

**CONGRESSIONAL.**—Our Washington correspondent supplies the following facts in regard to the pending business before Congress. Congress, he says, has now seven weeks in which to dispose of the entire business before it. There is some question whether that will be time enough, and whether an extra session will not be necessary. Undoubtedly the House could transact all the legitimate routine business, and have time to devote to the various important matters that do not come under that head; but there is going to be trouble with the Republican Senate which may cause serious delay. Of the six appropriation bills passed by the House before the recess, three have been acted on in the Senate, and numerous extravagant amendments attached to them increasing their aggregate amounts more than fifty per cent. And these are only the minor bills over which there is seldom much disagreement. The remaining seven include the two most important—the legislative, executive and judiciary, and the sundry civil bills. In these are embraced some items which the House will decide to cut out, and which in all conscience and decency should be cut out. Mr. Devyn's little bill for the payment of his superiors and deputy marshals, and John Sherwin's estimate for his secret service business, are two specimen items. Not one dollar of public money should be voted for either of these, and if the House stands firm the Senate will be forced to concur or take the responsibility of an extra session.

**THE COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.**—The annual report of Hon. Thomas J. Keating, Comptroller of the Treasury, has been sent to the Governor. It is a clear and intelligent review of the State's finances and is a State paper worthy of the able gentlemen who has charge of the State Treasury. Touching the subject of the tobacco warehouses, the report says: "The receipts of the tobacco warehouses are set forth in table No. 8 and amounted during the year to \$124,032.08, and the net earnings to only \$2,627.32, not enough to pay \$12,372.68 per year salaries of the supervisor and inspectors. These must be paid out of the general treasury, and the tobacco inspections are therefore a burthen to the State, notwithstanding the large amount they pay to the warehouses. This ought not to be, and it is to be hoped that the next Legislature will either revise or repeal the whole system."

In regard to the school appropriation, the Comptroller says he has endeavored to conform strictly to the law, and at the same time give the schools as much money as he can under it. In closing his report, the Comptroller says: "Permit me to say in closing that notwithstanding the embarrassments, both in law and in fact, under which the treasury officers, with your sympathy, have conducted the financial affairs of the State, it is a source of pleasing reflection to them, in which I know your Excellency partakes, and of congratulation to her people, that the general appropriation bills conform to the fiscal years 1878, 1879 and 1880—that no money has remained idle in the treasury or her depositories—that every penny and just demand upon her has been promptly met—that one-half of the Treasury Relief Loan is available for future uses as exigencies may require—and that the State's bonds and certificates of stock stand among the highest in the market."

**THE CRANE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION CONTEST.**—Hon. Eli J. Henkle, democratic Congressman-elect from the fifth Maryland district, has sent his reply to the notification of contest recently forwarded to him by Col. J. Parran Crane, his republican opponent in the late election. This reply is addressed to "Col. J. Parran Crane or Mr. C. Irving Ditty, Baltimore, Md.," Mr. Ditty being Col. Crane's counsel. The letter is dated from the House of Representatives, Washington, Jan. 7, and is as follows:

"Sir: Notice of your intention to contest my election was duly received. The charges and specifications are so absurd and absolutely ridiculous that only the promptings of personal courtesy have induced me to make any response. I deny all and singular the declarations, charges and specifications therein contained. If it be your intention to take testimony in the case, upon notice of the time and place, I will be present in person or by attorney. It is not my intention to summon witnesses. Your own, if they be persons of common sense and common honesty, will prove all that is essential to my side of the case. Very respectfully, yours,  
E. J. HENKLE."

**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—That sterling democratic organ—the Advocate of Westminister—makes favorable mention of Hon. Wm. M. Merrick as the democratic candidate for Attorney General and says that the Judge has many warm friends in that section who would give him a hearty support. We are pleased to hear this, as we feel assured that our party can select for the position named no more acceptable standard-bearer to the democracy of St. Mary's and Southern Maryland than Judge Merrick who is known throughout the entire State as an able lawyer, a high-toned gentleman, a true democrat and as a conscientious and painstaking public servant.

**DR. HENKLE INVESTIGATED.**—We are indebted to Dr. Henkle, our representative in Congress, for a copy of the Report of the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service on the subject of the District of Columbia 3.65 Bond Bill. It will be recalled that the adoption of the 3.65 clause of this bill was made the occasion by the Washington Post and other papers to hinge a charge of corruption against certain members of Congress, and though no names were mentioned, it was generally understood that our representative was one of the members aimed at. The language of the Post was as follows:

"There are some ugly rumors afloat as to the manner in which the corruption fund to secure the passage of the bill was disposed of, and who received it. An indignant property-owner writes that a Vermont Representative got away with \$25,000, and a Chicago member and a Maryland member with \$12,250 apiece, and that the balance of the fund went to the Senate committee."

As soon as this charge was made public by the Post, Dr. Henkle, who was then canvassing for a renomination for Congress in this district, addressed the following letter to the Editor:

228 North Cary Street, Baltimore, July 27th, '78.  
Editor Post, Washington, D. C.  
Sir: A friend has just called my attention to an article in your paper of the 24th instant, headed, "Those Special Assessments," towards the end of which reference is made to that provision in the District bill which directs the Treasurer of the United States to pay the interest on the 3.65 bonds, when due, and charge to the District, or, which is the same thing, to deduct it from the amount of the government appropriation for the year, and the following language is used: "There are some ugly rumors afloat as to the manner in which the corruption fund to secure the passage of the bill was disposed of, and who received it. An indignant property-owner avers that a Vermont Representative got away with \$25,000, and a Chicago and a Maryland member with \$12,250 apiece, and that the balance of the fund went to the Senate committee." Now, this refers to the members of the District committee without doubt, and as I am the only Maryland member on that committee it must refer to me, and while it is not a direct charge, the language is such as to lead to a suspicion against the members referred to, and which I cannot permit to go unnoticed. These innuendoes, put in by newspaper men to make a sensation, but not tangible because indefinite, often do great injustice and injury to innocent parties. I am surprised that you should permit such a matter to go in your paper. There can be no truthful foundation for such remarks I am sure, and I want to know the name and address of the "indignant property-owner" who so avers. This you, or your correspondent must know, and I demand it. It is due to me that should know, and I feel sure that you will not refuse to give it.

My district adjoins the District of Columbia, and I am a candidate for renomination. A suspicion of such corruption on my part would probably be the cause of my defeat, and should be, if true. Hence you can understand that it is highly important to the vindication of my own character that I should be put in possession of this information in order that I may be prepared for defense should a defense be found necessary. Of course I do not suspect you of any intention to injure me, or of any innocent party, but I am sure you will recognize the importance of the matter to me, and speedily give me the desired information.

My present address will be found at the head of this letter.  
Yours, truly, &c.,  
E. J. HENKLE.

To this letter the following response was made:

Washington City, July 29th, '78.  
Hon. E. J. Henkle, Baltimore:  
For the past two weeks, and especially since the Alexander-Huntton controversy, the Post has been deluged with "charges" and communications, some with signatures and some anonymous, charging the use of improper means in the passage of the bill you allude to. I have invariably refused to give them an insertion unless accompanied by direct charges and responsible names. If you had read the Post carefully, as you should, being a Democratic Congressman, you would have seen that has been our course, as expressed editorially, for the past week. I could give you a number of names of men who charge that such a distribution was made as you quote, but so far your name has not been mentioned. I think you grant to much when you infer you grant, and if I were you I should certainly wait until charged by name and some degree of particularity. In this view I have not published your communication, and shall hold it until further requested. A little reflection on your part will doubtless lead you to think I am right.  
Yours,  
STILSON HUTCHINS.

Thus the matter stood until the meeting of Congress, when Mr. Brentano, of Illinois, after recapitulating in preamble the charges of the Post, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service be, and it is hereby directed to inquire into the said charges against certain members of this House, and to report at any time to this House whether any member, especially any member from Vermont, Chicago, or Maryland, is guilty of any act as charged in said article of the Washington Post; and the committee is authorized to send for persons and papers."

Immediately upon the passage of this resolution, the committee which was charged with the investigation entered upon its duties. It had before it Mr. Hutchins, editor and publisher of the Washington Post; Mr. Barton, the writer of the article named in said resolution; Mr. Baker, president of the First National Bank of New York, and Messrs. Brentano, Hendee and Henkle, members of the House, and several other witnesses; in fact, all persons suggested to it as being able to give any information on the subject, and all the witnesses were sworn and testified under oath. As the report gives a fair abstract of the testimony elicited by the investigation, we shall conclude with the publication of the synopsis it presents, premising that it shows Dr. Henkle, as well as the other members implicated, not only to have been blameless, but even above any suspicion of wrong-doing. The committee say—

"Your committee was earnest in its endeavor to bring out the bottom facts, but could not elicit a particle of testimony tending to show that any money was used, or any corrupt influence brought to bear to further the passage of the District bill, as alleged in the article named in said resolution. Mr. Hutchins testified that he heard about the time of the publication of said article rumors of corruption in connection with said bill, but that they made but little impression upon him. That he received several communications on the subject, some of them anonymous, others with fictitious names, and a few with real names signed to them; but that none of them named any particular member of the District Committee or of this House as having been corruptly influenced. That he handed all such communications over to Mr. Barton, one of his staff, with instructions to look into the matter and write an article thereon. That he did not remember and could not recall the name of a single person named in any of the communications or circulating such rumors. That had he seen the article before publication, he would have suppressed the last part, which seemed to locate members suspected of corruption."

"Mr. Barton testified that he did look into the matter, but could find no real foundation for the charges; that he could recall but one name signed to any of the communications appearing in the directory; that a paper signed 'Indignant Property-owner' was also signed by one Johnson, and said Johnson's name was in the directory; he could not remember the first name. We handed him the directory, with the request that he refresh his memory; he was unable to do so. The remarkable discovery was then made that there are seventeen columns of Johnsons, and only fifteen of Smiths, only one or two other names mentioned in the columns. He occupying the charge that the First National Bank of New York had raised a pool for corrupt purposes in connection with the District bill was simply a street rumor, which he did not believe even at the time; that such rumors were started in connection with all District legislation; that as his article did not specifically touch any particular member, there was no danger of a libel suit, and therefore all of the communications went to the waste basket; that he had not heard anything implicating any particular member of the House."

"Mr. Baker, president of the First National Bank of New York, testified that his bank held about half a million of the 3.65 District bonds; held them as an investment, and not as a speculation. That they considered the same, at the ruling rate of money for the past year, as worth to them about ninety-three dollars on the hundred; that they were higher before the passage of the bill than after; that they had gone to 85 before the passage of the bill, but had since fallen to about 76 or 78. That another concern, the Mutual Life of New York, held about a million, held them as an investment, and not as a speculation. That no money had been used by his bank, or the Mutual Life, or by any one for them, directly or indirectly, to further the passage of the bill in question, or any other bill connected with the District. That neither he, his bank, nor any one connected with it, or the Mutual Life, had ever been approached to raise any money or pool in connection with the matter; and that he had no reason to believe any money had been so raised or expended. That he did not consider that the passage of this bill had done more valuable, and that they had not disposed of them. That they always considered the government bond for the 3.65 bonds, and that this bill did not increase the liability of the government."

"Messrs. Brentano, Hendee and Henkle severally testified that they had not heard either one of them, ever heard any intimation that any money was being, or had been, used to influence legislation in connection with this bill. That neither one of them had ever been approached with any corrupt proposition in connection with it; and they did not believe any money had been so raised or expended. That the 3.65 bonds had been passed by a unanimous vote of the committee, and its propriety was not questioned. That it had come down as a legacy from as far back as the Forty-third Congress."

"The other witnesses, Messrs. Alexander, Offley, Curtis, and McBride, had heard rumors, but nothing further, and could give us no names or facts connected therewith. At the request of the gentlemen who had reasons, from their locality, to think themselves attacked, we recommend that the report and testimony be printed, and that your committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject."

**THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.**—There are twelve senatorial vacancies to be filled during the coming Fall, caused by the expiration of the terms of the following senators: Anne Arundel county, Michael Bannon, Democrat; Baltimore city, First Legislative District, John H. Cooper, Democrat; Second Legislative District, E. T. Joyce, Democrat; Carroll county, J. Fenner Lee, Democrat; Frederick county, L. H. Steiner, Republican;

Howard county, A. P. Gorman, Democrat; Kent county, Wm. T. Hepbron, Democrat; Queen Anne's county, Budd S. Ford, Democrat; Somerset county, James U. Dennis, Democrat; Washington county, David H. Newcomer, Republican; Wicomico county, Thomas Humphreys, Democrat. The following senators hold over: Allegany county, John S. Combs, Republican; Baltimore city, Second Legislative District, Robt. M. McLane, Democrat; Caroline county, Thomas F. Gary, Independent Democrat; Cecil county, John M. Miller, Democrat; Calvert county, Joseph A. Wilson, Democrat; Charles county, F. M. Lancaster, Republican; Dorchester county, Clement Sullivan, Democrat; Garrett county, Baltusier Welley, Republican; Harford county, Herman Stump, Jr., Democrat; Montgomery county, George Peter, Democrat; Prince George's county, Wm. B. Hill, Independent Democrat; St. Mary's county, Robert Co. Combs, Democrat; Talbot county, Edward Lloyd, Democrat; Worcester county, L. P. Franklin, Democrat. Hon. Robert M. McLane, having been elected to the Congress which meets in December, there will have to be an election in his district. There will then be eight straight-out Democrats holding over, three Republicans, two Independent Democrats, two will retire ten straight-out Democrats, two Republicans and one Reformer. If the counties and districts in which there are senatorial vacancies vote as they did at the late Congressional elections there will be returned ten Democrats and three Republicans. To hold the Senate the straight-out Democrats have to secure six senators next Fall, whilst the opposition would have to elect nine. In the House last year the opposition, all told, of every character, numbered about twenty, to the Democrats sixty-five.

**MARRIED.**  
On the 10th instant, by Rev. Father McHugh, JOSE A. LAWRENCE to Miss SUSAN P. COLLISON.  
On the same day, by Rev. Father Paciarini, JOHN B. RUSSELL to Mrs. S. B. HEARD.

**DIED.**  
In Baltimore city, on January, the 9th instant, at 2 o'clock, after a long and lingering illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude, OSCAR M. MARES, aged 40 years, husband of Harriet A. Mares.  
On the 12th of January, instant, after a lingering illness, ANNIE E., beloved wife of Dr. H. J. Hobbs and daughter of David Jean, Esq., of Randallstown, Baltimore county.  
On the 13th of January, instant, at 6 o'clock, Mrs. MARY A. FARR, aged 65 years. May she rest in peace.  
At her residence in Charlotte Hall, Mrs. S. J. ADAMS, consort of the late Major Benjamin Adams, aged about 70 years.

**Sheriff's Sale**  
OF  
**REAL ESTATE.**  
BY virtue of six writs of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, one at the suit of W. A. and W. V. Padgett, use of Neale, Harris & Co., one at the suit of the President, Directors & Company of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, one at the suit of James Bunting, esq., of James Shenwell, against Richard H. Miles, terre-tenant of Henry W. Thomas, in and to the following real estate lying and being in St. Mary's county, to wit:

Three-fourths of all that tract or parcel of land known as PART OF NOTLEY HALL, being designated as LOT No. 2, containing 131 ACRES, 1 ROD and 37 PERCHES, including 24 ACRES of WOODLAND and 10 ACRES covered by water.  
The above is the same land which was purchased by the said Richard H. Miles at a sale made by Frederick Stone, Trustee, under a decree in Equity.

And also by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, at the suit of W. A. and W. V. Padgett, use of Neale, Harris & Co., one at the suit of the President, Directors & Co. of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, and one at the suit of James Bunting, admr. of James Shenwell, against William A. Lyon, terre-tenant of Henry W. Thomas, and to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, interest, claim and demand at law and in equity of the said Richard H. Miles, terre-tenant of Henry W. Thomas, in and to the following real estate lying and being in St. Mary's county, to wit:

Three-fourths of all that tract or parcel of land known as PART OF NOTLEY HALL, being designated as LOT No. 3, containing 143 ACRES, 2 RODS and 38 PERCHES, including 24 ACRES of WOODLAND and 12 ACRES covered by water.  
The above is the same land which was purchased by the said William A. Lyon at a sale made by F. Stone, Trustee, under a decree in Equity.

And I hereby give notice that on TUESDAY, the 11th day of FEBRUARY, 1879, at the Court House door in Leonardtown, between the hours of 12 o'clock, m. and 4 o'clock, p. m., I will expose to public auction the above described tracts of land, so seized and taken in execution to the highest bidder for cash—to satisfy said debts, interest and costs due and to become due thereon.  
J. FRANK SMITH,  
Sheriff.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.  
We are pleased to learn that Mr. FRANCIS HOLMES has been suggested as a suitable candidate for the next Legislature of Maryland. His high moral character and popularity would secure the confidence and support of the people. We believe him to be in every respect eminently qualified for the position, and that he will, if elected, discharge his duty faithfully to the people and the State.  
FORWARD  
Jan 16, 1879.

**DIVINE SERVICE.**  
Methodist Episcopal Church, Sabbath, January 19th.  
At 10 o'clock, a. m.,  
Meeting of S. S. Bands before service. Prayers to be sung in attendance.  
St. Paul's, 7 p. m.  
Wm. H. BARNES, Preacher in charge.  
Jan 16, 1879.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
Orphans' Court of St. Mary's county, Sec. 1, Jan. 14, 1879.  
ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT ED. L. BACON, Admr. of Mary A. Bacon, late of St. Mary's county, Maryland, deceased, give notice to all persons claiming to be creditors of the said deceased, to present their claims against the said deceased's estate, on or before the 15th day of February, 1879, they will otherwise be barred from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
JAMES T. M. BACON,  
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 of administration on the personal estate of Mary A. Bacon, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby notified to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers attached thereto to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of February, 1879, they will otherwise be barred from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
EDWARD L. BACON,  
Administrator.  
Jan 16, 1879—6w.

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**NOTICE.**  
All persons indebted to me on notes due and open accounts up to January 1st, 1879, are notified to come forward and settle the same by cash or in some manner satisfactory without further delay.  
In thanking my many friends and customers for their kind and valued patronage so liberally extended during the past year, especially the latter part, I beg to call their attention and the public generally to the great reduction made for cash in prices for 1879 and say that an examination will convince you that **LOW PRICES** is the place to buy goods and that none other equals it in low prices for cash. Country paper taken at cash prices for goods. Writing all a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
J. W. LATHAM.  
Jan 9, 1879—2w.

**New Beef Market!**  
I SHALL always keep on hand at my shop in the rear of the first row occupied by me **Fresh Beef, Pork, &c.** and will be happy to furnish my friends at very reduced rates. Orders promptly attended to.  
A. J. BLAINE  
Nov. 21, 1878.

**LOCAL DOTTINGS.**  
The Entertainment at St. Mary's City.  
Despite storm and flood, we formed a part of a small but appreciative audience which assembled at the residence of Dr. John M. Brown, St. Mary's City, on Thursday evening last to witness the entertainment heretofore announced in our columns. The selection of the place, we think, was well made, because, other things failing, the old-fashioned hospitality of distinguished gentlemen would have been sufficient, and would have sent the pleasure-seeker away satisfied with all of human kind. The performance was somewhat delayed by the non-arrival in time of the Leonardtown Amateur Orchestra. These gentlemen had been watching the unfavorable skies, and left Leonardtown at a later hour in the evening than they had intended. The delay, however, was not serious, and with the Orchestra in attendance, the doors were thrown open upon the first scene at 9 o'clock. We were amply paid for the delay of arrival and found exceeding pleasure in witnessing each part of the performance. We have often been proud of the thought that our country possessed a little of everything, and among other things, that dramatic talent was well represented; yet we were not prepared to see amateurs step the boards with the freedom and ease of veterans. We have been furnished with a Programme which we take pleasure in here giving.

**PART FIRST:**  
Music.  
Chorus—MARIPOSA.  
CAST OF CHARACTERS:  
Mrs. Holman—Miss HURTER.  
Emily—Miss L. HURTER.  
Bertha—Miss THOMAS.  
Mrs. Neill—Miss J. E. B. THOMAS.  
Mr. Alfred Buttercup—Mr. JOSE S. ALLEN.  
Tableaux—JOHN OF ARC.  
Constellation.  
Sleeping Beauty.  
Lallah Rookh.  
Killing two birds with one stone.  
Music.  
**PART SECOND:**  
Tableaux—THE MEETING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH AND MARY STUART.  
Open your mouth and shut your eyes.  
Portrait.  
Convent Scene—A Cell.  
Lochinar.  
Music.  
CAST OF CHARACTERS:  
Mrs. Green—Miss L. HURTER.  
Seraphina—Miss J. E. B. THOMAS.  
Betty—Miss THOMAS.  
Augustus—Mr. JOSE S. ALLEN.  
Alphonsus—Mr. A. L. TAYLOR, Jr.

The two choruses were admirably acted, each character in them being sustained to perfection. We would like to speak individually of the rendition of some of the leading characters, but when each was so well rendered we can but think that if one did excel another it was owing to the opportunity afforded by the part which was taken in the play. St. Julienne's and the Second are up to the standard in dramatic talent. The Tableaux well presented with fine effect and elicited deserved applause. The lines just before the presentation of Lochinar were beautifully rendered by Miss L. Hunter. Indeed there was a tasteful selection of Tableaux and there was beauty enough and manhood enough to permeate the idea from the realities of Mary Stuart and Lochinar to the fanciful Oriental hours of Lallah Rookh. We were more than amused at the scrape which our hospitable host fell into, but he made the best of it and brought down the house with his second edition of the Sleeping Beauty. The music was given by the Leonardtown Amateur Orchestra, composed of the following gentlemen: Frank Ford, E. Gallati, H. F. Moore and Jo. P. Morgan. Mr. Jos. S. Allen, in a few remarks, which were tastefully delivered, then announced the conclusion of this part of the entertainment, and stated that supper was prepared in an adjoining room, which he invited the company to partake of. The company soon gathered in the supper room where all the famed delicacies of this section of the country in the way of good eating were abundantly supplied. We might not have been able to have fully appreciated the merits of the theatrical and musical parts of the performance, but we are positively sure that we did appreciate this part, and we failed to notice any lack of appreciation on the part of the evening. Supper over, the remainder of the evening was passed in song and dance. The company lingered late, and the daylight was about peeping over the hills when the little graces of the Seminary said good-bye for home. We have but one regret to make, and that is, that the inclement weather prevented a financial success, but we have been informed that a repetition will be had on Wednesday evening, the 15th instant, when, we feel sure, such an audience as this performance justly deserves will be assembled to enjoy it.

**County Commissioners.**  
This body met on Tuesday last, present Allison, Alvey, Buckler, Parsons and Davis. The Board was mainly engaged in examining and passing upon reports of Supervisors called in under a recent order. A case between John H. Waters and L. J. W. Wise, growing out of an alleged removal by the latter of the public road near California, was postponed until the session of the Board in March Court, with leave to either party to summon witnesses. The monthly report of Dr. Camilleri, physician to the Alms House, was read and passed. This report being of public interest, we will publish in our next issue. Several petitions for the remainder of the year were granted. After the transaction of minor business, the Board adjourned to the second Tuesday of February.

**Point Lookout Again.**  
Hon. Wm. M. Merrick, counsel for Hamilton G. Fant, filed on Monday last a declaration in the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore city against J. M. Moyer, Charles J. Harrah, Joseph S. Fisher, George B. Ehrigle, Wm. Fishmuth, Wm. T. Gardner and A. W. Fellows, of Philadelphia, for trespass and malicious destruction of property at Point Lookout. The declaration is in charge, entered 27 cottages and demolished and removed them and the plaintiff claims \$1,000 for each cottage, a total of \$27,000.

**Exciting Sport.**  
Our young friends, H. F. Moore, and Wm. J. Edley, made a ducking excursion to the "Harrows" last week and succeeding in bagging 72 ducks in the course of a single day's shooting. We congratulate our friends on their success and return them our thanks for their kind remembrance of the printer.

**Convolving.**  
We are pleased to see from our Baltimore exchanges that Hon. George Colton, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now convalescing. We wish him a speedy restoration to his wonted health and business activity and usefulness.

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**Clothing Store.**  
We call the attention of 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. 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. Front St., dealer in cash 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 a factory of his own, 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 C. W. N. O'Leary & Son, 230 W. Front St., near Market. See advertisement in another column.

**SMOKE**  
BLACKWELL'S  
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**"Fruit Tree Swindle."**  
In a paragraph under the above caption the Toyerstown Union "goes" for a tree agent now representing Baltimore county, who represents himself as being connected with an extensive nursery at Geneva, N. Y., and who is patting off upon the public an inferior article, costing 10 cents, for \$2. The Union neglects to name the agent of the nursery he professes to be working for, and in consequence neither the public nor the nursery in question have any means of protecting themselves against further imposition in the same quarter. In buying vines or trees through an agent, it is safest to buy from those only who are furnished with credentials from a house of known or established reputation, such as the house of R. G. Clark & Co., whose authorized agent, S. J. Workman, Esq., is now in our county soliciting orders.

**MEMORANDUM, JAN. 11, 1879.**  
Messrs. Editors:—The request published in your last edition under the signature of Esquire was such that the author himself would be better calculated to solve, than any of his colleagues, for we only know that the circumference of the earth's surface is a circle of 25,000 miles, or 25,000 miles, (generally reckoned), and if a person should start at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and travel westward with the (apparent) velocity of the sun, he would travel over the circle in 24 hours, and if he travels over the whole circle of 25,000 degrees in 24 hours, he will travel over an arc of 15 degrees in one hour. Now, let us assume some starting point; say he starts from the western shore of the island of Oahu, in the Pacific Ocean, and travels westward parallel to the Equator. It is evident that he must travel 7 hours, the time from 9 o'clock in the morning until midnight, or 15 hours, hence he will travel over 15-24 of the whole circle on Tuesday and 9-24 on Wednesday, and by calculation we find that he will change from Tuesday to Wednesday at or near the city of Conception in Ecuador, a country in South America.

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Messrs. Editors:—Among other valuable items in your issue of the 9th inst., we find a question over the signature of Esquire, which at a casual glance seemed somewhat absurd, but upon a little consideration we find it susceptible of a satisfactory answer, as shown below. The earth is a circle, containing 360 degrees in its circumference, and 180 degrees is the greatest distance from any given point on its surface. From any point, 9 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday, going westward with the apparent velocity of the sun, 15 degrees per hour, he would pass over 225 degrees of the earth's surface, 45 degrees more than one-half of its circumference, which would place him 135 degrees east of his starting point when the change of the civil day took place. To the traveler, no change would occur at all, since he started at 9 o'clock and kept pace with the sun. With him it would be 9 o'clock all the time.

**The Baltimore Sun, Daily and Weekly.**  
We publish in another column the prospectus of the Daily and Weekly Sun, to which we direct the attention of our readers. In this community, where the Weekly has been so long an established favorite and where the Daily is gaining favor every day, it is superfluous to indulge in commendation; and we therefore only feel called upon to remark, that they fully supply, as well the needs of the farmer, who is waiting for a special character, and whose opportunities to indulge in limited, as the requirements of others whose interests demand a daily intercourse with the contras of trade and politics.

**A Narrow Escape.**  
Whilst attempting to cross the Mackintosh Run on Friday last near the estate of Dr. Edelen a young son of Mr. John T. Yates was thrown from his horse on a cake of floating ice, and being very high at the time, was carried down the stream some distance before he was rescued. He was saved by Mr. John Dyer, assisted by Mr. Ignatius Norris, both of whom were fortunately with the lad when the accident happened.

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