THE

ST. MARY'S BEACON

LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 28th, 1879.

POLITICAL.—We have been able since our last issue to gather from our exchanges little connected with the condition of our State politics which has impressed us as worthy of special mention. The Republicans have not yet nominated and appear to be unsettled at present as to who their standard bearers are to be. Having as yet nobody to fight, the democrats are quietly resting on their oars and are amusing themselves by counting up their majorities. These estimates vary, according to the temperament of the guessers, but it is noticeable that all the prophets put Hamilton's majority above twenty thousand. Beyond what our local and advertising columns uncover of our domestic politics, if they uncover any thing, we have nothing new this week to reveal. The democrats are at issue on the subject of calling a Convention to nominate a local ticket and much debate is indulged in among them, *proet cor*. The late Republican "endorsement" has developed sharp opposition in many quarters and the probabilities are that the managers will find it necessary to revise their late action. In brief, both parties at this writing occupy attitudes on local matters which are not likely to be maintained beyond the September term of our Circuit Court.

SOLID SOUTH.—When a Republican talks about dangers from the "solid South" take what he says with a large grain of allowance. When the South was solidly Republican there was no complaint from that side, and the plain truth is that it became solidly Democratic because the Republicans stole, instead of governing down there; and people who have anything left to be stolen have the same dislike to see the carpet-baggers return to power which honest citizens of New York would experience if it were proposed to re-establish the Tweed Ring.

REBEL BRIGADIERS—When you hear somebody ranting about the "rebel brigadiers" in Congress, ask him why it is that the North is not allowed to elect its brave soldiers to be Senators and Representatives? The answer to this conundrum is very easy, but unpleasant to the politicians of the North, who have patriotically shoved the soldiers aside, and have taken the best places for themselves.

WHAT'S THE MATTER.—The Hartford Times [illegible] be congratulated upon the excellent ticket presented to the voters by the late convention. It is not only a ticket that can easily be elected, but a ticket that ought to be elected.

STATE GREENBACK CONVENTION.—In the *National View*, the Washington City Greenback organ, we see a call for a Greenback State Convention in Maryland to be held in Baltimore on the 10th of September. The call is signed by Oliver P. Bryan.

VOTERS IN BALTIMORE CITY.—Last week the police of Baltimore city completed a census of the voters, and there were found to be 61,132 white, 10,368 colored, total 71,501.

☞ A contemporary says:—The Sprague-Conkling affair at Narragansett brings to mind the magnificent and brilliant Sprague-Chase wedding at Washington some dozen or more years ago. The father of Mrs. Sprague, Chief Justice Chase, was a prominent aspirant for presidential honors, and the then Senator Sprague was in the zenith of his glory, wielding great political influence, and having millions of money at command. But the few intervening years have brought great changes. The millions have vanished; high hopes and ambitions have proven naught but bitter disappointments, and even the rosy skies of wedded bliss have grown dark and clouded with domestic broils and marital infelicities.

☞ The following are the heights of the principal monuments, domes, &c., in the world. St. Antoine column at Rome, 135 feet; principal tower of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, 145; Trajan's column at Rome, 145; Napoleon's column at Paris, 150; Washington monument at Baltimore, 180; the great obelisk at Thebes, 200; Bunker Hill, 262; Trinity Church steeple at New York, 264; the contemplated new dome of the Capitol, 300; dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, 320; tower of Mentlius, 350; tower of the Cathedral at Strasburg, 460; dome of St. Peter's Cathedral, Rome, 465; Great Pyramid, 481.

☞ During the past two weeks Gen. E. B. Tyler, Postmaster at Baltimore, has been undergoing trial at the hands of two experts of the Post-office Department, upon charges made by Capt. B. F. Mathews, who had recently been discharged from service in the postoffice as Chief Delivery Clerk. The charges involve malfeasance in office and prostituting his private office to immoral uses. As many as 200 witnesses have been summoned. The examination is being conducted in secret, but some of the evidence, however, has leaked out. As far as it has gone it is only hearsay. Gen. Tyler says the charges are prompted by spite, and will not be sustained.

(From the Calvert Journal)

Tobacco Inspections.

No portion of the platform adopted by our recent State Democratic Convention gives us more satisfaction, than the second resolution which declares:—

"It will be the duty of the next General Assembly to lighten the burden of taxation in this State by abolishing all offices not necessary for the public service; by reducing all salaries and fees subject to its control to the limit of the compensation of persons engaged in similar employment in private life; by compelling the practice of economy in every detail of State, county and municipal expenditures, and by enforcing the observance of the constitutional rule that every person in the State, or person holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes for the support of the government, according to his actual worth in real or personal property."

Mr. Hamilton, in his speech accepting the Gubernatorial nomination, acknowledged the justice and binding force of this resolution, when he said:

"The most rigid economy should be practiced in every department of the public service. The people's money paid into the treasury for the support of the State and municipal governments is the product of toil, and most sacredly should it be applied to its honest purposes. The man that despoils it is worse than the common thief, for as against him we have individual vigilance as well as police ingenuity, whilst the other is left more to the general care and the confidence of trust. Every wrongful appropriation of it is an absolute spoliation, and should meet with the severest reprobation.

'Superfluous officers and employes not required for the public wants should be dispensed with and their places abolished. Whilst there is an honorable ambition in the patriotic desire to serve the State, where service is necessary, and at a reasonable compensation, it is, upon the other hand, dishonorable to impose one's self upon the State, under the pretense of service, when it is neither required nor rendered. The former reflects honor as a duty, whilst the other betrays the voice of the parasite."

Now, as Mr. Hamilton is a man who means what he says, we hope that soon after his induction into the office of Governor, he will pay particular attention to our present tobacco inspection system, and use his influence towards having the same abolished, or improved. Years ago this State, following the example of other States, who believe that public inspection laws were restrictions on trade, abolished most of them, but suffered the Tobacco Inspection laws to remain as they provided so many "soft places" for politicians. The last Legislature, after a hard contest, succeeded in abolishing the office of Supervising Inspector, which was about as necessary "as the fifth wheel to a wagon," and we feel sure that all efforts to reduce the number of the present Tobacco Inspectors, or their salaries will be violently opposed by the politicians, who want these fat offices for themselves, or their friends. The present salary of an Inspector is $2,500, and was, we believe, fixed at that sum because of the power [illegible] subsequent legislature. In olden times the salary was $1,200, and these offices were then filled by our best citizens. Now, by reason of these high salaries, there is always a great contention for these offices, and our State Senators and Delegates mainly owe their nominations to the influence of the aspirants for the inspectorships. State Comptroller Keating in his last report said:

The receipts of the Tobacco Warehouses are set forth in Table No. 8, and amounted during the year to $124,032.03, and the net earnings to only $2,627.32, not enough by $12,372.68, to pay the 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.

The Taxpayers' Convention which lately met in Baltimore city, also resolved—

"That the laws relating to the inspection of tobacco should be repealed, to relieve the producers, and the State, of what has become a burden to the producers and a reproach to the State."

We learn from the proceedings of that Convention that the reading of the seventh resolution, calling for a repeal of the tobacco inspection laws, was received with applause and indications of approval, and was enthusiastically passed.

If the Democratic party in this State intends to be true to its own platform, and to be faithful to its professions of economy in the administration of our State government, then we will have a great change for the better in our tobacco inspection system, and we feel sure that Mr. Hamilton will give his powerful aid towards the accomplishment of such a needed reform.

☞ Judge Yellott, of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, decided in the case of Mollie Johnson, who had been committed to the House of Correction by a police magistrate, that the commitment was illegal and ordered the discharge of the petitioner, who was before the Court on a writ of habeas corpus. The judge said justices of the peace in Maryland are not empowered to sit as judges in criminal cases, and further that in all criminal prosecutions every man has a right to a speedy trial by jury, without whose unanimous consent he ought not to be found guilty.

☞ Statistics of the production in the South in each year from 1870, to 1878, inclusive, of cotton in 1878, was about 400,000 bales larger than it was in any preceding year; the production of sugar 53,000 hogsheads larger, and the yield of tobacco greater by 12,000,000 pounds the total for the year being: Cotton, bales, 5,200,000; sugar hogsheads, 212,000; tobacco, pounds, 572,000,000.

☞ The United States still remain unrepresented in Great Britain and Russia, and everything goes along just as well. We would save money by letting the missions remain vacant. Our ministers abroad seem to have nothing to do but spend their salary, $17,500, and more too. Minister Lowell complains that his business at Madrid is to tell the people when the museums are open, what theatres to go to, who are the best milliners and tailors, and when presentations are to be made at Court. Why doesn't he resign? Stoughton says that it cost him double his salary to live in St. Petersburg and that the actual work required of the American minister at that Court would not occupy one week in a year. When Congress meets it ought to abolish that institution with as little delay as possible.

OBITUARY.

Died, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the residence of her parents in the 6th district, Miss EMMA FRANCES GRAVES, only child of L. G. R. and Susan C. Graves, in the 24th year of her age.

It has been truly said that "the ways of Providence are inscrutable, and its decrees unfathomable." When some of our cherished hopes have been frustrated, or some one in whom we have seen bright prospects of future usefulness, cut down while on the very threshold of life, we are prone to doubt, and ask, can this be well done? And nothing but a strong abiding faith "in Him, who doeth all things well" can preserve us.—The death of the subject of this humble tribute, in all the flower of her youth, with such a bright future looming up before her, forcibly suggests the adage, that, "In the midst of life we are in death." The only child of fond parents, who have spent their best years fitting her for life's battles, she was endowed with superior mental ability and all the graces which adorn woman. As a Teacher, standing in the front ranks, ever earnest and patient, toiling faithfully in that laborious calling, she has made a record and left a name worthy of emulation. A fond and obedient daughter, a true and considerate friend, a faithful and loving Teacher, her death night well leave all disconsolate, were it not for the fact, that we know she has only gone before, and awaits us on the other shore, clothed in garments washed by the Redeemer's blood. Parents and friends be ye not cast down. Remember that however bright the future here on earth, it cannot compare with her heavenly experience. Ye know not what trouble this world had in store for her. Let us bow meekly to the Divine Will, and while awaiting the Messenger, that called her so young and from such bright scenes, let us, emulating her virtues, press forward to that heavenly home where we can again meet her enjoying a blissful immortality. M.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

THE Co-Partnership heretofore existing under the name of J. SIMMS FENWICK is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Being anxious to settle up the business as speedily as possible, I will sell the entire stock on hand, consisting of

Ready-Made Clothing,
Boots and Shoes,
Dry Goods,
Notions, Hats,
Hardware,
Tinware,
Queensware,
Drugs, etc.,

at original cost in Baltimore for cash.

All persons indebted to the firm must settle without delay.

Aug 28, 1879—tf. J. SIMMS FENWICK.

Races. Races.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 7th and 8th of October, 1879.

1st Day—The first race will be a ¾ mile dash. Entrance, $2 50, purse, $10 and entrances. Second race, half mile and repeat. Entrance, $2 50, purse, $20. Third race, ¾ mile dash. Entrance, $2 50, purse, $10 and entrances.

2nd Day—First race, ¾ mile dash. Entrance, $2 50, purse, $10 and entrances. Second race, ¾ mile and repeat. Entrance, $2 50, purse, $20 and entrances. Third race, 1 mile and repeat. Entrance $5, purse, $50 00.

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How to Keep Cool.

THE undersigned is agent for BLACKLOCK'S FAN ATTACHMENT for sewing machines. This is a wonderful and useful invention, by which the operator is made comfortable on the hottest day and without any additional exertion. Apply to

LUKE F. MATTHEWS,
With Greenwell & Fenwick,
Aug 28, 1879—3w. Leonardtown, Md.

Opening of the Public Schools,

BY order of the Board, adopted at the meeting on the 19th instant, the Public Schools in St. Mary's county will be opened on the 1st day of September next.

GEO. THOMAS,
Secretary.
Aug 28, 1879—1t.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

At the solicitation of many friends, I announce myself as candidate for County Commissioner at the ensuing election, and promise, if elected, to discharge the duties of the position with honesty and to the best of my ability.

Aug 28, 1879. JAMES E. HEARD.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Messrs. Editors:—You are authorized to announce JOSEPH O. TAYLOR, Esqr., of the old First, a candidate for County Commissioner and to say, that he will be warmly endorsed by

Aug. 28, 1879 St. Inigoes' District.

Charlotte Hall School,

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD.

The Fall Session will begin MONDAY, September 1st. Board and Tuition, $74, in advance, for each session of five months. For circulars, apply to

WM. T. BRISCOE,
Secretary, to the Board.
Aug 7, 1879—1m.

LOCAL DOTTINGS.

Explanatory.

We feel called upon to state, that it was through no fault or neglect of ours that the last week's issue of the BEACON did not reach its upper subscribers in due time. The papers were sent to the postoffice at this place and received, there at the usual hour and we are therefore entitled to be acquitted of blame for their failure to reach their destination when due.

A Lucky Rap.

At a sale of the personal effects of Henry Clarke, lately deceased, in Leonardtown on Saturday last, a roll of carpeting was about being offered, when some of the bidders suggested that it be unrolled for inspection. This was done, and in the folds was discovered a package containing $1,410 in U. S. Treasury notes. The money was handed over to Mr. Westcott, the son-in-law of the deceased, who was conducting the sale. His delight can well be imagined, as well as the chagrin of the numerous ones who had attended the sale expressly to buy carpeting. This strange incident is but in keeping with the history of the deceased, which we have learned from an acquaintance who has known him for many years. He was originally from Schuyler county, N. Y., and at one time possessed considerable means. He married a woman, with one child, a daughter, and this induced him to travel, and he spent much time in California and Ohio, which, by a great shrinkage, depleted his property. His wife and daughter observing his eccentricity, and seeing its tendency, refused to accompany him longer. About this time his daughter married a Mr. Westcott, the gentleman above referred to, against his wishes, which greatly incensed him, and he determined to quit home and friends and go into the world alone. He gathered up what means he could and came to this county about 1870, and bought a tract of land near St. Andrew's church, where he has since lived a hermit's life, rarely visiting or communicating with others. He sometimes visited Leonardtown for the purpose of buying his necessary things, but would enter into no conversation with any one except where his business required. He was very peculiar in his dress and manner, and would impress any one as being eccentric. He was taken sick a few days ago and went over to a neighbor's, Mrs. Wheeler, where he died, after a few days illness, intestate. Learning of his death, his son-in-law came on to take charge of his effects.

A Case in Point.

There was much talk and many opinions expressed, when the wallet of money was found in the roll of carpeting sold at the auction sale of Henry Clarke's property in our Town on Saturday last, as to whether the purchaser of the carpeting would have been entitled to the wallet and contents, if these had not been discovered until after the sale had been consummated? Something very like this question has been lately decided by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Geo. Brooks found $35 and kept it, though he heard inquiries made regarding it by the owner. He was arrested, tried in a Trumbull county Court, found guilty of grand larceny and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed, but the decision of the lower Court was sustained. It was held that a person who finds an object of value must make a reasonable effort to discover the owner.

Arrivals at Fenwick's Hotel.

Charles Harper, New York; George B. Mankin, J. J. Fegan, S. B. Taylor, Jr., Washington; A. W. Dashl and child, Va.; John M. Millard, Baltimore; W. Hoopper, Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. [illegible] son and daughter, Joseph B. Bailey, J. J. [illegible], Baltimore; John H Chandler, F E Tubman, F C Neal, Va.; O W Budlong, O H. Budlong, C O Hamilton, Mrs Hamilton, Miss Hamilton, Mrs J R Trembly, Samuel Gedney, Mrs Gedney, Miss Susie Gedney, R F Mahoney, Washington; Dr P R Edelen, Prince George's county; Dr J R Walton, Md.; Vivian H Neale, E Dudley Turner, Baltimore; Dr. J L McWilliams, Blakistone's Island; J W Carpenter, Budd's Creek; John H Waters, Town Creek; J Nass, Washington; Dr R P Blakistone, River Springs; R T Richardson, Baltimore.

Aged.

One of our cotemporaries having recently, through a typographical error, stated that this Journal had entered upon its 133d volume (instead of 13th volume), the St. Mary's BEACON thereupon argues that if this premise be correct, then our Senior is not a day under 160! Only think of it!! As our Senior is a bachelor it will never do for him to visit your county, Brother King, and by his presence suggest to the ladies such names as Methuselah, Rip Van Winkle, and other old gentlemen of ancient times. No, he must try some other route when he leaves home.—*Calvert Journal.*

We merely put a hypothetical case and never intimated that the Senior of the *Journal* was as old as Methuselah or any other old gentleman. We said, if so and so be so, then so and so is so—a different affair altogether from charging that the Senior was as old as anybody in particular or crowding upon the patriarchs. To avoid misconception, however, we withdraw all we have said on the subject and herewith announce, that our brother, the Senior, is in the flower of life—thar or tharabouts—and is a match for any lady in her bloom! Now, will you come over?

A Fault.

We are afraid the BEACON is a failure as a mathematician. In our last paper, we were made to commit ourselves to the proposition "that in a Convention composed of 40 delegates, where only three are eligible to be voted for or elected, four persons could not receive a majority vote of 40." We revise this opinion in our present paper and undertake to say that they can, and we also take this occasion to withdraw the accusation we made against the late Republican County Convention that its first ballot for delegates was explainable only on the theory of "pudding tickets."

Opening of Fenwick Street.

The much-needed improvement of opening Fenwick Street has been accomplished. The stables of Fenwick's Hotel have been moved back on a line and Fenwick Street presents now a business-like appearance. We hope this *impetus* to the enterprise of our new Town may be followed up and that our next monthly report may chronicle extensive and and varied improvements.

Convocational Services.

The Rev. Meyer Lewin, D. D., the Dean of the Convocation of Washington, will visit St. Andrew's and William and Mary Parishes on September 3rd, 4th and 5th, and, with assistance of other clergymen, hold services in the following order. St. Peter's, Leonardtown, Wednesday, September 3rd, at 3.30 p. m. and 8.00 p. m. St. George's, Poplar Hill, Thursday, at 10.00 a. m. and 2.00 p. m. St. Andrew's, Friday, at 10.00 a. m. and 2 p. m. May the blessing of the Lord, which alone maketh rich, be with us all in these services, in all that we say and do, to the increase of God's glory and the everlasting good of our souls.

JOHN W. MCILHENY, Rector.

Eating Crow, etc.

We protest we are not "cast down because the Raley boom awakened no responsive echo" in the late State Convention of our party, and we further declare, we are not cast down at all and never allow ourselves to be when it occurs, as it often does, that our personal choice for office turns out not to be the choice of our party. Above all, it has never happened to us that we deserted our colors and joined the republicans for *any* cause. In the matter of crow-eating, we have never had any experience and know not the taste of the bird. Neither have we passed up any plate, big or little, for crow, nor cried out for more, as our brother of the *Independent* has been pleased to represent, and we feel tempted to ask, of whom speaketh the prophet this? It is likely we differ with our brother as to what constitutes crow-eating. In our view, it is not the man who gives up his personal favorite for the preference of his party who is the crow-eater, but that 'tother fellow who, forsaking the table of his fathers, sits down to breakfast with radicals and finds appetite for meats he once denounced as tainted.

The Children's Masquerade.

The children, to keep time with the grown up ones, had a masquerade at Fenwick's Hotel, on Friday evening last. There was a crowd of maskers, and mostly in character, too large a crowd to individualize, for fear of omitting some, who deserve mention. All have voted it a success, on the part of the little ones, and the little ones were well pleased, with one exception, and that is the grown-up people, took possession of the dance, before they had fully enjoyed themselves. Really, this should not be, and these complaints in this respect, should be heeded on future occasions.

Registration of Voters.

The officers of Registration, as announced in their official advertisement published in another column, will be in session in their respective districts for five days, commencing Monday, September 1st. It is of the utmost importance that every voter should see that his right to vote at the coming election is not lost by a neglect to get registered or to get transferred to the district into which he may have moved.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

ST. CLEMENT'S BAY, MD., Aug. 24, 1879.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I had the pleasure of being present and witnessing the Tournament which came off at Charlotte Hall last Wednesday. The weather was fine, and at an early hour the equipages, etc., commenced to arrive, laden with the beauty, chivalry and intelligence of the surrounding country, being mostly from St. Mary's with quite a number from Charles. By 12 m. there were probably about 150 persons on the ground. The following were the officers of the day: Judges, Joseph H. Hancock, J. N. Harrison and Isaiah Canter; Chief Marshal, Col. J Parran Crane; Assistant Marshal, Thomas D. Edwards; Herald, J. Frank Ford. There were three arches and each knight was entitled to three rides. After going through the usual military evolutions, which were executed in exact and creditable style, at 12 m. the knights were drawn up in front of the Judges and Mr. James H. Wilson, the orator of the day, in his usual graceful and happy style delivered an eloquent and appropriate address, which was listened to with rapt attention and loudly applauded at the close. We will not attempt here any criticism of this address for fear of marring its beautiful proportions. Suffice it to say, it was pronounced by competent judges present to be an able, tasteful and masterly effort. The knights were then marched to their posts and soon after the riding commenced. The following is the result, with the names and titles of those who participated:

	KNIGHTS.	RINGS.
Isaiah W. Canter,	Locust Hill,	5
J. H. Higgs,	Palestine,	2
James Harrison,	Pinafore,	6
G. D. Harrison,	Cool Springs,	3
Robert Slye,	Cherry Lane,	5
Spencer Harrison,	Charlotte Hall,	5
James T. Ward,	Charles,	3
W. D. Burroughs,	Piney Grove,	1
Edward Shaw,	Percy,	8
J. L. Alvey,	Bachelor's Hope,	4
J. W. Dixon,	Hope,	3
T. Canter,	Chance,	6
W. H. Alvey,	Whitely Hall,	1
J. M. Woodburn,	No Name,	8
Columbus Harrison,	Lost Cause,	3
John Barber,	Red, White and Blue,	1
Winfield Smoot,	Faith,	2
Samuel Harrison,	Will If I Can,	2
George W. Lyon,	Heights,	1

The knights were now drawn up in front of the stand and the judges announced that there was a tie between the Knights of Percy and No Name for the Queen and First Maid of Honor; also a tie between the Knights of Pinafore and Chance for the 2nd and 3rd Maids of Honor, which should be ridden off with one ride for each until decided. This was done amid much interest and enthusiasm, there again occurring a tie twice between the two former knights and once between the two latter, which finally resulted in the Knight No Name achieving the first honor, Percy the second, Chance the third and Pinafore the fourth. The knights were now again marshaled in front of the stand and the Judges announced the result and the honors to which the respective successful knights were entitled. The garlands not having yet arrived; it was determined and announced that the coronation ceremonies should take place at night in the ball-room. It being 4 o'clock, the company separated to meet again later in the evening. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the excellent and graceful horsemanship and martial bearing of the officers and men. The riding was all superb and some of the knights would have done better but for the unmanageable nature of their steeds. No fee was charged for admittance on the grounds. The company assembled at night in the ball-room, when the coronation ceremonies were proceeded with. Knight No Name, having achieved the first honor, selected Miss Eliza Alvey, of St. Mary's, as Queen of Love and Beauty; Knight of Percy crowned Miss Maggie Estep, of Baltimore, 1st Maid of Honor; Knight of Chance having won the 3rd honor, bestowed this emblem of his valor upon Miss Avvie Tippett, of St. Mary's, as the 2nd Maid of Honor; Knight of Pinafore crowned Miss Mary Dent, of Charles, 3rd Maid of Honor. The taste and judgment displayed by the knights in their selection is entitled to the highest commendation, the Queen and her Maids forming a galaxy of beauty, refinement and intelligence seldom equalled and probably never excelled by those of any previous similar occasion in the county. Refreshments, etc., were bountifully supplied free of charge, and the dance with its attendant enjoyments was kept up until a late hour, when the company separated to dream of the pleasures of the past and anticipate others in the future. P.

COMMUNICATED.

Messrs. Editors:—As the time is not far distant when candidates for legislative and local offices will quietly and otherwise solicit the suffrages of the qualified voters of the county, we presume it will not be out of place to mention the names of a few well-known and highly esteemed gentlemen (irrespective of party) who, if they were elevated to the positions named, they would doubtless discharge the duties of the same *in all respects* unexceptionable:

For the Legislature, Dr. James H. Miles, Jos. H. Key. For Orphans' Court, Col. Richard Miles, J. Clinton Bean, Jno. L. Milburn—present incumbent. For Sheriff, W. B. Tucker.

Yours, &c.,
St. Inigoes'

Dyeing.

The old Ayeing establishment, Branch Office 110 W. Baltimore Street, is as ever prepared to do all kinds of work in their line, with neatness, cheapness and despatch. The superior character of their work enables them to please the most fastidious, and save to the frugal many a dollar. The attention of our lady readers is especially called to their Baltimore Branch Office.

Leonardtown Tournament.

The continuation of the late spell of rainy weather up to Tuesday evening last, rendering the use of the beautiful track prepared for the occasion impossible at as early a day as Thursday next, determined the Committee, having the affair in charge, to postpone it until Friday of next week, their desire being to render the entertainment brilliant and enjoyable. Among other arrangements, a gentleman has been sent to Washington to render it certain that the band and other requirements necessary to ensure complete success will not fail in being on hand on Friday, the 5th proximo. See programme, elsewhere published.

Too Much Rain.

A long time ago, we found fault with the weather for being too dry, and this alone has deterred us for many days from speaking of the present rainy season. We do not like to be considered complainers, but really we cannot stand it any longer. We have had too much rain. The tobacco crop is nearly drowned, the corn crop much damaged and a learned friend of ours over the way is now positive there will be a famine.

Concert at the Factory.

We are authorized to state that there will be an entertainment at the Clifton Factory on Wednesday, the 3rd of September next, which will consist of vocal and instrumental music, to be followed by a Supper and Dance, the proceeds to be applied to fitting up a Hall on the Factory Lot. Concert at 4 o'clock. Admission to Concert, 15 cents—Supper 25 cents.

Festival

A Dinner and Supper will be given at Bethel church, near Budd's Creek store, on Thursday, September 11th. A special invitation to all. Further particulars in next issue.

"Life at Leonardtown."

From last Friday's issue of the *National Republican*, we extract the following notice of "Life at Leonardtown," taking occasion to thank the writer for the complimentary mention he makes of our paper:

"Here in this quaint town, with its delicious zone and chivalrous people, am I located, gaining health and avoirdupois and getting renewed strength from the genial co-partnership. Attractive scenery, pretty girls, and a refined, hospitable people, with a salubrious, invigorating atmosphere pervading the year around, are the incentives to invalids and seekers for pleasure to locate here. And they are irresistible. True, Leonardtown is not patronized by the Vanderbilts and Astors of the country, but it is the resort of many well-to-do people gifted with hard common sense, if not plethoric financially. The Steamer John W. Thompson, with nearly 300 excursionists, arrived here to-day and received every attention from the citizens, and were most courteously received and hospitably entertained. Many located at Moore's Hotel, a very good one, but by far the greatest number sojourned at Fenwick's, where the *cuisine* was unexceptionable. The excursionists were of a far better class than generally go upon such, and they all speak in the highest terms of the manner in which they were entertained by the officers of the Thompson, and have expressed a wish for another trip of the same kind, which will, I understand, be given in about two weeks. The Leonardtown BEACON is the only paper published here, and, aside from its Democratic proclivities, is very ably conducted and fair to its political opponents. The Republican party in this country is well organized, and not having any bar or obstruction to the exercising of the elective franchise, polls a heavy vote."

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

MECHANICSVILLE, August 26, 1879.

Messrs. Editors:—It has seldom been our pleasure to attend any merrymaking, at which there was so much enjoyment, and at which every thing went off so pleasantly, as at the juvenile tournament and ball at Mechanicsville on Monday last, the 25th instant.

Most of the young people of the village and assembled at the fine residence of F. D. Adams, Esqr., about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Shortly after fifteen young knights in handsome costume and bearing themselves in knightly manner were presented to the judges by their efficient young Marshall, Master John S. Barber, and addressed by W. R. Barker, Esqr., one of our young villagers, at present a student of Medicine.

At the close of Mr. Barker's speech the tilting commenced and was continued in a very spirited manner for more than an hour, the knights, though so young, contending for the honors with as much eagerness as we have witnessed in those of maturer years. We regret we did not obtain a full list of the knights and the result of the tilting but we can state, we think, from memory those who were successful. The first honor was won by the knight of Locust Grove, Master Gomie Higgs, who chose Miss Amie Barber as Queen of Love and Beauty. The knight of Cedar Lane, Master Baker Herbert, chose Miss Kate Adams first Maid of Honor. The knight of Mechanicsville, Master Allie Adams, chose Miss Minnie Adams second Maid of Honor, and the knight of Hillilee, Master Milton Higgs, chose Miss May Ballenger as the third Maid of Honor.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the dancing commenced. The Queen and her maids and the young knights in their costumes, and indeed all the young people, presented a fine appearance on the floor and danced with a grace and elegance hardly to be expected from those so young. We sometimes observed some of the grown people on the floor who, we suppose, could not resist the temptation to crowd in and join in the dance. The refreshment tables were well filled with good things which seemed to be keenly relished.

After the dancing, which was kept up to a late hour, was over, the company retired to their homes, well pleased and truly grateful to the managers who had so well conducted the entertainment. OBSERVER.

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Children's Boots	10 to	150

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(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

ST. INIGOES', Aug. 25, 1879.

A colored tournament took place on the premises of Mr. J. Frank Smith, in St. Inigoes' Neck, on Wednesday last, August 20th, in which ten knights participated. There were about 150 people present, including many whites. Considering the ground not being in good condition, owing to the late heavy rains, the riding was excellent. The officers were—Marshal, Mr. Attz. Bennett; Herald, Mr. Columbus Bennett; Judges, Messrs. James Roach, J. N. Langley and W. W. Sandy. The knights were handsomely dressed. The knights, after making some arrangements with the Judges, were brought in line by their officers and marched to the Judges' stand, and fronting it, were, in the absence of an orator, addressed by Mr. James Roach, which they all hailed with much delight. They then marched down the track and the riding commenced at 11 o'clock, sharp, and resulted as follows:

KNIGHTS.	RINGS.
Jerusalem, Robert Thomas,	10
Southern Beauty, G. Jackson,	4
Yankee Doodle, Jacob Bloode,	3
Ladies Choice, Jake Jones,	11
Maryland Cross, Aaron Whalen,	1
St. Inigoes' Neck, George Carroll,	2
South Carolina, Henry Self,	5
Uncertainty, Thomas Hawkins,	9
Ladies Manor, John Bush,	4
Susquehanna, F. Smith,	2

The honor of crowning the Queen was won by Jacob Jones, who crowned Miss Laura Forrest. The 1st Maid was won by Robert Thomas, who crowned Miss Eliza Jones. The 2nd Maid was won by Thomas Hawkins, who crowned Miss Nelly Jones. The 3rd Maid was won by Henry Self, who crowned Miss Mary Ann Parr. The whole affair attracted great attention. The Ball took place in a building on Mr. A. C. Tyler's farm. All enjoyed themselves and retired home early in the morning well pleased. SPECTATOR.

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Grand Tournament and Ball

AT

LEONARDTOWN,

FRIDAY, Sept. 5th,

Under the auspices of the St. Mary's Reading Room and Debating Society.

ORATOR:

JNO. H. MITCHELL, of Charles county.

JUDGES:

Col. Jno. H. Sothoron, John H. Waters,
R. H. Garner, Dr. James Thomas,
Col W. W. Wood, Isaac Solomon,
Wm. M. Corcoran, J. J. Allstan,
J. T. Parsons.

Chief Marshal: J. Parran Crane.

Assistant Marshals: O. G. Hayden, J. D. Loker.

Heralds: George R. Garner, J. Thos. Brome.

Managing Committee:

John A. Camalier, John F. Fenwick, Herbert F. Moore, J. Frank Smith, George Blakistone, J Parran Crane, W. V. Waters.

Committee of Reception:

Robert C. Combs, James H. Wilson, Wm. J. Edelen, Joseph S. Allstan, B. H. Camalier.

Floor Managers:

J. Frank Ford, George Blakistone, Herbert F. Moore.

An invitation is extended to knights from other counties.

Entrance fee for knights, $2 50, including admission to Ball.

Tickets to Ball, admitting gentleman and ladies, including refreshments, $1 00.

Gentlemen desiring to ride are requested to address George Blakistone, Esqr., Secretary of the Committee, on or before Tuesday next, 2nd proximo.

A band from Washington has been engaged.

The knights will be marshaled at 1 o'clock precisely—tilting will commence immediately after.

☞ Knights are requested to appear in costume as far as possible. Aug 21, 1879.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

J Mitchell Hebb and Virginia, his wife,
vs.
Walter H J Hebb et al.

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, sitting as a Court of Equity.
No. 475 N. E.

ORDERED this 11th day of August, 1879, that the Auditor's report, filed in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 2nd Monday of September, 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 2nd Monday of September.

J FRANK FORD,
Clerk.

True copy—Test:

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