

THE MARYLAND ATTORNEY-GENERALSHIP.—In the matter of the contested Attorney Generalship of this State, in which Mr. Wallis, Reform candidate, contests the election of Mr. Gwin, the democratic candidate for Attorney General at the late election, held November 2, Governor Groome has delivered his opinion on the constitution of the State making it the duty of the executive to decide on the election and qualification of the person returned as Attorney General.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.—The first session of the Forty-fourth Congress commenced Monday last. In the Senate the Vice-President ex-officio, Senator Ferry, presided. The usual committee was appointed to join the House committee and inform the President that Congress is ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to send it.

CIRCUIT COURT.—The intermediate term of our Circuit Court began on Monday last, His Honor, Judge Ford, on the Bench. The usual preliminary call of the Dockets were had and judgments entered in plain and uncontented cases, etc.

THE CHECK STAMP ACT.—The movement on the part of business men of the cities to petition Congress for a repeal of this intolerable nuisance receives the approval of all classes of the people. Many of the city banks have issued a circular urging the banks and the people throughout the country to unite in a petition to the next Congress for its repeal.

CONCERT AND SUPPER.—The ladies of St. Peter's Chapel, in our village, propose giving a Concert and Supper on some day during Christmas week, the proceeds to be applied to the Chapel's benefit. Date of Concert and other details given hereafter. We bespeak the interest of the St. Mary's R. R. & Debating Society membership in behalf of this enterprise, as it is under many obligations to gifted ladies attached to the Choir of St. Peter's.

SCARLET FEVER.—Wm. W. Combs, Esqr., residing in the Medley's Neck section of this district, has lost three children within sixty hours of scarlet fever, aged respectively, six, four and three years.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

TALL PINE, Md., Dec. 6, 1875.

Your correspondent, "A Mourner," seems to be highly pleased in consequence of the death of Honorable Henry Wilson. Really I was not aware that there was an individual within the borders of Maryland so void of delicate feeling as the learned writer in question. Most assuredly said gentleman was not in his wonted state of mind when he penned the communication of the 26th ult., otherwise he certainly would have expressed himself in a more sympathetic manner. That the deceased was a truly remarkable man, no right-thinking person will, for one moment, attempt to deny.

Our wide-awake Examiner has made two visits to the schools of St. Inigo's district since the commencement of the Fall term. Mr. Tippett appeared to be in buoyant spirits, and expressed himself highly pleased with the general progress of the pupils. Teachers and patrons are beginning to see their errors, and are willing to be guided by the beacon light of reason; or, in other words, they are finding out that it is decidedly cheaper to educate the youth of the country than to let them grow to man's estate ignorant and debased.

News exceedingly scarce just now hereabouts. The health of our village is good. The ladies—old and young—are donning colored stockings, and the doctors are patiently staying at home expecting cases of poisoning.

THE TWEED ESCAPE.—The stories constructed by the guards of Boss Tweed to account for his escape from their custody do not seem to command implicit credence in New York. The Boss is always in luck. He has baffled the various branches of the municipal government, and, not having been able to get a habeas corpus from the courts, has issued one on his own hook, which thus far seems to have answered all purposes.

CONTESTED ELECTION.—The contest for Senator from St. Mary's county, Asa A. Lawrence, having been by the Judges of Election in the several Districts of St. Mary's county, (as will be shown by their sworn certificates,) returned as elected to the position of Senator from said county in the Senate of Maryland, at an election held by said Judges, in their respective Districts on the 2nd day of November, 1875, respectively protests against a recount by Jos. F. Morgan, Justice of the Peace, of the ballots cast at said election for Senator for said county, for the reason that no authority is given by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maryland to a Justice of the Peace to make such a recount.

IMPORTANT TO TAX COLLECTORS.—It has been decided by the Court of Appeals that in selling the lands of delinquent tax payers, tax collectors not only may not sell a whole farm en masse, but cannot sell an undivided interest, but in every case must sell a certain number of acres, or certain quantity of land designated by boundaries, otherwise their sales will not be ratified by the Court. In most cases it will in future be necessary to have a survey.

PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.—The

decease of Vice President Wilson has brought about a discussion as to whether the President pro tempore of the Senate, succeeds to the office of Acting President. There is no such office as Acting President. The law regulating the succession of the Presidency of the United States, in case of the death or other disability of both the President and the Vice President, is very plain, and may be stated in a few paragraphs. The Constitution makes the Vice President of the United States the President of the Senate; and another section of that instrument declares "The Senate shall choose also a President pro tempore, in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President, of the United States."

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Senate of the United States merely elects a President pro tempore in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President. This is solely to provide a presiding officer for the Senate for all cases. The law enacted in pursuance of the Constitutional requirement declares that the President pro tempore of the Senate shall, in case of the death of both the President and Vice President, act as President. There being no such exigency at this time, Senator Ferry, of Michigan, who is the President pro tempore of the Senate at this time, becomes simply the President of the Senate, in the absence of the Vice President, caused by death. It is entirely within the province of the Senate at any time after the beginning of the session of Congress, now so near at hand, to choose a new President pro tempore of the Senate in the place of Mr. Ferry, if the Senate should see fit to do so, and to choose, at any time, a President pro tempore according to its own convenience or will, or the exigencies of the public business.

THE REPORT OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL JEWELL is an important document. It shows that our mail service is not yet self-sustaining. The revenues for the past year were \$27,441,360.57, and the expenditures \$33,611,309.45. The estimated deficiency in revenue for the fiscal year is set down at the enormous sum of \$8,181,602.19. One of the most important recommendations made is that repealing the increase of postage on transient newspapers and other printed matter. But the great feature of the report is the argument which it contains in favor of subsidies to American mail steamship lines to European and South American ports. Jewell has commonly been considered, with Bristow, as the salt of the Administration; but the salt seems to have lost its savor. Such a scheme would open the door to frauds innumerable, and would burden the Government with a set of sickly transportation lines. The Republican party has driven American commerce from the seas, and the Postmaster-General need not imagine that it can be restored by payments from the National Treasury.

THE EASTON GAZETTE says—"Those of our citizens who wish at all times that there shall be a free and unembarrassed expression of opinion at elections, and who were present in the courtroom a few days since when the decision of the court was given in the case of the State vs. Abe Pries, were gratified by the very able, decided and emphatic expression of Judge Stump with regard to the intimidation of voters. The Judge took occasion to say that if at any time it should come to the knowledge of the court that any one had been guilty of intimidating in any way any voter, so as to prevent him from casting his ballot according to his wishes, he should, without regard to race, color, political affiliation or social position, place upon such an offender the extreme penalty of the law."

Tobacco Inspection.—At a recent

meeting of the inspectors and factors of Maryland tobacco at the Corn and Flour Exchange, Baltimore, and after a free discussion and interchange of opinions, the report of the Committee previously appointed was adopted. The committee appointed at the meeting held Tuesday, the 18th inst., with instructions to suggest a plan by which merchants may obtain relief from the loss combined abuses which have prevailed in the management of the State tobacco warehouses, beg leave respectfully to report—"That we have carefully and deliberately weighed the subject committed to their charge, and do urgently recommend that the next Legislature be memorialized to abolish the present system of tobacco warehouses and to institute in its stead a system of free inspection."

On this very floor, only some five years ago, a struggle for the abolition of State Flour inspection was commenced, and after a warm contest, successfully carried through the Legislature, since which time the inspection of flour has been regulated by the merchants themselves, and the commerce therein immeasurably facilitated and benefited.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE GENERAL BERKELEY.—Mr. John A. Beresford Hope, M. P., writes as follows accepting memorials of his "much honored and greatly regretted friend," General John C. Breckinridge: "His name has been for years to us a household word, and upon his arrival in England Lady Milford Beresford Hope and myself sought his acquaintance, and had the pleasure of receiving him as our guest, both here and in the country. Personal acquaintance produced a warm esteem and respect, and a vivid impression of his eminent abilities. I have often since then remarked that out of the persons of distinction with whom in the course of my life I have in various ways been thrown, General Breckinridge was among those who had irresistibly struck me with a feeling of ability and ready power. I had looked forward to the probability of his again, in better times, coming to the fore and devoting his great talents to the public welfare."

LOSS IN WEIGHT.—It is said that corn loses one-fifth by drying and wheat one-fourteenth. From this the estimate is made that it is more profitable for the farmer to sell unshelled corn in the Fall at 75 cents than at \$1 a bushel in the following Summer, and that wheat at \$1.25 in December is equal to wheat at the succeeding June. In case of potatoes—taking those that rot, and are otherwise lost, together with the shrinkage—there is little doubt that between October and June the loss to the owner who holds them is not less than thirty-three per cent.

Baltimore, Dec. 23rd, 1875.

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Late Sheriff's Sale of Real and PERSONAL PROPERTY.

BY virtue of one writ of Venditioni Exponas, issued out of the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's county, Maryland, at the suit of John J. Allston against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of William L. Evans, and to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim, interest and estate at law and in equity of the said William L. Evans and in to the following real and personal property, to wit:

One tract or parcel of land, located in the Factory district of St. Mary's county, called Mitchell's Meadow

OR PT. FISH POND, containing 132 1-2 acres, more or less

Also, the following personal property, to wit:

- 1 Grey Horse, 1 Yoke of Oxen, 1 Cow, 3 Hogs, 1 Lot of Corn, 1 of Blade Fodder, 1 of Tobacco, 1 of Top Fodder, 1 Ox-Cart.

And I hereby give notice that on Wednesday, the 12th of Jan. 1876,

on the premises of the said William L. Evans, between the hours of 9 o'clock, a. m. and 4 o'clock, p. m., I will expose at public auction the above described real and personal property, to be sold and taken in execution to satisfy said debt, interest and costs due to and to become due thereon.

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