

ST. MARY'S BEACON
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, March 27th, 1873.

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND ADVERTISERS.—The demands upon our columns this week have forced us to lay over for another issue several favors of correspondents and advertisers which we have been unable to get in type.

SMALL POX STATUS AND OUTLOOK IN OUR DISTRICT.—The first gratifying announcement we have to make in connection with the above heading is, that not a single case of Small Pox now exists in our Town and that the last party who had been placed under quarantine here has been removed beyond the limits of the village to the temporary hospital improvised by our citizens, a mile or more distant in the country, to prevent the spread of the contagion. The house from which these parties have been removed, having been fumigated and otherwise properly cared for, there is now no danger in the resumption by the outside world of trade and social intercourse with our town.—Should another case of Small Pox occur within our city limits, the general public shall be apprised of it. Our next pleasurable feat is, that, though there have been some thirteen or fourteen cases of this disease, in every case the contagion is known to have been communicated by actual contact or residence with parties upon whom the complaint had already fully developed itself. From this we infer the absence of epidemic characteristics. This inference, when conjoined with the fact, that the infected houses and persons are now well known and a rigid quarantine exacted in regard to them, leads us to hope that the disease has reached its climax and that it will now soon diminish and pass away from our country.

Four deaths have thus far occurred from the disease, and we regret to state, that the condition of several parties, now down with it, is regarded as extremely critical. The kindness and liberality of our citizens, though already severely taxed to provide ways and means to assist the victims of this complaint, will not weary, we are confident, in endeavors to still further aid these unfortunates in every prudent and practical way possible. It should be remembered that the infected parties thus far are all black people, a class dependent mostly upon their daily labor for their daily bread, without proper medicine or nourishment or the means to buy it, and that they must inevitably suffer for these, if for nothing else, unless the charitable come to their relief.

We will not be misunderstood, we are sure, when we express in this connection our earnest admiration of the heroic conduct of the Jesuit Fathers of our town, who have, since the commencement of this pestilence to the present moment, promptly answered every call to the bedside of the plague-stricken, calmly facing the grave peril to themselves, a peril which might have involved, not death merely, but death in its most shuddering and repulsive form.

DECEASED.—Hon. E. G. Kilbourn, a prominent politician of Maryland, died at his residence, in Anne Arundel county, on Thursday last. In 1860 he was speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, and he presided at the famous extra session held in Frederick City in 1861, when a number of the members were arrested. He was born in New England, and was a lawyer by profession, practicing principally in Baltimore.

MR. PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The President has re-appointed General Denison Postmaster at Baltimore and Lieut. Goldsborough marshal. Judge Spence, the defeated candidate for Congress in the 1st District, has been appointed Assistant Attorney General for the Post Office Department. Gen. Adam E. King has been appointed Naval Officer at Baltimore, vice ex-Mayor Chapman turned out, and Washington Booth has been appointed Collector in place of John L. Thomas.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S CABINET.—The President has retained all of his old cabinet, with the exception of Secretary Boutwell, recently elected United States Senator from Massachusetts. Judge William A. Richardson having been appointed in his place. The Cabinet is as follows: Wm. A. Richardson, Secretary of Treasury; George H. Williams, Attorney General; Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State; Wm. W. Belknap, Secretary of War; A. J. Creswell, Postmaster General; Columbus Delano, Secretary of the Interior; George M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy.

DEATH OF MRS. REVERDY JOHNSON.—Mary A. Johnson, the estimable wife of the venerable Reverdy Johnson, died at the residence of her husband, 122 Park street, Baltimore, on the morning of the 19th instant, after a long and painful illness, in the 72nd year of her age. She was a woman of high endowments and rare personal beauty, and was a daughter of Gov. Robert Bowie, of Prince George's county, who was Governor of Md. in 1811.

U. S. SENATOR.—The Westminster Advocate mentions the names of Hon. Wm. T. Hamilton, of Washington county, the present incumbent; and Col. Chapman Billingsley, of St. Mary's county, among the Democratic candidates for the U. S. Senatorship.

COMMUNICATED.—RIDGE P. O., Md. March 24th, 1873.

Messrs. King & Downs: Dear Sirs:—In consequence of Mr. Butler's communication of the 20th instant, I deem it necessary in honor and justice to myself to state, through the medium of the Beacon (with your permission) that I am prepared to testify that the gentleman in question was thoroughly aware of the withdrawal of his name as a candidate for the Commissioners' Court.

An impartial judicial investigation will in all probability substantiate to the honor of Mr. St. Inigo's district that Mr. B's name was not "a forgery on the part of some dishonest person."

A man's "political duty," in my humble opinion, does not consist in his being a toy for his political advisers.

With the utmost respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
NICHOLAS BISCOE.

DECLINATION.—GREAT MILLS, Md., March 24th, 1873.

Messrs. Editors:—I acknowledge the high honor paid me by some friends in reply to the call of Patuxent, in suggesting me, through the columns of your paper, as a candidate for the Commissioners' Court. In thanking these friends for the compliment, I must say that I cannot be a candidate for that position.

Very Truly Yours,
JOHN J. ALLSTAN.

LITERARY NOTICES.—THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL for April, take it all in all, is one of the best numbers yet issued of a magazine that is justly distinguished for usefulness. The table of contents is of a character to attract all classes of readers, although "sensationalism" seems to claim no place therein. The following subjects seem to us of more special interest: Charles P. Kimball, the well known Carriage-maker of Maine; Inborn Strength, an essay on the elements of human advancement; Educating the Sexes Together; The Foremost Problem; From Whence to No Whither, or the Future Considered; Alimentiveness, its Use and Abuse, illustrated; Wilder on Phrenology; Its Worth to Me, a Frank Admission; A Dream Not All a Dream; A Temperance Allegory; Tejada, the President of Mexico; The Civil Service and Its Demerits; The Cheerful Face; Thomas Guthrie, D.D.; The Maple Tree; Origin of "April Fool"; East Tennessee and Its Resources, etc.; also an excellent list of recent publications. Terms \$3 a year, Single Numbers, 30 cents. S. R. WELLS, N. Y.

WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE for April invites us to the following "feast of reason and flow of soul": The Good Goddess; Mid-Summer Dream; The Slow Poisoning; Whims, by Addison; Miss "Pop-In"; Music; Make Your Opportunities; A Prize Story; An Honest Rumseller's Advertisement; Unreasonable Devotion, by Gail Hamilton; Simplicity in Prayer; My Little Gentleman, by L. M. Alcott; Cradle Song, by J. C. Holland; Rikke-Tikke-Tak; Good Advice, by Harriet Beecher Stowe; and Editorial, including The Pictures in Our Home, Correspondence, Housekeeper, Fashion Letter, Sense and Nonsense, Home, etc. We also notice that about four thousand professional men and women, farmers, etc., who want "something to do," may be accommodated by addressing the Editor. For specimen copy, enclose two stamps and address Wood's Household Magazine (Times Building) New York City, or 81 and 83 Front-st., Newburgh, N. Y.

GEMS OF BEAUTIFUL WRITING.—A new Compendium of Penmanship, comprised in a complete series of copy-slips, has just been published. The author, PROF. GASKELL, President of the Bryant & Stratton College, Manchester, N. H., has long been known as the "Prince of American Penmen," and since the death of Father Spencer there has been no one to dispute this title.

This Compendium is having a large sale in the principle cities and throughout the country, as nothing so complete, beautiful and useful for self-instruction has ever before been offered. It supplies a great want. Bookkeepers, clerks, teachers, farmer's sons, all want to learn to write rapidly and elegantly, and nowhere else can they get so good instruction as in this way. It is sent by mail to any address for \$1. Write for it.

Address Prof. G. A. GASKELL, Manchester, N. H.

THE ALBUM for April will be received with enthusiasm and delight by every person of taste who has a grain of appreciation for the beautiful art of a spark of pride in the progress of American Art. Being the latest, it is, of course, the most of all the finest issues of all this wonderful genre, and in this constant improvement may be noted the extent of the great success which this American Art Journal has invariably had, hitherto, so many beginnings have invariably counted just so many failures. The publishers demonstrate, not only the amplest resources, but a determination to use these resources to the utmost, and this enlightened liberality in their business can have only the one result—a bold

upon the popular faith that will be to them a tower of strength for all time to come. The record of the child's death, by John S. Davis, announced as the quarterly titled plate for this year, appears in this issue. It represents a child of a size of head and better, by a roving eye, from a young boy who was found in the open doorway of the house, morning air. A shadow lay in every shadowed place, and the fast-falling drops of an April shower, pearly like its own, were falling round him.

THE "DEATH WARRANT OF MARY STUART" is a truly royal subject, royally treated; and for texture and detail, is noticeably even in THE ALBUM. "A CATASTROPHIC" by Whit-trede, will carry off the palm with very many; a pool surrounded by forest trees, in which the beautiful white birch is conspicuous; the solitude heightened, not broken, by a pair of kingfishers, one perched upon a leafless branch, the other skimming the surface, and most enchanting view of a dim forest distance from a picture worthy of the reputation of any of America's foremost painters. Each a spirited sketch, "A Bare Chance," by W. M. Cary, in which one of our frontiersmen, on his gallant mission, is brought suddenly to close quarters with monstrous grizzly, deserves more than a passing notice, but so do the others, and space is limited. There is a perfect gem of landscape, Whimper, the great rival of Birket Foster. "A Deserted Church," "Spring Flowers," and "O Pray My Child," an exquisite picture of the German school, complete the list of attractions which are scattered with such a generous hand among the patrons of this elegant journal.

The literary contents of the April ALBUM display the usual excellence and variety. There are, for instance, three good short stories, "I Will If You Will," by Clara F. Guernsey; "The Ball on the Ice," by E. B. Leonard; and "Madame Jeannette's Papers," by James Watkins. There is a capital geographical and artistic study of the life and works of "Milton," the miniature painter, by Osmond Tiffany, a readable paper, by the editor, describing "The Yellowstone Region;" another on "The Death Warrant of Mary Stuart;" another on "An old German Tribunal in the Harz Mountains," and, best of all, a ray of light, from John Syncey, which would have charmed Lamb, since it is the prime favorite, "Margaret, Duchess of Newcastle." There are five poems, "A Gael of Haifa," by Henry Richards; "The Four Seasons," by S. W. Duffell; "O Pray, My Child," a translation from the German of Hoffman; "A Bare Chance," a unique little dialect poem by S. Lang—a new writer, who contends for the laurels of Bret Harte and John Jay; and the "Rosemary," another tender flower-fantasy by Mary E. Bradley, which has already won prominent place among American female poets. Music and Art receive thoughtful consideration, and literature more than usual attention, the page containing it being devoted to the late Henry Timrod, the best and most unfortunate of all the Southern poets. The story of his life, as related by Mr. Stoddard, from the Memoir of Mr. Paul Hayne, is the saddest literary record that we have read for years. Subscription price \$5.00 including Chromos "Village Belle" and "Crossing the Moor." James Sutton & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane, N. Y.

DIED.—At the residence of his brother, John E. Simms, in Patuxent district, on Monday last, the 24th instant, after a lingering illness, which had already won exemplary recognition to the Divine Will, JAMES SIMMS, aged about 35 years. May he rest in peace!

BALTIMORE MARKETS.—WHEAT.—The supply of Winter Wheat throughout this section having been nearly exhausted, the receipts are merely nominal, amounting to only about 7,000 bushels of all kinds during the past week. The market ruled dull and heavy, until the last day or two, when we note a slight improvement, but no improvement in prices is to be observed. The sales reported on "Change amount to 3,000 bushels Southern at 170@195 cents for fair to good, and 200 bushels choice amber, and 210 cents for white; 1,200 bushels good Western red at 165@175 cents, 400 do. amber and 1,200 do. mixed at 165 cents. The market closes at 90 cents for choice amber, do. do. at 89 cents, 1,000 No. 1, mixed do. at 87 cents, and 1,000 mixed on track at 85@89 cents. We note more inquiry for future delivery, and sales were about 20,000 bushels in all, next month on private terms, and 25,000 bushels half do. at 81 cents. We note mixed in Elevator closing firm at 80 cents. 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