

THURSDAY MORNING, January 26th, 1879.

MARYLAND POLITICS.—Hon. A. P. Gorman has authorized a Frederick paper to state, that he will not be a candidate for any position in the gift of the people of Maryland, and it is also stated that he will resign in a short time the position he now holds as President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Hon. Philip Francis Thomas is upon the record as saying, that he will not be a candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. This would seem to leave Mr. Hamilton without a single contestant for the leadership of our party in Maryland.

Hon. Lloyd Lowndes, of Allegheny, is spoken of as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination on the republican ticket.

It is likely that the Maryland republicans will encounter the embarrassment of having two hostile State Conventions this year, Mr. Matthews, the Chairman of the State Central Committee, having refused with some degree of asperity to call a State Convention at the time desired by the dissatisfied members of his party.

CONGRESSIONAL.—Our Washington correspondent, Phono, under date of Jan. 27th inst., furnishes the following: Mr. Hewitt's speech (elsewhere published) on the subject of the Cipher Dispatches was the most important deliverance, as the statements of his personal knowledge of the innocence of Mr. Tilden, and that the Democratic committee had scorned to resort to the use of money, were accepted as the utterances of a man entitled to belief.

When he said that the investigation would prove that at least one of the candidates for President in that memorable year was not a mere trickster, ready to bargain for the highest office in the nation, a sensation of applause passed over the packed galleries and the floor below. "Does anybody believe," said Mr. Hewitt, "that if Mr. Tilden had been in a scheme to buy these corrupt retreating boards that they would have failed for want of money?" It will be shown that the scoundrels were for sale and volunteered propositions to that end, but Mr. Tilden refused to furnish the money though a few of his friends regarded it as a case of property in the hands of thieves.

They know that the Electoral vote of these States legally belonged to Tilden, and as the law seemed powerless to wrest them from the rogues, it was thought prudent to pay the ransom, as is often done to secure the restoration of property to its rightful owner, but Mr. Tilden would not consent to it, and the matter fell through. Take this in connection with the fact that the other side did induce these same thieves to deliver the property over to a party who had no claim upon it, while R. B. Hayes has rewarded every one of them, and we have the case summed up.

Senator Conkling is waging his old war upon the administration with renewed vigor and bitterness. It is a very pretty fight as it stands, and I think the Democratic Senators will be wise if they decline to take any hand in it. They helped the Senator out once and got nothing but abuse for it afterwards. If he can now defeat Mr. Hayes Custom House appointments within the party ranks let him do it, though that will not restore his friends Arthur and Cornell to their positions. But it is really amusing to hear the Senator hurl his keen sarcasm at the occupant of the Presidential Mansion. "Mr. Hayes" said he the other day in executive session, "has shown this committee no consideration and is entitled to none." Whereupon Mr. Wheeler, legislative half of the fraud, promptly called the New York Senator to order for omitting to use the title of "President."

"I am not out of order," responded the New York Senator, "because when I speak of Mr. Hayes I am not speaking of the President." This coming from the Democratic side would be right and proper; but from Senator Conkling, who helped to place Mr. Hayes in a position that didn't belong to him, when it was in his power to have prevented it, the point of the utterances, like a two edged sword, cuts both ways.

A joint committee of both houses of Congress is tinkering away at some provisions for taking the next census. The bill recently introduced by Mr. Cox, of New York, has been adopted, except the section relative to the appointment of Supervisors. Mr. Cox proposed to have this done by the Governors of the different States, but as part of the States have Democratic Governors the Republicans object to this and want to fix it so that only Republicans can be appointed. As the work is to be done during the year of the Presidential campaign, it would seem entirely proper to have it as far removed from federal patronage as possible, and Mr. Cox's plan is certainly as near non-partisan as can be. The special agents and experts being under the control of the Superintendent, who is to be a federal appointee, that is enough.

A SUPERB FAMILY BIBLE.—One of the most remarkable features of the book-trade is the enormous sales of Bibles. The demand is chiefly for large illustrated Family Bibles, for strange as it may seem, there are many families who do not possess such a Bible.

Prominent among the publishers who have recognized this demand is The National Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and Dayton, to whose superb edition of the Sacred Scriptures we desire to call attention.

The binding of their magnificent Bibles first claims our attention. It is rich, beautiful, and substantial. As our readers well know, a Bible may be very showily bound, and yet put together so flimsily that it will come to pieces in a few years. Although covered with showy stamps and apparently well bound, the work may be done in such a loose and unsubstantial manner that with only ordinary handling it will crack and finally fall to pieces. This Bible is made upon a very different plan. Only the best materials are used in manufacture, and all the work is done by the best of workmen, and the most highly improved machinery.

Every stage of the work is carefully supervised. It would be impossible to devise a plan by which greater care could be given to the manufacture of Bibles, or by which the interests of subscribers could be more carefully guarded. The publishers have a high regard for the Bible, and they are determined to maintain it. They realize the fact that a family Bible may be subjected to very hard usage, and must be bound substantially as well as handsomely.

The additional matter is very rich and complete. The leading feature is a slightly abridged edition of Dr. Wm. Smith's Dictionary of the Bible. It is really a complete work in itself, and would make an octavo volume of over six hundred pages.

Another valuable feature is a History of all the existing Religious Denominations of the World, and the various sects, both ancient and modern. These accounts are clear, concise and comprehensive.

The additional matter which accompanies the books of the Bible is very full and interesting. A large section is devoted to a collection of Scripture illustrations, consisting of a series of articles explaining and illustrating the Manners and Customs of the Period, Biblical Antiquities and Scenery. The Animals of the Bible are carefully described, as are also the trees, plants, flowers etc., referred to in the Scriptures, each being the subject of a spirited and life-like engraving.

Wandering in the Wilderness, the Tabernacle and Temple are described with great minuteness of detail. These explanations and the maps and plans which accompany them are of great value to every reader of the Bible. A topographical sketch of Jerusalem is given, and the cities and towns mentioned in the Bible are also described. It is impossible to enumerate all the valuable features in a notice like this. They constitute a complete encyclopedia of Bible knowledge, and present to the reader all the information and explanations he can desire. The work is literally a library in itself, and is published in both English and German.

It is magnificently illustrated. The larger plates consist of exquisite steel engravings, and a number of superb designs by the greatest living artist, Gustave Doré. The additional matter contains over two thousand fine illustrations and maps. Nearly every place and object of interest mentioned in the Scriptures are shown in this collection.

The Family Record is beautifully lithographed; and facing it is a magnificent marriage certificate, a feature which makes this Bible a very appropriate and desirable wedding present. At the close of the volume is a handsome photograph album, with spaces for sixteen portraits, a novel and appropriate addition to a Family Bible. Its price is astonishingly low, and within the means of every family. We advise our readers to examine this great Bible. It is sold by subscription only, and Mr. J. H. BUCKLER, who is the authorized agent for this section, is now canvassing for it.

USES OF THE TELEPHONE.—Mention has been made heretofore of the growing use of the telephone in Baltimore and the establishment of an exchange somewhat on the principle of the district telegraph system, connecting various distant points, dwelling, counting houses, newspaper offices, police stations, physicians' offices, druggists, commercial exchanges, &c., for the rapid exchange of messages in the transaction of all the various business affairs of life. An instance of the use of the telephone in sickness is mentioned, which shows one of the striking advantages of the system. A physician's advice was needed in a remote section of the city late at night. Dr. Allan P. Smith's best-chamber telephone called him up, and he was placed in communication with the patient by the exchange without leaving his room. He questioned the patient directly, and then placed himself in communication with a druggist and telephoned the prescription, which was sent to the patient within fifteen minutes, all without anyone going out of doors except the messenger from the neighboring drug store with the prescription filled. This is only one of the many thousands of domestic and business uses to which the great invention may be put.—*Baltimore Sun.*

The lowest rate of county taxation in Maryland this year is that of Carroll county—47 cents on the \$100, and the highest Queen Anne's—\$1.12. The smallest taxation in a town of any size is that of Westminster—40 cents, and the highest Baltimore—\$1.90. The lowest taxes in the larger towns is Hagerstown—40 cents, and the highest Frederick—\$1.10.

The Frederick Citizen says it is authorized by Mr. Arthur P. Gorman to state that he is not a candidate for any position in the gift of the people of Maryland.

COL. JACK WHARTON ASSOCIATING AMONG GENTLEMEN.—It appears that some jealous Republican is trying to get Col. Jack Wharton U. S. Marshal for Louisiana, into trouble, because, as alleged, he is associating with gentlemen. Don Platt thus discourses about the matter in the last issue of the Washington Capital, 12th inst:

One of the funniest things that has transpired in a long time is the report of the special agent of the Department of Justice who was sent to investigate certain charges that had been made against Jack Wharton, United States Marshal of Louisiana. The special agent reports that none of the charges of incompetency or intemperance to official duty were verified by his inquiries, but that, upon close investigation, he found the charge of two great personal intimacies on the part of the Marshal with certain prominent Democrats in Louisiana to be strictly true! Now it is a melancholy fact that "personal intimacies" between Radical office-holders in the South and prominent Democrats or any other class of gentlemen, is a phenomenon which demands attention, by reason of its novelty, if for nothing else. So far as precedent constitutes law, Wharton, as a Radical office-holder in Louisiana, has certainly committed a grave offense by so doing himself as to be able to maintain pleasant personal relations with his respectable neighbors; for the like has never been known before. Some sneeringly made a fine art and perjury reduced to an exact science by the injection of New England civilization into the bowels of the South, in the shape of carpet-bagging. Wharton should be removed at once, and Pitkin restored to the position which he is so admirably fitted to fill without violation of the precedents set forth above. The idea of a Federal office-holder in the South, under a Radical Administration, associating with gentlemen, as Jack Wharton does, is simply the crowning outrage. Bill Chandler should write a letter, Blaine should make a speech and Edmunds should rise to a point of order on the subject instantly and all at once, or the country will be ruined, and the blessed amendments to the Constitution subverted.

It is a rare privilege to be acquainted with Wharton's proclivities in this particular. I warned him the last time he was here that he had better cut all his respectable acquaintances and conform strictly to the civil service rules that govern the social status of Radical office-holders in the South, or he would get into trouble. I advised him to begin operations by cutting a single respectable acquaintance that had not been myself, which suggestion he adopted. But, despite this good beginning, he appears to have backslidden as soon as he got to New Orleans, and to have returned to his original depravity of preferring the society of gentlemen.—He must therefore be regarded as incorrigible. Nothing remains to be done but to bounce him and put in his place some man who will conform strictly to the civil service rules of Radicalism which constrains a Federal office-holder in the South to associate with respectable characters exclusively in filling his place. Mr. Hayes is not likely to be beset with any temptations. He can find plenty of that sort, even if he has to go to Canada or Massachusetts to drag the matter to his place of concealment. But by all means let Wharton be made a terrible example of the dreadful consequences which must follow indulgence by a radical Federal office-holder in the South in the society of gentlemen!

GEN. JAMES SHIELDS.—The recent election of Gen. James Shields as United States Senator from the State of Missouri, is a remarkable event in the history of our government. The present is the third State which has elected him as its representative in the United States Senate. In all his long life not a taint of dishonor attaches to his character, and he has proven the gallant and brave soldier as well as a pure statesman.—The recent refusal of the Senate to pass the House bill granting him a pension on account of wounds in battle in the service of his countrymen, and Missouri, which is now his home, takes the occasion to send to the Senate the man who, though in the "sere and yellow leaf," still has vitality and ability sufficient to worthily represent her. We herewith give the chequered and honorable life of this gallant soldier: James Shields was born in Tyrone, Ireland, in 1810; he emigrated to America in 1826; settled in Illinois in 1832; entered its Legislature in 1836; became Auditor of the State in 1839; was chosen Supreme Judge in 1843; appointed Commissioner of the Land Office by President Polk in 1845; went to the Mexican war as a Brigadier General in 1846; became Governor of Oregon Territory in 1849; was elected to the United States Senate by the Illinois Legislature in 1849, over Sidney Breece, the then Democratic Senator; rejected by the Senate as ineligible, because of some defect in his naturalization; re-elected by the same Legislature and admitted, to the Senate, where he served six years; became a resident of Minnesota territory on his retirement from the Senate; was elected one of the first United States Senators by the Legislature of Minnesota in 1857; and served the short term of two years; became a Brigadier General in the Union army at the outbreak of our civil war; retired from military service because of disabling wounds; since then has been a resident of Missouri, and in such severely straitened circumstances as to require him to pledge his sword, presented to him for distinguished services in war, for his necessities, and now he has been again chosen to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Missouri to serve the unexpired term ending on the 4th of March next. He is the only man who has represented two States in the United States Senate since the formation of the Government, and he will soon enter the Senate to represent the third State that has chosen him as its highest legislator. "His history," says the Philadelphia Times,

"presents the grandest illustration of the attainments possible under our free institutions. He would be well for the Republic if he were to gain its honors could wear them worthily as James Shields, the battle-hardened soldier of two wars and the Senator from three States of the Union." Gen. Shields took his seat in the Senate on the 12th inst.

SOCIETY OF THE ARMY AND NAVY OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES IN MARYLAND.—The anniversary of the birth-day of Gen. Robert E. Lee was observed by the Society of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States in Maryland holding its annual meeting in Baltimore, Lt. McHenry Howard, President, Capt. Wm. L. Rice, Secretary, The Treasurer, M. Colton, reported receipts for the year \$503.00. Expenses for the year \$184.80. Balance on hand \$318.20. Officers elected as follows: President, Vice President, Hon. Geo. H. Stuart, Maj. Gen. T. R. Trimble, Capt. Chas. H. McBlair, Lieut. Col. Jas. R. Herbert, Capt. John McNulty, Major Harbert Gilmore, and M. Powell, Capt. Wm. L. Rice, Lieut. W. F. ...

RECORDING SECRETARIES.—Private Philip H. Holiday, Recording Secretary, Capt. Wm. L. Rice, Corresponding Secretary, R. W. Gwynne, Treasurer, Capt. F. M. Colston; Executive Committee, Major F. H. Wigfall, Capt. Joseph Blyth, All-None, Lieut. Winsford Peters, Sergt. W. H. Pope, Sergt. Major John McWilliams, Private H. H. Garrigue, Private D. Ridgely Howard; Chaplains, Rev. W. F. Gardner, Rev. J. N. Meade, Rev. Douglas F. Forrest, Rev. W. U. Murkland, Rev. T. L. Bannister, Rev. W. M. Dame.

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GEN. BUTLER is the political enigma of the age. He now takes the trouble to write to a man away up in Minnesota that he voted in the Charleston Democratic Convention in 1860 fifty-seven times for Jefferson Davis for president, and he still believes that if Davis had been elected president war would have been averted, as the North "always got more consideration on questions of human liberty from a Southern statesman as president before the war than it did from a Northern doughface."

MR. T. SCARF, editor of the Baltimore Record, says the United States government owes the State of Maryland \$500,000 for advances made when the first canal was built at Washington. He says that to get it is quite another question. \$500,000, with interest about 20 years, would be a very handsome sum at this time to the treasury of the State of Maryland.

THE TIMES OF PHILADELPHIA (Independent) says: "Republicanism in Pennsylvania is simply Cameromism. In Maine it is Bismarckism; in Vermont, Edmundism; in New York, Conklingism; in Ohio, Hayesism; in Maryland, only Micawberism."

MARRIED.—On the 23rd day of January, 1879, by the Rev. Father McLaugh, JOHN SINGLAR to Mrs. ANN P. DOWNS. In Baltimore city, on the 8th of October, ult., by the Rev. J. C. HAGE, HARRY STOKES, of Baltimore, to Miss M. R. PAUL, of this city.

DIED.—On Wednesday, Jan. 15th, aged 4 years, 5 months and 7 days, THOMAS MARK SHAD-BUCK ROOKER, of O. and A. Rooker, of Piney Point, St. Mary's county. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." In St. Mary's, on the 12th inst., at his residence, near the head of St. Clement's Bay, MARY E. HEBBERT, aged 60 years. May rest in peace!

RATIFICATION NOTICE.—Wm. C. Foxwell and E. Indiana, his wife, vs. Martha A. Drury and others. In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, sitting as a Court of Equity. ORDERED this 27th day of Jan. 1879, that the resale made and reported by J. Parrott Crane, trustee in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 4th Monday of Feb. 1879, provided a copy of this order be published in the St. Mary's Beacon, once a week for three successive weeks prior to the said 4th Monday of February.

The report states the land sold for \$680. J. FRANK FORD, Clerk. True Copy, Test: J. FRANK FORD, Clerk. Jan. 30, 1879.—Sw.

GOOD NEWS TO ALL!—IMMENSE quantities in Whiskies, Brandies, Gins, Rums, Wines, &c., at No. 160. We also make a specialty of the following well known brands: BUCK WA... EVER O. K. D. FAUST, BAKERS. Bottled by family use 75 cents per dozen. Hopping an... respectfully, JESSY GUMP, Agent. **CARD.**—I will be pleased to see Mr. Gump's card and will be found to meet my country people in general. WILLIAM B. MOORE. Jan. 30, 1879.

LOCAL DOTTINGS.

An Interesting Tradition.

We are in possession of a late copy of the *Connoisseur* which was published at Salem, Va., in which writer, under the signature "J. M.," promises to account for the origin of the celebrated White Sulphur Springs. It seems the congeries of mountains which overlook these healing waters exhibit a remarkable likeness in profile to a human face and body, the neck, chest, body and lower extremities being only a little less aptly delineated than the chin, mouth, nose, forehead and the crown of the head. From a sketch made of these mountains by an accomplished lady of our county, we were able to detect at a glance their wonderful resemblance to a recumbent form of gigantic proportions and strongly marked human features, but whether these outlines present a satisfactory deity whose name is Titian and who presides over the destinies of the mineral fountain, are propositions to which we decline at present to commit ourselves. However, in justice to true believers, we give the legend of the White Sulphur Titian, whose original name, it seems, was Tityrus, and who was of ancient and illustrious family, being of direct descent from Jupiter and his wife Juno. The account, speaking of Titian, goes on to say—

His person appears to have been greater than any of his kind, and he was of a most heroic build, when lying, covered also acres of ground. In early life he seems to have been a favorite at the court of his father, yet we are not told any particular part of the world had been assigned for his government. He seems to have been a little wild in early life, much devoted to pleasure, and, finally, somewhat dissipated, on his arrival to Diana, he was disgraced in the imperial court of his father; and this offense so enraged Apollo that he thrust a dart into his thigh, which would have proved fatal but for the immediate interposition of Esculapius, the god of physic. But though his life was thereby preserved, he was forced to pay the penalty of his crime by having his name changed to Titian—a name of reproach in the Olympian court, and with other giants of the same name, to take his place at the feet of his imperial father. Resolute under this ignominy, and being desirous to espouse Proserpine, whom he had deposed from the embrace of Pluto, he conspired with Neptune, the lord of the ocean, and escaped from Olympus. In his flight he had the good fortune to meet with his old benefactor, Esculapius, who, in consideration of his misfortune and his illustrious descent, bestowed upon him the noble power of healing. Embittered and embarrassed by the circumstances that surrounded him, a native country of the gods, he determined to embark on the briny sea in search of happiness and a home in some unknown land. Accordingly, accompanied by Proserpine, his affianced bride, and under the auspices of Neptune, he sailed from Crete, just one hundred and thirty-seven years before Romulus, the founder of Rome, was born. After many days of perilous tossing on the deep, the flying (but loving) pair approached the shore on the Southern coast of what was afterwards known as North America. Wending their way Westward, sometimes clinging to the horns of the moon, at others having recourse to the aid of the winds, they were borne to the spot which Jupiter intended for their destination—finally by one of these mighty missiles, he struck the spot, and the pair, overpowered, fell in death upon a portion of a lovely valley, now known as the White Sulphur. They fell to the earth, and the goddess of the earth, converted their bodies into an immense mountain which occupies the portion of the valley upon which it fell. From the base of this mountain issued a copious and never-drying spring of healing water, highly impregnated with Sulphur. And this, perhaps, is about as veridical an account of the origin of the famous White Sulphur Springs as has yet been given, or is likely to be arrived at.

The Flying Dutchman.—We have heard of Vanderdecken, who for his blasphemy was made the misty, wandering sailor, and who brought woe to the ill-fated ship whose bows he crossed in the gale, but it is for our times to produce a second edition in the shape of one who for several days past has been vending spectacles in our vicinity. During the time of his stay here, he was the guest of our friend, the Count, but while our friend was away on a short visit, he decamped without paying for the hospitality which he had received. The wrath of Achilles was nothing to be compared to that of our friend, and, fraught with direful vengeance, he determined to pursue the Flying Dutchman, and visit upon him the just penalty of his misdeeds. Any one could see the frown of rage upon his brow as he sat in his buggy awaiting the Colonel, who had consented to reinforce him in his perilsous trip. Fully "armed and accoutred," he sallied forth, and succeeded in getting a first trace of the pursued at Choptank. On they dashed through mud and thicket until, at last, the object of their pursuit was espied near Newport, in Charles county. Then the more rapid pursuit began, and the culprit was soon overhauled. We lack the descriptive power of our friends in detailing the party which ensued. Of course they held the ante hand and could dictate terms, which were the more readily agreed to by the threatening aspect assumed by them, in addition to the reputation of St. Mary's county, and that he was Sheriff of St. Mary's county, and that he was \$5. This fee, of course, he consented to remit if there was no more trouble. The Dutchman made many excuses for his conduct, and among others was, that he had lost all his money, while in Leonardtown, by the d-d Petro. 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