

RECENT ELECTIONS.—We have endeavored to draw comfort from the late elections in New Hampshire and Connecticut but they don't "comfort" worth a well, worth a cent. The Republicans have gained on the popular vote in both States and they about "stand off" with the Democrats in other matters. We confess we have expected a very different showing. These elections, coming off in the white heat of popular indignation, consequent upon the exposure of recent flagrant Washington and other frauds, had led us to suppose that the whole country was ablaze with wrath and restlessness to throttle, throw down and trample on the arrogant venality and open perjury of Grant and Grantism. Not a bit of it, however. Albeit, the able, well-organized and energetic endeavors of the democrats to create an unusual sensation and make the two campaigns exceptionally pointed against the evil-doings of the national administration and its following in the States, the result is a "drawn battle," neither party achieving any notable advantage.—Grantism still holds its own and the wide wilderness of corruption brought to its very door has thus far been of "none effect" in keeping us "to the right as the law directs" nor avoiding the catastrophe, where all that is not death is darkness. The pity of the thing is, that the drunken pilot is the "daring people" and that it is the "government by the people and through the people" that is now in the rapids.

THE ORPHANS' AND COMMISSIONERS' COURTS.—There was a meeting of the Orphans' Court on Tuesday last, present Judges Canter and Tippet. The following letters were issued—letters testamentary to James P. Forrest on estate of Ann W. Forrest—to George W. Goddard as administrator, w. a., of James A. Joy—to M. L. Dixon as administrator of John W. Harper. Dr. John M. Brome was appointed guardian to children of the late Francis M. Goddard. It was ordered by the Court that the Register cite and summon all administrators and guardians to settle accounts that have been standing longer than the law allows. A caveat was filed to the will of the late Elizabeth R. Thompson.

The Commissioners were also in session on Tuesday last, present, Forwell, Fenwick, Jones, Davis and Alvey. A large lot of road bills presented and passed. Plans were offered in regard to rebuilding county jail. No action taken by the Court. Contrary to expectations, the Court made no appointments for Collectors or Constables. It is understood that these appointments will be made on Tuesday next. The Commissioners have purchased the old building in our Town, known as the "Brick Office," at a low figure, and intend utilizing the bricks and lumber in same in the construction of the new jail. A most judicious investment, which will result in a large saving to tax-payers.

COUNTY GRANGE PROCEEDINGS.—At the regular quarterly meeting of St. Mary's County Grange, convened at the Hall of the Delating Society in Leonardtown on Thursday, the 23rd of March, ult., Worthy Master Geo. Thomas, in the Chair, the following Committees were appointed.

On Bye-Laws.—J. F. Bohanan, G. R. Garner and J. W. Thomas.

Transpiration.—James R. Langley, Dr. Lynch and Dr. W. H. Briscoe.

Agencies.—Dr. John M. Brome, O. G. Hayden and J. H. Hancock.

Gravities.—Jas. F. Elliott, Mrs. Langley and Miss Chesley.

Fertilizers.—J. F. Langley, Dr. John M. Brome, J. C. Swan, J. F. Bohanan, Thos. H. Bond, G. R. Garner and J. W. Thomas.

Printing.—J. F. Elliott, J. C. Bean and J. F. Bohanan.

Executive Committee.—Thos. H. Bond, G. R. Garner and Dr. John M. Brome. As Ceres was then (cher) and accepted and Miss Chesley was elected to fill the position.

The Executive Committee was instructed to make arrangements for a public installation of the officers of the Grange, to take place in the Society's Hall, Leonardtown, Thursday, the 18th of May, ensuing.

STATE SCHOOL TAX.—The amount of public school tax apportioned to this county as of the 15th of March, 1876, is as follows:

White School Tax, \$2074.42
Colored " " \$1169.62

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.—The attention of our Republican readers is directed to the call of their Central Committee in another column of today's paper.

GENERAL ASSESSMENT LAW.—Behr will be found sections 1 and 2 of the New Assessment Law, which went into operation upon its passage, having been approved by the Governor. These two sections apply to all kinds of property in the State that is taxed or exempted from taxation. In each county there is a Board of Control and Review, consisting of three members, who shall have a clerk and each Assessment District has three Assessors. This (St. Mary's) county is divided into two Assessment Districts, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd election districts constituting the 1st Assessment district, and the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th election districts constituting the 2nd. The pay of all officers is \$4 a day, and the whole number of assessors is 228, members of boards 89, clerks 32—total 349 officers. The Assessors have not yet been appointed. They are required to complete their assessments by the second Tuesday of September next, though the Governor has shown to extend the time for good cause shown. The boards of control shall meet on the first Tuesday of September, and shall continue in session daily to consider, revise and correct the returns of the assessors and determine complaints upon appeals, and shall return the complete corrected assessment lists by the 31st day of December, 1876, unless the time be extended for good cause by Governor. And any person who feels himself aggrieved by the valuation of the assessment, or that the property is not owned by him, or is exempt from taxation, has his right of appeal to the Circuit Court, which shall determine the question raised, and if it be decided that the valuation is erroneous or that the property ought not to be assessed, the same will be struck from the list.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all interests, shares or proportions in or out of port, owned by residents of this State, all shares of stock or shares in any bank, State or National, or in any company or corporation incorporated by or located in this State or elsewhere, all shares of stock or shares in any bank, State or National, or in any company or corporation incorporated by or located in any Territory or country, owned by residents of this State; all bonds made by any corporation or by any other State or by any Territory belonging to residents of this State; all investments in securities or stocks of any other State, Territory or country; all investments in private securities of any kind, nature and description, belonging to residents of this State, except mortgages upon property in this State and the mortgage debts respectively secured thereon; and all property of every kind, nature and description within this State shall be liable to valuation, assessment and taxation except as provided in the next ensuing section of the act.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That the following property is expressly exempted from State, county or municipal taxation: Property belonging to the United States or to this State or to any county or incorporated city or town in this State; houses or buildings used exclusively for public worship, and the furniture contained therein, and the ground which the said houses or buildings are used exclusively for public worship shall actually cover; graveyards, cemeteries paying no dividends and burying grounds set apart for the use of any family, belonging to any church or congregation; the crop or produce of any land in this State in the hands of the producer or his agent; provisions kept for the use and consumption of the family of the person to whom the same shall belong; the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers moved, or worked exclusively by hand; wearing apparel of every description; fish while in the possession of the fisherman employed in catching, salting, and packing the same, while they remain in their possession, or in that of their agents; hospitals or asylums, charitable or benevolent institutions, so far as used for the benefit of the indigent and afflicted, and the ground which the buildings used as such hospitals, asylums, charitable or benevolent institutions shall actually cover, and the equipments used in any corporations or institutions. All other property in this State of every kind, nature and description whatsoever shall be liable to valuation, assessment and taxation, and all acts or parts of acts exempting any other property except that exempted by this act from valuation, assessment or taxation for State, county or municipal purposes, which can be repealed by this General Assembly, are, to the extent of such exemption, whenever or however the same has been heretofore granted, hereby expressly declared to be repealed to the extent of said exemption as aforesaid, and to be hereafter of no force or effect in granting such exemption.

"THE LOST CAUSE."—A magnificent picture 14 x 18 inches in size, beautiful in design and artistic in execution. It represents a Confederate soldier after the war returning to his home, which he finds lonely and desolate. In front of the ruined cottage, telling a sad tale of the miseries of war, are two graves with rude crosses, on one of which a young man has laid a garland. To the right the calm river and the rising moon indicate peace and rest. The stars, seen through the trees, represent the Southern cross. It is a picture that will touch every Southern heart, and should find a place in every Southern home. One copy sent by mail, mounted on a roller and postpaid, on receipt of 25 cents, or 3 for 60 cents. Address John Barrow & Co., Bristol, Tenn. Agents wanted everywhere to sell our cheap and popular pictures \$5 to \$10 per day easily made. No money required until pictures are sold. Send stamp for catalogue and terms.

GENERAL AND LOCAL LAWS.—In response to numerous inquiries as to when the General laws of the State and also the local laws for this county will be published, we have to state that we have as yet received no official copies of either, but presume the local laws referred to will be forthcoming in course of a few days and the general ones about the 1st of May. There is a wide-spread desire to see the new road law applicable to our county and we regret that we are unable at this writing to supply the needed information.

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THE KIRK MURDER.—We advised in a former issue to the killing of Mr. Richard Kirk by a desperado called "Buffalo Bill" in a saloon at Fort Belknap, Texas. We are now in receipt of the Washington Times, under date of March, the 4th, which gives full particulars of the sad event, with the leading incidents that preceded it. Previous to this Mr. Kirk was "native here," where many of his relatives still reside, was, though quite a young man, Sheriff of Young county, Texas, at the time of his death and was acting in the line of official duty when he was shot, we give the statement of the homicide as furnished by a Graham correspondent of the Times.

"GRAHAM, TEXAS, Feb. 23, 1876. "Mr. Editor.—On Monday last, the 21st inst., fell Richard Kirk, then when the writer has not known a truer or a braver man. Mr. Kirk has been but a few years in this section; but has endeared himself to the people whose confidence he enjoys to the fullest extent.

"Least you should not have received an authentic statement of the circumstances attending his death, I will relate them as recounted by an eye witness of the tragedy only a little while after it occurred.

"The deceased was at Fort Belknap awaiting the arrival of a prisoner in charge of a desperado. Entering Wm. Clark's store he noticed the crib of a man whom he thought he recognized as the desperado "Buffalo Bill." Ascertaining that his surmise was correct and calling to a companion to arm himself and follow rushed out and advanced upon the outlaw commanding him to retreat. The desperado, who was facing Mr. Kirk with his "rifle gun" presented in his hands and when the Sheriff had advanced to within twelve or fifteen feet of him fired. Mr. Kirk was leaning well forward as if to avoid the ball which struck him just above the chin, a little to the right ranging down the back, bone and coming out through his left shoulder blade. When shot he was holding his revolver with both hands and his pistol flashed but a moment after the gun of his antagonist, who endeavoring then to escape, ran but a little way before he fell, the ball from his victim's pistol proving fatal, as he died within a few hours.

"The sad news of our Sheriff's death being borne as lightning speed to Graham, many of his friends were soon assembled, and there were those who could with difficulty be restrained from lynching the degraded desperado, who bore less likeness to his kind than any human being we ever saw. But reason prevailed and the miserable wretch was allowed to die without violence while a prisoner."

We append also the following preamble and resolutions adopted at a public meeting of the citizens of Young county in honor of the memory of deceased.

"Whereas, by a mysterious dispensation of Divine Providence our worthy Sheriff, Richard Kirk, lost his life in the discharge of an official duty, and by the hand of a desperado, at Fort Belknap on Monday, the 21st inst., and whereas the said Richard Kirk, has by his official integrity and disinterested benevolence, commended himself to our unqualified respect and esteem; Now therefore be it resolved: "1st. That in the death of our friend we have experienced a most awful calamity, and the community at large have met with an irreparable loss.

"2nd. Resolved: That the worthy example of our deceased brother should be imitated by us, and should inspire us to a like unflinching performance of duty in time of trial and danger.

"3rd. Resolved: That not only Young county suffers the loss of an efficient Sheriff, but the whole Frontier of Texas is deprived of the service of a most vigilant and effective servant."

"Wherefore we would respectfully petition the Hon. District Court of Young county at the next term to order these resolutions spread upon the minutes of the court.

"4th. Resolved: That while our own hearts are bowed in grief, we do especially tender our sympathy and condolence to the immediate family of the deceased, and we do most sincerely share with them their great grief and sorrow.

"5th. Resolved: That the Secretary be instructed to send copies of these resolutions to the family of the deceased."

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—Hon. Joshua Vansant, President of the Democratic State Central Committee, after consultation with brother members, has decided to call a meeting of the Committee on Thursday, the 20th of April, instant, for the purpose of fixing the time for the holding of the State Convention of the party. It will be the duty of the State Convention to elect delegates to the National Democratic Convention, which meets in St. Louis, Mo., on the 27th of June next and to make other arrangements for the coming political campaign.

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Trustees' Sale of POINT LOOKOUT BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's county, sitting in Equity, passed in the case of Wm H Dunham vs Lucien Birdseye and Daniel McCann vs Wm H Dunham and others, the undersigned, Trustees, will offer at public sale at the Exchange Sales Rooms, No. 55 Second Street, Baltimore city, on

Saturday, the 6th day of May, 1876,

AT 1 P. M. ALL that valuable real estate in the first election district of St. Mary's county at the confluence of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay, known as

POINT LOOKOUT, and containing 322 acres, more or less, being the same tract of land which, by the will of the late Justice Taylor, admitted to probate in the Office of the Register of Wills of St. Mary's county on the 15th day of November, 1837, was divided in two separate tracts of one hundred and sixty-one acres, more or less, each, to his two children, Wm M Taylor and Ann Taylor.

The improvements of Point Lookout consist of a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE and necessary OUT BUILDINGS, belonging to the farm proper, and of the PAVILION or bathing place establishment—a large HOTEL and numerous COTTAGES, said cottages being leasehold property; also a SUBSTANTIAL WHARF for the accommodation of navigation. The surrounding waters abound in OYSTERS and FISH of fine quality and great variety. Capitalists are invited to examine the property. Information of same will be given by the Trustees at Leonardtown, St. Mary's county, Maryland, and at 37 and 41 St Paul street, Baltimore.

The property will be sold in two parts, or as a whole, as may be desirable.

TERMS OF SALE are one-fourth of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale; the balance in two equal annual installments, bearing interest from the day of sale, secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with security satisfactory to the Trustees. BENJAMIN G. HARRIS, T. WALLIS BLAKISTONE, D. S. BRISCOE, Trustees.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, Md.—April 11, 1876. ORDERED BY THE COURT, That M L Dixon, Adm'r of John W Harper, late of St. Mary's county, Maryland, do cause notice to be published in the newspapers of this county, to the effect that the said M L Dixon, as administrator of the estate of the said John W Harper, deceased, offers for sale the real and personal estate of the said John W Harper, deceased, and that the same be published one week for six successive weeks in the St. Mary's Beacon.

NOTICE. In pursuance of the above order, I hereby give notice that I have obtained from the Orphans' Court of St. Mary's county, Md., letters of administration on the personal estate of John W Harper, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby notified to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers attached thereto, to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of Oct. 1876, they will otherwise be barred from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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MARKETS. BALTIMORE TOBACCO MARKET.—Reported by Blandford G. Co. on 10th of April, 1876. We quote below quotations for tobacco, as per today's markets: Maryland flue, 3 @ 40c. with little or no demand; Common to good common, 41 @ 60c. Bidding, 71 @ 80c. Ground leaves fine, 3 @ 8c. Ground leaves nominal, 3 @ 8c. Of 1000 lbs. only the finer grades are in demand and those being scarce, bring good prices. We quote them as high as 11c.

The French Government has invited proposals for two millions seven hundred thousand dollars, equal to about \$200,000,000, of long leaf tobacco for their tobacco supply. These bids are to be opened on the 22nd of May, and should be sent to the French minister of finance, in which sold at 10 to 12 cents per lb. Calves in good demand, prime 1 1/2 cts. to 8c; common, 6 to 7.

POULTRY.—Receipts light, demand good for choice turkeys, dressed a 25 to 28 cts. per lb. live 18 to 20 cts. per lb. Hens, 12 to 15 cts.; large, live Spring \$5 to \$7 per dozen. Eggs.—Market advanced and firm at 16 to 17 cts.

NOTICE. ALL persons having claims against the estate of John W Harper, late of St. Mary's county, Md., deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers attached thereto, to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of Oct. 1876, they will otherwise be barred from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

NOTICE. THE undersigned will be in Leonardtown on SATURDAY, the 15th INSTANT, prepared to pay balances due on teachers' salaries for the Winter term of 1875-6.

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