

ST. MARY'S BEACON

LEONARDTOWN, MD.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 1st, 1874.

IMPROVEMENT.—As we contemplate making in a few months an important improvement in the mechanical appearance of the BEACON, enlarging its paper, and certainly fitting it to a new order of material, besides making provision and outlay for a more extended correspondence than it has hitherto enjoyed, local as well as unlocal, we are constrained to remind delinquent advertisers and subscribers that we shall make an early call upon them for their arrears, unless they accede to a speedy plan...

NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS.—According to the decision of the highest law authority of our Government, the Virginia was not entitled to carry the American flag when she was captured by a Spanish war steamer, and was, consequently, not entitled to other immunity than that which a piratical or filibustering vessel might claim, (whatever that may be,) under similar circumstances. One good result growing out of the controversy in regard to the seizure of this vessel, is the recall of Mr. Sickles as our Minister to Madrid and the appointment of Caleb Cushing in his place.

Congress not being in session, and the President and Heads of Departments not having yet completed their usual Christmas "bender," there is matter of little interest now transpiring in political circles in the National Capital. The business, however, of stealing public money by high officials of the government still engages slight attention, the latest instance of note being the case of the "Christian Soldier," Gen. O. O. Howard, of Freedman Bureau fame, who has been arraigned by the Secretary of War for stealing two hundred and sixty odd thousand dollars of the Freedmen's money. We recollect a time when the General was quite a toast with the colored people of our country and when we gave them great offence by calling him a rascal. Time makes all things even and we are still looking forward to a day when the colored people here, as elsewhere, will cease as a body to allow themselves to be used and misused by the sleek, sly, caunting scoundrels of which this man Howard is the natural head.

The Maryland Legislature will meet on the 7th instant. The message of His Excellency, Gov. Whyte, is said to be already in type and will, doubtless, be presented and read the first day of the legislative session. Our immediate representatives, Messrs. Billingsley, Bond and Cotton, are now preparing for their departure for Annapolis and expect to be present at the initiatory proceedings of their different chambers.

The attention of our readers is called to the business notice of Messrs. Greenwell & Fenwick in another column and also to other new advertisements.

OUR RAILROAD FUND.—The County Commissioners, at a meeting on Wednesday last week, upon the application of the Counsel of the Southern Maryland Railroad, Hon. B. G. Harris, made final disposition of the balance of our internal improvement fund (\$80,000) by passing an order giving the money to the road without conditions or restrictions. There was no difference of opinion, we learn, in the Board in regard to voting the money to the road, the point of conflict being as to whether the fund should be voted in installments, with guards against its misapplication, or unconditionally and in the lump. Of the position of the Commissioners upon this issue, it is understood, that Messrs. Parsons, Abell and Tension sustained the latter proposition—Mr. Fenwick the former. We are authorized to state, that Mr. Dorsey, the remaining commissioner, would have voted and acted with Mr. Fenwick had he not been prevented from attending the meeting in question by unavoidable cause. Favoring, as we have always done, a rigid conditional disposal of this fund, nevertheless, now that the thing has been done, we are indisposed to quarrel about it or to indulge in gloomy forebodings as to the result, and we are certainly unwilling to commit ourselves to the absurdity of blaming the railroad for getting our money under the most favorable terms it could.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL EXAMINER.—The Board of School Commissioners, at a meeting on Friday, the 19th ult., appointed Benjamin Tippet, Esq., Examiner of the Schools and Treasurer of their organization in place of J. Frank Ford who had previously resigned the place preparatory to entering upon his duties as Clerk of the Circuit Court. The eminent fitness of Mr. Tippet for the position in question is conceded upon all hands, and his appointment, we predict, will prove to be popular, as well with the teachers as the patrons of our public schools.

FATAL CASE OF SPOONING.—The preliminary examination of the case of the State vs. John Cunningham, charged with poisoning John A. Soverville, a colored man, on the night of the 15th of December, ult., was had before Judge Fenwick at 11 o'clock on the 27th inst. The result was a verdict of \$2,000, \$1,000 for self and \$1,000 for security.

The prisoner, having been in the custody of the Sheriff since the 18th of December last, was brought into Court upon the writ of Habeas Corpus, and the examination disclosed the following facts and circumstances connected with the unfortunate affair.

Soverville, the deceased, with another colored man, named Dupuy, came to the house of Mr. A. J. Cunningham, a brother of the prisoner, then in Washington, and asked for admission, which was granted. Soon the deceased became very noisy and commenced sparring with Harry Cunningham, a younger brother. Afterwards, becoming angry with Harry, said he would kick him out of the house, and cursed all in the house. Harry asked Cawley if he could not get him home. Harry replied that he was drunk and not to mind him as it was his way. Harry then asked a Mr. Cook, who was present, to help to put deceased out of the house. Cook refused, saying he was afraid, as deceased had previously threatened his life. Deceased then asked for a drink, which after awhile was given him, upon promise that he would go home. Deceased still remaining, prisoner then told him if he did not go home he would see the law on him in the morning. Deceased damned the law and all, and said there was not men enough in the house to put him out. Prisoner then told him he must go out as the house was in his charge, and he was bound to protect it.

Mrs. Dupuy, who was also present, then asked the deceased to go home to his mother. Deceased said he had no mother, &c. Harry then asked deceased why he did not go home as the lady requested. Deceased cursed him, and told him if he did not go up stairs and go to bed he would kill him, a-d-s-a-b. Harry then ran up stairs, and was being followed by deceased when prisoner fired the gun, and deceased fell.

Prisoner then went and procured the services of a physician, and asked him to go immediately and see deceased and try to save his life. Prisoner then went and gave himself up to the Magistrate. Physician arrived at the scene of the difficulty about ten o'clock, and deceased survived about 13 hours.

Prisoner is a resident of Washington city and was on a visit to his brother. He is now in custody of his bail, awaiting his trial at March Court.

HON. MONTGOMERY BLAIR.—In the Washington correspondence of our paper, published some weeks ago, there appeared a reference to Hon. Montgomery Blair to the effect, that he (Blair), with other members of Lincoln's cabinet, had proposed the hanging of every officer and soldier found in the Confederate uniform without the form of a trial, &c., &c. In the hurry of making up the issue referred to, the reference in question escaped our attention, or it would not have been allowed to appear in our columns. Had we noticed the reference, the humane character of Mr. Blair, as well as the prepossiteness of the proposal itself, would have instructed us as to the fact that the accusation had no foundation in fact. But however innocent of intention or purpose to misrepresent Mr. Blair, the publication in question having been made in our columns, we feel required, and are gratified at being able, to give him the benefits of the fullest explanation and denial. Hence the necessity for the publication of the letters, given below, which sufficiently explain themselves without further prologue from us:

FARLAND, Mont Co., December 13th, 1873. W. B. Green, Esq.—Dear Sir: The silly falsehood told in a Washington letter, dated 25th ult., signed "X," and published in the St. Mary's Beacon, but that you call attention to it to give me an opportunity to contradict it, would not have been thought worthy of such notice by me. I should not otherwise have thought it necessary to say that no such time ever existed as this writer says he well remembers "when Mr. Post Master Gen. Blair, supported by other members of Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet, proposed the hanging of every officer and soldier found in the Confederate uniform without the form of a trial, &c." for not only did no member of Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet ever make such a proposition, but every man of intelligence knows, that there never was a time in American history when a man who would make such a proposition would have been tolerated in public station.

Yours truly, MONTGOMERY BLAIR. J. T. M. HALEY, Esq., Leonardtown, Md. My Dear Sir: The enclosed scrap will explain itself. As I have taken the trouble to correct the foolish lie to which it relates, I wish you would call the attention of the Editor of the Beacon to it and ask him to insert it. He is a friend of mine, I believe, and would not have permitted the letter to go into his paper if he had noticed it.

"X's" story is absurd enough when told of any one, but of me, who was turned out of Lincoln's Cabinet because I stood up for the rights of the people of the South, especially African-Americans, who were being oppressed by the slaveholders, it is almost incredible. I have been in the cabinet since the 18th of December last, and was brought into Court upon the writ of Habeas Corpus, and the examination disclosed the following facts and circumstances connected with the unfortunate affair. Soverville, the deceased, with another colored man, named Dupuy, came to the house of Mr. A. J. Cunningham, a brother of the prisoner, then in Washington, and asked for admission, which was granted. Soon the deceased became very noisy and commenced sparring with Harry Cunningham, a younger brother. Afterwards, becoming angry with Harry, said he would kick him out of the house, and cursed all in the house. Harry asked Cawley if he could not get him home. Harry replied that he was drunk and not to mind him as it was his way. Harry then asked a Mr. Cook, who was present, to help to put deceased out of the house. Cook refused, saying he was afraid, as deceased had previously threatened his life. Deceased then asked for a drink, which after awhile was given him, upon promise that he would go home. Deceased still remaining, prisoner then told him if he did not go home he would see the law on him in the morning. Deceased damned the law and all, and said there was not men enough in the house to put him out. Prisoner then told him he must go out as the house was in his charge, and he was bound to protect it. Mrs. Dupuy, who was also present, then asked the deceased to go home to his mother. Deceased said he had no mother, &c. Harry then asked deceased why he did not go home as the lady requested. Deceased cursed him, and told him if he did not go up stairs and go to bed he would kill him, a-d-s-a-b. Harry then ran up stairs, and was being followed by deceased when prisoner fired the gun, and deceased fell. Prisoner is a resident of Washington city and was on a visit to his brother. He is now in custody of his bail, awaiting his trial at March Court.

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Price of magazine one dollar per year with chromo Y-Semite, one dollar and a half. Address Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N. Y.

MARRIED.—On the 29th inst., by the Rev. Father Powell, Z. T. DYSON to Miss MARY J. HEBERT. On the same day, by the Rev. Father Paschall, JOHN JOHNSON to Miss JANE RUSSELL.

IN MEMORIAM.—Died, at Judge L. C. Canters', on the 20th of November, ultimo, THOMAS BEAVIN, in the 62nd year of his age. For nearly two years prior to his death, it was manifest that poor Tom was vainly struggling against the insidious but fell destroyer, consumption; and although bearing the impress of his dire ravages, he continued, for a time, as most others have done, to listen to his doctors and attendants, but from the time that he was stricken

with the disease, he was under the care of our friends, who did not fail to do all that was possible for him, but he was unable to overcome the disease, and he died on the 20th of November, ultimo, at the residence of Judge L. C. Canters, in the 62nd year of his age. He was a native of Virginia, and was educated at the University of Virginia. He was a member of the Virginia State Bar, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1848. He was a successful lawyer, and was a member of the Virginia State Bar, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1848. He was a successful lawyer, and was a member of the Virginia State Bar, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1848.

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The arrest made by his order, and he being most familiar with the circumstances, is best capable of judging questions of expediency in regard to this matter. Very truly yours, (Signed,) WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

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SCHOOLDAY MAGAZINE.—We can not speak too highly of the Schoolday Magazine, published by J. W. Daughaday & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., as \$1.00 a year. It certainly bears the palm of being not only the cheapest, but one of the best illustrated periodicals for our young folks that we have ever seen. The January number, just received, begins its eighteenth year, and contains, besides the opening chapters of Alexander Clark's new story, entitled "Starting Out," the best of Professor Chamberlain's articles on "How to Say Things," a rich variety of excellent and interesting matter, such as the young people everywhere will wish to read. A handsome \$3.00 engraving is given free to every subscriber for 1874.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD were very much disappointed at not hearing more on Christmas morning, and sorry to hear of the illness of Father DeWolfe, and they hope that he will soon be restored to his usual good health and duties. I will also bid farewell to my old friend of "Bill Top." He is a kind and genial host, always ready for a joke, or to join in any sport for the amusement and pleasure of his friends and customers, from the playing of a game of "five cent hog," to the taking a glass of Black Berry, and any one that visits his place will be sure to return again and always be satisfied with his receipts. May many happy new years and a great increase of prosperity be the portion of him so greatly beloved by his neighbors and so much respected by all who know him is the wish of

Hor. Box. DEMONSTRATION'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—By reference to advertisement, which appears in the present issue of our paper, it will be seen that the proprietors of Demonstration's Monthly Magazine offers as a premium for the year 1874 to each \$3 subscriber to this best of fashion monthlies the popular, large and elegant Oil Chromo, "The Old Oaken Bucket," the first cost price of which is \$15. Of the merits of the Chromo, the New York Commercial Advertiser—a very high authority—says: "The artist has studied his subject carefully and truthfully, and has transferred it to the canvas with all the feeling of the poet whose home he has immortalized. The old roadway which leads off toward the pond in the distance, how eloquently it is rendered! At the turn, where it falls into the hollow, there an intervening cloud shuts out the sunshine and renders other points more sparkling. Every object in the picture tells a story of the olden-time simplicity; the old well sweep stands like a sturdy sentinel, ever ready to do his duty when called upon. "The sky is in perfect and quiet harmony with the landscape, and over the whole is thrown a soft flood of sunlight, broken occasionally by a passing cloud. "In color, the picture exhibits great refinement; in fact, throughout the whole composition, there is but one bit of positive color, and that is the scarlet flowers in the foreground, and yet this single note appears to be the key which binds the whole together, and renders it a thing of beauty, aside from the interesting associations connected with the early life of the poet. The picture has been beautifully reproduced in 'Chromo.'

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PUBLIC SALE. I WILL sell at public sale, on the premises of Wu H Longmore, (Belvidere) on Monday, the 12th of January, instant, the following personal property, to wit: 3 Horses; 1 Yoke of Oxen; 5 Yearlings; 1 Milch Cow; 10 Head of Hogs; 1 Or-Cat; All Farming Implements on the premises; Crops of Corn, Tobacco, Potatoes, &c. &c. TERMS OF SALE: All sums below \$20 cash; on all sums of and above that amount a credit of four months will be given—the purchaser giving bonds, or note, with security approved by the undersigned, and bearing interest from the day of sale. JAS. S. DOWNS. Jan 1st, 1874—2.

Notice. ALL persons indebted to me on medical account up to the 1st of January, 1874, are notified to come forward and settle the same by cash or note without further delay. Hereafter settlements will be expected the 1st of January and the 1st of July of each year. A. J. SPALDING. Jan 1, 1874—3.

AGENTS WANTED TO sell for WHEELER and WILSON SEWING MACHINES, in Saint Mary's county, Md. Wagon and harness furnished. Address the undersigned at Bryantown, Charles county, Md. JOHN H. STONE. Jan 1, 1874—2.

To the Voters of St. Mary's County. I am a candidate for the office of Attorney and solicitor of my fellow citizens, and solicit the support of my constituents. JAS T BLANCKFORD. Nov 12 1873.

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