

TUESDAY MORNING, March 26th, 1874.

NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS.—The new mail arrangements for the "benefit" of our county went into operation on Monday last. Under it, thus far, our people get their mail matter just a day later than under the old arrangement. The new experiment, however, is in its infancy and, when systematized, may do better, though we cannot see how it will improve our old mail facilities, and we see very clearly how it will benefit the passenger travel of contractors. This we shall not object to, provided we are restored within a reasonable time to the advantages we enjoyed under our old post time programme.

In reply to inquiries, as to whether the Dog and Oyster Bills, introduced some time since into the Maryland Legislature, have passed, and, if so, in what form, we have to state, that neither have passed both branches, and that it is impossible to say at this time in what form they will ultimately pass, if they pass at all, both bills, we believe, being still in committee and still, of course, subject to change and amendment.

It is believed that it is in contemplation to introduce a bill during the present session of our Legislature to authorize the County Commissioners of St. Mary's county, the proposition having been adopted by a previous vote of our people, to guarantee the payment of the annual interest on \$250,000 of Southern Maryland Railroad bonds, somewhat similar bills, applicable to Baltimore city and Prince George's county, having already been introduced in the Lower Branch of the General Assembly. As no such proposition in regard to our county has yet been introduced, and as now no such bill is introduced as an original bill, we prefer to think that it was never contemplated to introduce it. Certain it is, the whole tax-paying, and a large proportion of the non-tax-paying, interests of our county are decidedly, even violently, opposed to such a scheme, or indeed to any scheme which may advance our present tax rates a single stiver. Everybody in our county wishes well to the Southern Maryland railroad and everybody is of opinion that we have done our full duty by it, having voted it our entire State fund, but whether we have done this or not, there is a unanimity of opinion here that we have done all in its behalf that we are at present able to do. Reports to the contrary notwithstanding, we are not prepared to believe that any representative of our people at Annapolis is even inclined to be so false to his trust, so reckless of public opinion, as to countenance, much less endorse, a measure so much beyond the present ability of our people to provide for and of an import so sinister and dangerous.

By reference to notice elsewhere published, it will be seen that the store of Mr. Z. T. Spalding at Hillville, on the Three-Norched Road in Patuxent district, was entered on the night of the 17th, instant, by some person or persons unknown, and robbed of goods, amounting in value, as we have been informed, to about \$175. A reward of \$50 is offered by Mr. Spalding for the arrest and conviction of the robber or robbers and we sincerely hope that speedy justice may soon overtake the malefactor.

The bill "for the improvement and restoration of the tobacco growing region of the State," is a novel feature in legislation, and seems intended to restore the impoverished tobacco sections by purchasing land and building houses for emigrants. It contemplates the sale of the present tobacco warehouses, estimated to be worth \$3,000,000, the erection of cheaper warehouses, at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000, and the distribution of the remaining fund, \$1,500,000, among the five tobacco growing counties of the State. It constitutes John T. Lee, of Prince George's; John E. Gardner, of Charles; Thomas I. Iglehart, of Anne Arundel; James A. Bond, of Calvert; Luke W. B. Hutchins, of St. Mary's; and Lindsey H. Reynolds, Isaac S. George and Wm. A. Boyd, of Baltimore, a commission to sell the present warehouses and provide cheaper ones; after which the fund remaining from sale, to be called the "Southern Maryland Restoration Fund," is to be distributed to the five counties above named on a basis of the amount of tobacco grown in the respective counties as shown by the census of 1868. After the fund reaches the counties it is to be expended by commissioners appointed for the purpose in the purchase of lands not exceeding \$15 per acre, and the erection of suitable houses to be sold to emigrants.

It is now authoritatively stated that the long standing difficulty between Senator Suit, President of the Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad, and Colonel Samuel S. Smoot, President of the Southern Maryland Railroad Company, has been amicably adjusted by an arrangement mutually beneficial to both. It is also said that owing to this arrangement the work on both roads will at once be pushed actively to completion.

What is known as the "usury bill" is up for discussion in the Maryland Senate. The substance of the bill is that contracts may be made for any rate of interest that may be agreed on in writing between parties, not exceeding ten per cent. per annum. In the matter of this usury-renting business, it seems to us that but one of two practical things is left for the legislature to do—either allow private parties to make their own contracts for interest according to their own volition, or fix a certain rate of interest and make it a penitentiary offence to exceed it. We decidedly prefer the first proposition.—We think the rate of rent for money should be emancipated from the restraints of legal enactments and left to the law of supply and demand. If this were done, we are satisfied that the interest rate would soon be lower in this State than it is or has ever been, or if it were not, that it would keep thousands of dollars within the State which are now and have been for years past seeking and finding foreign investments to the impoverishment of the community and the crippling of internal development.

The number of schools in the State is 1,742—128 in Baltimore and 1,619 in the counties. The number of pupils in the State, 130,824. The schools were kept open in the city ten months; in the counties an average of 9 1/2 months. The teachers in the State numbered 2,555, and received for salaries, \$889,476.—\$197,387 was expended for building, repairing and furnishing school houses; \$69,526 for books and stationery, and for colored schools \$69,577. Total expenditures in the State for school purposes, \$1,354,068.

It is gratifying to note that, as compared with the year 1872, the school year has been lengthened sixteen days, the enrolment of pupils is increased by 12,198 names, and the total expenditures for public schools exceeds the expenditures of last year by \$97,083. A general approval of the school law is expressed, and the working of the system commended and but few changes suggested.

The number of colored schools in the State is set down at 225, and the pupils at 14,171.

The North Carolina volcano "sensation" has not abated. Despatches from the vicinity of Bald Mountain state that the internal noises heard in the mountain resemble those heard in Mt. Etna, before a volcanic eruption. Throughout the entire country, and for a distance of sixteen miles from the mountain, extending into adjoining counties, these sounds are not only heard, but the trembling and reverberation of the earth is perceptibly felt.—In numerous instances, for several miles from the mountains, the glasses have rattled in the windows and the dishes have been shaken from the shelves to such an extent as to create the most widespread consternation among the rural inhabitants.

Judge Dent, the brother of Mrs. Grant, died Sunday morning, at 6 o'clock, at his residence in Washington city, of tumor in the stomach, from which he had been suffering for several months past. The President and Mrs. Grant, Marshal Sharpe and wife, and other members of the family were with him when he died. The deceased was attended during his last illness by Rev. Dr. White of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, of which he became a member a few months ago. The funeral took place on yesterday.

On Thursday last, the 19th instant, George Combs, Esq., as President of the late St. Mary's Savings Institution, disposed of the eligible property known as "Physis Hill" at public auction. The property was re-sold at private sale the same day to Dr. Wm. M. Abell, the present occupant.

Local Opinion in the Legislature is dead. It died by the hands of its friends. A motion was made to exempt from the operation of the bill domestic wines and cider. The amendment was rejected by the friends of the bill: from that moment its fate was sealed.

The report of the Comptroller in response to an order of the House of Delegates, shows the net revenue of the State from the sale of liquor licenses for the past fiscal year to have been near \$170,000, about equal to four cents on the \$100 of the taxable property of the State.

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