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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE COMING FOURTH OF JULY IN ST. MARY'S.

A respected correspondent, writing in the last issue of the Beacon, recommends that measures be taken by our citizens during the coming term of our March Court to make provision for the proper celebration of the Centennial year of our national existence on the Fourth of July next and we cordially re-endorse the recommendation.

We think that every patriotic American should study to do honor to the Centennial year, and as many of our people will be debarred by the necessities of their position from attending the Philadelphia exposition, a local celebration, such as our correspondent suggests, will be about the only form in which the vast mass of them can make recognition of this great national event.

This celebration will not be found inconsistent with the Philadelphia exhibition. That begins in May and lasts five months, whilst the local celebration will be only for a day, the 4th of July.

The Baltimore Sun suggests there should be an historical address, giving all the facts of local interest, in connection, direct or indirect, with the great event of a hundred years ago.

Probably, the same paper goes on to remark, more valuable and interesting information bearing upon revolutionary times can be collected by such a celebration in the various counties and towns of the country than in any other manner.

Much of State history can also thus be revived. This will certainly be the case in the interval between this date and the next Fourth of July the people in all localities will look upon their own records of the past and put them in a shape for presentation.

We sincerely hope that the suggested celebration in our county will not be allowed to miscarry and that the proposed March Court Meeting will be largely attended and inspired to make it worthy of the "Day we celebrate" and the patriotic local history of our venerable county.

We bespeak the assistance of the St. Mary's R. R. & Debatting Society in endeavors to make the celebration a success.

THE PRONOUNCEMENT AND THE PERFORMANCE.—The men who remained faithful to the democratic party and its fortunes during the State contest last Fall, though certain if reforms were needed in the management of our State affairs, the proper place in which to inaugurate them was within the democratic lines, felt nevertheless, from the persistent enunciation of the "Reformers," that something was really rotten in the State of Denmark that ought to be either fomented or removed and that this would be established beyond all peradventure when the legislature convened. Thinking this a foregone conclusion, when the legislature met, they took the initiative in "reform" themselves and manfully set to work to discover wherein democratic officials had been false to the trusts committed to their hands, to this end inviting the assistance of "reform" from all quarters.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM WITH LOCAL CONSEQUENCES.

The Grand Jury of the United States District Court, now in session in Baltimore, have had under examination the question of the alleged intimidation of voters at our late State election. They have found true bills against certain parties and thus the question, whether the States have any rights which the national authorities are compelled to regard, will soon be adjudged in a way that will put an end to all future controversies on this subject.

Nothing less than the permanence or overthrow of Republican government in the country is at issue in this decision. If the decision should be adverse to the rights of the States, we don't see much use in holding a democratic National Convention at St. Louis or any where else.

"Fold up the map of Europe for twenty years," said the second Pitt when confronted with the tremendous tidings of Austerlitz.

THE BEGINNING OF LENT.—Wednesday, (to-day) March 1, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the great Lenten fast of the Christian churches. The name arose from a custom that prevailed in the early church of sprinkling the head with ashes, upon this day, as a token of humiliation for sin and as a reminder of our mortality.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. J. E. CARPENTER AS TOBACCO INSPECTOR.—Though there has been no official announcement of the appointment of Mr. John E. Carpenter, of our county, to the position of Tobacco Inspector in No. 4 Warehouse, still enough is known through private sources to justify the declaration, that this appointment has been made and that the Senate has confirmed it.

TO TELL THE AGE OF SHEEP.—A Salem (Ind.) correspondent to the Progressive Farmer says: I often hear persons disputing about the age of a sheep, to my surprise, he said, for than to tell the age of a sheep nothing is easier. A sheep's front teeth the first year are eight in number, appearing all of a size.

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THE END OF THE CARNIVAL.

Our people, in the ahead of others and to enjoy the same, determined, as was announced in the last issue of the Beacon, to close the Carnival by a grand Masquerade Ball in the new Hall in our Town.

Monday evening last was the time for the grand ball, and despite the cloudy skies those who wished attended and were pleased. It seems that all things return after a cycle of time, and now, after two years, the Masquerade again makes its appearance.

Apologies for troubling you and your readers with my musings, I will proceed to the undertaking of describing the Masquerade Ball above alluded to. Of course it is expected, and justly too, that the young ladies should be spoken of in regard, not to their sweetness, which is conceded, but to the characters assumed by them.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23, 1876.

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When we think of the noble character of the mortal part which gave to man, it is then that we feel and realize more keenly the loss of a dear and honored friend, then it is that we look with anxious interest to the deeds of the life and to the emanations of the heart and mind for those more enduring monuments which time cannot efface nor envious tongues defile.

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HEARINGS OF THE SENATE.

At his residence in this village, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at 45 minutes past 10 o'clock, P. M., after a long illness, CHARLES J. DUBANT, died at the age of 63 years.

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CHEAP MUSIC!

Eight Songs, No. 14, contains eight songs, worth 50 cents each, mostly new. Handled to me by Silver at Kneeling Garden at Noon-North, Dear-I want to see her Face Again—Wagoner from the Stage—Don't Forget Me, Hannah—From the Light and Love of Home, and M. Only Friend.

Seven Piano Pieces, No. 14, contains seven piano pieces of moderate difficulty, namely: Little Old Cabin Galop—Chilipic, Waltz—Czar and Zimmemann—Rusie Polka—Lily of Killarney March—Silly and Silly—The Starlight Galop.

Five Brilliant Gems, No. 14, contains five brilliant gems, namely: La Dremela Creme—Lily of Killarney—Lily of Killarney—Lily of Killarney—Lily of Killarney.

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NOTICE OF TRANSFERS. The Commissioners of Saint Mary's County will meet in Leonardtown on the 3rd Monday.

HEARING APPEALS. In relation to and NOING TRANSFERS of the assessed property in said county.

CONFIRMATION NOTICE. Elias Emwert vs James R. Milburn. In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

CONFIRMATION NOTICE. Elias C. Jones vs James Morris Jones. In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. The church of St. Francis Xavier, Newtown, is to be thoroughly repaired and the work will be given to the lowest responsible bidder.

Various small notices and advertisements on the right margin, including 'In the City', 'ADM', 'ORDERS', 'In Paris', 'ST. AND', 'STATE', 'Choice', 'STRAW', 'C.C.', 'B.M.', 'Noti', 'PERS', 'HEN', 'CONA', 'April 6'.