

ST. MARY'S BEACON
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, January 9th, 1879.

To Correspondents.
A contribution, entitled "Life's Struggles," has been received and will be published in our next.

The Next Governor.
Already the democratic papers in Maryland are beginning to indulge in speculations as to the "coming man" for the next governorship of our State, and we notice that Hon. Wm. T. Hamilton, of Washington county, is looming up for the nomination more conspicuously at present than that of any other named democrat. Though rather late in making the discovery, the democratic managers appear to have found out at last that Mr. Hamilton has a strong hold on the popular sympathies of our party, and it is supposed to be in accordance with this feeling that they have now taken him up and are working to give him the nomination. However this may be, we cordially accept the endeavor to make him the democratic candidate for governor, believing that his nomination would bridge over more difficulties in our party and develop greater unanimity of feeling among democrats than that of any other gentleman who could be selected.

Congressional.

As Congress reassembled on Tuesday last, we are of course without information of its proceedings since the Christmas vacation, our Washington reports being only up to Monday night last. There are quite a number of juicy subjects which are soon expected to be taken up by the House. Among other things, John Sherman will probably be called upon to explain his extraordinary accommodations to a New York bank, in the possession of which he has reposed some forty millions of gold without a shadow of security. Mr. Hewitt started the inquiry into this matter before the recess, and it created quite a sensation. It is asserted that Sherman is largely interested in this bank. There are a few other things Sherman will likely be asked to explain, including something about certain stone contracts in Maine. Mr. Merch, the successor of Eugene Hale, has been striding that matter up. That gentleman, John M. Robinson, will also be called upon to fix the line. The four weeks allowed him by the Naval Committee expire in a few days, and there is little doubt that a report will then be presented to Congress, demanding his indictment. He got himself elected to the next Congress expecting to be placed on the Naval committee, where he could manipulate and smother the evidence of his corruption. But he was not on the committee, nor can his enormous debts be passed by. The committee on Expenditures in the State Department have struck off in the investigation of the Shanghai consulate, and will report Mr. Seward to the House as a contemptuous witness. These matters with the army bill, and the more important appropriation bills, over which there will be some disagreement between House and Senate, will furnish food for reflection for a little while. The Telier sub-committee have 1 A for New Orleans, where, it is said, they expect to find a lot of ready-made testimony of the Jenks and Eliza Pinkston order.

The Alms House.

The law passed at the last session of the Legislature in relation to the Alms House of this county went into practical effect on the 1st instant, F. H. Bond, the newly appointed keeper, taking possession on that day. The law became operative on the 1st day of January, 1878, but under a provision of the law, Mr. Foxwell, the keeper at that time, was allowed to continue until the expiration of the time for which he had been appointed. Since the 1st day of January, 1878, the County Commissioners have had charge of the Alms House, simply superseding the Trustees of the Alms House in their duties. We have requested information and have learned that the entire cost of carrying on the Alms House from the 1st of June to the 1st of January, seven months, during which time the County Commissioners had charge, will not exceed \$600. This amount, when compared with the corresponding time of the year before, in which the cost was nearly \$1,500, speaks favorably of the economical management displayed by the present Board of County Commissioners. It is thought that the cost for the present year will be very much reduced from that of late years. The Supreme Court has settled the polygamy question, deciding in the case of Reynolds, who had contracted a bigamous marriage, that the plea set up by him of religious conviction was not a valid defense and that it is within the Constitutional powers of Congress to pass laws restricting men to one wife at a time. Chief Justice Waite delivered the opinion of the Court.

Land Sales.

R. H. Garner and B. H. Camiller sold at Trustees' sale on Friday, the 27th ult., the real estate of John Dillaboy, known as the "Home Farm," located at the head of St. Clement's Bay and containing 500 acres, for \$10,000. Purchaser, Col. R. H. Miles.
Sam'l. C. Thompson, [Jas. H. Wilson, Attorney.] sold at Mortgagee's sale on Saturday, the 28th ult., a tract of land, called Pt. Well Found, containing 40 acres, for \$120.
On Tuesday last, the 7th instant, Jas. H. Wilson sold at trustee's sale Pt. Trant Neck in the 6th district, containing 125 acres, for \$255. Purchaser, Mrs. Elizabeth Burroughs. On the same day, the same gentleman, as Attorney for Col. Theophilus Harrison, sold at Mortgagee's sale Shaw's Forest in the 6th district, containing 225 acres, for \$300. Purchaser, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Shaw.
On the same day, R. C. Combs sold at trustee's sale Resurrection Manor in the 6th district, containing 200 acres, for \$500. Purchaser, R. King Clarke.

Annual Record of the Courts.

We have interviewed the officials of both the East and West wings of the Court House, and have gleaned from them the following facts, which we thought might be of interest to our readers. In the Circuit Court, for the year 1878, the following licenses were issued, viz:
Traders, 49 Fishery, 1
Liquor, 87 Oyster House, 1
Ordinary, 8 Oyster, 182
Millinery, 4 Marriage, 78
Horse Race, 4
Of the marriage licenses, 56 were issued to white, 22 to colored, and were for each month as follows:
January, 8 July, 2
February, 6 August, 2
March, 7 September, 7
April, 5 October, 6
May, 6 November, 7
June, 5 December, 17
In the Orphans' Court there were 13 Letters of Administration granted, 11 Inventories dispensed, 10 accounts rendered, 11 accounts of personal property filed, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,860,000; 29 Administrators and 14 Guardians' Accounts passed; 5 Wills admitted to probate and 3 Guardians' bonds approved.

A St. Mary's Artist.

It is not alone in collegiate quarters that St. Mary's boys are coming to the front and winning distinction for their venerable mother, but we also notice in later editions of the Baltimore Gazette on a recent rendition of the popular musical extravaganza—the Loan that Loved a Sailor—at Ford's Opera House, Baltimore, that a Clapham boy—John Garner—who sang the part of Ralph Radcliff in the Opera—made a decided hit. The Gazette says that he has a handsome person and a tenor voice of wonderful clearness and richness. There is also, the critic goes on to say, a marked absence in his staging of that peculiar nasal sound which seems to be the besetting sin of most tenors. He is fresh and ardent and he has, above all, a thorough conception of his part. Bravo for old St. Mary's!

Death of Father Vicinanza.

Our Roman Catholic readers—indeed all who enjoyed the pleasure of knowing him—will bear with feelings of regret that the zealous, gentle and venerable priest, whose name lends this notice is no more. He died at Woodstock, Howard county, on the 31st ult., aged about 65. Up to a few weeks ago, Father Vicinanza was engaged in the missions of his church in this county, being located at Leonardtown, and it is believed that his ardent in the prosecution of his laborious work overtaxed his energies, had an unfavorable effect on his health, and hastened his death. However this may be, he labored long, zealously and usefully in behalf of his Leonardtown, Newtown and Medley's Neck flocks and should be held by them in grateful and charitable remembrance.

Communications.

EDS. BEACON:—Will some "scientific gent" among your readers be kind enough to throw some light on the following: Suppose a man, starting from a given point on the earth's surface, on a given day at a stated hour, say Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, travels westward around the earth with the (apparent) velocity of the sun. He will have made the circuit in 24 hours when he arrives at the point from which he started at 9 o'clock the following day, Wednesday. Where, on the earth's surface, is he then considered with the starting point, did the day change from Tuesday to Wednesday? Enquire.

New Books for the Library.

We learn that the new books, lately purchased for the Library of the R. B. & Debating Society, (a hundred volumes or more,) are in transit, that is, they are lodged at Sheppard's on the Potomac, waiting for navigation to resume to come down the river. As this is not likely to occur before Spring and as there is great demand for these books, we suggest that the Librarian order them to be sent to Leonardtown by rail and from there to Leonardtown by stage. We suppose the additional cost would not be over \$3.

Polar Ware.

The Polar Ware, about which we have lately heard so much, appears to be receding at last, and at this writing the weather has sufficiently moderated to allow outdoor work to be done without danger of freezing or frost-bite. Whether the "oldest inhabitant" remembers anything equal in severity to the late spell, we wot not, but the opinion is very general that as a "cold snap" it was a complete success. The ice on our bay is reported to have reached the extraordinary thickness of 8 inches and a fraction.

Surprise Party.

The Surprise Party, which surprised the Society's Hall on Friday night last, was, we learn, surprisingly small in point of numbers, owing, we presume, to the cold, boisterous weather of that surprisingly cold night. We learn, however, that those who had the courage to adventure out had a merry and pleasant time of it.

Calendars.

We have received quite a number of yearly calendars issued by our Baltimore city exchanges. Those sent out by the Sun, Gazette and American are especially useful, as they contain, not only the calendar, but also a large amount of valuable information in a condensed and convenient form. The publishers will please accept our thanks.

Seventeen Commissioners.

Messrs. Dent, Thomas and Carroll have been re-appointed School Commissioners for this county by their Honors, Judges Brent, Ford and Magruder. The appointment was made the 30th of November, ult., and the appointees will serve for two years, dating from the 1st of January, instant.

The Polygamy Question.

The Supreme Court has settled the polygamy question, deciding in the case of Reynolds, who had contracted a bigamous marriage, that the plea set up by him of religious conviction was not a valid defense and that it is within the Constitutional powers of Congress to pass laws restricting men to one wife at a time. Chief Justice Waite delivered the opinion of the Court.

A New Literary Magazine.

THE DOLLAR MAGAZINE of current foreign literature is announced by the American Book Exchange, 55 Beekman street, New York, the first number of which is published on the 1st of January. The magazine is published in a well-known Little's Living Age and Eclectic Magazine, containing, in a year's number, about one-third as much matter as the former, and four-fifths as much as the latter. Monthly, 125 cents; six months, \$1.50; a year, \$3.00. Specimen number sent for six cents postage.

Godey's Lady Book for January.

The January number of Godey's Lady Book is upon our table, and we notice the publishers, notwithstanding the reduction of the yearly subscription to two dollars, promise to make the twelve issues of '79 among the best that ever left their presses, and certainly this promise, so far as January is concerned, is honorably redeemed, both in literary and mechanical make-up. See prospectus of the Lady's Book in another column.

The American Farmer.

The American Farmer for January begins a new volume with a number of great excellence. Its contents being varied and instructive, and all evidently from experienced and practical hands. Proceedings of farmers' associations and meetings have long been a special feature of this old farmer's magazine, and in this issue there are numerous reports from such bodies, including one in some detail of the Maryland State Grange. A large variety of other matter is given by the editors and their able and accomplished correspondents, whose specialties are Improved Stock, the Dairy, Home-made and Artificial Manures, Poultry Management, Vegetable and Fruit Growing, Flower Gardening, &c. Another department has special interest for the ladies of the farmer's household, wherein Home Topics are discussed, a number of graceful pens contributing to its pages. The Farmer, in short, furnishes something for every taste, and our farmers and their families will find it a useful, interesting and profitable visitor. The subscription is \$1.50 a year, but to clubs of five or more the rate is only \$1. Each volume is published by the publishers.

Vick's Floral Guide.

Of the many Guides and Florist Catalogues sent out by our Seedmen and Nurserymen, and that are doing so much to inform the people and beautify and enrich our country, none are so beautiful, none so instructive as Vick's Floral Guide. Its paper is the choicest, its illustrations handsome, and given by the hand-drawn, while its Colored Plate is a gem. This Guide, although costing but five cents, is handsomely bound in a gilt cover, or a plain cover for a gift book, or a place on the parlor table. Published by James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

See Almanac for '79.

We are indebted to the publishers, A. S. Abell & Co., for a copy of the Sun Almanac for 1879 which, besides the calendar and astronomical calculations made expressly for the work at the Navy Department, Washington, embraces in its contents a variety of local and general news, political records and statistics, with much useful information of a general character. An index has been supplied for the convenience of the reader, and while all the standard features of its predecessors have been retained, many new ones of a decided practical value have been added.

The Baltimorean.

It is with pleasure that we give our hearty commendation to the Baltimorean, an excellent literary journal, published by Crutcher & Isaac, No. 5, West Fayette street, Baltimore, Md. In addition to its literary merits, which are of a high order, the Baltimorean has in its pages the additional recommendation of holding conservative opinions, maintaining them with ability and being a literary institution of our own State. It should receive liberal encouragement in Maryland and we bespeak for it the favorable attention of our own readers. Price of subscription, \$2 per annum for one copy and to clubs of two or more, \$1.50 each. Send on \$1 and give a trial for 3 months.

Balloons Monthly Magazine for January.

This popular illustrated magazine was never so good and interesting as at the present time. The January number is a remarkable one, having an excellent illustrated article on Australia, its people and habits, animals and soil, which was written by the author of "The Gold-Hunters." There are many excellent stories, poems, engravings, recipes, humorous matters, and all that goes toward making up a first-class magazine at a very low price. Our readers cannot do better than send ten cents for the January (1879) number, and see how much they will like it. The contents for January are: "Australia and its Native"; "The Battle for the Cedar"; "The Story of the Love-Letter"; "Contentment"; "The Dean's Daughter"; "Hobbes' June in January"; "Dick Toodleman's Masquerade"; "The Red Light Song"; "Love among the Ice-Fields"; "At Lake Dunmore"; "My Reform"; "Women and Honor"; "Louty Allen's Beau"; "To Bury Jane"; "Nora's Letter"; "The Man in the World"; "The Test"; "Our Young People's Story-Teller—My Mother's Husband"; "Gymnastics"; "Christmas Enigmas"; "The Lost Baby (by Earl Marjell)"; "Butcher's Puzzle Page"; "Editorial Notes"; "The Housekeeper"; "Curious Facts"; "Things Pleasant and Otherwise"; "Our Picture Gallery" (humorous illustrations). Published by Thomas & Talbot, 22 Hawley Street, Boston, at \$1.50 per postpaid, and for sale at all the periodical depots in the country.

Chamber's Cyclopaedia.

Volumes I of the new and beautiful edition of this excellent work, just issued by the American Book Exchange, 55 Beekman street, New York, embraces the history of our literature from the earliest period to the times of Queen Elizabeth, with lives of all noted authors, and choice specimens from the writings of each. All who are interested in the higher class of literature will welcome this new edition, with its clear type and handy form, as all who have been longing for it. The work is bound in a handsome and useful cover, with its wonderfully low price. The entire work, in eight volumes, numbering over 3,200 pages, is offered, delivered free of expense, to those who subscribe during January, in paper binding, for \$2.25; cloth, \$3.25; or half morocco, gilt top, \$4.75. Specimen pages, showing size, style, type and paper of the entire work, and giving full particulars, including inducements to clubs, will be sent free on request. To those who would like to examine it, volume one, which is complete in itself, containing 416 pages, will be sent, post paid, for nominal prices: In paper, 20 cents; cloth, 35 cents; half morocco, gilt top, 50 cents. Purchasers have the option of getting the other seven volumes by paying at any time the remainder of the regular subscription price. The publishers sell only to subscribers direct, instead of giving to dealers and agents the usual 50 or 60 per cent. discount to sell for them, which accounts for the remarkably low prices.

The Attention

of our readers is specially called this week to the advertisement of Chamber's Cyclopaedia, 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 other establishments before making up your mind to purchase.

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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 oak, doors, moldings and factory work, &c. The readers of the Beacon will do well to give them a call when buying, as they will find them 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.

Divine Service.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Sabbath, January 12th.
Joy Chapel, 714 n. w. St. Paul's, 2 p. m.
Jan 9, 1879. WM. H. BARNES.

Trustees' Sale

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, sitting at the Court of Equity, passed in a cause in which Thomas Dillow is complainant and Daniel C. Hammett, and others defendants, and bearing date the 10th day of December, 1878, the undersigned, as Trustees, will sell at public auction at the Court House door in Leonardtown on

Tuesday, the 4th day of February, 1879,

between the hours of 12 o'clock m. and 3 o'clock p. m., the following real estate, to-wit:

One or more parcels of woodland, situated in the 6th election district of St. Mary's county, containing

containing 47 3/4 acres, more or less; also

PT. WELL FOUND & WHEATLEY'S CONTENT,

containing 48 acres, more or less; Ishmeal's Freehold,

containing 4 ACRES more or less; POOL,

containing 200 acres, more or less; All That's Left,

containing 8 ACRES, more or less; HEARD'S SECURITY AND TWO FREEDS,

containing 93 ACRES, more or less; Bought of Heard,

containing 1 ACRES, more or less. The last named tracts or parcels of land constitute what is known as the

HOME FARM

of the late Wm. H. Hayden, and are located in the 3rd election district of St. Mary's county, near Leonardtown.

The improvements consist of a good DWELLING and all necessary OUT-BUILDINGS, TENEMENT HOUSES, &c. The soil is very good and admirably adapted to all the staple crops.

The above described real estate will be sold subject to the widow's dower, which has heretofore been laid off.

TERMS OF SALE, as prescribed by the decree, are, one-third cash on the day of sale, the balance in two equal installments 1st one and two years' credit, the deferred payments to be secured to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

DANIEL C. HAMMETT, ROBT. C. COMBES, Trustees.

Jan. 9, 1879—ts.

New Advertisements.

SWEET NAVY JACKSON'S BEST TOBACCO

77 A DAY to Agents canvassing for the First-class Visitor, Terms and Outfit Free. Address P. O. VICKERY, Augusta, Maine.

25 Chromo Cards, &c. Cupids, Lotions, Flowers. No two alike, with name, 10c. NASSAU CARD CO., Nassau, N. Y.

30 Fancy Cards, Chromo, Snowflakes, &c. No 2 alike, with name, 10c. J. Minkler & Co., Nassau, N. Y.

40 MIXED CARDS, with name to cut. Agents, useful to cts. L. JONES & CO., Nassau, N. Y.

Newspaper Advertising Bureau, 10 Spruce St. N. Y.

Notice. All persons indebted to me on notes due and open accounts up to the 1st of January, 1879, are notified to come forward and settle the same by cash or by some other satisfactory method.

Notice. In the case of F. W. Trimble, who is soliciting orders for FRUIT and ORNAMENTAL TREES in St. Mary's county, especially the late year, I beg to call attention and the public generally to the great reduction made for cash in prices for 1879 and may that an examination will convince you that LAUREL BERRY is the place to buy goods, and that none other equals it in low prices for cash. Country paper taken cash prices in a good and healthy condition. Satisfaction guaranteed. All stock true to name. See that our name is at the head of the order. Respectfully, E. G. CHASE & CO. Jan 9, 1879—ts.

Notice. My son, T. F. C. HERBERT, has been admitted into partnership with me in the conduct of the Mercantile Business at my old stand, Head of St. Clement's Bay, the Co-Partnership to date from the 8th of November, 1878, and the new firm to be known as T. F. C. HERBERT & CO. Persons indebted to me are notified that a settlement is now expected and will be insisted on. Having just returned from Baltimore with a new and complete assortment of DRY GOODS, GREENS, NOTIONS, &c., which will be sold at lowest rates for Cash, I ask for the new firm a continuance of the favor of my old customers and also that of the general public. JOHN C. HERBERT, Nov 8, 1878.

Notice of Co-Partnership. My son, T. F. C. HERBERT, has been admitted into partnership with me in the conduct of the Mercantile Business at my old stand, Head of St. Clement's Bay, the Co-Partnership to date from the 8th of November, 1878, and the new firm to be known as T. F. C. HERBERT & CO. Persons indebted to me are notified that a settlement is now expected and will be insisted on. Having just returned from Baltimore with a new and complete assortment of DRY GOODS, GREENS, NOTIONS, &c., which will be sold at lowest rates for Cash, I ask for the new firm a continuance of the favor of my old customers and also that of the general public. JOHN C. HERBERT, Nov 8, 1878.

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Trustee's Sale

OF REAL ESTATE.

BY virtue of an order of the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's county, in Equity, passed in a cause in which Wm. C. Foxwell and wife were complainants and Martha A. Drury and others were defendants, and bearing date of the 31st day of December, 1878, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer at public auction, at THE PINE, in St. Inigoes' District, on

Thursday, the 23d of Jan. 1879,

at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., all that part of a tract or parcel of land, in St. Inigoes' district of said county, of which the late Thomas T. Drury died seized and possessed, and heretofore purchased by Wm. C. Foxwell under the proceedings in the aforesaid cause, called and known by the names of

T. T. Foxwell's Overland and FOREST LAND,

containing 71 1/2 ACRES, more or less.

This land is situated on St. Jerome's Creek, which is noted for the quantity and quality of its oysters, it near the Tall Pine and about five miles distant from Point Lookout. The soil is good and well adapted to the growth of all the crops usual to this section of the country, with an abundant supply of wood for fuel and fencing. The improvements consist of a Dwelling and the necessary out-buildings.

TERMS OF SALE, as prescribed by the order, are, CASH on the day of sale; and upon the ratification of said sale by the Court, the Trustee is directed to execute a deed to the purchaser, free, clear and discharged of all claims to the parties to this cause and those claiming under them. The land is sold at the risk of said Wm. C. Foxwell.

J. PARRAN CRANE, Trustee.

Jan. 2, 1879—ts.

Notice. Office of County Commissioners. Leonardtown, Md., Dec. 30, 1878. NOTICE is hereby given, that all Supervisors of the public roads, without first having obtained an order from the Board, and that they return their reports for work done to the next meeting, January 14th, 1879. Notice is also given, to all parties whose fencing encroach upon the public