

Local Dottings.

Christmas.

Following a precedent of over twenty years standing, we shall publish no paper Christmas week.

Land Sale.

R. C. Combs and Camille & Abell, trustees, sold at public auction on Tuesday last "Brothers' Endeavor," containing 119 acres, more or less, for \$338.

An effect existing without a cause is an impossibility; tickling in the throat, hoarseness of the voice, violent coughing, etc., are the effects of a severe cold.

Christmas Entertainments.

A free entertainment will be given at Mt. Zion on the 29th Dec., 3 o'clock, P. M., consisting of recitations by Miss Kittie Bedie, of Keyport, N. J. Music and a treat to the Sabbath School.

Exchange of Property.

Mrs. J. J. C. Guy has exchanged a farm called "Brooks Chance" in the 6th election district, with Mrs. Sallie E. Graves for a lot and two dwellings in our village.

Disturbance.

Some sailors, who visited our Town on Tuesday last, and who had imbibed too freely, made night hideous for a while by their noisy demonstrations, and there was a disturbance for a time growing out of an assault by one or more of them on a citizen of the county.

Refractment of Handbills.

Suppose that the owner has a right of property in his poster or handbill, just as he has in other property that he owns. If this be so, there must be a remedy somewhere in the law for the wanton destruction or disregardment of this species of property.

Harvest.

We learn that the store of Mr. J. C. Howard, at Cox's Station, in Charles county, was burned on Saturday night last. The fire is supposed to have originated from the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

Meeting of Ex-Confederates.

The proposed meeting of St. Mary's Ex-Confederates, referred to in a former issue, will be held on Tuesday next, the 27th inst., in Leonardtown, when a Constitution and Bye-Laws for the government of the organization will be submitted and officers elected.

Reported Illness of Dr. Spencer.

We are in receipt of the Lynchburg Daily Advance, of the 6th instant, in which it is reported, that the condition of Dr. Frank Spencer, formerly of this county but for many years past a successful physician of the former place, is critical in the extreme and that, from the complication of his disease, there are but slight hopes of his recovery.

Non-Receipt of the Beacon.

We learn that only half of the Beacon papers of Thursday's issue was received at the Head of the Bay Postoffice last week. The Beacon papers for that office are put up in two packages, their number being too large to be securely packed in one, and are numbered 1 and 2 on the outside to arrest the Postmaster's attention and to guard against misadventure.

Minor News.

A fire took place a few nights back at the residence of Dr. Sutton in the 6th district which in one time promised destructive results. It occurred in the bed-chamber of the Dr., where a fire had been built preparatory to the retirement of himself and wife.

Petition to Revoke Election.

The petition following, which was addressed to the venerable Christiana patron of little children, "wherever he may be," and which was arranged on its way to the Postoffice last night, though not written for the Beacon but intended for publication, is published verbatim, and published by us, first, because our paper is the friend of little children, and secondly, because it is the recognized organ of King's Kings and the only medium through which he can be reached in this latitude.

Dear Father, the big children, all around here.

Have been telling the little ones, you won't come this year. That you are growing old, we too many and bad.

And lots of things that make me feel real bad. So I thought I would just send a few lines to you.

To inquire if this can really be true. For I've been put to bed at dark, week after week.

With the cry, "now go to sleep, Harry, and mind don't you speak."

For really and truly if you are a bad boy, Old Kris will not bring you one single toy.

So I shut up my eyes and brush away the tears.

And think, oh! the trials, we boys have to bear.

And they say we are too many, well that may be so.

But whose fault is that? I'd like to know! To be sure I'd get more if I were the only one.

But it is nice to have brothers, we have so much fun.

And you are growing old? why I've often been told.

That good hearts and kind hearts, never grow old.

Then you have your reindeer, so true and so fleet.

They stop not for rain, if the wind or the sleet.

And when you get here if you feel a little wrong.

Why Pa has the medicine, that makes you feel strong.

Now Kris, let me whisper so softly to you And tell you exactly, what I'd have you do.

Just give me and Leslie and dear little Nancy.

All kinds of good things you think we would fancy.

Don't forget the pretty books that every one enjoys.

And the pistols and fire crackers that make so much noise.

But those are ones, give them nothing at all.

And I guess in the morning they'll wish they were small.

And had not grown so smart and so old; Oh, say! but won't they feel awfully sold!

I have lots of little cousins and friends around town.

Who go to bed early with never a frown: The girls are over and over so sweet.

And the boys, I tell you, are hard to beat; Don't forget them, they all love you, indeed very dear.

And are also very fond of good Christmas cheer.

Well, good-bye, hurry up, pray do not tarry.

And be sure not to forget, your friend, little HARRY.

Fun for the Boys!

There will be a Grand Magic Lantern Exhibition held at the Court House on SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 31st. Doors open at 7 and the performance to commence at 7:30 o'clock. Admittance, 25 cents.

Commissioners' Court.

The Board met Dec. 12th at the Almshouse and on the following day at Leonardtown, present, Leach, Canter, Sherman, Blain and Jones. Henry Carberry, Messenger. Contracts for painting and spouting Almshouse were awarded respectively to John Ibric and S. E. Viet, the former at \$60, the latter at 12c. per foot, 10 inch spouting. Medical bill of A. J. Spalding for 1881, \$82 50, passed, also, the following road reports: James M. Wilkinson, \$14.00; J. F. Dent, \$72.65; W. T. Mills, \$10.75; B. Jones, \$37.50; R. L. Watts, \$10.00; T. Dent, \$18.50; J. M. Lawrence, \$0.00; G. P. Leach, \$33.00; J. Cooper, \$4.25; E. R. Evans, \$5.00; T. Dent, \$7.75; J. S. Johnson, \$4.00; A. Burroughs, \$31.13; W. J. Aud, \$15.00; W. J. Wathen, \$14.75; J. B. Davis, \$36.00; A. J. Blain, special services, \$7.00. On motion, the Board adjourned until the 2nd Tuesday of Jan., 1882. It is understood that on and after Dec. 24th, inst., the office of our County Fathers will be kept open each day of the week, except Sunday.

Death of James Dillaway.

Before it was even generally known that he was unwell, our community were shocked to hear of the death of the gentlemen whose name heads this notice. This sad event occurred on Sunday last at his residence, near this village after a few hours illness. Mr. Dillaway was engaged to a late hour Saturday evening with his farm work and was apparently in the enjoyment of his usual vigorous health when he returned to his dwelling for the night. So on after, he was attacked by severe internal pains, which increasing, about midnight he sent for Dr. Spalding, who promptly responded to the call. Relief was given, but it proved only temporary, his complaint being invagination of the bowels, and the patient lingered on in great suffering until 11 o'clock, Sunday morning, when he died. Mr. Dillaway was a skillful farmer, a man of indomitable energy, of upright character, and on all subjects he ever showed the courage of his convictions. His death will prove a loss to the productive interests of our section.

Death of Charles H. Dougherty.

The death of Charles H. Dougherty, a native of this county, where he was born over sixty years ago, is announced in the papers. Mr. Dougherty died in Piquemine Parish, La., on the 15th instant, and his remains were subsequently conveyed to Baltimore City, where his funeral took place from St. Agnes Hospital on Tuesday last. Mr. Dougherty was a noted man. Commencing life in humble circumstances, his energy, business capacity and probity of character soon obtained for him the favorable notice of the world, and he accumulated before middle life a large property, which he continued to hold, we learn, to the close of his life. He was conspicuous for his kindness of heart, sympathy for the unfortunate and for his almost regal charities. Besides other valuable properties, he was the owner at his death of the fine estate of Bushwood on Whooton river in this county, the ancient homestead of the Howden family.

At this bilious season the system needs cleansing to ward off the dreadful fevers attending an early attack, and nothing can do it more efficiently than J. H. Lane's Ast-Bilious Bitters, manufactured by W. R. Thornton, Baltimore, Md. Sold by all druggists \$1 a bottle, or 25 cents a package.

The Contested Election Case.

The Circuit Court for this county met on Monday last, with a full bench, to hear the contested election case of John F. Fenwick vs. Wm. J. Wathen, the preliminary proceedings in which were instituted during the late December Term of the Court, and published by us in a former issue of this paper. The grounds of contest were, briefly stated, irregularity in the appointment of Judges of Election of the 1st election district of this county, by the County Commissioners, and the fact that the contest was held at the time of his alleged election the office of Collector of Taxes for the 2nd election district, which in the view of the contestant was obnoxious to that clause in the Constitution which provides that no person shall hold more than one office of profit at one time. The charge of irregularity in the appointment of Judges of Election was based upon the fact, as disclosed by the evidence introduced by the contestant, that on the 11th day of October last, when the County Commissioners met for the purpose of appointing Judges of Election for the respective election districts of the county, they appointed one Alex. Beale a Judge of Election for the 1st district in place of Wm. E. Pembroke, who had formerly been Judge, but was disqualified by being a candidate at the late election. Later in the session of the same day, the Commissioners, without formally by resolution rescinding the appointment of Beale, appointed Jas. A. Tensison to the same place. The attorney for contestant claimed that the appointment of Beale gave him a vested right in the office of Judge of Election, which could not be disturbed by any subsequent action of the County Commissioners, and that consequently the appointment of Tensison was illegal and that he had authority to set as a Judge of Election, and that his acting as such invalidated the election held in that district. The evidence also disclosed the fact that the contest was held at the time of his election as Sheriff, the office of Collector of Taxes, that he offered his resignation of the latter office, but that the resignation was not accepted by the County Commissioners, and that he now held both offices, which holding of the two offices, it was claimed by the contestant's attorney, was prohibited by the Constitution of this State.

The counsel for contestant claimed that Beale never was appointed by the County Commissioners Judge of Election for the 1st district, but that he was merely suggested and that Tensison was the real appointee; that the Clerk of the Commissioners issued the warrant to Tensison and that the record of the proceedings of the Board shows that Tensison, and not Beale, was appointed; that although the Commissioners may have determined in the earlier part of this session to appoint Beale, it was competent for them at any time during the session to reconsider their determination and to make any other appointment they might deem best; that the appointment of Beale was incomplete, inasmuch as no warrant was issued to him and no record of his appointment made in the proceedings of the Board. Upon the point that the contestant held two offices, the counsel for contestant claimed that the office of Collector of Taxes was not such an office as it was intended by the framers of the Constitution to prohibit a person holding another office from holding.

After able arguments by B. G. Harris, Esq., Attorney for contestant, and Messrs. Hammett and Combs for contestee, the case was submitted to the Court.

Chief Judge Frederick Stone then delivered the decision of the Court, in substance as follows: The Court stated that they were here to hear the testimony in this case and to decide whether or not Wm. J. Wathen, the contestant, was elected to the office of Sheriff of St. Mary's county at the election held in this county on the 8th day of November last, and only that. Whether it was competent for him to hold two offices of profit or trust was a question which they were not called upon to determine under the proceedings in this case. That was a question which was not involved in this case, but one which must arise in proceedings for Mandamus or Quo Warranto.

The holding of another office clearly did not render the contestant ineligible to the office of Sheriff, and the question as to whether it disqualified him from holding said Sheriffalty, did not enter into the consideration of this case, as they were only to determine whether or not he was duly elected Sheriff. So that, that allegation in the petition of the contestant was disposed of. In reference to the charge of irregularity in the appointment of the Judges of Election of the 1st district, the Court stated that to constitute such an appointment three essentials were necessary, first, the selection of the Judge by the Commissioners, second, the recording of the appointment, and third, the issuing of the warrant by the Clerk to the person so appointed. The warrant was never issued to Beale, nor did the record of the proceedings of the County Commissioners disclose the fact that he had been appointed Judge of Election, and whilst the Commissioners may have determined at one time to appoint him, it was competent for them at any time afterwards during the session to rescind his appointment and to make any other they deemed proper. So that the appointment of Tensison was a legal and valid one, and he was duly authorized to exercise the functions of Judge of Election for the 1st district.

Here Mr. Harris, counsel for contestant, interrupting the Court, asked leave to file an order dismissing the petition, which was granted, thus disposing of the case.

Judges Stone and Crook bear their new honors with becoming dignity and grace, and the clear, lucid and forcible manner in which the first named delivered the decision of the Court in the above case, gives evidence that the mantle of his predecessor has fallen on worthy shoulders, and that the ermine is not likely to be soiled whilst he wears it.

Right Prices for Holiday Novelties.

In dealing with C. N. Oehm & Co., Pratt and Hanover Streets, Baltimore, you deal directly with the manufacturer, and save on clothing, a Jobber's profit. Please remember this when you want of boys', men's or children's suits. But one price and one profit.

Teeth extracted without pain, with the use of gas, by R. M. Hanson, Dentist, Mechanicville. Will visit any residence when desired.—D&S.

Frazier Axle Grease.

One greasing with the Frazier Axle Grease will last two weeks, all others two or three days. Try it. It received first premium at the Centennial and Paris Exposition.

The great superiority of DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP over all other cough remedies is attested by the immense popular demand for that old established remedy.

DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP

For the Cure of Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Croup, Asthma, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Incipient Consumption and for the relief of consumptive persons in advanced stages of the Disease. For Sale by all Druggists.—Price, 25 cents.

NOW The Largest Retail Clothing House in the State. THE NEW YORK ONE-PRICE Clothing House, 182 and 184 West Baltimore Street.

This immense establishment has been rebuilt and enlarged at an enormous outlay, making it equal to any house in the Clothing Trade in America.

OUR MEN'S CLOTHING OUR MEN'S CLOTHNIC OF THE MOST SUPERIOR KIND IN CUT, MAKE AND FIT.

Our Youths' Garments, Our Youths' Garments, Elegant in Style and Grand in Taste.

Our Children's Suits, Our Children's Suits. HAVE NEVER BEEN EQUALLED.

This house has always been noted for its moderate charges and good work.

NEW YORK ONE-PRICE Clothing House, 182 & 184 West Baltimore Street. Salesman from this section, E. N. FREEMAN. Oct. 1, 1881—Stow.

RESIDEN By the bait some of the worded advertisements, ments to offer and the tion of buyers. We say to The Season is best and most attractive, we will sell at positive stores will ask you. We have a lot of which are elegantly made, goods, that we

AT COST! TO CLO Our Stock M The GREAT REDUCTION at business boom. READER TAKE A We have only a short time left to tion of buyers to Our Elegant Goods Latest Sty Ext AND POSITIVE GUARANT YOU PAY US ONLY THE MANUF O. N. OEHM & Baltimore,

COOKI S T For Wood or guaranteed attended to a specialty. P. H. Oct 20, 1881—7. 223 West NOTICE TO CREDITORS. JUST A full Prints, Dross G which I propose to figures. WM. F. GE Oct 9, 1881. \$70 A WEEK. 2 1/2 make. Quality Tans & Co., Augusta Feb 17, 1881—7.

COOKI S T For Wood or guaranteed attended to a specialty. P. H. Oct 20, 1881—7. 223 West

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 James Carter, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby notified to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers attached thereto to the subscriber, on or before the 15th day of June 1882, they will otherwise by law be excluded from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber. JAS. R. ALVEY.