

Local Dettings

The factors of "Great" and "Small" were received to late for insertion in this week's issue. They will both appear in our next.

As Lent is approaching again, we feel called upon to suggest that, if there is any fun or diversion on hand, it is about time to make some motion to regard to it.

If the weather permits, there will be a most-pleasant assembly of the R. R. and Debating Society at their Hall on Friday night next to meet officers. A full attendance is desirable.

We are unable to ascertain whether the proposed supper for the benefit of the streets of our village has been decided upon or not. It has been adjourned over to a more remote date.

Judge Case is able to sit in bed and is so much improved at latest reports as to justify hope that he will be out attending to business in a few weeks. We congratulate him on his convalescence.

We had the pleasure of a call on Tuesday last from Dr. Latham, of Wrentham, Pa., who is on a visit to his old home to see his mother, who is in failing health. The Dr. looked to be in admirable keeping.

There was a meeting of the School Commissioners, all the members of the Board present, at their office here on Tuesday last. We have no official report of proceedings, but believe that the retiring Board passed over to their successors all the school assets in their charge, and that the latter approved of the same.

Capt. Mitchell, of the Steamer Leda, arrested the Captains of eight or ten dragoons from St. Mary's five or six days ago for violating our laws and handed them over to the civil authorities. The offending parties were fined \$50 each and released. And this leads to suggest, that the way not to break up unlawful drinking is to impose the minimum and not the maximum penalty on these law violators.

We give elsewhere a complaint in regard to the careless handling of our paper by post-office officials, and another has reached us from Morgans. Mr. J. W. Latham writes, under date of the 23rd instant, "that no package of the Beacon has as yet reached this Postoffice." Both the Budd's Creek and Morgans packages were promptly and legibly directed and placed in the Leonardtown Postoffice in proper mailing time on Wednesday last week. All we can do is to re-echo the complaints of our friends and call the attention of the Washington Postoffice officials to these irregularities, which we have already done.

An Interesting Case of Law.

An interesting point of law has arisen in a case before Justice J. P. Morgan, in which a married woman, who has been licensed as a trader, is sought to be bound by contract made by her in the prosecution of such business. The case was elaborately and learnedly argued on Monday last by Robert C. Combs, for Plaintiff, and Daniel C. Hammett, for Defendant, the Justice has reserved his decision.

A Succession of Losses.

A correspondent, writing to us from Millertown in the 7th district, informs us, that Mr. B. H. Swann, of that section, lost on the 9th instant a very fine mare, five years old. Cause of death unknown. During the past five years, the same writer says, Mr. Swann has lost five young horses, an average of a horse a year, and was unable to discover the complaint of which they died. Within the same period, he has also lost forty head of sheep before realizing any profit from them. He is truly unfortunate in stock raising.

Not the Same, However.

The newspapers make mention of an Eagle recently captured, at some point not now remembered, which had been turned loose at Nashville. It seems, and had a streamer, or something of the sort, attached to its neck or legs, bearing the democratic device—"Cleveland for President—Eaton for Vice-President, 1868"—or words to that effect. Well, there is not the bird we are writing about. Ours had not caught and let loose, too, but it had its wings attached to its legs, showing a previous captivity, but there was no device democratic or otherwise, revealed about it, and the whole truth is, that a hawk and measured over four feet from the tip of its wings and was killed a few days ago by young Benj. Greenwell of Medley's Neck and is now in possession of the Beavers.

Mr. Inspectors Items.

Considerable uneasiness of mind exists in consequence of the unfavorable reports concerning the small-pox in Baltimore and Crisfield, as several colored men and boys of the district are employed upon boats that make weekly trips to said places. Fiddlers from the former place have discontinued their frequent trips; and we would advise merchants to exercise judgment and caution as the disease above alluded to is unmistakably a contagious one.

Cold, freezing winter reigns supreme, and we hear of sporadic cases of suffering on account of the want of food and fuel.

"As it was in ante-diluvian times so is it now. Yes, "Marrying and given in marriage" is the order of the day. Even individuals whose heads are replete with "death's blossoms" are contemplating an exchange of their present state for the joys and the sorrows, the bliss and disquietude of a wedded life. Oh! &c.

Wall Regularities.

The following letter will explain itself. Though we dislike to complain, still there are times when forbearance ceases to be a virtue. The Budd's Creek package left this office, along with our other papers, and that it did not reach its destination is apt due to neglect on our part or on the part of the Leonardtown postmaster. We should be sorry to inconvenience our county post-office friends, but if complaints of this kind continue, will have to ask our Representative in Congress to call upon the Post-office authorities in Washington and request that some special inspection in regard to the whereabouts of Budd's Creek P. O. be transmitted to the delinquent P. M. The following is the letter, which we promise, is from a responsible and reliable source:

Budd's Creek, St. Mary's Co., Md., Jan. 18, 1883. Messrs. Editors—I am informed there is a

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Orphan's Court.

The Court met on Tuesday last, presided Judge Wilbur, Vincent and Love. The first case that engaged the attention of the Court was that involving the question of compelling administration on the estate of the late Col. W. W. Wood, in this county. James H. Wilson, Esq., appeared as counsel for Mr. Wood, executor, and argued against the right of authority of the Court to compel administration in this case. He contended that there was no question properly before the Court for adjudication, and as there was no application for administration or complaint from any one interested, no case was presented which the Court could judicially determine. The law only authorized the Court to compel administration ex parte, or on their own motion, on an estate subject to the collateral inheritance tax. This estate, not being subject to that tax, did not come within the provisions of the law. He showed that by the Act of 1813 the power of the Court to compel administration of the estate of a decedent was limited to the executor, his heirs, or assigns, and that the Court had no authority to force or grant administration under the provisions of the Sections and Article above referred to. After full argument by Mr. Wilson, the Court decided not to require or compel administration, and an authenticated copy of the will of the deceased was filed in the Orphan's Court of this county for record. The last will and testament of Albert Bruce, deceased, filed and admitted to probate, and the same will be admitted to probate, and the same will be admitted to probate, and the same will be admitted to probate.

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Our jovial friend, K. B., of Baltimore, with his benevolent spirit, added not a little to our pleasures at the Christmas vacation. Messrs. Albert and Geo. Harrison, of Baltimore, also spent the holidays with us. Quite a brilliant marriage took place at Millford, Md., on the 10th inst. Our esteemed friend, J. A. Smoot, Esq., was married to Miss Fannie Jackson, eldest daughter of the Rev. L. H. Jackson, formerly of Trinity Parish, Ches. Co. A reception was held at the residence of the groom's father on the evening of their return from Delaware. Their wedding tour was a brief one.

Passes.

The second part of "The Belle of Australia" appears in the February number of Ballou's Magazine, and the author, Mr. Wm. H. Thomas, who wrote "The Gold Hunters," "Life in the East Indies," and so forth, appears to have got his hero in a very uncomfortable position, surrounded by policemen, and hard to break. We see no way to escape it, except by the way of an insert, and we do not know which he will choose. Beside the Belle there are such nice matter as The Lakes of Maine, A Fine New Year's Party, Through Faith, The Blood of God, The Path that Leads Me Back to You, The Haven of Rest—Music, Among the Heights, Privateers of the War of 1812, My Little Lark, Early Atlantic Steam Navigation, and the Cruise of the Steamship, The Traying Tree, The Little Coquette, Emmeline's Goodness, Nellie, The Engineer's Story, Between the Mails, The Waves of Old Ocean, Sea-Fare, Home-Flesh, A Battle Bred, Pe-Comk-Tuk, When the Stars are Merry Twinkling, Rathven's Puzzle-Page, The Housekeeper, The Ladies' Own Page, Editorial Notes, Curious Matters, Things Pleasant and Other Wise, Our Picture Gallery.

Open Letter.

Messrs. Editors—To gratify the people in Calvert and St. Mary's counties, who have been sending me urgent requests to "send my medicine to widen their reach." I have taken this opportunity to inform them through your paper that their wishes shall be complied with. I wish to state to those who are unacquainted with me and my medicines, that I am a practicing physician of some ten years experience, a graduate of the best medical College in America and that these most secure proprietary medicines were introduced for public patronage two years ago for the purpose of supplanting some of the worthless nostrums now flooding the markets, and I am happy to say the victory has been gained wherever and wherever these medicines have been introduced. The success of the enterprise from a curative standpoint has winged its way with almost lightning rapidity throughout Maryland and Delaware, and to-day my Ague Bitters or Liver Tonic (composed of the purest herbs combined as to be used without the slightest danger) is pronounced to be, by those who have used them, the most powerful Ague and Liver Tonic ever invented by man. I feel free to say the order of the day, this is no less than one of the most important, because it satisfies a want long felt by the public at large. Although the chill season is passed, yet this medicine is invaluable for consumptive patients, Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Liver and Kidney Diseases. How? The same little living germ called Bacteria that causes Consumption of the Lungs, is also the cause of Chills, Dyspepsia, Liver and Kidney diseases, and Populins and Cichona Alkaloids being the two great remedies that destroy the Bacteria in the Lungs of Consumptive patients, and hence this medicine is used for other complaints than Chills and Fever.

Merchants and Druggists can buy my medicines of the Wholesale Druggists, Baltimore, Md. Truly, &c. Dr. J. KACB TAYLOR, Oxford, Talbot Co., Md.

[Local Correspondence.]

Mechanicville, Jan. 20, 1883. Messrs. Editors—Since the beginning of the New Year, we have had severe weather, and judging from present ominous appearances, we are destined to have much more before the final break up for rural weather. The snow fall of the sixth and seventh was heavy, measuring in many places several feet. Traveling was greatly impeded, and those who were destitute of good wood-piles and sufficient means, must have suffered severely. All who wish to perform charitable acts, and I trust there are no exceptions, are here reminded that a time more opportune could not be selected.