, and hope that it will not pass into a precedent for the "Colts" of future Legislatures to be guided by.

I wish the limit I have imposed myself permitted me to do justice to the gentlemen who have taken a very active and distinguished part in the various discussions that have arisen from time to time in the Senate of Maryland. Though for the most part differing in their views of men and measures, they have one, or rather some things in common. In presenting their respective views, they avoid all effort at fine and ambitious speaking. They seize on the strongest points and enforce them clearly, succinctly and manfully. They avoid reading long and weary extracts from the acts of Assembly and do not set themselves up as infallible expounders of constitutional law or common law either. They fairly weigh and state the arguments of their opponents and avoid all ad captivum assertions and declarations. I allude to Hon. Barnes Compton, President of the Senate, and Hon. John Lee Carroll, Senator from Howard county. On some future occasion, when I shall have more leisure than at present, I purpose to induce in "Recollections" of the Legislature of 1870 when of them, as of others, I will write truly, as I will always think kind,

J. F. BOHANAN, Trustee.  
March 31, 1870—ts.

Trustee's Sale of valuable REAL ESTATE. BY virtue of a decree of the Court for St. Mary's county, in a case between James W. Colman and George F. Adams Defendant, the subscriber, as Trustee, will expose at public auction, at the Court House door in Leonardtown, on Tuesday, the 26th of April, 1870, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock p. m., that tract or parcel of land called

THE HILL OR KILGOUR ANGLE and ORRISFIELD, containing 60 acres, more or less. The property is located in or near the village of Charlotte Hall, being the same occupied by Dr. George F. Adams, has on it an excellent dwelling and other improvements and is very valuable on account of its proximity to Charlotte Hall Academy and from the fact that the survey of the Southern Maryland Railroad runs through the said land.

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HAVELOCK. THIS celebrated Cleveland Trotting STALLION will make his first season in this section of Maryland. Heat of St. Clement's Bay, St. Mary's county, on Mondays; Leonardtown, Tuesdays; White's, Wednesdays; Parson's & Spalding's Store, Thursdays; Mechanicville, Fridays, and at my stable on Saturdays, commencing the 28th of March of every other week and ending the 26th of July, 1870.

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being part of the land which James Partridge died seized as a possessor. These lands extend from the Three-Notched Road to a fine creek near to and emptying into the Patuxent River. It is well studded with fine TIMBER.

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RENEW YOUR LICENSES. READERS, KEEPERS OF ORDINANCES and others, are hereby notified, in pursuance of the Code of Public General Laws and the Acts of Assembly, in such cases made and provided, to take out and renew their Licenses, on or before the 1st day of May next.

ALL PERSONS AND BODIES CORPORATE or POLITICAL of St. Mary's county, who are or shall be exercising or pursuing any business, or shall be doing any act, or shall be in the occupation of any home or place for the purpose of doing any business, shall be required to OBTAIN A LICENSE, OR RENEW THE SAME, on or before the 1st day of May next.

Over \$ 1000	and not over \$1500	\$ 12
" 1500	" 2500	18
" 2500	" 4000	22
" 4000	" 6000	30
" 6000	" 10000	40
" 10000	" 15000	65
" 15000	" 20000	80
" 20000	" 30000	100
" 30000	" 40000	125
" 40000	"	150

With Clerk's and Sheriff's fees, added. The applicant must either take oath, as heretofore, before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where he is engaged in business, of the amount of goods kept on hand, at the principal season of sale; or the oath may be administered by a Justice of the Peace, when the person wanting the license applies through an agent. If the latter course be adopted, the following form will be deemed a sufficient compliance with the act:

St. Mary's County, to wit: On this—day of—1870, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said county, personally appeared—, and declared that he intended to apply for a trader's license, under the 2d section of the act of January Session 1858, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, and made oath that the amount of the stock of goods generally kept on hand by him (or by the concern in which he is engaged, in case it be a partnership,) at the principal season of sale, (or if the applicant has not previously engaged in such trade, that the amount of the stock of goods which he expects to keep, &c.) does not (or will not) exceed \$—.

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Each license sh... shall be shown... articles or things to... The owner or kee... or jack, shall, before... stand or station such... Clerk of the Circuit... the counties in this... which he intends to... season of the year... said Clerk, with a... tached thereto for... license for stationing... Provided that the... sum directed to be p... for such license, be... and that every stallion... the said tax is paid, all... all other State tax.

Any owner or k... standing any stallion... license, shall forfeit... sum authorized and re... the last preceding se... the State, and the oth... mer.

Upon information... each to the Sheriff of... such animal is statione... the owner or keeper is... mal without license, th... train for the same by... horse or jackass, and... same for the amount th...

Sec. 1. Be it enacted... Assembly of Maryland... first and the twenty-se... fifth-sixth Article of the... General Laws, relating t... hawlers and peddlers be... hereby repealed, and the... tions enacted in lieu the... "Twenty-one." For...

which the same may be... be paid the following r... every license to travel on... forty dollars; to travel w... other beast of burden and... vehicle, the sum of fifty d... horses or other beasts of b... on or other vehicle, the s... dollars. For every such li... over the whole Eastern S... Western Shore, there shall... to lowing rates, to wit: f... to travel on foot, the sum o... to travel with a horse or... burden or one horse and... burden and wagon or oth... sum of one hundred dolla... horses or other beast of bur... or other vehicle the sum of... and fifty dollars.