

ST. MARY'S BEACON
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, July 29th, 1875.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Would I were a Boy Again."—Lines on the "Commemoration Ball at Charlotte Hall Academy,"—and a prose notice of the examination of the pupils of School No. 2, have been received and will appear in our next issue.

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.—We have space this week only to say, that however Rings and Ringsters may have inspired and manipulated the late Democratic State Convention, it cannot be gainsayed, that a most admirable ticket has been presented to the democratic voter—a ticket distinguished for talent (in the cases of Messrs. Carroll and Woolford for honorable public service also), and in the case of all, for strictest political integrity and unblemished personal honor. Albeit, therefore, our private appointment in not getting exactly the people we wanted, there is nothing "rankling here," even against the Ringsters, supposing, as is charged, that they really obtained control in the late caucus of the party and named their particular favorites. We judge the tree by its fruit, and so judging, we have only praise and good wishes to give the nominees and only thanks to render the Convention for the work it has done.

THE WESTMORELAND EXCURSIONISTS.—The ladies of Westmoreland County, Virginia, have undertaken the task of erecting a suitable monument to commemorate the devotion and heroism of the soldiers of the County who fell in the late momentous struggle for the independence of the Confederate States. The design is to have the names of all such inscribed upon the monument in letters as nearly imperishable as the hand of man can make them. At the head of these names is to be that of General R. E. Lee, the most illustrious son of the old County, whose statue is to crown it. Realizing the difficulty of the undertaking, in the impoverished condition of the people of the County, the aid of all who sympathize with the object in view is solicited. To aid in accomplishing the object in view, the ladies have chartered the steamer Pilot Boat and will make an excursion to Leonardtown on Tuesday, the 3rd of August, where at night, S. M. Gregory, the great Banjoist, will give one of his splendid entertainments, the entire proceeds of which will be devoted to that object. Speeches from General R. L. T. Beale and other distinguished orators may be expected. The Pilot Boat will touch at Mattox wharf at 2, P. M.; Colton's, 4 P. M.; Blakistone's Island, 4.10 P. M.; and Curriaman at 5, P. M. Round trip, 50 cents. The entertainment will take place in the New Hall of the St. Mary's R. R. & Debating Society, the officers of which have kindly placed the building at the service of the Westmoreland ladies, free of charge. It is hoped and believed, the filial and patriotic character of the enterprise considered, that a full house will greet the excursionists and that the generous people of St. Mary's will not allow the coming opportunity to escape without making some return for the hospitality and kindness which were lavished upon many a wandering and needy St. Marian by the kind-hearted people of good old Westmoreland during their trials, dangers and sufferings of the late war. Besides, Gregory is a "host himself," and we speak within personal knowledge when we say, that he is equal to a larger amount of fun and good music than any single performer we have ever heard. We bespeak a liberal attendance of our people on Tuesday next.

DINNER, ETC., NEAR MEDLEY'S NECK CHURCH.—We are authorized to state, that on Wednesday, August 11th, if fair, if not, on the first fair day, the ladies of Medley's Neck Congregation will give a dinner near the church to raise funds for some necessary improvements on their Church and graveyard. They will also have on the ground an abundance of refreshments and confectionery, and, at the same time, will dispose of, at moderate prices, a good assortment of useful articles presented to them by the kind Nuns of the Visitation.

THE INAGURATION BALL, ETC.—BEACON readers at a distance who may receive their papers in time to-day are reminded, that they are expected at the Inauguration Ball which comes off at the Reading Room Society's Hall on our town to-night. As the arrangements of the Committee appointed to take charge of the affair have been successfully completed, music included, we feel justified in stating, that the entertainment will be found worthy of the most generous encouragement.

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