THE
ST MARY'S BEACON
LEONARDTOWN MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, December 19th, 1878.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—We are in receipt, through the kindness of a correspondent, whose letter we give elsewhere, of the very able essay delivered by our talented young townsman, Eugene F. Wathen, Esqr., before the Philomathian Society of St. John's College, Annapolis, at a late meeting. The subject of the essay is "Lear" and we thoroughly agree with our correspondent that "it is a production of no ordinary merit," and we may here add, that it will give us great pleasure to publish it in the BEACON. This, however, in consequence of the essay not reaching us before to-day (Wednesday) we are unable to make room for in our present paper, and printing no paper next week, shall be compelled to postpone its publication to our first issue in January. We take occasion to thank our correspondent for obtaining us the essay for publication, as well as for his accompanying letter, as also for the the just and generous mention he makes of this remarkable effort of our young friend and fellow-countryman.

THE LAST POLITICAL SENSATION.—The political sensation of the past week was the promised speech of Senator Blaine on the Southern outrage question which had been described by admiring friends as a thunderbolt about to strike the "thick rotundity of the earth" and shake the Southern Cross from its orbit. Such miserable affairs as democracy and solid South were to be broken by the fell stroke into very little pieces and scattered to the four winds. Well, the thunderbolt has been launched, and astonishing as it may seem, earth and cross and solid South are still to be found in their old places and even democracy is as rampant as ever. It is the old, old story—lofty pronunciamento and miserable performance. Indeed, if the whole truth must out, Mr. Blaine is not a success in launching thunderbolts.—Some of his bolts don't strike at all, while others, though well aimed, *ricochet* and strike back with terrible effect. Our present concern is chiefly with the latter. His proposition that the Southern negro votes under duress he fails to prove by any thing entitled to be called evidence. He asserts it, indeed, but assertion is not proof and, even if it were, an assertion by Blaine is not entitled to count. He is of bad reputation for veracity as his friend Mulligan will testify to at any moment.—If, therefore, the Southern negro votes under duress, the fact, if it be a fact, cannot be proved by mere assertion, much less by the assertion of a man like Blaine. But Blaine's figures, which go to prove the inequality of representative strength North and South are unworthy of consideration for the reason that they show no anomalies in the political organization of the South which are not just as strongly marked in the case of States at the North. In Alabama, North Carolina and Mississippi, for instance, says the N. Y. *World*, the Democratic legislatures have so run the lines that every district but one is Democratic by a small but sufficient majority, while the Republicans are packed into one district, which they do not always carry. Last month, for example, they ran two negroes in the Second North Carolina and were beaten. Of course this increases the unrepresented element, which is always large under the system of majority representation, but it will be interesting to see the Democrats of the South attacked on this head by members of that party which in New York has for years refused to perform a duty peremptorily prescribed by the constitution, and which in Indiana has so arranged the districts that the Republicans carried nine out of thirteen, though they were in a very considerable minority of the popular vote. Gerrymandering at least is not a Southern invention. Mr. Blaine complains that South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana, with a population which he coolly assumes to be "Republican" because in the matter of races it stands at 54 per cent. colored to 46 white, return seventeen Democratic Congressmen. Bless the man's soul, Massachusetts and Michigan return nineteen Republican Congressmen and but one Democrat, though the figures show——there are no assumptions here—that 51 per cent. of the voters in those States are anti-Republican! In New York it takes something over 15,600 Republicans to elect a Congressman and something over 54,600 voters of other political beliefs to do the same thing! Every Republican voter in New York has three and a half times as much power and influence as every anti-Republican voter. It is an axiom in politics that under the majority system the minority vanishes utterly—is left unrepresented—and in any country or assembly the corrective is found in the accidents of distribution. Where hundreds of thousands of Democrats, constituting local minorities in Kansas, Michigan, New York, Massachusetts or Illinois, are left unrepresented, a corresponding number of Republicans in Democratic States should fail to secure representation if the balance of equity, except in tidal-wave years, is to be preserved.—If there is a Democratic preponderance in the electoral colleges and in the National Legislature why should Senator Blaine affect to regard this as abnormal when the election of 1876 demonstrated that a large majority of the voters of the United States are Democrats? Nobody knows better than Blaine that the republican party has ever since been losing strength, till even at the North it retains its hold upon power only through the divisions of its opponents. It is conventional with Senators to pretend to regard each other as seriously as did the augurs of old. But when a Senator talks such arrant and hypocritical humbug as Mr. Blaine, people who are not paid to sit still and listen to him politely may be pardoned if they feel moved to forgive even the truly shocking way in which Senator Conkling expressed his contempt for him while he was speaking his piece.

CONGRESSIONAL.—The Franchise resolution of Mr. Blaine was again up for discussion in the Senate on Monday last. It was brought up by a motion of Blaine himself to postpone all prior orders and give this precedence. This was resisted and a lengthy debate ensued. It is mischiefmakers like Blaine and mischiefmaking resolutions like his miserable franchise abridgement affair that are obstructing the business before Congress and reviving old enmities between the sections. The proposition of a Southern Senator to have the committee to be appointed under this resolution sit with open doors was opposed by the Maine Senator and other republicans and was pending when the Senate went into executive session. Congress will adjourn in a few days for its usual Christmas recess and it will be largely owing to the brazen ambition of Blaine that it will have accomplished nothing of public advantage during its whole December sitting.

THE HAPPY FAMILY.—Our neighbor, the *Md. Independent*, is evidently not pleased with the way the republican machine is run in this State and feels himself justified in raising the standard of revolt against its chief fugleman, John L. Thomas, "because he believes him to be corrupt and incompetent to manage the party, and he opposes the State Central Committee because it does not represent the Republicans of the State, is incompetent to discharge the trust in its hands, and is the plant tool of the Baltimore Collector of Customs."

WEBSTER AND PINKNEY.—Under the title of "Webster and Pinkney," Bishop Pinkney, of Maryland, has published a pamphlet to vindicate his uncle, the celebrated William Pinkney, from the asperson cast upon his courage by the late Peter Harvey, in his book entitled "Reminiscenses of Daniel Webster at the bar." Mr. Harvey reports that Mr. Webster told him that he had on one occasion "locked Mr. Pinkney up in one of the grand jury rooms of the Capitol and extorted from him, as he stood trembling like an aspen leaf, an 'humble apology, which was repeated the next day in open court."

Mr. Webster did not remember what the case was, but fixed the limit of the time in which it occurred by saying that Mr. Pinkney spoke of him as "the gentleman from New Hampshire."—Bishop Pinkney, in his argument to show that no such incident could have occurred, points out in the first place that "there are no grand jury rooms in the Capitol, and never have been," and, in the next place, that the alleged reference to "the gentleman from New Hampshire" establishes the fact that the case in question—if not fictitious—must have come on for trial, according to Mr. Webster's own statement somewhere between the years 1813 and 1817, during which years Mr. Webster was a member of Congress from New Hampshire. It could not have occurred later, as in 1817 he took up his permanent abode in Boston. Bishop Pinkney shows from the record of the Supreme Court, that in all the time Mr. Webster was a member of Congress from New Hampshire the incident related by him could not have taken place, as within those years he was counsel in only three cases before the court, in neither of which was Mr. Pinkney engaged. Moreover, Mr. Pinkney went abroad in 1816 and did not return until 1818. The first case in which they actually appeared together was after Mr. Pinkney's return from Europe, and they were then on the same side. The first case in which they were opposed to each other was in 1821, and again in the same year, and finally in 1822, and yet Wheaton, who reported these cases, and wrote the life of William Pinkney, although a Northern man, "makes not the slightest allusion to any difficulty, either insult offered or apology made." Justice Story, who delivered the opinion of the court in two of the cases, is also as profoundly silent, "notwithstanding he did make mention of an incident that occurred between Pinkney and Emmet in the argument of a case in prize law." Bishop Pinkney concludes that Mr. Harvey must have been in error. He does not impute to him a willful wrong, but of committing by some strange perversion of memory "an error that does the grossest injustice to both of these distinguished men."

COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.—The bill of Senator Edmunds, which was introduced at the last session of Congress, representing the views of the select committee appointed for that purpose, and providing a new and explicit system for counting the votes of electors in the elections of President and Vice-President of the United States, has passed the Senate by a substantial majority. All the republican Senators who were present voted for it, and nearly all the democratic Senators voted against it. This would seem to seal the fate of the bill when it comes into the House, in which the democrats have such a positive majority. It is certainly much to be desired that such provision shall be made at the earliest day possible for counting the electoral votes as will prevent the recurrence of the dangerous complication of 1876, but it is probable that Mr. Edmunds's close identity with the authorship of the electoral commission act, by virtue of which Mr. Hayes was elevated to the presidency, inclines democrats to look upon the most ingenuous and innocent measure emanating from that Senator upon that subject with suspicion. The bill, judging from Mr. Edmunds's explanation of its chief provisions, is intended to delegate the entire matter of the choice of electors in the most absolute manner to the States themselves, and for this purpose the presidential election is to be held a month earlier, and the meeting of the electors at the State capital is postponed a month later than at present prescribed. The counting of the votes is to be done as now, by the two houses of Congress in joint convention, and, in the case of two sets of returns, the two houses together must declare which is the true one. If there should be any question as to the legitimacy or official character of a return, it is not to be received except upon the affirmative vote of both houses. The other provisions of the bill seem to be similar to those of the existing law.

THE MARYLAND GRANGERS.—*Tobacco Inspection.*—At a late meeting of the Maryland Grangers in Baltimore, the portion of the Grand Master's report (J. T. Moore, of Montgomery county,) touching the tobacco inspection question was referred to a special committee of seven, of which Capt. George Thomas, of this county, was Chairman. The Committee have reported that they approved the position taken by the Master and recommend that that portion of his address bearing upon this topic, together with the report made by the Tobacco Committee to the State Grange at its session, be printed for distribution, not only among members of the order, but among others interested, "with a view of bringing the whole subject prominently before the public, in order that the subject may enter into the next canvass as one vitally affecting the interest of our important industry, upon which legislation is imperatively demanded. The position of the Master is, substantially, that the present system of inspection is being run, not in the interest of the tobacco growers, but for the benefit of party and involves a loss to the planters of over $70,000 per annum. The mode of redress is equally clear. *The planters must unite in their demands and must make their power felt.* Unfortunately, our organization is not strong in the planting section of the State. To the subordinate granges directly interested in this question, I then strongly appeal. You are laboring under a burden grievous and heavy to be borne. As men and as Patrons you should rise to the occasion. The order elsewhere throughout the State stands ready to take you by the hand, but upon yourselves must rest the responsibility of vigorous attack and determined endeavor. The time for action is the present and early future. It is to be hoped that the order in Southern Maryland will take this question into serious consideration, and that the representation at our next State meetings will show that the planting interest means work in this, as in other matters, to them, as to the order at large, of serious import. The representatives of the tobacco-growing counties in our next Legislature should be made to know their duty in this important particular."

MARRIED.

On the 16th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Berry, WM. F. TWILLY to Miss HARRIET A. THOMAS.

OBITUARY.

Departed this life on Monday, the 2nd of December, instant, ANN L., consort of Wm. L. Russell, in the 33rd year of her age. May she rest in peace!

"Thy will be done," but Thy decrees are oftimes mysterious, O Lord. These words of the Redeemer, after a time, may heal the stricken heart, but in the flush of sorrow the bereaved need the consolations of sympathizing friends. That decree was mysterious which snatched from life the subject of this humble tribute, when that life was fraught with all the power of usefulness, and possessed all the virtues which make our pilgrimage here a joy and a blessing. Just when life began, when memories commenced to grow and cluster around a home, when "God's pledges" begin to knit the cords that bind a loving pair, the dread summons is announced and all the hopes of happiness are buried in the past! But those who loved her must heed the submissive words of the Saviour, and no matter how deep their grief may be, must know that He has some great, wise purpose in thus afflicting them, and that her life, so exemplary, will merit His Bounty and Goodness.

Fresh Fruits & Confectionery.

MRS. F. GROSS has just opened a FRUIT and CONFECTIONERY STORE in the building lately occupied as the Postoffice and will be pleased to receive calls from the public. All kinds of best
FRENCH CANDIES,
FRUIT AND POUND CAKES,
NUTS, APPLES, etc.,
constantly on hand and for sale low.
Dec 19, 1878.

NOTICE.

PARTIES desiring a Steam Saw and Grist Mill near or in their neighborhood will please communicate with
RHODES SHEPARD,
Dec 19, 1878—3t. Leonardtown, Md.

LOCAL DOTTINGS.

As our patrons have allowed us without grumble for twenty-five years a week's holiday at each recurring Christmas, we assume they have no objection to interpose against indulging us with a similar recreation the coming one. Therefore, there will be no BEACON issued next week. And here we take occasion, this being our last issue before the advent of the "gracious season" hastening on, to wish them, one and all, pleasant entertainment and happy hearts to enjoy it.

Concert and Lecture at St. Paul's.

The Mount Zion Singing Circle, under the direction of Rev. Wm. H. Barnes, have during the past week given entertainments at Mechanicsville, Mt. Zion and Leonardtown. We had the pleasure of attending the last at St. Paul's M. E. Church on Friday evening. The performance opened with the singing of "Hail the Day of Jubilee" by a chorus of about fifteen voices, male and female. Miss Effie Jones then sang a solo, "Good News from Home," with considerable artistic taste and fine effect. Several choruses were then sung, followed by a solo, "What are you Going to Do," by the pastor, Mr. Barnes. The trio, "Only Friends and Nothing More," was well rendered by the pastor and Misses Alice and Effie Jones. During the intermissions of the performance Miss M. Allton favored the audience [illegible] selections with credit to her[illegible] to her hearers. The solo, "Sweet Spirit, Hear My Prayer," was sung by Miss Essie Jones, who has a voice remarkable for its sweetness and clearness. At the close of the Concert, the Rev. W. K. McNeer, of Mechanicsville, was introduced and delivered an able and interesting lecture on "Man," treating his subject from a metaphysical and psychological view. We regret our inability to give an outline of his address, which was a very fit and worthy climax to a most pleasant entertainment.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Dec. 14, 1878.

Messrs. Editors:—It was my privilege to attend a meeting of the Philomathian Society of St. John's College on Friday night, the 13th instant. The essay, oration and lecture delivered on the occasion by members of the Society were in the highest degree creditable. By quite a coincidence, all three of these able efforts were by young gentlemen from our Judicial Circuit: the essay on "King Lear" by Mr. Eugene F. Wathen, of Leonardtown, a student of the College; the oration on the influence of the "Feudal System" by Mr. Berry, of Charles county, also a student; and the lecture on "Modern Forms of Patriotism" by F. Sasscer, Jr., Esq., of Upper Marlboro', a graduate of the College and recently admitted to the Bar. I only regretted that Calvert had not a representative to complete the circle. I have the pleasure of laying before your readers the production of Mr. Wathen, which, as he is a citizen of old St. Mary's, I am sure your readers will be interested in. I think you will agree with me that it is a production of no ordinary merit. It is in fact a perfect gem of the kind—a prose poem—happily conceived and beautifully and eloquently expressed—and such as many a veteran writer in literature might well be proud of. If Mr. Wathen goes on as he has begun thus early, I predict for him a lasting and honorable career. *Ex pede Herculem.*

ALUMNUS.

Removal of Capt. Forrest.

The State Fishery Force, which is composed of the Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, Commissioner of Lands and Clerk of the Court of Appeals, at a meeting in Annapolis on Thursday last, decapitated Capt. Forrest, deputy commander of the Oyster Police Boat on the Patuxent and replaced him with Mr. Joseph P. Sollers, of Calvert. In view of the well-known facts that Capt. Forrest is acknowledged to have made a most faithful and competent officer, and that he represented a county which has double the acreage in oyster lands that Calvert has and more than Charles and Calvert have combined, his displacement is a surprise to our people, particularly as the Captain is the only one of the four Deputy Commanders whose commissions had expired that was dropped by the Board. What has the Captain done or left undone, or is his a vacarious punishment, the real culprit aimed at being St. Mary's county and the real offence, the disbelief of our people in third-term candidates for Congress?

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners met on Wednesday last, present Alvey, Buckler and Parsons. The business which mainly engaged the attention of the Board was the passage of Supervisors' Reports and settling Alms House accounts. C. W. Armsworthy, jailor, was allowed to construct a meat house near the jail, the cost of which not to exceed $10. An order was passed that, hereafter, no account for paupers' coffins would be allowed unless the same was recommended by some taxpayer in the neighborhood in which the pauper died. Action on the report of the Committee on Court House repairs was postponed until a full meeting of the Board. The Board then adjourned to meet at the Alms House on Monday, the 30th instant, the day of the sale of the personal property belonging to the county.

Races.

The turf loving sportsmen of our section enjoyed themselves on Saturday evening last in the way of several scrub races on the straight road leading north from the village. The first race was between Jo. Henry's bay horse and Cotton Russell's bay mare, which resulted in an easy victory for the latter. The second was a match between Jo. Henry's bay and Jarboe's grey. The first heat was decided a tie and the second was won by the grey. A great amount of money changed hands on this race, one party losing as high as 23 cents. Several other races, not on the programme, also came off. Fine racing may be expected next Saturday as "Little Nell" is undergoing thorough training, and we understand that several foreign horses will be on hand.

Land Sales to Come Off.

R. H. Garner and B. H. Camalier, trustees, will sell at Leonardtown on Friday, the 27th, the valuable Home Farm, with Mill attached, formerly owned by the late Thos. W. Morgan, in the 3rd district. Jas. H. Wilson, trustee, at the same place, Pt. Trent Neck, in the 5th district, on Tuesday, Jan. 7th, 1879. Also, as Attorney, at Hollywood, Pt. Well Found, in the 3rd district, on Saturday, the 28th inst., and on the 7th of Jan. 1879, at Leonardtown, as Attorney, Shaw's Retreat, in the 5th district. R. C. Combs, trustee, at same place, on same day, (7th January,) Resurrection Manor, in the 6th district. J. Frank Smith, sheriff, on the premises, on the 23rd inst., Partnership, etc., in the 4th district.

Committed to Jail.

A colored girl, named Sophie Jenifer, was delivered to the Sheriff on the 15th instant by Officer Edwards, of the 5th district, under a commitment from Justice Slye, charged with the larceny of two turkeys, the property of Arthur F. Lawrence, of said district.

Christmas Presents.

Independent of their general stock, the following merchants of our Town have large assortments of Christmas "fixings" on hand which they express a wish to sell by advertising them in the BEACON:—Mrs. Irene Hammett, Greenwell & Fenwick and A. A. Lawrence, whose notices elsewhere, please read. Mrs. F. Gross has opened a confectionery store in the building formerly occupied as the postoffice. Give her a call.—Finally our neighbor, Mr. Gump, calls attention to his large stock of liquors, the prices of which he has reduced to suit the times. A clever fellow is that young man, Gump, who will take pleasure in waiting on all who may give him a call.

Hon. George Colton.

The Annapolis *Advertiser* learns that Hon. George Colton will be a candidate for election to the Board of Police Commissioners at the next session of the Maryland Legislature, and remarks, that Mr. C. is a gentleman of untiring industry, unequalled business capacity and has rendered invaluable services to the democratic party.

The Grand Masked Ball.

We are authorized to announce that no endeavor will be spared by the managers of the Grand Masked Ball, which is elsewhere advertised to come off in the Society's Hall on Thursday night next, (26th instant) to make the affair a complete success and that it will certainly come off on the night named, rain, snow and blow to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Sharp Contest Decided.

There was a sharp contest before their killing among numerous partizans in our Town about the probable weight of two village jocks, which was determined last week in favor of the downtown porker by a majority of three, the aforesaid weighing 473 to the 'tother fellow's 470.

Executive Appointments.

His Excellency, Gov. Carroll, has appointed William G. Gibson register of voters in the 7th district of this county in place of Dr. D. C. Burch, deceased. He has also appointed Jefferson C. Howard as magistrate in the 3rd district in place of Jas. T. Abell who declined to qualify.

Dwelling Burned.

A new dwelling house owned by John W. Wrightson, of the 1st district, was destroyed by fire one day during last week. We learn that the house was not entirely completed. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary and we learn there was no insurance on it.

Another Town Lot.

Dr. A. J. Spalding has purchased a lot in the new section of the Town, back of Fenwick's stables, and is now engaged in erecting a tenement dwelling thereon. Who next?

Peterson's Magazine

is already on our table for January, a triumph of art, literature and fashion. Either of the two steel engravings "The Playmates," or "The Letter at the Gate," is worth the price of the number. Then the treble-sized colored pattern, "Persian Embroidery in Applique," &c., the very newest thing out, would be cheap at fifty cents. As for the mammoth colored fashion-plate, it is simply unrivalled; and besides this, there are some thirty other fashion illustrations. Then, too, there is a Supplement, with a full-size pattern for a Winter Mantilla, the very latest style. To praise the stories in Peterson is unnecessary; they are always original, and always the best. Two powerful novelets are begun, one by Ann S. Stephens, another by Jane G. Austin; and in addition there are stories by Frances Hodgson Burnett, Rebecca Harding Davis, Frank Lee Benedict, "Josiah Allen's Wife," &c., &c. Now is the time to subscribe. Peterson is unquestionably the cheapest and best of the ladies' books. The price is only two dollars a year. To clubs it is cheaper still, viz.: 4 copies for $6.50, with an extra copy gratis to the person getting up the club, or 5 copies for $8.00, and both an extra copy and a superb premium engraving, "Christ Blessing Little Children." Specimens of the magazine sent gratis to persons wishing to get up clubs. Address Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Attention

of our readers is specially called this week to the advertisement of John Wanamaker, to be found in our columns elsewhere. This advertiser is offering unusual inducements to buyers in his line of trade, and we bespeak an early call upon him, as his announcement shows he is anxious and determined to sell and is selling at the very lowest figures. Give him a call and contrast his prices and selling advantages with those of similar establishments before making up your mind to purchase.

Chew JACKSON'S BEST Sweet Navy Tobacco.

Clothing Store.

We call attention to the advertisement in to day'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.

F. W. Trimble.

We take pleasure in referring to the card of Mr. F. W. Trimble, in another part of this paper, who has succeeded Trimble & Co., Nos. 78 and 80, W. Pratt St., dealer in sash, doors, blinds and factory work, &c. The readers of the BEACON will do well to give them a call when buying, as they will find him both obliging and accommodating. Having a factory of his own, he is ready to furnish at lowest cash prices everything in his line and of the best.

A Reliable House.

Those of our readers who visit Baltimore this spring to make purchases of clothing for men and boys, cannot be better suited in choice, style or quality than at the reliable house of Chas. N. Oehm & Son 230 W. Pratt St. near Hanover. See advertisement in another column.

Merry Christmas to All!

Great Excitement at No. 160!!!

THERE has been a great excitement for the past two weeks at No. 160 owing to a great reduction in Whiskies, Brandies, Gins, Rums, Wines, &c. The rush is so immense that Mr. Gump had to call the aid of constables to keep the doors clear so the people could be accommodated.

Mr. Gump will be pleased to wait upon the county people with the greatest pleasure and politeness. He also makes a specialty of the following brands of whiskies—
BUCK WALTERS,
OLIVER'S O. K.,
BAKER'S,
D. FAUST.
Bottled Beer for family use 75 cents per dozen. Hoping an early call of the community,
Very respectfu',
HESSY GUMP, Agent.
Dec 19, 1878—3m.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Sabbath, December 22nd.
Mount Zion 11 a. m.
St. Paul's 7 p. m.
Christmas Service at Joy Chapel 10 a. m.
WM. H. BARNES, Preacher in charge.
Dec 19, 1878.

DEDICATION OF CEDAR POINT CHURCH POSTPONED.

In consequence of unfavorable weather, the dedication of the Cedar Point M. E. church has been postponed until Christmas Day, 25th instant.
GEO. M. BERRY, Pastor.
Dec. 19, 1878—td.

New Advertisements.

A GREAT OFFER FOR
HOLIDAYS!!
We will during the HOLIDAYS dispose of 100 PIANOS & ORGANS, at EXTRAORDINARY LOW prices for cash. SPLENDID ORGANS 2-3 5 sets of reeds $65, 3 sets with Sub Bass and Coupler $80, 2 sets $50, 1 set $40, 1 set $35. 7 Octave *all* ROSEWOOD PIANOS $135, 7 1-3 do $140, warranted for SIX years. AGENTS WANTED. Illustrated Catalogues Mailed.—Music at half price. HORACE WATERS & SONS, Manfrs. *and* Dealers, 40 E. 14th St., N. Y.

HIGH AUTHORITY
DR. W. E. SCOTT, PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, MONTREAL, writes: "I have recommended Colden's
LIEBIG'S LIQUID EXTRACT OF BEEF
and Tonic Invigorator as the best preparation used for Debility, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Fever, Ague and Loss of Appetite." Sold by all Druggists and Grocers.

SWEET Chewing JACKSON'S BEST NAVY Tobacco
Awarded highest prize at Centennial Exposition for fine chewing qualities and excellent and lasting character of sweetening and flavoring. The best tobacco ever made. As our blue strip trademark is closely imitated by inferior goods, see that *Jackson's Best* is on every plug. Sold by all dealers. Send for sample, inc. to C. A. JACKSON & Co., Mfrs., Petersburg, Va.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE,
Two New Brick Houses, each 10 rooms; all conveniences. C. F. M., 532 Cedar St., Camden, N. J.

AGENTS WANTED.—For the best and fastest selling Pictorial Books and Bibles. Prices reduced 33 per cent. Address NAT. PUB. CO., Phila., Pa.

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

30 Mixed Cards, Snowflake, Damask, &c., no 2 alike with name, 10 cts. J. Minkler & Co., Nassau, N. Y.

40 MIXED CARDS, with name 10 cts.—Agents, outfit 10 cts. L. JONES & CO., Nassau, N. Y.

Nov 28, 1878.

A. A. LAWRENCE.

We call particular attention to our stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, NOTIONS, etc., Furniture, Carpets, etc. Our immense stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, etc., Queensware, Glassware, Tinware, Stoves, etc., Clocks, Watch Crystals, Pictures and Picture Frames, and indeed goods that are kept in no other country store. We would call especial attention to our WESTERN MD. FLOUR, the best in the market, and sold lower than it can be procured from Baltimore.

One hundred thousand GOOD BRICKS for sale at $7 00 per M. at the kiln or delivered at the wharf. But we have none of the other sort of bricks either in store or in our hats.

We have plenty of town lots for sale, either on the old or new streets, and we mean that the town shall grow. And with Lots, Brick and Lumber (lumber from the new mill) and low prices, we know that people *must come here to trade*, to buy lots, to build houses and to live.

We do not wish to blow and really think that blowing will be unnecessary, but if it is required, we will employ Dyer's new mill to do it.

We mean to push ahead generally, and if you will call, we will convince you by pushing pieces down at the Big Brown Store.

BIG BROWN STORE
BEING determined to offer inducements that will bring trade to our town and increase our business generally, we will offer our immense stock at greatly reduced prices for CASH or PRODUCE, and we are satisfied that an examination of our immense stock of goods of all descriptions will be sufficient to convince the public that the BIG BROWN STORE fully deserves the name it bears, "the cheap store."

GREAT REDUCTIONS IN PRICES AT THE
BIG BROWN STORE
EQUAL THE EMERGENCY!!
BUT PRICES TO
HARD TIMES

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, Set:
Dec. 9, 1878.

ORDERED BY THE COURT, That David S. Briscoe, Executor of H. A. E. Reeder, late of St. 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. RALEY,
Register of Wills for St. Mary's county.

NOTICE.

In pursuance of the above order, I hereby give notice that I have obtained from the Orphans' Court of St. Mary's county, Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of H. A. E. REEDER, 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 subscriber, on or before the 12th day of June, 1879, 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 subscriber.
DAVID S. BRISCOE,
Executor.
Dec 12, 1878—6w.

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 from Backbone Hill to the Potomac River, at Mulberry Fields, in the Second Election District, and to establish a public landing at Mulberry Fields on Blay Creek.
JNO. F. COMBS,
JACKSON REDMAN,
THOS. RIDGELL.
Nov 14, 1878—30.

STARTLING REDUCTIONS!!

Mrs. Irene F. Hammett's
CHEAP CASH STORE,
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

SANTA CLAUS
HEADQUARTERS
FOR
Christmas Presents
AND
TOYS OF ALL KINDS.

MILLINERY
OF THE
LATEST STYLES.
FANCY GOODS! DRY GOODS!
And a fine assortment of
LADIES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES!
DOMESTIC GOODS OF ALL KINDS;
Also a Beautiful Assortment of
LADIES' DRESS GOODS!
WHITE GOODS, a Specialty!
CONFECTIONERY!
Bonnets and Hats Made to Order.
REPAIRING PROMPLY ATTENDED TO.
OLD HATS RESHAPED.

As evidence of my reduced rates, I am selling for cash Bleached and Unbleached Cottons at 5cts. a yard.
Calicoes from 5 to 8 cts. per yard.
Ladies' Dress Goods from 10 to 25 cents per yard.
Whalebone Corsets 25 cents a pair.
Fine Black Alpaca only 25 cts a yard.
Good shaws for $1.
Splendid Shoes for $1.25.
Give me a call. No trouble to show goods.
Nov 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

Office of County Commissioners,
Leonardtown, Dec. 11, 1878.

NOTICE is hereby given, that hereafter no bill for paupers' coffins will be allowed unless the same is recommended by at least one tax-payer in the neighborhood in which the pauper dies. By order,
JO. F. MORGAN, Clerk.
Dec. 12, 1878—3t.

Grand Masquerade Ball
BY THE
LEONARDTOWN BAND
ON
THURSDAY, Dec. 26th,
AT
THE SOCIETY'S HALL.
Gents Tickets, 50 cents
Ladies " 25 "
All are requested to mask. The Committee will spare no pains to make this one of the grandest affairs of the season. Good music and refreshments.
E. GALATTI,
T. TUCKER,
Committee.
Dec 5, 1878.

STEAM SAW & GRIST MILL.
F. M. DYER.
LEONARDTOWN MD.
Hard Wood sawed for $7 50 per m. feet
Soft " " 6 " "
Grist Mill day TUESDAYS in each week until further notice. Only one-eighth toll taken.
A share of public patronage solicited.
Dec 5, 1878—1y.

Official Order from Number 96.
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
WE have made another reduction on the price of all our
STOVES AND TIN WARE,
making them cheaper than any house in Baltimore.
We still sell the celebrated TIMES COOK, which is undoubtedly the leading cooking apparatus ever invented by human genius. There are many envious dealers, who cannot secure an agency for its sale, who will try to persuade you to buy some other kind. In order to get the genuine article go direct to the manufacturer,
W. J. H. GLUCK,
96 N. Gay St., bet. the Bridge and Front Sts.,
Baltimore, Md.,
and no where else.
We have every variety of STOVES in the market, at the *very lowest cash prices.*
All we ask is come and see the quality and prices of our goods.
No Penitentiary made Stoves sold by me.
W. J. H. GLUCK,
96 North Gay Street,
betw. the Bridge and Front Streets,
Baltimore, Md.
Sept 19, 1878—1y.

OPIUM and Morphine habit cured. The Original and only absolute CURE. Pamphlet & proofs on Opium Eating sent free. W. B. Bradley, Wertsville, Greene Co., Ohio.