

ST. MARY'S BEACON
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 21st, 1873.

The failure of the mails to reach us Monday and Tuesday nights last has necessitated a resort to our local resources for news material, but, unhappily, nothing that we have heard of has transpired in our midst since our last issue or is now occurring, the floods of rain excepted, which call upon us for special notice or notice of any kind. We can, of course, go ahead, like our city contemporaries, and manufacture news as we go, but besides the inconvenience of taking back and explaining, as we should be forced to do when the truth came to the surface, we really know nothing of local or other import at present worth lying about. Our readers, therefore, will be kind enough this week to overlook the absence of our usual news budget and to credit us with a regret, that we have not been able to do better. All this, we are confident, they will do when we inform them; that in order to be at our post we gallantly braced this morning the "ragin' canawl" which lies athwart the passage from our home to the place of our business duties. As grieving after "spilt milk" is notoriously unprofitable, and the laughing always healthier than the crying philosophy, we congratulate ourselves, in common with other planters, that our tobacco crops are not suffering for any more wet at present. Wheat not yet under cover is growing off finely and both our mills and our swamp fencing, when last heard from, were still going—swimmingly.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINEES.—The Democratic Party of Maryland, through its duly authorized representatives, and in conformity to its ancient forms, has spoken, and it is now the duty of its adherents throughout the State, whatever their personal predilections may have been, to mobilize at once, march to the front and take their places under the flag. Whatever our disappointments here consequent upon the failure of Col. Dent to receive the nomination for Comptroller, (and few expected a different result), we feel ourselves fully justified in stating, that the Democratic Party of St. Mary's, though lately accustomed to defeat and still in a minority, (a minority how created it is here unnecessary to state), will do its duty, its whole duty in the pending State contest, and do it with a will! Apart from their being the nominees of the party, Col. Woodford and Mr. FRANKLIN are both entitled to fullest Democratic confidence—both show clean hands in the administration of their respective offices, and both are the places for which they have been chosen and both are and have been true Democrats and true party men. In no section of the State will WOODFORD and FRANKLIN receive a more earnest endorsement than will be accorded them by the Democratic Party of St. Mary's at the coming election, and by no members of the party, we have excellent means of knowing, will they be more warmly supported than by JONAS P. DENT and his personal friends. It but remains to us to thank, as we most cordially do, such of our sister counties, particularly Frederick, Charles and Calvert, as remembered "us and ours" in the late convention, and to assure them, that though St. Mary's has fallen alas! from her once high estate, "there's life in the old land yet!"

THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.—The following resolutions were adopted by the late Democratic State Convention and will, of course, constitute the platform of the party in the pending contest. It will be seen, that the representatives of the Maryland democracy have intermitted all reference to the now dead and buried issues growing out of the three latest amendments to the constitution and have addressed themselves alone to the living, practical questions of the hour. Having accepted in good faith at the late National Convention the rights and securities with which these amendments surrounded the black race in this country, and placed that acceptance upon record, the democracy, State and National, now enters unembarrassed upon its old mission of defending popular and State Rights against Federal aggressions, against iniquitous tariff laws and against all the monstrous and manifold monopolies which at present oppress and plunder the many for the benefit of a few. As of old, it firmly sets its face against the reckless donation of the public property for the benefit of greedy and grasping corporations, it condemns all stealing, whether in high or in low places, and especially that giant steal of the century, the "back salary grab" of the late Congress, and, pledging itself to a strict obedience to the fundamental law, to the furtherance of rational reform and the adoption of rigid economy in the administration of all representative trusts, "a careful scrutiny of official conduct and a prompt and vigorous punishment of official delinquencies," it re-affirms its old regard for our free school system of education and announces its determination to make liberal provision for its further extension and improvement. The following are the resolutions of the Convention:

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Primary Meetings.

THE applicants of St. Mary's county, in Equity, passed in a case in which Thomas Langley is Complainant, and Thomas Langley, James Allen and others are Defendants, and bearing date of the 11th day of August, 1873, the undersigned, Trustee, will offer at public sale, at the Court House door in Leonardtown, on Tuesday, the 16th day of Sept. 1873,

between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m., and 4 o'clock, p. m., all that valuable real estate of which the late Henry Miles Langley died seized and possessed, called and known by the name of

BAR NECK,
and containing
100 acres,

This land lies within 2 miles of the "Toll Pin" and 3 miles of Point Lookout, is located on St. Jerome's Creek, in the First Election District of St. Mary's county, and is about two-thirds surrounded by navigable water—in which the fish and OYSTERS abound; and there are Steamboat wharves within convenient distance, at which Steamers, passing to and from Baltimore and Washington, touch tri-weekly.

The improvements upon this land consist of a DWELLING, BARN and all necessary out-houses—all of which are substantial and in good repair. There is also a small STORE HOUSE about a half mile from the Dwelling, and immediately on the Creek, at which a good business is carried on with sailors and oystermen.

TERMS OF SALE, as prescribed by the decree, are: One-third of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale, and the balance in equal installments at one and two years credit—the deferred payments to be secured by the bonds or notes of the purchaser, with security to be approved by the Trustee, and to bear interest from the day of sale.

Trustees' Sale of Valuable REAL ESTATE.
BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's county, in Equity, passed in a case in which Geo. W. Horsey, Samuel Batten and John O. H. Ray, trading as Horsey, Brother & Batten, are Complainants, and Wm. Frank Ford, Administrator of James Seefeld, Eugene Seefeld and others are Defendants, and bearing date of the 26th day of July, 1873, the undersigned, Trustee, will offer at public sale, at the Court House door in Leonardtown, on Tuesday, the 16th day of Sept. 1873,

between the hours of 12 o'clock, m., and 4 o'clock, p. m., all the real estate of which the late James Seefeld died seized and possessed, to wit: One tract or parcel of land, called and known as

FAIRFIELD,
and containing
35 acres,

This land is situated in the First Election District of Saint Mary's county, at a point on the Upper Potomac river, and has upon it a comfortable and convenient DWELLING, (within a few yards of the shore at low tide), a SMALL KITCHEN, MEAT HOUSE, STABLES, &c. There is also upon this property a good BLACKSMITH'S SHOP, at which a good business is done; and all in sight, within convenient walk, is a comfortable TENANT HOUSE, usually occupied by the blacksmith. The land is new—having been lately cleared and grubbed—(the soil therefore good and in fine condition.

But the great value of this property is in the advantages it possesses as a stand for a store—than which, for the mercantile business, there is no better place in this county. It is within a few miles of the Millstone Landing on the Patuxent River, from which there are Steamers to and from Baltimore three times a week; and schools and mills are almost at the very door. A Post Office for that section of the county is usually kept at this place.

The other tract or parcel of land, called and known as

ADDISON'S,
lying on the Tuxedo Neck road, between the lands of Frederick Oakley and the heirs of John B. Shannon, and containing

40 acres,
more or less, is detached and covered entirely with wood and timber, and will be sold separately or with the former place, as may be deemed advisable on the day of sale.

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When all the purchase money shall be paid, the Trustee will execute a deed, or deeds, to the purchaser, or purchasers, free, clear and discharged from all claims of the parties to this suit, and of those claiming by, from or under them.

ROBERT C. COMBS,
JAS. S. DOWNS,
Trustees.
Aug 21, 1873—43.

Registration Notice.
THE undersigned, officer of Registration for the 1st Election District, of Saint Mary's county, in compliance with an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session of 1870, which makes it the duty of Officers of Registration to sit with open doors at some place convenient to the voters of their respective districts for three successive days, commencing on the 3rd Monday of September in each year, hereby gives notice that he will attend at

ST. INGOES STORE,
on Monday, the 15th, Tuesday, the 16th and Wednesday, the 17th of September, 1873.

Trustee's Sale of Valuable REAL ESTATE.

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Trustees' Sale OF VALUABLE HOUSES & LOTS IN LEONARDTOWN.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's county, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in a case in which Joseph A. Dillow and Elizabeth A. Dillow, assignees, and others, are Complainants, and Thomas Dillow and others are Defendants, and bearing date of the 8th day of August, in the year 1873, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer at public sale, at the Court House door in Leonardtown, on Tuesday, the 16th day of Sept. next,

between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock, p. m., the following property, to wit:

2 HOUSES AND LOTS AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, located on the West side of Washington street in the village of Leonardtown, lying between the Store House of Messrs. Greenwell and Fenwick and the property known as the Restaurant Building. The buildings are in excellent condition, and the land attached is highly improved. The metes and bounds of the lots are marked by a substantial fence, and the buildings, with improvements attached, will be offered separately. The whole property will be sold subject to the life estate of Thomas Dillow.

TERMS OF SALE, as prescribed by the decree, are: One-third of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale, and the balance in equal installments at one and two years credit—the deferred payments to be secured by the notes or bonds of the purchaser, with security to be approved by the Trustee, and to bear interest from the day of sale.

When all the purchase money shall be paid, the Trustee will execute a deed, or deeds, to the purchaser, or purchasers, free, clear and discharged from all claims of the parties to this suit, and of those claiming by, from or under them.

ROBERT C. COMBS,
JAS. S. DOWNS,
Trustees.
Aug 21, 1873—43.

Registration Notice.

THE undersigned, officer of Registration for the 1st Election District, of Saint Mary's county, in compliance with an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session of 1870, which makes it the duty of Officers of Registration to sit with open doors at some place convenient to the voters of their respective districts for three successive days, commencing on the 3rd Monday of September in each year, hereby gives notice that he will attend at

ST. INGOES STORE,
on Monday, the 15th, Tuesday, the 16th and Wednesday, the 17th of September, 1873.

Registration Notice.

THE undersigned, officer of Registration for the 4th Election District, of Saint Mary's county, in compliance with an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session of 1870, which makes it the duty of Officers of Registration to sit with open doors at some place convenient to the voters of their respective districts for three successive days, commencing on the 3rd Monday of September in each year, hereby gives notice that he will attend at

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on Monday, the 15th, Tuesday, the 16th and Wednesday, the 17th of September, 1873, for the purpose of discharging his duty as an Officer of Registration, according to the provisions of said Act of the General Assembly of Maryland.

The Registration Act of 1870 makes it my duty to register the name of every person who shall apply to me to be registered as a qualified voter, who shall satisfy me that he possesses, or before the day of election next ensuing, will possess the requisite qualifications under the Constitution of the United States and the laws made in pursuance thereof, and of the provisions of the 2nd and 3rd sections of the 1st Article of the Constitution, after the applicant for registration shall have taken the following oath:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will true answer make to all questions necessary to ascertain my qualifications or disqualifications to be registered as a qualified