THE
ST MARY'S BEACON
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, May 2nd, 1878.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—An interesting letter from a Richmond correspondent has been received but has been crowded out this week by the press of other matter. It will be published in our next. A tribute to the memory of a deceased lady and a "Child's Evening Prayer" were received too near our new day of publication to enable us to inspect them. They will be examined hereafter, and if accepted, will be printed in our next issue.

THE ELECTORAL EBROGLIO.—There have been no new, at least no startling developments in the electoral fraud business since our last report. The Florida revelations, though revealing no more than was previously known, appear to have stimulated interest in the Blair resolutions which it is beginning to be believed the Judiciary Committee will report favorably upon, if they report at all. There is talk also of getting at Mr. Hayes through a congressional investigation of the Florida and Louisiana frauds. Beyond emphasizing these frauds and making them familiar to the popular mind by repetition, we cannot see what practical end can be subserved by such a proceeding. Certainly, Congress cannot turn Mr. Hayes out of office except by impeaching him and impeachment is not contemplated. The passage of a resolution by Congress that Hayes is not rightfully in office would have no more legal effect than the passage of a similar resolution by a public meeting. The proceedings instituted by Mr. Blair have the recommendation at least that they propose to test the title of Mr. Hayes to the presidency in the manner authorized by the Electoral Commission itself. It is admitted to be within the powers of Congress to pass such an act as he suggests. All this is plain and proper sailing. But suppose the Blair bill a law. Whose privilege will it be to turn Hayes out and put Tilden in? This power will, practically, be in the hands of the Supreme Court, a republican and partisan body, to be exercised again by some of the very men who "sold the truth to serve the hour" in the late Electoral Commission. Does anybody doubt for a moment what the result would be? Justice would have about as fair a show before Judas as before Bradley.

THE FOREIGN ASPECT.—As predicted in our last, negotiations for peace between England and Russia have come to a dead halt, and though a formal declaration of war is yet to be made, war preparations in London and St. Petersburg are more active and extended than they have ever been. Bismarck is said to have announced that war is inevitable and a *Times* dispatch from St. Petersburg declares that he "has ceased mediating." It is noticeable, moreover, that the whole European family of States are fast putting their houses in order to meet the exigencies of the expected storm. In the adoption of these precautionary measures, no State is more conspicuous than Austria. Indeed, the extent and activity of her preparations indicate that she contemplates something beyond mere armed neutrality. At any rate, the foreign aspect is more warlike than ever and the most interesting question now appears to be, not whether there will be war, but when it will commence and what States beside England and Russia it will involve.

FASHIONS THEN AND NOW.—The girl with the seal-skin sacque always looks complacently upon the approach of winter, while the maiden without one of these garments is engaged in circulating the report that they are to be extremely unfashionable. She may be thoroughly correct, for fashions are continually changing. When we were young, it was the fashion to build custard pies square, but now they are constructed round, and so that they will yield six quarters to the pie at the average boarding house. One thing, however, continues fashionable, and that is—rheumatism in its various types.—Upon this subject R. G. Kettlewell, a gentleman connected with the Baltimore Salvage Corps, says: "From a severe attack of rheumatism, in which the leaders and chords of my legs were drawn up in knots from the excessively acute pain, less than one-third of a bottle of Keller's Roman Lniment entirely cured me."

THE COLTON LIBEL SUIT.—In the libel suit of Hart against Colton of the *Annapolis Republican* the jury rendered a verdict in Colton's favor on the 29th ult. The charge made by the *Republican* against Hart was that he had circulated a scurrilous and obscene Baltimore newspaper which reflected upon certain citizens of Annapolis.

To the Poor Dyspeptic, we are able to convey good news. A single bottle of Keller's Vegetable Life drops will give him immediate relief, and the continued use of this wonderful remedy is warranted to effect a permanent cure.

Correspondence of the Beacon.

ST. LOUIS, April 30, 1878.

*Editors Beacon of the Beacon:*

The recent passage of the Silver Bill is an unmistakable evidence of the gradual passing of political power from its long stronghold, the East, to the broad prairies of the West, or more properly now, the Central States.

But there is another hand writing on the wall that is now even more apparent—that the commercial supremacy of this country is rapidly shifting itself to the Centre, and the Mississippi Valley will be its seat, St. Louis its capital, Capt. Eads its prophet and the Father of Waters its patron Saint!

These statements may sound somewhat extravagant to those at a distance, but let us look at the facts. Two years ago the Mississippi was practically closed to foreign commerce. Though one of the greatest rivers in the world and watering likewise the greatest grain region on the globe, a foreign ship could not reach New Orleans without a dredge and tow-boat. To-day, by the masterly genius of Capt. James B. Eads, ocean steamers of all capacities now ride through the mouth of the river unobstructed to the levees of New Orleans. This has been accomplished in little over a year and against an opposition that was worthy of a better cause. The people of the Mississippi Valley owe a debt of gratitude to that great engineer that they can never repay. It has lifted the oppressive burden of railroad transportation charges that have absorbed all that the farmer could make and compelled him to burn his corn for fuel. The railroad pools have already broken and grain has been hauled from St. Louis to the seaboard for six and ten cents during the past month. Of course this cannot last, but it shows what an influence upon commerce the opening of the Jetties has produced. These roads have mostly discriminated against St. Louis in the interest of Chicago, but they now declare they will bring grain into this city if it has to be hauled through the streets of Chicago!

The contest for trade between these two rival cities has never been greater. St. Louis has been taunted with the appellation of "old fogy," but her brisk activity since the completion of the Jetties has dispelled any such accusation. She has shortened her railroad connection with the North-west and the Chicago merchants are bewailing loudly the loss of trade in that direction.

Numerous barge lines for transportation of grain to New Orleans are being established, and those in use are leaving daily for that city heavily laden. The cause of this is plainly evident when it is remembered that by this route grain can be shipped to Liverpool for a less rate per bushel than the railroad rate to New York or Baltimore. The consumers in England appreciate this saving as well, and a company is reported to be organizing here, composed of St. Louis and Liverpool capitalists, to construct a grain elevator here larger than any known.

A comparison of the shipment of grain from the port of New Orleans since the completion of the Jetties and those of last year show an increase of [illegible] one hundred per cent [illegible] of the open[illegible] grain of the [illegible] its way to the millions [illegible] this great highway of nature, instead of the expensive haul across the continent by rail.

And yet when an appropriation is asked from Congress for the improvement of the Mississippi, certain narrow minded Eastern monopolists raise the cry of "local interest," etc.—though nothing is said when a half million is asked for Harlem river—a New York duck pond! To say that the Mississippi is not of national concern, is to deny the national and industrial importance of the great valley through which it runs and the ten States whose immediate shores it washes.

Capt. Eads and his friends are now preparing a bill to present to Congress, the object of which is to secure by application of the Jetty principle, a twenty-foot channel of water from Cairo to New Orleans during the whole year. That this is feasible, is plainly demonstrated in the address recently delivered by Capt. Eads before the Chamber of Commerce of this and other cities. The facts presented are derived from his life's study of the Mississippi and its hydraulics and deserve the first consideration of any method of improving this great stream.

The early Spring is the general topic—such is beyond the memory of "the oldest inhabitant." Crop prospects were never better, all over the West. Grangers are jubilant. Messrs. Bowman and Mitchell, spoken of in my last, have both been disbarred and henceforth prohibited from practising law in this State. The Democratic press of this city and the people generally are in full accord with the views of Senator Dennis, of Maryland, expressed in presenting the Blair resolution (from the Maryland Legislature) in the U. S. Senate. The peace of the country demands that that issue should not be opened.

MARYLANDER.

MARRIED.

On the 27th of April, 1878, by the Rev. Father Pacciarini, JNO. H. DOWNS to JANE A. LONG.

## Notice to Pensioners.

OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
LEONARDTOWN, MD.,
April 30, 1878.

ORDERS for the first quarterly installments of pensions for 1878 will be issued by the Clerk on and after the 1st day of May. Application may be made in person, by letter or agent, who will be required to furnish satisfactory proof of the pensioner's need, &c.

By order,
JO. F. MORGAN,
May 2, 1878. Clerk.

## FRESH MEAT MARKET.

I respectfully inform my friends, and the public in general, that I will open a FRESH MEAT MARKET at Moore's Hotel, Leonardtown, on or about the 10th of May, instant. Orders promptly attended to.

May 2, 1878—tf. J. GROSS.

## PUBLIC SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust, executed by the late Col. George Forbes, of St. Mary's county, Maryland, and dated on the 27th of January, 1870, and now recorded in Liber J. A. C., No. 4, folio 213, one of the land records of St. Mary's county aforesaid, we will sell at public sale, at the Court House door in Leonardtown, on

**Tuesday, the 4th day of June, 1878,**

between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m., that valuable farm lying in St. Mary's county aforesaid, generally called

**The Medley's Neck Farm,**

or sometimes Posey's Bluff, and containing about

**600 acres, more or less.**

This farm, the late residence of Col. Forbes, lies on the Potomac river, near the mouth of Briton's Bay, and is one of the most valuable and productive in St. Mary's county. It has on it all the necessary improvements, including a DWELLING HOUSE, BARNS, STABLES, TENANT HOUSES, &c. It lies about a mile and a-half from Abell's Wharf, and purchasers are invited to examine the premises.

**The Terms of Sale**

are: One-third cash on the day of sale, or on the day of the ratification thereof, and the residue in equal installments of one and two years, with interest on the credit payments from 1st January, 1879, at which time possession will be given, the credit payments to be secured to the satisfaction of the Trustees. The sale will be made without reserve.

F. STONE,
JOHN W. MITCHELL,
Trustees.

May 2, 1878—ts.

## Public Local law.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

CHAPTER 437.

AN ACT to repeal Section 118 of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws entitled Saint Mary's County, "sub-title Sheriff," as enacted by the Act of 1868, chapter 309, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section 118 of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws entitled, St. Mary's County "sub-title Sheriffs" as enacted by the act of 1868 chapter 309 be and [illegible] repealed and re-en[illegible] read [illegible] prisoner committed to his custody and for providing victuals and fire for the same the sum of fifty cents per day, and that said Sheriff shall be allowed for removing convicts to the Penitentiary the following compensation, to wit—for a single prisoner thirty dollars, and for each additional prisoner convicted at the same term of Court fifteen dollars, and the said Sheriff is hereby required under penalty of one hundred dollars to keep a book at his office or at the County Jail, in which he shall keep a record of the names, ages and the date when received, the offence charged, the date of discharge, and the reasons therefor, of all persons committed to his custody, which book shall be open to inspection by all persons interested.

FETTER S. HOBLITZELL,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
EDWARD LLOYD,
President of the Senate.
Approved 5th day of April, 1878.
JOHN LEE CARROLL,
Governor.

MARYLAND SC.

I, JAMES S. FRANKLIN, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, do hereby certify that the aforegoing is a full and true copy of the act of the General assembly of Maryland of which it purports to be a copy as taken from the original Law belonging to and deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand as Clerk and affix the L. S. Seal of the said Court of Appeals of Maryland this 13th day of April, 1878.

JAMES S. FRANKLIN, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

May 2, 1878—3t.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Geo. A. Simms
vs
Elkanah Wise et al.

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, sitting as a Court of Equity.
No. 424 N. E.

ORDERED this 25th day of April, 1878, that the sale made and reported by ROBERT C. COMBS, Trustee in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 1st Monday of June, 1878, provided a copy of this order be published in the St. Mary's BEACON, once a week for three successive weeks prior to the said 1st Monday of June.

The Report states the land sold for $315.

J. FRANK FORD,
Clerk.

True copy, Test:—
J. FRANK FORD,
Clerk.

May 2, 1878—3w.

## New Advertisements.

ORDER SAMPLES! Self Measurement and Price List for your fine Custom Garments, and save one-third in cost, of JNO. E. KEELER, Artist Tailor, 5 N. Calvert St., Baltimore.

The Co-Operative Newspapers. It has been asserted that one-half of all money paid by New York advertisers for advertising outside of that city goes to the Co-operative Newspapers. If this statement is true there is no occasion for surprise that prominent papers which are still charging war prices for advertising feel called upon to abuse a rival with which they find themselves unable to maintain a competition. Full particulars about the Co-operative Newspapers, together with catalogues and advertising rates mailed free on application to BEALS & FOSTER, Gen'l Ag'ts AMERICAN NEWSPAPER UNION, 10 Spruce St., N. Y.

BEFORE BUYING OR RENTING A Cabinet or Parlor Organ Be sure to send for our LATEST CATALOGUE and CIRCULAR with NEW STYLES, REDUCED PRICES and much information. *Sent free.* MASON & HAMLIN ORGAN CO., Boston, New York or Chicago.

40 Miss Cards, with name, 10 cts. Agents' outfit 10 cts. L. JONES & CO., Nassau, N. Y.

ORGANS retail price $280 only $65. PIANOS retail price $1000 only $206. Great bargains. BEATTY, Washington, N. J.

25 Fancy Cards, Snowflake Damask, Assorted in 75 styles, with name, 10 cts. Nassau Card Co., Nassau, N. Y.

$7 A DAY to Agents canvassing for the Fireside Visitor. Terms and Outfit Free. Address P. O. VICKERY, Augusta, Maine.

SWEET Chewing JACKSON'S BEST NAVY Tobacco. Awarded highest prize at Centennial Exposition for best chewing qualities and excellence and lasting character of sweetening and flavoring. The best tobacco ever made. As our blue strip trade-mark is closely imitated we request for our JACKSON'S BEST the trade-mark. Ask for Jackson's Best. Sold by all dealers. Send for sample, lb., to C. L. JACKSON & CO., Mfrs., Petersburg, Va.

LOOK AND READ.—No more breaking of Chimneys. Something new; it sells at sight. Agents Wanted to sell G. M. Dull's Patent Fireproof Mica, or Isinglass Lamp Chimneys.—This is one of the greatest money-saving articles of the present age. They will last for years; they give a steady light; they can be used as a nurse lamp; they will heat water in a few minutes. Territory free to agents. Large profits made. Sample Chimney sent by mail, post-paid, for 30 cents. For terms, etc., address Mrs. Wm. Johnson, No. 725 7th St. South-East, Washington, D. C., General Ag't for Maryland, Virginia and Dist. of Col.

HEARING RESTORED! GREAT INVENTION by one who was DEAF for 20 Years. Send stamp for particulars. JNO. HARMORE, Lock Box 80, Madison, Ind.

30 Mixed Cards, Snowflake, Damask, &c., no 2 alike with name, 10 cts. J. MINKLER & Co., Nassau, N. Y. May 2, 1878—4w.

## Public Local Law.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

CHAPTER 290.

AN ACT to regulate the price to be paid for the county printing of St Mary's county.

[illegible] the County Commissioners of St. Mary's county, shall before their levy term in each year contract with the Editors and Proprietors of a newspaper published in said county, and having the largest circulation in the same, for printing and publishing for St. Mary's county, including the annual statement of the expenses and such other printing as is required to be done and paid for by the county, for the period of one year from said day or contract, but this not to apply to or include publication of local laws, provided said contract does not allow or exceed the sum of seven hundred dollars.

Section 2. Be it enacted, That if the County Commissioners of St. Mary's county fail to effect said contract for printing at the sum or a less sum as aforesaid, then they are authorized to adopt any mode of printing or advertising for said county, by hand-bill or otherwise, as in their judgment may seem best for the good of said county, provided the entire cost of same shall not exceed the sum of seven hundred dollars.

Section 3. And be it further enacted, That in no event shall any printing or advertising for St. Mary's county be given to more than one newspaper in said county at the same time, nor shall the County Commissioners, upon any pretext, be empowered to levy or pay more than seven hundred dollars for any one year's printing or publishing.

Section 4. And be it further enacted, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 6. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

FETTER S. HOBLITZELL,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
EDWARD LLOYD,
President of the Senate.
Approved this 5th day of April, 1878.
JOHN LEE CARROLL,
Governor.

MARYLAND, SCT:

I, JAMES S. FRANKLIN, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the Act of the General Assemby of Maryland, of which it purports to be a copy, as taken from the original Law belonging to and deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand as Clerk and affix the L. S. the Seal of the said Court of Appeals this 15th day of April, 1878.

JAMES S. FRANKLIN Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Md.

May 2, 1878—3t

PRESCRIPTION FREE! For the speedy Cure of Seminal Weakness, Lost Manhood and all disorders brought on by indiscretion or excess. Any Druggist has the ingredients. Dr. W. HARKER & Co., No. 120 West Ninth Street, Cincinnati, O.

## Public Local Law.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

CHAPTER 499.

AN ACT to repeal chapter two hundred and thirty-eight passed January Session eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "an Act to provide for the repairs of the Public Roads of St. Mary's county, and enact the following as a substitute therefore.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the Acts passed January Session eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "an Act to provide for the repairs of the Public Roads of St. Mary's county," be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. *Be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of St. Mary's county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to control and regulate the Public Roads of said county. They shall levy upon the assessable property of said county a sum of money for the repairs of said Public Roads at their levy term, for each year, Provided, however, that said sums so levied shall not exceed in any one year the sum of five thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of said county are authorized and required, immediately after the passage of this law, to make and adopt any and all rules and regulations that they may consider necessary to secure said repairs on said Public Roads, to appoint district Road Commissioners and such other agents and supervisors as they may deem necessary, Provided, however, said rules and regulations shall be uniform, and the pay of said district Commissioners, agents or supervisors shall not exceed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day, and that only when actually at work on or superintending the repairs of said road.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted*, That said Commissioners, as soon after each annual levy as practicable, shall apportion the sum so levied for public roads to the several election districts in said county, as they may deem just and fair, and place said lists in the hands of the Collectors, to be paid by them to such road accounts as may be passed or approved by said County Commissioners.

SEC. 5. *Be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of St. Mary's county are hereby authorized to make and pass such rules and regulations respecting the appointment and duties of the District Road Commissioners and all officers necessary to carry this law into execution, to have all obstructions and nuisances removed from the Public Roads or near the same that may inconvenience and endanger travelers; to allow, upon satisfactory proof, owners for gravel, timber and other necessary material needed in repairs of said Public Roads, and to regulate the mode of ascertaining the value of any gravel, timber or other necessary material in case of a di[illegible] to enter upon any [illegible] or other[illegible] permanent injury done [illegible] owners of said [illegible] the same, or for any material taken as aforesaid.

SEC. 6. *Be it enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. *Be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved this 5th day of April, 1878.
JOHN LEE CARROLL,
Governor of Maryland.
FETTER S. HOBLIZELL,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
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MARYLAND, SC.

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JAMES S. FRANKLIN, Clerk
Court Appeals of Maryland.

May 2, 1878—3t.

BLANDFORD & CO.,
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Commission Merchants,
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IN FLOUR, GRAIN, COTTON, LEAF TOBACCO,
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Thos. McWilliams, Eds. BEACON,
T. C. Ward, James McWilliams,
T. T. Burch, B. H. Camalier,
The. Smoot, Geo. Blakistone.

Mr. J. S. MATTHEWS, of Leonardtown, is with us, and would be glad to share the patronage of his friends of St. Mary's and adjoining counties.

April 12, 1878—1y.

FOR SALE.

I will sell about 100 ACRES of the Cherry Grove Farm, located in the 7th election district, upon which there is a small new DWELLING HOUSE, some OUT-HOUSES and a young ORCHARD. About one-third of the land is in wood. The above land lies on a valuable creek in which many oysters could be seeded and adjoins the farm of R. B. Tippett. For terms, etc., apply to SARAH A. LONG,
Feb 22, 1878—1y. Milestown P. O., Md.

## LOCAL DOTTINGS.

The Entertainment.

One of the largest audiences which ever met in the Society's Hall assembled to greet the "Hunt for a Husband" on Monday night last. The number of persons present is variously estimated, but whether fourteen or five hundred were present, the Hall was filled to its utmost capacity.—The best of order was observed throughout the entire performance. Ridgely's Band was on hand and contributed in the intervals of the play much to the enjoyment of the audience. We do not think the play itself was well chosen. It appeared at least not to elicit the same amount of popular interest which the "Quiet Family" (performed a few months ago by the same company,) developed. Probably, also, the acting on Monday night was not quite up to the high standard of excellence which marked the rendition of the last named piece. We should not have our readers understand, however, that the "Hunt for a Husband" came "halting off." The very contrary was the case. It was creditably rendered throughout, some of the sketches being decidedly ludicrous and there were at least two that impressed us as of a very high order of merit. The *dramatis personæ* were as follows:

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| Peter Poppleton, | Jos. F. Neal. |
| Arthur Stanley, | Enoch B. Abell. |
| Jack Sharp, | F. M. Dyer. |
| Chicory, | E. Galatti. |
| Servant, | Morgan Raley. |
| Miss Poppleton, | Miss Julia Raley. |
| Mrs. Corthope, | Miss Nell Fenwick. |
| Sophy, | Miss Rosa Norris. |
| Mary Ann, | Mrs. F. M. Dyer. |

At the conclusion of the performance, the immense crowd repaired to Moore's Hotel where a lunch, gotten up in the highest culinary art, was in readiness. We will here chaplinent the ladies who had this part of the evening's entertainment in charge for the admirable success which attended it. All the delicacies of the season were in abundance, and nicely served, and then the waiters—who could not for looking at them and answering their many attentions? The gods themselves were tended by no fairer Ganymedes. From the lunch we were carried to the confectionery room where ice cream, cake, etc., were served us, but still no eating was done for the same reason. During the continuance of lunching, the gay were indulging in dancing in the large dining room of the Hotel, to music by the band. A discovery was made that this room was not large enough to allow all who wished it, the "right pleasure," and the Hall was again brought into requisition. Gen. Bailey opened the second course of proceedings here by his famous speech on "Woman." "Woman in all stages of life is a brick, as a cousin she is convenient, and as a sweetheart she has few equals and no superiors." The dance was enjoyed until the whistle of the Thompson signalled our Washington friends that the time of their departure had arrived. The thanks of all are due to Captain Wood, of the steamer John W. Thompson, for the interest which he seemed to manifest in the success of the affair, and also to Ridgeley's Band, who lent their aid to add liveliness to the occasion.

Personal.

Among the notables who landed from the Steamer Thompson on Monday last and who visited our town to witness the entertainment at the Society's Hall on that evening, we were pleased to recognize our representative in Congress, Dr. Henkle, Col. Mayo, of Virginia, and our old friend, Col. James T. Blakistone. There were other attractions, however, which came by the same boat that were much more to our mind and way of thinking. Of these we trust not ourselves here to speak. It is in the ivory moonlight, under arching vines, amid the perfume of roses, within the sounds of mellowed music, in one fair presence and no more, not in the local columns of a newspaper, that we would like to be heard on this interesting subject.

Narrow Escape.

We learn that B. F. Yates, Esqr, and another boy who was with him at the time, came near meeting a watery grave near the mouth of St. Clement's Bay on Sunday last, the boat in which they were sailing being capsized by the heavy wind which prevailed at that point about night fall. Mr. Yates and the boy fortunately succeeded in securing a position on the bottom of the boat from which they were relieved after drifting about at the mercy of wind and tide for two hours or more. Both are said to have been nearly exhausted when they were rescued.

Potomac Oyster Police Force.

It is rumored that the Potomac Oyster Police Force is soon to be reorganized and that a Mr. Childs is to take the place of the present commander, Capt. Posey, who is to be retained, however, in the capacity of mate. This combination will, we suppose, displace Capt. Josh Hewett of our county or send him down a spoke or two lower in the ladder, and if it is in order and perfectly convenient, we would like Mr. Treasurer Compton to state for what cause and at what St. Mary's county solicitation the proposed removal or change is contemplated.

Fresh Meat Market.

We know that our Southern Maryland brethren of the press will be incredulous, perhaps shrug their shoulders and turn up their noses when the announcement is read that Leonardtown is to have hereafter a fresh meat market, just like other big places! It is a fact, nevertheless, as every body can verify by reading the announcement of Mr. Gross to be found in another column of to-day's paper.

New York Clothing House.

Many of our readers have, doubtless, dealt with this very popular establishment, No. 184 W. Baltimore street, opposite Light street. As will be seen by their advertisement, on first page, they are prepared to sell fine and perfect fitting clothing to men and boys. It is a one-price cash store and we commend it as a place where you can always not only get well fitting clothes, but the full value of your money.

Burglarious.

The meat house of Mrs. M. E. Holmes, of this town, was forcibly entered on Saturday night last, and several pieces of meat were taken therefrom. No trace of the offenders has yet been found, though a diligent search was made early the following morning by the lady's son, who is still confident in his expectations of bringing the culprits to their *meet* reward.

Wanamaker.

This old and reliable ready made Clothing House is now offering for sale the best quality of Goods, made in the latest style. Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods and Piece Goods for Order Work, always on hand, of every variety and of the best material. But one price, and that the lowest. If you wish to be satisfied call at WANAMAKER'S No. 166 W. Baltimore street, Baltimore.

Southern Maryland Railroad.

The following order for the sale of the Southern Maryland Railroad was passed at the recent term of the Circuit Court of Prince George's county:

Upon consideration of the Petition of the complaints filed in this case on the 29th day of December, 1877, and the matters therein stated, and the proof taken and returned, under the interlocutory orders passed herein, the answer of the said Southern Maryland Railroad company and other proceedings in said cause and the agreement of certain creditors filed in the case, and the arguments of the respective counsel which have been heard and considered, the Court being satisfied that a Decree for the sale of the property, real and personal, the rights of way, road-bed, trestles and bridges and cross-ties of the said Southern Maryland Railroad and the franchises of the company will be passed at the final hearing of the said case, and is the proper mode of relief in the said case, it is hereby this 18th day of April, 1878, adjudged and ordered, that the real and personal estate aforesaid of the said company and the franchises of the said company be sold; that Richard B. B. Chew, Robert C. Combs and Joseph K. Roberts, Jr., be and they are hereby appointed Trustees to make said sale. They shall first file in this Court a bond to the State of Maryland, executed by themselves, with a surety or sureties to be approved by a Judge or the Clerk of this Court, in the penalty of one hundred thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in them by this order, or which may be reposed in them by any future order or Decree in the premises. They shall then proceed to make sale of said described property and franchises of the said Company, having first given at least four weeks previous notice, inserted in some newspaper published in Prince George's county, and also in some newspaper printed in each of the cities of Baltimore and Washington, and such other notices as they may think proper, of the time, place, manner and terms of sale, which terms shall be as follows: One fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale or on the day of ratification thereof by the Court, whereof five thousand dollars shall be paid on the day of sale, and the residue in three equal installments in nine and twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, the whole to bear interest from the day of sale, and the payment thereof to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser with a surety or sureties to be approved by the Trustees. And as soon as may be convenient after such sale, the said Trustees shall return to this Court a full and particular account of the same, with an affidavit of the truth thereof, and the fairness of such sale annexed. And on the ratification of such sale by this Court and on the payment of the whole purchase money (and not before) the said Trustees, by a good and sufficient deed, to be executed and acknowledged agreeably to law, shall convey to the purchaser or purchasers of said property and to his, her or their heirs or assigns, the property to him, her or them sold, free, clear and discharged of all claim of the parties to this cause, and of any person or persons claiming by, from or under them. And the said Trustees shall bring into this Court the money arising on such sale, and the bonds or notes which may be taken for the same, after deducting therefrom the costs of this suit and such commissions to the said Trustees as this Court shall think proper to allow on consideration of the skill, attention and fidelity wherewith they shall appear to have discharged their trust, the said proceeds of sale to be deposited or invested as the Court shall hereafter direct, and to be disposed of as the Court shall direct by the final Decree.

Wonders.

The wonders we have to announce this week is the hatching of a gosling in this district, the two wings of which shoot out directly from the front of the breast and not as usual from the sides. The next wonder, however, is the greatest. It is the birth of five kittens and a rabbit with the same motherhood. The latter is a St. Inigoes' story, but our informant is ready to swear to it.

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners met on Tuesday last, present Allstan, Alvey, Buckler, Parsons and Davis. The Board was almost exclusively engaged in passing upon accounts for the levy. An order was passed to pay pensioners their first installment of pension on the 1st day of May. See official notice of same in another column. The Board then adjourned to Thursday, the 9th day of May.

Rust in Wheat.

In addition to the fly, farmers are beginning to complain of the appearance of rust in their wheat fields. We have no present means of ascertaining the character or extent of the disaster, but have been assured by several reliable persons that their own wheat fields are badly effected in this way.

Md. Prisoners' Aid Association.

We are indebted to G. S. Griffith, corresponding Secretary of the Md. Prisoners' Aid Association for a pamphlet copy of the Ninth Annual Report of the Institution. We have not as yet had time to read the report but promise a more extended notice of it hereafter.

The Orphans' Court.

The Orphans' Court met on Tuesday last, present Judges Canter and Tippett. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Francis L. Mattingly were granted to Mary E. Mattingly. The Court then adjourned to the 2nd Tuesday in May.

Drowned.

The Baltimore *Sun* has information of the drowning on the 7th of January, ult., while bathing in the harbor of Port Royal, Jamaica, of Charles Brown, formerly of this village. Brown shipped from Baltimore as a seaman for the above place on December last.

Hail on Sunday.

There was an unusual heavy fall of hail in many sections of our county on Sunday evening last, but the wind being light at the time, we have no serious damage to record.

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DIVINE SERVICE.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Sabbath, May 5th.

First Quarterly Meeting at St. Paul's. Preaching by the Presiding Elder, Rev. B. PEYTON BROWN at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Love Feast at 10 a. m. Childrens' meeting at 3 p. m.

Quarterly Conference Monday next at 10 a. m.

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