ST. MARY'S BEACON

LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, February 10th, 1876.

CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE.—The letter of our Washington correspondent in to-day's issue gives a fair synopsis of the proceedings and manifestations of Congress during the past week. In our State Legislature, a petition was presented by Mr. Mattingly from Joseph H. Key and others asking the continuance of the present system of Tobacco Inspection. The same gentleman also presented a petition from Col. Dent and others asking a division of the 4th election district of this county the better to accommodate the voters thereof. The special Committee to investigate the affairs of the Southern Md. Railroad is composed as follows: Messrs. Lancaster, Mattingly, Lewis, Lamotte, Cockey and Riggs.—The Reform endeavor to inculpate Senator Gorman in Canal frauds has come to grief. The Lawrence and Lynch issue is still without result and apparently without progress. The delay in this case is simply astonishing.

THE SOUTHERN MD. RAILROAD.—Senator Cragin, of New Hampshire, introduced in the Senate of the United States on Thursday last a bill to aid in the construction of the Southern Maryland Railroad. It provides for a government guarantee of interest on thirty year five per cent. gold bonds of this road to the amount of $20,000 per mile between Washington city and the harbor of St. Mary's river, and to Point Lookout, at the confluence of the Potomac river with Chesapeake bay, the total distance not to exceed eighty miles, and the bonds to be delivered only on the completion of the road.

The bill also provides that a mortgage shall be given to secure the United States against loss; that the government shall retain all moneys due the road for transporting mails, coal, troops and supplies of every discription for the United States; and that in case the amount thus retained shall not be sufficient to pay the interest coupons as they fall due the company shall deposit with the Secretary of the Treasury a sufficient amount out of the net earnings to make up the deficiency. The guarantee is not to be given unless the road is completed within two years.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The Board met, present A. F. Fenwick, Benj. Foxwell, Stephen Jones, Jas. H. Alvey and Jos. B. Davis. T. Martin Camalier acted as Clerk, Mr. Durant being still confined to his bed in a critical condition. A large amount of business was transacted, viz: Bond of Z. T. Mattingly, Constable, was approved.—Leave granted to Geo. H. Mattingly to change the location of a short section of public road, provided the portion opened be put in good and proper condition. Pensions were granted in several cases of extreme destitution. Two hundred dollars was levied for the purchase of the "old brick office," the materials to used in the repair or construction of a County Jail. Numerous bills for repairs on the public roads were examined and passed. The Board remained in continuous session during the entire day, and adjourned until the 2nd Tuesday of March next.

GRANGE ELECTION AND INSTALLATION.—At a meeting of Charlotte Hall Grange on the 15th of January, ult., the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year:

Master, J. H. Hancock;
Overseer, J. W. Thomas;
Steward, L. W. B. Hutchins;
Asst. Steward, James Turner;
Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Chesley;
Treasurer, F. E. Burch;
Lecturer, John H. Chunn;
Secretary, H. Clay Dent;
Gate-Keeper, James Burch;
Ceres, Mrs. L. W. B. Hutchins;
Pomona, Miss Maggie Turner;
Flora, Miss Emmie Chesley;
Lady Asst. Steward, Miss Lydia Hutchins.

At a meeting of the Grange on the 5th instant, the above oficers were duly installed.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL.—The new tariff bill proposes important changes in the present revenue laws. It is said to have been constructed for the purpose of increasing the revenue and decreasing taxation. Coffee and tea are to be taxed, the former three and the latter ten cents; the tax on tobacco and cigars is to be increased, while no change is proposed on liquors and wines. The bill, it is stated, has been framed so as to be reasonably acceptable to the Republican Senate and is looked upon as an advanced step in the way of reform, as it excludes, as much as possible, favors to monopolists.

LEGISLATIVE TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR BILLINGSLEY.—In the Senate of Maryland on Wednesday, Capt. Lawrence submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas the Senate has received with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. Chapman Billingsley, late Senator from St. Mary's county; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate of Maryland, That in his death this body and the State have lost one of their noblest men, one of their best and most able members; and further, that his long and active public service, his devotion to the welfare of his State and fellow-men, his earnest endeavors in behalf of education, entitle him to our highest esteem and to a grateful remembrance by all. But while we realize that his great ability and experience are lost to us, we must bow in humble submission to the Divine Will, and ask only to express our devotion to the memory of one so universally beloved.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be entered on the journal of the Senate.

The President of the Senate (Mr. Phelps in the chair) seconded the resolutions, and paid a high tribute to the deceased as a private citizen and legislator. Eulogies were also delivered by Senators Steiner, Stevens, Mudd and Lawrence, after which the resolutions were adopted and the Senate adjourned.

The preamble and resolutions were read the same day in the House and were concurred in, on motion of Mr. Mattingley, of this County, who said he thought there was scarce a necessity for an expression of the hope that the House would adopt his order of concurrence. He believed that the members here were as painfully and as solemnly impressed with its import as he was, and that they would pass the order without a dissent. He then paid a tribute to Mr. Billingsley, and recounted in well-fitted terms the usefulness of his well-spent life. He regretted, he said, his inability to do proper justice to the memory and character of his friend and his fellow-citizen—a man who was one of St. Mary's most honored and honorable sons. Repeatedly vested with high political trust by her people, he had filled them each with eminent ability, with the truest patriotism, and to the entire satisfaction of those whom he served. He then feelingly touched upon the domestic and private relations and character of the deceased, and in conclusion said that the citizens of St. Mary's will long mourn the loss of Col. Billingsley, whose private life and political career will remain as bright examples of the purest integrity, high ability, and exalted worth. The House then adjourned.

LOCAL DOTTINGS.—Fun scarce—Boston Club disbanded.

"Anxious" gentleman returned—hope his anxiety was relieved by the trip.

The county projects a new Boarding House to accommodate the Sheriff's guests.

"Marshall" despondent—only one case this week.

Corporation finances much increased by the recent snow—sleighing on the side-walk popular.

Ice in the Bay. Terrapins happy.—"Rouse" miserable.

The "presidential" mansion about to come to grief. Harness hereafter in the Court House square.

Crabs and eels in lots to suit purchasers, all necessary arrangements, such as boxes, etc., being made to meet the demand. Apply at "Sleepy Hollow."

Canvass-backs in luck. Accident to the Count's buggy. Repairs completed and "Rouse" and he off for the Narrows. Unhappy ducks!

Without notice to friend or foe, and minus his usual company, the "Captain" is again on the wing and again heading for the ancient city.

Literary proclivities. The "Col's" visits to the Library are hourly. The advice of Pope is to "touch not" or "drink deep." We take ours with sugar in it.

A *young* legal limb authorizes us to inform his friends and the public generally that in future he will deliver no free opinions. Charges strictly in accordance with the professional scale.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR BILLINGSLEY.—We give in our present issue the resolutions offered in the Senate by Capt. Lawrence, with a brief synopsis of Mr. Mattingly's remarks in the House, on the death of the late Senator Billingsley. We shall print in our next issue a full report of the eloquent tributes of Messrs. Lawrence, Steiner, Mudd and others to the memory of our late representative, our limited space precluding their publication this week.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Our thanks are due Capt. Lawrence of the Senate of Maryland, Mr. Mattingly of the House and others unknown to us, for regular issues of the proceedings of the two bodies of our General Assembly, as also for other public documents.—Dr. Henkle, our attentive and *working* representative in Congress, is also entitled to our thanks for copies of the Congressional Record.

(*Correspondence of the Beacon.*)

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 7, 1876.

The Senate has been very much absorbed during the past week in investigation of the government of the District of Columbia and the various rings, a question of very little interest to you who reside without these precincts, and not much to us who abide within the hallowed circle, which is after all bounded by Mr. Grant's "Ring." This debate in the Senate amounts to nothing more than a series of charges and counter-charges between various members of the Senate, of complicated entanglements with, and interest in, certain contractors and contracts here, all accepted and performed under the rule of the District government officials appointed by Mr. Grant, and in this feature it closely resembles the St. Louis case, except that here it is a case of "crooked" sewers and pavements and other aggravated impositions in the way of so-called "public improvements." As far as the question may be confined to the District of Columbia, it is a mere paragraph in the story of our public wrongs; but it is a moral and political outrage upon the sentiments of the people of the whole country, of all parties throughout the entire country, and indeed even in foreign countries. Government officials, executive, legislative, and representative of the party now in power at this Capital, are at least *questionably* connected with and interested in all nature of speculations and contracts, schemes and jobs, whereby large and *unaccountable* profits may be made. The almost universality of this thing is certainly unprecedented in any country.

The work of retrenchment has been begun in the House, and the first bill to be operated upon is the West Point appropriation bill, which comes from the Committee reduced almost one half principally in the allowance to officers, professors and cadets. Then comes the trifling reduction made in the "Fortifications Appropriation, from $3,000,000, to $315,000. We may fairly call that a handsome discount. If it can be shown—and no doubt it will be—that $315,000 is sufficient to maintain these defenses in repair, what will our $3,000,000 friends have to say for themselves? It is a very good start, but it must be followed up through every branch of the Government. To this end the petty quarreling and debating in the House, over measures of no importance whatever, must be abandoned. The slightest opportunity seems to be sought out by the members to harass each other and drag in all sorts of issues foreign to the matter under consideration, which are only calculated to beget ill-feeling. It is unworthy the the dignity of the body.

We have had the first veto of the season. The bill providing for the removal of all funds belonging to the Indian Bureau from the Interior Department, where they now are, and for their deposit in the Treasury Department, was offered by Mr. Randall and passed both Houses. The President notwithstanding has returned it without his signature.

The singular feature of this case is the fact that this very bill was drawn by Mr. Chandler when he was in the Senate, and would have answered his purposes very well, just then, but now that *he* is Secretary of the Interior himself, he dosen't like it, and therefore the President steps between him and the little *inconvenience* of taking any money out of his Department.

Notwithstanding the veto, the House of Representatives is "going" for *that* Indian Bureau. The Committee on Indian Affairs has summoned a large number of witnesses, and the powers of the Committee under the resolutions authorizing this investigation are almost unlimited.

"We shall see what we shall see."—No doubt the thieving Indian himself will be astounded.

We have Mr. Pinchback's case under consideration now and we have various important appropriation bills that will no doubt be acted upon early in the week.

Rumors of a flurry in the Administration family are rife. It is said that Senator Conkling had quite a stormy interview with Secretary Bristow yesterday, resulting in a complete rupture between them. Conkling is one of the Administration's favorite pets, and this passionate interview between him and Bristow will no doubt cause the retirement of the latter. In fact at the council to-day the President gave Mr. Bristow to understand that his presence as a member of the Cabinet was unnecessary. Mr. Bristow retired from the meeting amid excitement.

A.

THE ORPHANS' COURT.—The Court met on Tuesday last, present Canter, Tippett and Milburn. Very little business was transacted, when they adjourned until the second Tuesday of March.

☞ Hon. Philip Francis Thomas, representing the First Congressional District of this State, was married to Miss Clintonia G. May, of Baltimore, on Saturday, 29th of January.

(*Correspondence of the Beacon.*)

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Feb. 7, 1876.

Messrs. Editors:—Mr. O'Brien proposed a system of free schools, it [illegible] claim went into an [illegible] of the course, and [illegible] he could regained state of mind and his equipoise of body. Now, [illegible] seems remarkably strange, Mr. O'Brien is a staunch democrat and a member of the "Roman" Catholic Church. Every intelligent person is aware that Blaine is a radical republican, and cared about as much for a democrat as a starved hyena does for the hand that feeds it. He, conjointly with General Grant, started the ball in motion [illegible] to schools, and Congressman O'Brien, lured with the *smoothe rolling* of the same, could not restrain from giving said ball a gentle shove, and it is believed by many that his action in this particular matter, will *shove* him [illegible] for the future.—Brother Blaine is exceedingly anxious to figure as the Centennial candidate for the presidency, and he does not care the snap of his finger or the wink of his eye who goes to the bottom, so he can manage to keep above the surface.

The reading of King James' or, the Douay Bible in the public schools is of little consequence, to him. Jim wants to *grace* the White House, as the Chief Magistrate of our republic, and if Ulysses don't keep a sharp look-out, the ex-Speaker will kick up a mighty stir in the National Convention in June. Morgan, Conkling, Hayes, Bristow & Co. may as well "hang up the fiddle and the bow," for, twist about and jump Jim Crow as they may, they stand no chance whatever. Why, at this early day, it can be discerned who are the leading aspirants, and as sure as the heavens are above us, Grant or Blaine will be the Republican party's candidate for the highest gift our country has to bestow. Old Boreas has at last unlocked his cavern, and sent us a *fine* snow. The owners of ice houses will, if the present spell of cold weather continues, have a chance to fill their houses with ice,—one of the "essentials" of civilized life! As the Lental season is rapidly approaching, the lovers of the dance (round dances excepted,) are making good use of the short time left them in "heeling" and "toeing" to the beautiful and melodious strains of Alex's "musickle instrument." Sleigh-riding appears to be enjoyed just now, down here. The jingling of bells and the blowing of tin horns are heard morning and afternoon, as the vehicles on runners pass up and down and around the streets and alleys of our ancient little hamlet. Those who are not fortunate enough to possess the peculiar kind of vehicles in question, generally make use of the first box and fence rails they can find. Several gentlemen and ladies were seen riding in an old scow, drawn by a yoke of oxen the day after the snow. A cow-bell was tied to the tail of the "off" ruminating quadruped, and the way the "Boss" cracked his whip and enunciated the familiar "woa and gee"—was truly laughable. The world moves, and we keep in motion with it. Who cares if Moses (not our South Carolina Moses) was seen in the bulrushes, and Pharoah's host was drowned in the Red Sea, so long as our "hungering and thirsting" after pleasure is gratified?

In haste,

RALYAT.

(*Correspondence of the Beacon.*)

CHAPTICO, MD., Feb. 1, 1876.

Messrs. Editors:—On Friday evening last (28th ult.) I had the pleasure of attending an exhibition of the pupils of the female school in this village, taught by Miss P. A. Pennington, daughter of the late Dr. J. Pennington of Virginia. Notwithstanding the season of winter, the evening was clear and beautiful. The exercises commenced at early candle-light and continued until about 11 o'clock, p. m. A large number of persons were prsent, who felt fully remunerated for the trouble of leaving their homes. The young ladies acted their parts in a manner which reflected great credit on themselves, and also, on their most worthy teacher. At the conclusion of the exercises "Fiddler Joe" was summoned to the scene of action, and soon old and young were seen enjoying themselves to their heart's content in a social little dance, which lasted till the village bell tolled one—then, "I lay me down to sleep."

B.

The American Farmer for February, is promptly issued and will be found of unusual value, containing as it does numerous papers suitable to the season and the times. A very interesting essay from Mr. J. Atlee, reviewing the Progress of Agriculture for the past century, gives a general outline of the improvement in every branch, and is instructive and encouraging to the farmer. The reports of numerous agricultural clubs and associations, with the results of their experience within the past year, convey a vast amount of instruction from many of the best known practical men of Maryland and other States. Published monthly by Samuel Sand & Son, Baltimore, Md., at $1.50 per year, or 5 copies for $5. Specimens may be had on application.

(COMMUNICATED.)

ST. CLEMENT'S BAY, Feb. 8, 1876.

Messrs. Editors:—Your correspondent, Mr. Fred. A. Moran, has again appeared alleging defects, but suggesting no remedy, bringing charges unsubstantiated—without a shadow of truth, except in one case, which I will hereafter mention, and indulging to a considerable extent in what he calls low personalities and gratuitous insinuation, declaring, at the same time, that these prove nothing. In his case I admit they prove nothing, but with me the source of malicious and unprovoked charges has much to do with their weight; for any noble, generous, high-minded and "*law-abiding American citizen*" will not discover defects, at least if he does, will remain silent until he can suggest some remedy whereby the evil may be removed and the community benefited.

I do not desire him to acknowledge the School Board infallible, but when he insinuates that their views are incorrect justice demands him to prove it, and if he thinks otherwise, he is not aware of the customs of good society. He thinks, that since the School Board are on the full raging sea, and the current may never serve, that it would be well for them to *paddle a little*, but if Fred. A. Moran was the only cloud that obscured the sun, the only fog that surrounds this gallant ship, or the only opposing current, the Honorable School Board might well command their paddles and compass to be locked in the forecastle, less they might be stolen, and exclaim, *turn in boys*.

I have proved by actual calculation that twenty-five schools, properly distributed throughout the county, would not oblige any pupil to walk over two miles, but I neglected to state that there are now about thirty-eight schools in operation. Mr. Moran would have one on every hill, the teachers' salary less than $150 per annum, and then *complain* of their inefficiency. I acknowledge I would like more money for my services, and there is not one sensible man, I will venture to assert, in the county but wishes, and thinks it to the educational interest, that the teachers should have a higher compensation. Why these schools, nine or ten in number, were not closed five or six years ago I am unable to say, unless at that time there were too many Morans in the county, and as to the justice of closing the schools, there is no law which does not sacrifice personal rights and interests to popular freedom and good, and I believe there are such things as necessary evils. His motto seems to be, *once in error, continue so*.

If the present Board endorsed one first grade certificate without examination, as Mr. Moran charges them with having done, it is to be remembered that at that time neither the percentage to be obtained nor a rule for estimating it had been fixed, and it is well known by most all that the gentleman who received it is an erudite scholar, if not, indeed, a graduate of St. John's College.

The gentleman says "He held a first grade certificate issued by Dr. Bunting, and that he knows it was not a complimentary one. Such grammatical errors "Either of Mr. Tippett's predecessors "*are*" certainly his equals," "*a Holme's*" egotism," "Teachers of "*which*" I may have been one," and "*Have ever strove*" to be a peaceable and law-abiding citizen" found in his communication, to say nothing of his diction, is very conclusive evidence to any rational mind that, if he ever held a first grade certificate at all, it must have been a complimentary one. And when he says, he does not doubt his ability to obtain another whenever he wishes, I must be permitted to believe, despite his charges of my egotism, that he LIES in his own conceit.

Now, since he has sought to draw the late Examiners into this controversy, I deem it a privilege of my own to state what I heard Mr. J. Frank Ford say a few days since. It is in substance, "That the schools have wonderfully progressed in the last few years." Allow me, Messrs. Editors, to return my most cordial thanks to Mr. F. for this unsolicited, generous and candid declaration, and since he has recently taken to himself

"a fair divided excellence,
Whose fairness of perfection lies in him,"

I will avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate the young couple, and wish them most complete happiness attending the conjugal state.

James H. abdicated his throne, *Fred. Moran* resigned his school, and the abdication of the former was, I believe, not unlike the resignation of the latter. It is very certain, however, that he has wanted a school since this resignation. Again, Mr. Moran impugns my motives, and asks if it is not likely that I wish to retain the good will of the school authorities in order to keep my school, or to obtain some better position in future? Many know that I have, within the last three months, had several schools tendered me, and as an additional inducement my board free. The only salaried office within the gift of the School Board is the Examiner's, and for this position I have given my earnest wishes to Mr. Tippett. This tends to show his desperation and how utterly devoid of facts he is.

From my earliest infancy I have made no promises, no concessions and no compromises to obtain or retain any position, and this fact is but too well known, and since I have been engaged in the Teacher's profession I have always labored for the interest of the children of the county.

Mr. M. says, "The School Commissioners must appoint the Trustees, and they cannot even appoint a teacher without the consent of the School Board." This is, to fight the devil with his own implements, a *willful and malicious falsehood*—a falsehood intended to mislead the judgment of the public and incense the community, for the Trustees can appoint whomsoever they please, and their appointees have always been endorsed by the Commissioners, except in a few instances where protests against confirmation have been filed by patrons, and through the Trustees the power of the appointments is granted to the people. Now, Messrs. Editors, all can see that the even tenor of his communication is to give again the appointment of the commissioners to the people, in order that he might elevate himself to the position of Examiner by building a school house on every little eminence and persuading the people to believe that he is the great standard-bearer of public education. I am no admirer of any such traffic, and any man who deals therein I reiterate, that if there could be a law to exile him, that expulsion would be too good, for from such sources and absurdities come "*Hindoo theories*."

I failed to notice the assertion in his first communication, "That there were actually few teachers with whom he would trust his children." Why should "*mens sibi conscia recti*," apprehend or fear for the conduct of our teachers in their school rooms? Sirs, I must be permitted to fear that his own self-experience justly gives rise to his lack of confidence in others.

In conclusion, if the gentleman will visit us teachers—*the immortal seven*—the first Saturday of every month in Leonardtown, we will teach him that a verb must agree with its nominative case in number and person, that whom, not which, is used to represent persons, how to write the possessive case of nouns, and lastly that we should use the perfect participle only, not the past tense, after have, had and the verb *to be*, and then, and not till then, will we admit that Mr. Moran can take any thing but a *permit*—perhaps a second class second grade certificate.

Respectfully,

FRANK N. HOLMES.

MARRIED.

At Mr. Zaccheus Tippett's, near Leonardtown, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. Joseph W. Murphy, Mr. ZACHARIAH TIPPETT to Miss MARY G. NELSON, both of this county.

On the 7th instant, JOHN A. GRAVES to MARY JANE OWENS.

DIED.

On Tuesday, the 18th of January, ult., at her late residence in Montgomery county, Mrs. MARY S., in her 55th year, wife of Douglas Clopper, and youngest daughter of Philip Key, Jr., of St. Mary's county. May she rest in peace!

In the village of Allen's Fresh, Charles county, Md., on Tuesday morning, Feb. 1st, H. M. BAILY, of typhoid pneumonia, aged 43 years. May he rest in peace!

In Landrum, Texas, on Wednesday night, the 2nd of February, inst., Dr. ROBERT MORRIS KEY, aged 44 years, son of the late H. G. S. Key.

Trustee's Sale of REAL ESTATE.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's county, sitting in Equity, passed in a cause in which Alexander Combs is Complainant and J Edwin Thompson and wife are Defendants, and bearing date of the 30th of December, 1875, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer at public sale at the Court House door in Leonardtown on

Tuesday, the 14th of March, 1876,

between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock, p m., the following real estate, to wit: A tract or parcel of land called and known as

Spalding's Lot or Rich Neck,

or by whatsoever name or names the same may be known, containing

250 acres,

more or less.

The above land is located in the 6th election district of Saint Mary's county, near Parson's Mill and is well TIMBERED. It has a comfortable DWELLING and the necessary OUT-BUILDINGS upon it.

TERMS OF SALE—CASH.

ROBERT C COMBS, Trustee.

Feb 10, 1876—ts.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, Sct.—Feb 8, 1876.

ORDERED BY THE COURT, That Joseph B Jarboe and Joseph H Key, Administrators of Matthew A. Jarboe, late of Saint Mary's county, Maryland, deceased, give the notice required by law to the deceased's creditors to exhibit their claims, and that the same be published once a week for six successive weeks in the St. Mary's Beacon.

Test:

JAMES T M HALEY, Register Wills for St Mary's county.

NOTICE.

In pursuance of the above order, we hereby give notice that we have obtained from the Orphans' Court of St Mary's co., Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Matthew A Jarboe, late of said co., deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby notified to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers attached thereto to the subscribers, on or before the 10th day of August, 1876, they will otherwise by law be excluded from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers.

JOSEPH B JARBOE,
JOSEPH H KEY,
Administrators.

Feb 10, 1876—6w.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

David Davis
vs
Absalom C. Tennisson,
Julia Sophia Tennisson,
Harry J. Miles &
Wm B. Read.

In the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

No 417 N. E.

THE object of this Bill is to procure a decree to set aside a certain deed from Henry F. Kerner and Ann M., his wife, sold David Davis to William B. Read, and a certain other deed from Wm B Read to Julia Sophia Tennisson, and for the sale of the Real Estate therein described, located on Smith's Creek in Saint Mary's County, Maryland, called and known as

OYSTERMAN'S RETREAT,

AND CONTAINING TWENTY-FIVE ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

The Bill states in substance, that in 1867 a certain Henry F Kerner sold and agreed to convey to a certain Wm B Read the aforesaid land at and for the sum of $1,500, the said Read paying to the said Kerner on account of said consideration the sum of $1,100, leaving the sum of $400 to be paid by the said Read to the said Kerner at the expiration of five years to wit:—on the 12th day of October, 1872, that on or about the 7th day of September, 1870, a certain David Davis purchased said claim and vendor's lien of $400 from said Kerner, who, with his wife, conveyed to the said Davis all their interest in and to the aforesaid land.

The Bill further states, that after the aforesaid balance of purchase money became due, the said Davis called upon said Read for the payment thereof, when the said Davis was informed by said Read that he had sold said land to one A. C. Tennisson; that subsequently the said Davis was told by said Tennisson that the deed from Kerner and wife to said Davis was of no account, and that he, the said Tennisson, would give him, the said Davis, $250 in cash for his claim against said property, which, in view of said Tennisson's statement, he agreed to accept, and signed a deed, without having read the same, to which were already the signatures of Kerner and wife for said property.

The Bill further states, that the said $250 were not paid to the said Davis by the said Tennisson, but that instead of the cash as promised, he gave him, the said Davis, a draft or order on Messrs. Miles & Roberts, Commission Merchants, which he was induced to take, that the said Miles & Roberts were at the time insolvent, and did not then and never have paid the said sum of money to the said Davis, and that the deed from Kerner and wife, which the said Davis was induced to sign, was not made to the said Tennisson as he supposed, but to the said Wm B Read, and by him the said property was conveyed to Julia Sophia Tennisson, the wife of A C Tennisson.

The Bill further states, that the said Harry J. Miles and Wm B Read are non-residents of the State of Maryland.

It is thereupon ordered this 8th day of February, 1876, that Complainant, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Saint Mary's BEACON, once in each of four successive weeks, three months before the 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1876, give notice to the said absent and non-resident Defendants of the object and substance of this Bill, and warn them to appear in this Court, in person or by solicitor, on or before the said 10th day of June, in the year 1876, to answer the premises and show cause, if any they have, why a decree should not pass as prayed.

J. FRANK FORD, Clerk.

True copy—Test:

J FRANK FORD, Clerk.

Feb 10, 1876—4w.

Dissolution.

BALTIMORE, Feb 1st, 1876.

THE firm of W. A. PADGETT & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either of the undersigned will sign in liquidation.

W A PADGETT,
J A DAWKINS.

Feb 3, 1876—3m.

Business Notice.

WE have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of

W. A. PADGETT & CO.,

for the purpose of conducting the Grocery and Commission Business at No. 2 Camden Street.

W A PADGETT,
JNO H CHRISPIN,
JAS A DAWKINS.

Feb 3, 1876—3m.

NOTICE.

HAVING located myself at J. W. Latham's Store and engaged in the BLACKSMITH AND WHEELWRIGHT BUSINESS, I am prepared to execute all orders at shortest notice and most reasonable terms. Buggies made to order. Repairing and Painting done in any style. Thankful for the past, I respectfully solicit the future patronage of my friends.

EDWARD FAGIN.

Feb 3, 1876—3w.

Boot & Shoemaking.

HENRY NEAL, Boot and Shoemaker, Leonardtown, Md., has removed his place of business from the old stand to a room fronting the Printing Office, where he will be pleased to see his old customers and friends. Patronage on the front.

Feb 3, 1876—4t.