

Correspondence of the Beacon. RICHMOND, 1878.

THE POTTER INVESTIGATION.—The Potter Investigating Committee has at last gone to work, and though it has unearthed many damaging facts bearing on Republican manipulations of the electoral vote of Louisiana, it cannot fairly be claimed that it has yet brought to light any reliable evidence showing guilty knowledge on the part of Hayes of the frauds which all unprejudiced men now admit perverted the electoral vote of that State from its rightful owner and made the present occupant of the executive chair President of the United States. Even in the case of Sherman, the evidence has not yet reached that certain and positive character which is entitled to remove doubt and to establish the complicity of the Secretary in the crime of assisting to steal the electoral vote of a sovereign State. We have no doubt, and never had, of the guilt of Sherman and the other "visiting statesmen" in this business, but we submit, the case is not yet conclusively proved against them, and until it is, they are entitled to the benefit of the same doubts which the humanity of our laws allows to all other criminals. What is wanting to "fix" Sherman is the original of the letter he wrote to Anderson, not the copy of it which is made public, and we have no doubt that this will be forthcoming at the proper time. The introduction of the copy instead of the original was, doubtless, an artifice of the committee to catch Sherman in a lie, and his examination shows that he saw the trap laid for him and accommodated his evidence to the situation. In the meanwhile, the damning fact now stands out clearly defined, challenging the notice of the world, Tilden who was elected, is not President, and Hayes who was not elected, is.

THE FOREIGN SITUATION.—The Peace Congress will meet in Berlin on Thursday next, the 13th instant. The powers which will be represented in it are Germany, France, Italy, Russia, England and Turkey. The come down of Russia is attributed to pecuniary embarrassments, but in many quarters it is still believed, that Russia is playing for time, and if she can only prolong the negotiations until the autumn of 1878, she will have secured a more favorable position for herself than she could have done otherwise. The Emperor's health is reported to be better than it has been for some time, and it is expected that he will be able to attend the Congress. The Emperor's health is reported to be better than it has been for some time, and it is expected that he will be able to attend the Congress.

EFFECT OF THE ANTI-CONTRACTION BILL.—The immediate effect of the passage of the bill to prevent the further contraction of the currency, (the Senate having concurred in the previous action of the House), will be that eighty per cent. of the additional national bank currency, issued during May, being \$1,606,460, instead of being retired by the Treasury department, will be allowed to remain in circulation. The amount is about the average sum retired each month by the Treasury under the law. Its being outstanding will interfere but slightly with the resumption of specie payments. This monthly retirement of legal tenders was calculated upon by Secretary Sherman as so much aid to resumption. The disposition of United States bonds by the Secretary for gold and the accumulation of the gold realized thereby for resumption purposes has not, however, been interfered with. The prospect of resumption is not lessened by this legislation, especially as this bill is tacitly understood on all sides to be the last measure affecting the finances to be framed during the present session of Congress. The President will undoubtedly sign the bill.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.—Jefferson Davis has just received a judgment in the Mississippi Court of Appeals in favor of his claim to the plantation of Briarfield, in that State. This is the estate to which his wealthy elder brother invited him, when he married the daughter of General Taylor, and resigned his commission in the army. He managed the plantation so well that he acquired a competence, and reimbursed his brother the full value of the place. The decision will take all fear of poverty from him.

JERE S. BLACK ON HAYES' TITLE.—"I take no stock in the prospect of turning out Hayes by quo warranto. No doubt Hayes got the presidency by means of fraud. But he got it and has it. It was conceded to him by the House of Representatives, which ought to have withheld it from him. Possession under such circumstances is title to every legal intent and purpose. Mr. Hayes is President for four years unless his term shall be abridged by impeachment, resignation or death."

Messrs. Editors:—Last week was quite an important one in the "seven hilled city." The election passed off quietly. There was not a single pet lamb to be cared for by the authorities and the Conservative party is now dominant. The Washington Commandery Knights Templar visited and paraded the city. They were sumptuously entertained by the Richmond Commandery and addressed by Mayor Carrington. Several match games of ball were played. The chief attraction was a grand Carnival of Nations and Bazaar for the benefit of the Sisters of the Visitation in our city. On Monday evening the program was most attractive—Music, Tableau and Statuary. The entertainment was held at the Theatre and was pronounced by competent judges quite a success. Every evening since, one of the principal features of the Bazaar is a grand promenade concert. The Fair will probably close on Wednesday evening, and judge a; from the liberal patronage already extended, it will prove a success financially.

May 22nd was Hollywood Memorial Day, the thirteenth anniversary. The cemeteries where repose our soldier dead are sacred precincts—The Maccabees, the Southern hearts ever turn and willing hands bear floral tributes of love and gratitude. Before seven o'clock, many ladies with flowers wended their way to the silent camp and not till two o'clock was the labor of love completed. The First Virginia Regiment, the Light Infantry Blues and the Richmond City Guard participated in the ceremonies and fired a salute on Gettysburg Hill, so called because there rest the braves that fell at Gettysburg. The day was bright and balmy, and that evening the soft eyed Queen of Night looked down with beaming glance on the flower-strewn couches of the "boys in grey," and the low-voiced river chanted in sweeter tones the requiem. In Hollywood, Generals Stuart, Hill and Pickett repose. There, too, sleeps Mr. John Wyatt, the first Confederate soldier who fell in battle, and thousands of others, of each one of whom it might be said,

"In the cause of right engaged, Wrongs injurious to redress, Honor's war he boldly waged, But the heavens denied success."

Our open air concerts will soon begin and then the Square will doubtless present quite a lively appearance. Monroe Park is making very rapid advances towards perfection and the new Reservoir is now one of the most attractive drives. The spirit of the Lord (?) has been going about among the dark hued inhabitants, and in consequence the preachers have been very busy whilst the possessors of poultry have been unusually vigilant. The newly converted believe in the community of goods, besides more particularly at that time a self-sacrificing spirit pervades their neighbors of untime, and if she can only prolong the negotiations until the autumn of 1878, she will have secured a more favorable position for herself than she could have done otherwise.

A MODEL FARM.—Among the very many beautiful places in Howard county there is perhaps none which has arrived at a higher state of cultivation than the farm of Hon. George Colton. This farm, which is known as Chestnut Ridge, contains about 150 acres of rich arable land, is located about twenty minutes ride from Jessup's Cut, a station on the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Mr. Colton purchased the farm about thirteen years ago, and by devoting much time and attention to it, has made it a model farm. Nothing has been overlooked which would tend to beautify and improve the grounds. On a commanding site, approached by a beautiful gravelled drive, bordered with splendid shrubbery, evergreens and deciduous trees, is the family mansion, surrounded by a spacious balcony. About one hundred acres have been cleared and are now under a high state of cultivation. The orchards are of the finest, and for productiveness and variety, are unsurpassed. None but the best varieties are planted, and there are some 2,000 peach and apple trees, and about 1,000 pear trees, plum, apricot and nectarine trees, all of which are laden with fruit, and all in healthy condition. But it is to the breeding of chickens that Mr. Colton has devoted most of his time. Every known variety of rare breed chickens are to be found in his henry and by an arrangement peculiar to Mr. Colton, each breed is kept pure and intact. There are about fifty houses containing the various kinds and to each of these houses is attached a large enclosed range for the chickens. The henry is laid off in streets, the middle street containing the large breeds, such as light and dark Brahmas, buff partridges, black and white Cochins, Jersey Blues, Plymouth Rocks, Creve Coeurs, Houdans and black Spanish and four varieties of handsome Polish chickens. Every variety of games is there to be found, as also pure white and black Sumatra, Hamburgs, Frizzles, Seabrights, Cochins, with about twelve varieties of bantams and silkies from Japan. During the season about 25,000 eggs or about 2,000 dozen eggs are obtained, and about 800 chickens are raised. Each egg is marked with lead pencil, so that it is next to an impossibility for a mistake to occur in setting the hens. In small flocks, which are prolific on the farm, one may find raspberries, grapes, currants, gooseberries and strawberries, of the monarch species, some of which are as large as walnuts. The outbuildings are arranged with a view to the comfort and convenience of his help, of which he has the very best. A portion

of the farm is devoted to raising a fine breed of Berkshire pigs and a large pond is stocked with a choice assortment of fish.—Sunday News. A popular lecturer states that misdeeds are like knives, "they either serve us or cut us as we grasp them either by the handle or blade." No such gratifying relief, or as certain and prompt cure for such mishaps as are caused by knives—as well as for accidents and pains of all kinds, can be had from anything ever before known to medical science—as from Keller's Roman Liniment—the most reliable and cheapest healer and pain extractor yet discovered. George A. Bartlett, Esq., of the U. S. Treasury Department, says: "It is superior to anything of the kind extant, and will hereafter be a fixed institution in my family." RESISTING INVESTIGATION.—From the days of the Credit Mobilier down through the Custom-house frauds, whiskey and District ring investigations, to the Returning Board and real-estate pool committees, the Republican party has feared, dodged and resisted investigations. If you would be healthy, avoid Constipation, as its continuance is sure to bring on many dangerous diseases.—The most potent remedy for this condition, is Keller's Life Drops. MARRIED. On the 31st of May, 1878, by the Rev. Father Pauciatini, JOHN G. TIPPETT, to Miss A. JANE VANWORTH. DIED. Died, on the 23rd ultimo, of consumption, at the residence of her father in the 7th election district, ROSA A., daughter of Philip G. Love, in the 17th year of her age. May she rest in peace! SPRING AND SUMMER! GOODS OF ALL KINDS!! A FULL STOCK AND AT LOWER RATES THAN EVER!! GREENWELL & FENWICK, LEONARDTOWN.

NEVER BEFORE EQUALLED THE ASSORTMENT AND GENUINE LOW PRICES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING being sold at the leading and popular CASH CLOTHING HOUSE. CHAS. N. OEHM & SON, 230 W. Pratt Street, near Hanover, (NEW IRON BUILDING.) BALTIMORE, MD. Salesman from this section, B. F. HOWARD. June 6, 1878—3m.

SEM-CENTENNIAL. March, 1878. MARCH, 1878. SPRING OVERCOATS & ULSTERETTES FROM \$5 UP. MENS', YOUTHS' & BOYS' SPRING SUITS FROM 3 YEARS AND \$3 UP. A HANDSOME PAIR OF CASSIMERE PANTS TO ORDER, \$5. PANTS MADE AND TRIMMED IN LATEST STYLE FOR \$2.25 A PAIR. Money returned in every instance when goods do not give satisfaction. NOAH WALKER & CO., 165 & 167 W. BALTIMORE ST. BETWEEN CALVERT & LIGHT. OPPOSITE ADAMS EXPRESS OFFICE. June 6, 1878—2m.

EXECUTORS NOTICE. Orphan's Court of St. Mary's County, Set: June 1878. ORDERED BY THE COURT, That M. Randolph Jones and Emily R. Jones, Executors of CALEB M. JONES, late of St. Mary's county, Maryland, deceased, give notice by law to the creditors and 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. RALEY, Register of Wills for St. Mary's county. NOTICE. In pursuance of the above order, we hereby give notice that we have obtained from the Orphan's Court of St. Mary's county, Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of CALEB M. JONES, 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 subscribers, on or before the 6th day of December, 1878, they will otherwise be excluded from the benefits of said estate. All persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers. M. RANDOLPH JONES, EMILY R. JONES, Executors. June 6, 1878—6w.

RATIFICATION NOTICE. In the matter of the sale of certain Real Estate of George Forbes, deceased, made and reported by F. Stone and John W. Mitchell, Trustees. In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county in Equity, 469, N. E. ORDERED that the sale made and reported by F. Stone and J. W. Mitchell, Trustees, of "Medley's Neck" or "Pokey's Bluff" farm, part of the real estate of Geo. Forbes, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the third Monday of Sept. next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in St. Mary's county once in each of three successive weeks before the first of September next. The Report states the amount of sales to be \$18,900. True copy, Test: R. FORD, J. FRANK FORD, Clerk. June 6, 1878—3w.

Archiepiscopal Visitation THE MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP, JAMES GIBBONS, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's county according to the following schedule: June 9, Whitson Sunday, St. Inge's church; June 11, Tuesday in Whitson week, St. Nicholas' Church; June 12, Wednesday in Whitson week, St. George's church; June 13, Thursday in Whitson week, Lady's Chapel; June 14, Friday in Whitson week, St. John's church; June 16, Trinity Sunday, St. Aloysius' church, Leonardtown; June 18, Tuesday, St. Francis Xavier's church, Newtown; June 19, Wednesday, Church of the Sacred Heart; June 20, Thursday, Corpus Christi, St. Joseph's church. A lecture will be delivered by the Most Rev. Archbishop in St. Aloysius' Church on JUNE 16th, at 4 p. m., for the benefit of St. Aloysius' and St. Joseph's churches. Admission, 50 cents—children 25 cents. June 6, 1878.

Road Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of thirty days from this date application will be made by the undersigned, to the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to open a public road through St. George's Island, in the 2nd election district. R. T. BALL, June 6, 1878—30d. NOTICE. WILL exchange for a farm in St. Mary's county several small houses in Baltimore city. Apply to SAMUEL H. HOOPER, No 3 Courtland St., Baltimore. June 6, 1878—4t.

LOCAL DOTTINGS. Archiepiscopal Visitation. By reference to notice elsewhere published, it will be seen that Archbishop Gibbons will visit our county on the 9th instant and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the different churches of his faith here, commencing at St. Inge's church on Sunday, June 9th, and ending at St. Joseph's Thursday, June 20th. He will deliver a lecture at St. Aloysius' church, Leonardtown, Sunday, June 16th at 4 p. m., for the benefit of St. Aloysius' and St. Joseph's churches. Admission, 50 cents—children 25 cents. County Commissioners. The County Commissioners were in session on Tuesday last, present Messrs. Atkey, Buckler, Parsons and Davis. The Board was engaged mainly in perfecting rules in regard to repairs on the Public Roads. It was determined to section the different districts and apportion the appropriation among the sections. A commission with the instructions will be given each supervisor. The following districts were sectioned and the supervisors appointed: 3rd District. Sec. 1. Jas. F. Washen, Supers. " " " 2. Benj. Dawson, " " " " 3. Z. T. Tippet, " " " " 4. John Parsons, " 4th District. Sec. 1. Thos. C. Edwards, " " " " 2. Jerome Hayden, " " " " 3. Jas. Mattingly, " " " " 4. Uriah Johnson, " " " " 5. Igu. E. Mattingly, " " " " 6. John L. Thomas, " " " " 7. John H. Chunn, " " " " 8. Jonathan Hayden, " " " " 9. Dr. Jas. Warriving, " " " " 10. J. A. Burroughs, " " " " 11. J. R. T. Reeves, " " " " 12. Henry Dean, " " " " 13. Dr. J. H. Turner, " " " " 14. J. W. Carpenter, " 5th District. Sec. 1. J. W. Chappalear, " " " " 2-3. H. D. Burroughs, " " " " 4-7. Isaiah Canter, " " " " 5. J. T. Ballenger, " " " " 6. A. W. Turner, " " " " 8. Robt. Edwards, " " " " 9. John Harrison, " " " " 10. F. D. Adams, "

THE REMAINING DISTRICTS WILL BE ARRANGED AT THE NEXT MEETING. The constable bond of Geo. N. Wise, of the 9th district, was presented and approved. An order was passed calling on all collectors to make settlement of their accounts on or before the 1st of August. The Board, after the transaction of minor business, adjourned to Tuesday, the 11th instant, at which time the bids for the Aims House will be opened and a physician appointed to the same. Escourt Thursday Night. A Bazaar reporter who was on hand when the Steamer Thompson arrived at our wharf on Thursday night last with a party of excursionists, collected chiefly from the points up the river on the Maryland side, has supplied the following particulars. Speaking of the excursion, he says, the majority were from Charles county and comprised some of the belles of that section. A band from Washington was in attendance, and on leaving the boat, the whole company repaired to Moore's Hotel where everything was prepared for a dance. All seemed to enjoy this part of the programme greatly and some few of our young men were present to take their share of the pleasure the occasion afforded. The small number of excursionists who were present that day we noticed on the steamer. It and we could well sympathize with his disappointment when Mr. M. triumphantly led off the lovely Miss R. in spite of both of our claims to the privilege of escorting her to the boat. We did not best, offering ourselves as a compromise, but had to submit as gracefully as we could to defeat. Mr. F. has been innumerable since the Thompson's line were cast from the wharf and he was compelled to say his last good-night to Miss S. Mr. N. found a solace greater than all other conquests and possessions. We had not the pleasure of meeting any of the gentlemen, out as "a looker on at Vienna," with the additional pleasure of a chat with Miss R., we enjoyed, as we always do, the presence of a company from Charles in our midst. Southern Md. Railroad. As we predicted in our last, the sale of the Southern Md. Railroad, which was set down in the bills for Wednesday, the 5th of June, instant, has been arrested by appeal and the theatre of litigation transferred from the Circuit to the Court of Appeals. This is a triumph for the former president of the road, and has greatly excited certain creditors of same, who have taken legal proceedings to have Smeot arrested on charges of fraud, embezzlement and perjury. What will be the outcome of this move, is now mere conjecture, but it is difficult to see how proceedings of this character can now facilitate a sale of the property.

By Louis Meyer, No. 72 Hanover Street, Baltimore, Md. MILLINERY, FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS, KID GLOVES, TRIMMED HATS AND BONNETS constantly on hand. June 6, 1878—1y. Notice. ALL Collectors who have unsettled accounts with the Board of County Commissioners, are hereby notified to settle the same on or before the 1st day of August, 1878, or legal proceedings will be instituted. By order, JO F. MORGAN, Clerk. June 6, 1878—3t. Selling Out at Cost. FOR the purpose of making a change in business, I will close out my entire stock (with exception of Groceries) at First Cost for Cash. Particular attention is called to my stock of Ready-Made Clothing, White Goods Hamburg Trimmings, Notions, etc. which will be sold at a great sacrifice. J. SIMMS FENWICK, Leonardtown. May 23, 1878—4t. Collector's Sale. BY virtue of authority vested in me as Late Collector of Taxes for the 5th Election District of St. Mary's county, I will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door, Leonardtown, on TUESDAY, the 25th of June, 1878, between the hours of 12 o'clock, m. and 4 o'clock, p. m., the following property, to satisfy State and County Taxes due for the years 1875 and 1877, to wit: A tract or parcel of land, situate in the 5th Election District of St. Mary's county called "Part of Indian Creek and Woodberry," or by whatever name or names it may be known, containing three hundred and ninety-six acres, more or less, and assessed in the name of Fantilia Thomas. Due for State tax for 1876, \$ 8.30 Due for County tax for 1876, \$7.98 \$ 16.28 Interest from 1st of Jan. 1877, \$ 6.62 Due for State tax for 1877, \$ 8.56 Due for County tax for 1877, \$ 4.07 \$ 14.63 \$ 30.91 Interest from 1st of Jan. 1878. The above real property will be sold by the Collector as authorized by the Act of 1874, chapter 483, and the proceeds will be applied to the payment of the taxes for the above named years, with the interest and all costs that may accrue under this sale. JOHN W. TIPPETT, Late Collector 5th District. May 30, 1878—1s.

St. Mary's Racers. Derby and Clyde Hampton have, we learn, been transferred to the training stable of Alexander D. Brown, Esq., of Brooklinwood, Baltimore County, Md., under the care of the experienced trainer, John Hyland. The grey gelding, Joe Alletta, has been stopped in his work and turned out, as it was thought impossible to get him in condition this season. Sale of a Valuable Estate. Hon. Frederick Stone and John W. Mitchell, Esq., sold at trustees' sale on Tuesday last the valuable estate called Pokey's Bluff, containing 600 acres, more or less, located in the Medley's Neck section of Leonardtown district for \$12,500. Purchaser, Mrs. Mary E. Forbes. The above land was a portion of the real estate of which the late Col. George Forbes died possessed. The St. Inge's Dinner. The Dinner at the St. Inge's Residence of the Jesuit Fathers for the benefit of the new Catholic Church to be erected near the Hidge will come off, it should be some in mind, on Monday next, the 10th instant. Punch and Judy. Prof. Maxwell gave us on Saturday evening last another of his admirable performances of Punch and Judy. The entertainment was given at Moore's Hotel, and was quite largely attended by the juveniles, who enjoyed it highly. Clothing Store. We call attention to the advertisement in today's paper of the old, reliable and well-known house of Noah Walker & Co. This establishment, with branches in Washington and elsewhere, is one of the largest and most complete in the country. If we are not mistaken, this is the first house which made the business of selling ready-made clothing respectable and reliable. To-day the Messrs. Walker are patronized by the most respectable and fastidious in the country.

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