

ST. MARY'S BEACON
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

TUESDAY MORNING, February 22nd, 1872.

ERRATA.—In a communication lately published in the Beacon under the caption of "Abbreviated Correspondence," in 2nd line, 8th word for *by* read *to*; in 7th line, last word, for *great* read *great*; for the initial letter *D* in the name of the correspondent, substitute *E*.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. R. Heber Murphy asks us to notify those of his friends in the county who have forgotten to return books borrowed from him, that he will be pleased to get possession of them. If sent to 44 Lexington St., Baltimore, or left at the office of the Beacon they will reach him.

LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER ITEMS.—Congressional proceedings for a week past have been unusually inopportune in debate and barren in action. There is, and has been during the present session, little to record of Congress but very bald manoeuvres to make and unmake presidents, to build up and pull down rival political factions, and endeavor in these directions are likely to multiply and intensify until adjournment. That present politics and politicians, State and National, are fast becoming an offensive nuisance and a hurtful incubus upon the country, we see stronger reasons every day for believing.

In the proceedings of the Maryland Legislature for the past week, we notice that our Senator has presented petitions from Heskiah Burroughs, Mary A. Stone, Mary B. Dyer and Benj. Adams, asking pensions. Mainly through the instrumentality of our delegates, a bill has been passed, reducing the outgo tax on Tobacco from \$2 to \$1.50. The legislature has been memorialized by our County Commissioners, asking the repeal of the present law in regard to the appointment of Trustees of the Poor, and recommending that the Poor House be placed under their direct control.

We are pleased to state, that our delegates are all in excellent health and spirits. They are at present up to their elbows in work and hard at it. Indeed they, one and all, being to the working, rather than the talking, brigade; and, though they have made little noise during the session, we have good reason for knowing, that they have been among the most laborious and attentive workers in their different bodies. The heavy legislative work is done in Committees, of which the public hear nothing, and it is to duty in these bodies, that our delegation has mainly devoted itself.

Neither our Washington nor Annapolis correspondence has reached us this week. What is the matter? Sickens or the mail? We often "crowd out" to make room for these letters, and when they fail us, a serious inconvenience is the result. We trust our Washington and Annapolis friends will remember this in the future. The attention of parties interested is called to the statement of the President of the State of Maryland Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore, to be found in another column of this week's issue.—We had intended to have commended this statement with a commendatory notice of the Company's condition, management and claims to public approval, but want of space and time has prevented us. We shall, probably, refer to these features in our next.

There is much complaint among our farmers in regard to the backwardness of work at present writing. Few Tobacco beds have been sown. Little fencing has been done, etc. etc., farm affairs, generally, being unusually in arrears.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—Our citizens were treated on Thursday night last to an interesting lecture on the subject of temperance by the Rev. Mr. Duvall, of Baltimore city. The meeting was held at the Union Hotel and was very well attended, considering the shortness of the notice given. The manner of the speaker was forcible and earnest and his illustrations and counsels were of a character to impress many of his hearers, not only with the criminality of intemperance, but with the dangers and seductions which attend the first drink. The comparison of the tippler with the self-sufficient and over-confident voyager sailing smoothly down the rapids which lead to the cataract, we thought particularly happy.

HENRY COUNTY TOBACCO SEED.—Our thanks are due Major Peter W. Hairston, of the firm of Herbert, Hairston & Co., Baltimore, for a package of superior Tobacco Seed, grown on one of the Major's fine Tobacco Estates in Henry county, Virginia. It has long been conceded that the quality of the Tobacco grown in Henry County surpasses that of any other County in the State, and it is greatly owing to this fact that the celebrated Gravely chewing Tobacco enjoys such a high reputation. Those of our farmers who wish to try it can do so by calling on Mr. V. Camalier, agent for the above named firm, who has come on hand for gratuitous distribution.

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The resolutions are as follows: Whereas, it has pleased the All-wise Master to take to Himself an earnest and efficient co-worker in this body, and one much endeared to it, and greatly respected for kindness of personal demeanor and promptness to the demands of every duty he was called upon to discharge; and whereas, it is proper and usual in bodies of this kind for surviving brothers to recognize the services, and place upon record some memorial of a useful membership, severed by death: Now be it therefore resolved, by the members of the St. Mary's Reading Room and Debating Society, That in the decease of Alexander B. Holmes, we are profoundly sensible of the misfortune that has befallen us, and of the irreparable loss, in counsel and action, we have thereby sustained.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BALTIMORE, CITY ON THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1871.

Table with financial data: Cash deposited in N. Mechanic's Bank of Baltimore, \$311 24; Cash in the office, 25 87; Amount of interest actually due and unpaid, 179 96; Am't of premium notes on hand on which policies have been issued, \$4,012 94; Total, \$54,721 49.

Expenses during the preceding year. Am't of expenses paid during the year including cash refunded on cancelled policies, \$6,522 87; Amount of bills payable and outstanding accounts, \$2050 00; Amount of risks on policies outstanding, \$952,946 00.

PERSONNEL OF THE ST. MARY'S DELEGATION. St. Mary's county has, as usual, a fine delegation. The Senator, James S. Downs, Esq., is a large, pleasant-looking man, about thirty-three years of age. He is a lawyer of reputation and the editor of the staunch Democratic journal, the St. Mary's Beacon, at Leonardtown. He is an old-time Democrat, and while not a gifted orator he is a man of good sense, intelligence, and is extremely popular. He started life poor and by his own exertions has worked his way up hill until he has achieved the honored station of a Maryland Senator.—He has filled the position of State's Attorney twice, with great acceptability and credit. He is married and has a large family.

To the left of the Hon. Frederick Stone, of Charles, sits one of the finest looking young men in the House, R. Johnson Colton, of St. Mary's. He is a medium sized, well built, neat looking man, with a pleasing countenance, a bright eye, dark hair, moustache and goatee. He is a hard worker and an able representative. Mr. Colton was born at St. Clement's Bay, St. Mary's county, and is a graduate of Calvert College. He was admitted to the bar in 1860, and is now thirty years of age. He received at the late election six hundred majority, which is an evidence of his merit and popularity. He is a Democrat of the staunchest kind, and adheres with unflinching trust to the principles of the Democratic party. He is on a number of important committees, and is an indefatigable worker in the discharge of his duties as a legislator. His demeanor is quiet and affable, and we have found him in our intercourse one of the most congenial members of this body.

His colleague, John A. Dunbar, Esq., is a tall, fine-looking man, with brown hair and beard, quiet, yet industrious, and a careful, thinking and attentive member, with liberal views. He was born in St. Inegoes district, St. Mary's county, and is now about forty-seven years of age, though he does not wear the appearance of more than forty, in spite of the gravity of his manners. He was elected County Commissioner of St. Mary's, when he had the honor of being one of the first Democrats ever elected to office in this county. He is a farmer and a fine sample of the talented and educated Maryland agriculturist.

DIED. At his residence in this village, on Saturday morning last, after a brief illness, Prof. A. B. HOLMES, aged about 53 years. May he rest in peace.

BALTIMORE MARKETS. WHEAT.—Has been steady and firm through the week, but the transactions have been chiefly in Pennsylvania, the receipts of other descriptions being very limited. Sales of Pennsylvania embrace some 2,500 bushels white at 164@165 cents, and about 30,000 bushels red, one or two fancy lots bringing 167@170 cents, but the bulk selling at 162@165 cents, which we quote as the closing prices for good to prime. Sales also 2,500 to 3,000 bushels Maryland red at 163@166 cents, and 2,500 bushels Western at 163 cents for red, and 180@190 cents for white. RYE.—We report sales this week of 1,000 to 1,500 bushels at 100@103 cents, and it closes steady at these figures. CORN.—The offerings this week have been light, and the market has through the week been firm for all descriptions, and for white prices have advanced sharply. There is however, a good deal of corn being delivered on contracts made some time since, which does not appear in the reported transactions. We have reported the best sales of 12,000 to 15,000 bushels Southern white at 67 to 72 cents, the closing sales being at 70@72 cents, 12,000 to 15,000 do. Southern yellow at 68@70 cents, 10,000 do. Pennsylvania at 68@70 cents, 20,000 do. Western mixed at 67 to 72 cents, and 5,000 do. on the spot at 66@70 cents. OATS.—Have been steady through the week though not specially active. Sales reach about 15,000 bushels at 70 cents, but the market, though only one or two lots have brought over 50 cents. We quote good to prime lots as closing at 52@55 cents per bushel. TOBACCO.—We report the market for Leaf still very quiet, and the market for the week has advanced forward, which is being taken chiefly for France at full rates, but other descriptions there is scarcely anything doing, the receipts being altogether too meagre to attract the attention of buyers. The market is very firm indeed, and prices for all descriptions are well maintained. We note the spot this week of 300 lbs. for Maryland. We quote as before, viz: Maryland—fringed, \$ 6.00 @ \$ 7.50 " round common, 7.00 @ 7.50 " good do., 7.50 @ 8.50 " middling, 8.00 @ 10.00 " good to fine brown, 11.00 @ 13.00 " fancy, 14.00 @ 25.00 " upper country, 5.00 @ 9.00 " ground leaves, new, 5.00 @ 9.00 GUANO.—For Guano and Fertilizers generally the market continues extremely dull, and prices are without change. For Peruvian Guano the market prices for lots of 50 tons and over are \$67.50 for Chincisa Island, and \$60 for Guano per ton, gold, and No. 2 of each kind 10 per ton less, also gold. For phosphate and manure Fertilizers \$50 per ton is the general price.

GEORGE F. ROWELL & CO., 40 Park Row New York. AND S. M. FITZGERALD & CO., 37 Park Row, New York. Are the sole agents for the St. Mary's Beacon in that city, and are authorized to contract for inserting advertisements for us at our lowest cash rates. Advertisers in that city are requested to leave their favors with either of the above houses. Oct 27, 1870.

Sheriff's Sale of REAL ESTATE. BY virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Circuit Court of St. Mary's county, Maryland, at the suit of Peter W. Dyer, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of John E. Mattingly, and to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim, interest and estate, at law and in equity of the said John E. Mattingly in and to the following property, to-wit: One tract or parcel of land, located in the 4th election district of St. Mary's county, called and known as RETIREMENT, or by whatever name the same may be known and called, containing 180 acres, more or less. And I hereby give notice, that on Tuesday, the 19th of March, 1872, at the Court House door, Leonardtown, between the hours of 12 m. and 4 p. m., I will expose to public auction the above described real estate, so seized and taken in execution, to the highest bidder for cash—to satisfy said debt, interest and costs due and to become due thereon. B. R. ABELL, Sheriff. Feb. 22, 1872.—ts.

JURY LIST. ORDERED BY THE COURT, this 19th day of February, 1872, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court furnish a copy of the Jury list to the Editors of the St. Mary's Beacon for publication. R. FORD, Associate Judge. A list of the Grand and Petit Jurors for March Term, 1872, for the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county. GRAND JURORS.—Walter B. Loughry, William A. Kirk, Foreman, Wm. H. Hayden, John Harrison, Charles J. Norris, John L. Greenwell, F. D. Hayden, John G. Gilburn, William Dixon, Hes. L. Burroughs, Geo. W. Morgan, Thos. L. Freeman, James F. Ward, J. Walter Carpenter, Dr. Jas. M. Brown, Griffin H. Hobbs, Benjamin Howell, William R. Clarke, Alex. For. Bygas, Geo. T. Burroughs, Philip H. Dreyse, A. Wilson Turner, Joseph S. Ford, James A. Carberry, D. M. Turner, James Burroughs