

Saint Mary's Beacon.

LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY Morning, April 7th, 1887.

THE NEWS.—Elections were held Monday last in the State of Michigan and in the cities of Cincinnati and Cleveland. In Cincinnati the vote was very close, but the republicans beat the labor candidate by a small majority. In Cleveland the democratic ticket was successful. In Dubuque, Iowa, the ticket of the Knights of Labor made a full sweep.—Owing to the expense of the Hagerstown encampment, the State troops will be expected to pay their own transportation to Baltimore on the occasion of the law parade in May.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)
WASHINGTON, April 4, 1887.

Messrs. Editors.—The Postmaster at Washington, who has held office ever since the administration of President Arthur, and drawn the lucrative salary of \$4,000 a year, is getting very uneasy lest in the early days of the spring he will lose his much sought after position. The rumor is that the President has instructed the Postmaster General to inform him of all the Presidential postmasters holding over from the last administration, with the view of calling for the resignations of the some 350 Republicans that their places may be filled by good and patient Democrats. There are over 2,400 of these offices within the gift of the President, and the fact that all except 350 are filled by sturdy Democrats makes it look as if President Cleveland is a pretty good Democrat, no matter what has been charged to the contrary.

The Interstate Commerce Commissioners are all here and have organized by electing Judge Cooley, chairman. The first thing they did after assembling in our snow enveloped city, after paying their respects to the Chief Executive, was to call upon the Secretary of the Interior and be sworn into office. The Comptroller of the Treasury has ruled that no officer of the Government can draw pay for the office to which he is appointed until he takes the prescribed oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and so the Commissioners draw pay from last Thursday, and not from the time of their appointment. Many people are asking whether the Commissioners will have to pay their railroad fare out of their salaries, or will have it paid out of the appropriation for the running expenses of the Commission. The question is an important one as the Commissioners will have to travel a great deal, and the railway fare would be a pretty big item to take from the \$7,500 a year salary. The best opinion seems to be that it will be paid out of the appropriation for the expenses of the office.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Colman, has just returned from Louisiana, and is delighted with his reception there and with the prospects of an increase in the yield of sugar. He says that he never knew what Southern hospitality was until his trip south. He was dined and wined from the time he entered the boundaries of the Sunny South until he left them on his return home. He says that if he is as successful as he expects to be in the experiments conducted under his direction, the sugar trade of the country will be revolutionized, and there will be a saving of 40 per cent. by the new diffusion process. When that day comes we may expect to have not more than ten per cent. of adulteration in our sugar, and there will be no necessity of fighting for the annexation of Cuba.

There has been a very heavy discharge in the Government Printing Office this week necessitated, partly by the reduction in work since the adjournment of Congress and partly to make room for appointments. The discharges would have been made earlier but for the fact that the employees have been paid monthly owing to peculiar wording of the law, which forbids the Government Printer drawing money from the Treasury oftener than once a month for the pay of the printers, and as Congress did not adjourn until the 4th of March, the force in it to be kept until the end of the month, when the money could be drawn to pay them. The discharged men made about three weeks on Uncle Sam in that way. Hereafter, under an arrangement between the Government Printer and the Comptroller of the Treasury the printers will be paid every two weeks.

One day this week five ducks were found lying dead at the base of the Washington Monument. One of them was found cut nearly in two as if cleaved by a razor. It is supposed that the early morning being cloudy the ducks lost their course and blindly dashed against the monument with such force as to be killed, and the one found cut in two struck the platinum point on the monument which cut it in twain. The ornithological branch of the Agriculture Department has on record numerous instances of birds killed by dashing against lighthouses, and has in its museum many rare species of birds killed in that way and forwarded by the light-house keepers to the Department, but the above is the first known instance of birds or fowls being killed by dashing against the monument.

A MYSTERIOUS ANIMAL.

The Deadly Visits of a Cloven-Hoofed Non-descript which is Terrorizing Our County.

From MORNING HERALD.

The citizens of Milestown district and the surrounding country are in a state of great excitement and alarm. Children are not allowed to go to school on foot or horseback without the company of some farm hand or house servant. Women keep indoors and are even afraid to go to their spring-houses alone. In the fields where the spring plowing is now going on, men carry their revolvers, and no one dares go through the timber in that section without being armed with a heavily loaded gun. The general appearance of things reminds the older citizens of war times, when everybody was on the lookout for danger and little crowds of men stood in the stores discussing "the situation."

This state of things has been brought about by the frequent appearance in our midst of a strange and vicious animal whose visits to the farmyards and fields of several of our citizens have been attended with a

SERIOUS LOSS OF STOCK.
In some instances the strange beast so frightened those who saw it that they were powerless to attack and drive it off and have not as yet recovered from the shock of their great fright. The animal has been seen by more than a dozen persons of good standing in the community whose reputation for veracity is good, and whose word cannot be questioned.

From all the information your correspondent can gather he has learned that this animal is as large as a yearling calf. It is covered with a sort of dark wool, and on its rump, sides and shoulders there are spots of a larger size than ordinary sized breakfast plate. The wool is not short and curls like the coat of a sheep, but hangs in strings like wool on the pelt of an Angora goat. Its tail drops the ground, and is bare except at the tip, where there is a tuft of woolly hair that has become so hard and matted with burrs and twigs and rotten leaves it has the appearance of a solid mass of some hard substance. The animal is said to have used its tail with deadly effect on the sheep of one of our farmers, thrusting it through the air and breathing to death the object of its attack with a single blow. Its neck is short and thick, and its mane, also short, is not woolly like its coat, but hairy and stiff, like the bristles of a boar. Its head is so large in proportion with the rest of its body, and tufts of hair hang from the corners of its mouth and give it a ferocious look, especially when it shows its formidable rows of teeth, two of which are tusks that protrude the sharp points from its closed lips. Its eyes are prominent, and at the base of a pair of horns that spread out and inward and again outward, until they reach a length of about two feet. One of them has been broken off near the end and has a rough and jagged point. The hoofs are sharp and cloven like a cow's.

THIS PECULIAR CREATURE
was first seen by William McKay, who, at present is canvassing this county for a Rochester nursery and seed house. Early last Monday morning as he was driving on the Milestown road he heard a tremendous noise in the bushes about 25 yards in front of his buggy, and a moment afterward the terrible beast, leaping a high fence sprang into the middle of the road. Mr. McKay says his mare stopped as soon as she saw the animal and began to tremble all over and shed big drops of perspiration. The beast stood in the middle of the road for more than a minute, and Mr. McKay, who appears to be a nervous man, had a good long look at it, and it is from him that your correspondent gets the larger part of the description sent you. The beast eyed Mr. McKay's turnout, stamping the ground all the time with its front feet, whipping the air with its tail and shaking its head from side to side as if in a great rage. Finally it tossed its head upward and, giving a loud snort, wheeled around and charged at the fence again, crashing through the underbrush. Mr. McKay says he would have given the animal a shot, but his mare became so unmanageable that he had to run away, and that he could do to hold her, and that as soon as it disappeared she broke and fairly flew down the road. Mr. McKay turned her into the lane that leads to Mr. Peter Rankin's house and succeeded in stopping her at the gate.

Mr. Rankin's family were in a state of great excitement that was materially increased by the arrival of Mr. McKay. From the account of Mr. Rankin it appears that early in the morning when his hand Louis, who is a Swede, went to the stable to feed he heard a commotion in the sheep pen, and thinking it might be a sheep-killing dog, he went there in time to see some huge animal beating about among the sheep with its tail and kicking them with its front feet. Louis yelled out loudly, and the beast jumped the fence, and running across a plowed field soon disappeared in the darkness of the early morning. The Swede went back to the house, and with Mr. Rankin, again visited the pen, where they found six sheep whose bodies had been crushed into a pulp. They next visited the barn, and in a little shed that had been battered down during what must have been

A GREAT STRUGGLE.
they saw the carcass of a Durham bull that had been crushed by its owner. The poor animal was gored fearfully in its belly and its ribs had been broken into fragments. The head was mashed in, and in its dying struggles the bull had wrenched the iron chain from its nostrils, leaving its chain dangling from the trough. Mr. Rankin's loss is considerable, as his animals are all thoroughbred stock. Nothing more was heard of the creature after his visit to the Rankin farm until Wednesday morning, when it jumped into the cowpen on the farm of Mr. Richard Garner, near Milestown. Major Daniel Shanks, who related the incident to your correspondent, says that it created the wildest confusion among his hands by its appearance. Some of them were milking at the time the beast leaped into the yard, and were overcome by fright at the visitation they were speechless. The animal knocked the cattle about, goring slightly some of the cows and kicking others. The milkers tumbled over their stools and remained on the ground until it had disappeared, when they arose and ran into the house. Major Shanks says from what he learned the hands agreed in saying the animal looked like a huge ram with white feet, dark in color and covered with white spots. An attempt was at once made to track it, but traces of its trail were lost for the time being, and the searcher returned to Mr. Garner's. Several other persons have seen this singular creature in the timber, one of them a colored man named Isaiah White, a wood-chopper at work on the Laxme estate, who was frightened almost into convulsions by the sight and who can give no accurate description of it. Certain it is that the country is infested with a dangerous beast, and the sooner we are rid of it the better for the safety and tranquility of all. Organized parties are at present searching the entire county of St. Mary's on foot and on horseback. The men are well armed and are familiar with the timber and secluded recesses in the neighboring hills. One of these parties, hearing that the beast had been seen on Col. Dent's farm, visited his fields early yesterday morning, and, mistaking Dr. Pinkney Blackstone (who had been visiting a patient) in the dark for the object of their hunt, were on the point of shooting him. Fortunately that gentleman made his presence known and thus averted what might have been an awful tragedy.

RENEW YOUR LICENSES.

Traders, keepers of Ordinaries and others, are hereby notified, in pursuance of "Code of Public General Laws and the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided," to take out and renew their licenses, on or

Before the first day of MAY, 1887, as the failure to do so by any will subject the said licensees to the penalties imposed by the laws of the State, which forbid all persons from bartering or selling goods, wares and merchandises, without having obtained a license from the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

J. FRANK FORD,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
St. Mary's county.

FOR THE CONVICTION of those desiring to take out or renew their licenses which expire on the first day of May next, I will be prepared to issue the same on or after the 15th day of April, upon compliance with the provisions of the laws of the State relating thereto.

J. FRANK FORD, Clerk.
April 7th, 1887—td.

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April 7.

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LOT NO. 10.
1 set Hubs, up to 5 in. dia. 1 set Hickory Rims, 1 to 1 1/2 inch. 1 set Hickory Spokes, 1 to 1 1/2 inch. Price.....

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1 set Hubs, up to 7 in. dia. 1 set Hickory Rims, 1 3/4 to 1 7/8 inch. 1 set Hickory Spokes, 1 3/4 to 1 7/8 inch. Price.....

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1 set Hubs, up to 9 in. dia. 1 set Oak Rims, 1 7/8 to 1 7/4 inch. 1 set Oak Spokes, 1 7/8 to 1 7/4 inch. Price.....

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

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By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in a cause in which Robert C. Coomes, guardian to Louis C. Springer and others, is complainant and Adam S. Wible and others are defendants, the undersigned, Trustee, will offer at public sale, at the Court House door in Leonardtown, on

TUESDAY, the 12th day of April, 1887,

between the hours of 12 o'clock, M., and 4 o'clock, P. M., the following described real estate whereof MARY V. WIBLE died seized and possessed. All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the second election district of St. Mary's county, containing

203 Acres, more or less,

and called and known as

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The improvements consist of a comfortable DWELLING

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OUT-BUILDINGS in good repair. The land is well fenced in good state of cultivation and is convenient to churches, schools, wharves, etc.

TERMS OF SALE,

as prescribed by the decree, are:—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the balance in two equal installments in one and two years, the credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by the bonds or notes of the purchaser with security to be approved by the Trustee.

ROBERT C. COOMES, Trustee.
March 17—ts.

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On after Wednesday, March 9th,

STEAMER THEODORE WEEMS

Will leave Pier 8, Light Street, every Saturday and Wednesday at 6:30 A. M., for Fair Haven, Plum Point, Governor's Run and the Patuxent River as far as Benedict. Returning, will leave Benedict every Monday and Thursday at 5:30 A. M., Millstone Landing at 10 A. M., Soterley at 8 A. M., Governor's Run at 12 M., Plum Point at 1 P. M., and Fair Haven at 2:30 P. M. for Baltimore.

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HENRY WILLIAMS, Agent.
Office, 428 Light Street.
Feb. 24—f.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, Md., February 22, 1887.

ORDERED by the Court, That Victoria Coode, Executrix of

ANN M. TURNER, late of St. Mary's county, Md., deceased, give the notice required by law to the deceased's creditors to exhibit their claims and that the same be published once a week for six successive weeks in the St. Mary's Beacon. Test: **JAS. T. M. RALEY,** Register of Wills for St. Mary's county.

NOTICE.

In pursuance of the above order, I hereby give notice that I have obtained from the Orphans' Court of St. Mary's county, Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Ann M. Turner, 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 24th day of April, 1887, they will otherwise be excluded from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

VICTORIA COODE, Executrix.
Feb. 24, '87—6w.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, Md., February 22, 1887.

ORDERED by the Court, That Danl. C. Hammett and Ellen R. Fenwick, administrators of John F. Fenwick, late of St. Mary's county, Md., deceased, give the notice required by law to the deceased's creditors to exhibit their claims and that the same be published once a week for six successive weeks in the St. Mary's Beacon. Test: **JAS. T. M. RALEY,** Register of Wills for St. Mary's county.

NOTICE.

In pursuance of the above order, we hereby give notice that we have obtained from the Orphans' Court of St. Mary's county, Maryland, letters of administration of a part of the personal estate of John F. Fenwick, 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 10th day of Sep., 1887, they will otherwise be excluded from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers.

DANL. C. HAMMETT & ELLLEN R. FENWICK, Administrators.
March 10th, '87—6w.

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.

Messrs. Editors—If Mr. B. HARRIS (CAMALIER) will consent to be a candidate for State's Attorney at the coming election he will be supported by many a tinner throughout the county and especially by

March 24. St. Inigo's District.

FOR COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

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March 31, '87. J. T. BALLINGER.

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.

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