

# Saint Mary's Beacon.

LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY Morning, Dec. 5th, 1887.

The first session of the Fiftieth Congress opened at noon yesterday. In the Senate, all the newly-elected Senators were sworn in except Mr. Faulkner, of West Virginia. In his case Mr. Hoar objected for the time being to administering the oath, but gave assurance that the committee on elections would give prompt attention to the West Virginia case, in order that the gentleman entitled to the seat might enter on the discharge of his duties as Senator. In the House, the democratic caucus nominees for the various offices were elected, and Speaker Carlisle delivered an appropriate address. Committees were appointed from both houses to wait on the President and notify him of the organization of Congress.

The subjoined memorial is to be presented to the incoming Legislature by Mr. William H. Thompson, of Baltimore. We give space to it because our people are greatly interested in this question and we desire to keep them informed as to whatever action it is proposed to take.

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of Maryland.

Your memorialists respectfully represent that they are citizens of Maryland whose fortunes are bound up in the prosperity of the State; that the oyster interest in this State is second only to that of agriculture; that eleven counties of the State are interested in the oyster fishing, and a large portion of their population derive their support directly from their earnings from the public oyster grounds of the State; that at different points in the State, and especially in the City of Baltimore, large capital is invested in the enterprise of canning oysters, which industry alone supports more than one-tenth of the entire population of the State; that large areas of the State along the water are devoted to the cultivation of fruits and vegetables, which are put up in cans and sent into the markets of the world, thus affording remunerative return for the labor and land employed; that the success and profit of the industry of canning fruits and vegetables are dependent on the employment of the same capital, plans and labor in the winter season in the oyster canning industry, and that without the latter the former would be soon crushed by competition from various other parts of the country, that the Chesapeake and its tributaries afford conditions of soil, water and climate most favorable to the production of the finest oysters of the world, and the investigations of science show that there are one thousand square miles, or 640,000 acres of land under water in Maryland capable of producing the finest oysters in the greatest abundance and for the least expenditure of time, labor and money; that this great resource of the State which ought to be preserved and transmitted to our posterity as a great common of fishery to be enjoyed by them as a nursery and maintenance of free laborers—working for themselves without an employer and without wages—but entitled to, and enjoying all the profits of the product of their labor as long as the tide ebbs and flows and as long as the winds blow.

This great treasury of the State is being rapidly and surely depleted and destroyed by the manner in which it is now being abused. The demand for oysters has expanded with the extension of railroads, and Baltimore oysters are now used all over the world. The keen competition for them thus excited impels those who take them to extra efforts, and the quantity taken every year is only limited by the ability of those who seek for them. Our national oyster beds are ransacked from the beginning to the end of the season; many of them are now utterly destroyed, and the rest will in a few years, follow, with the decision of a law of nature to hasten the extinction of the oysters of the Chesapeake. The young oysters are taken in the Spring, exported to Northern waters, and there planted and thus tend to establish a rival industry which will, in a few years, supplant our own. Thus while we rely upon the operation of nature to supply the demand made upon our store of oysters for consumption, for manufacture and for foreign planting, and while we open our fisheries to all of our citizens under certain regulations and resolutions, we utterly neglect to assist nature to restore the waste of consumption. The oysters are going as the bison, the deer and the salmon have gone before, and the present generation will

see the oysters of the Chesapeake utterly extinct unless an entire change is made in the manner of treating them.

When they are all destroyed capital will come in and purchase the privilege of raising oysters, and the people will lose the inestimable right of free fishery, which in Maryland ought for all future time to afford a means of support for a race of hardy and honest free laborers who call no man master, who pay themselves their own wages with the product of their own toil.

We represent to your Honorable Body that prompt and efficient steps necessary by you to avert this impending and certain calamity. We believe that we ought, with Virginia, to retain for our own people the monopoly of the oyster industry on this continent. You can do it for the people of Maryland, the legislature of Virginia must protect their own people. We urge you.

First. To prohibit and prevent the exportation of seed oysters from this State. The bill entitled "An Act for Preservation of Oysters and to Regulate the Planting and Taking of the same in this State," prepared and presented by the Maryland-Virginia Oyster Exchange of Baltimore City to the last General Assembly of this State, was an effort in this direction, which we commend to your favorable and prompt consideration.

Second. To provide State aid toward replenishing the exhausted or declining oyster beds of the State.

The commercial and agricultural interests of the State have been assisted by grants of millions of dollars—this great interest has been permitted to languish until it is about to perish for want of protection and assistance. We pray you to afford both promptly.

An appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars, to be expended by competent authority in planting the seed oysters of the State in beds which need replenishing, will afford a market for seed oysters prohibited from being exported, and will rapidly restore the State oyster beds. A tax per bushel on oysters planted by the State and taken from the beds by our own people will repay the money expended in seed and furnish a fund which if honestly guarded and expended, will, in time, produce immense areas of productive oyster beds for the use of our own people. We therefore, pray you to pass laws.

Third. To prohibit the exportation of seed oysters.

Fourth. To appropriate a sufficient sum to purchase seed oysters and plant them on the public oyster beds and grounds of the State.

Fifth. To permit the privilege of taking State planted oysters only to our own citizens upon a payment of a tax per bushel upon oysters actually taken.

Sixth. That the fund thus raised be applied first to repay to the treasury the sum advanced for the planting of oysters, and second be kept as a perpetual trust to keep replenished and in good condition the public oyster grounds of the State.

And as, &c.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1887.

Messrs. Editors—There has been such a decided change in the personnel of the Senate since the close of the last session of Congress that it will seem like an entire new body to those who have been familiar with its appearance for several years past. Fifteen new faces will appear at the desks at the opening of the session on Monday next. The contest for seats began several months ago, and Captain Bassett, who has attended to the seating of Senators for many years, has had a decidedly difficult task upon his hands in convincing each one of the seventy-six Senators that his particular desk is by far the most desirable one in the room. As a rule the newly elected Senators, who come to the Senate for the first time, are obliged to content themselves with back seats, as they find that all the most desirable ones have been assigned.

In the House of Representatives, upon the other hand, all of the seats will be allotted for, so that the new member may secure the most desirable seats in the house, in case he is so fortunate as to secure the first choice.

The parties will be much more evenly balanced in both the Senate and House of Representatives than they were in the last Congress. The Republicans will have a smaller majority in the Senate, and the Democrats a smaller majority in the House. In the Forty-ninth Congress the Senate had forty-one Republicans and thirty-one Democrats, with Mr. Riddleberger as an Independent, but generally voting with the Republicans upon party questions. In the coming Congress the Senate will be composed of thirty-eight Republicans and thirty-two Democrats, with Riddleberger still an uncertain quantity, and in a position which will enable him to pro-

duce a tie upon any question upon which there may be a party vote.

The last House of Representatives was composed of one hundred and eighty-five Democrats and one hundred and forty Republicans, while in the next House there will be one hundred and sixty-eight Democrats and one hundred and fifty-three Republicans. Thus, although the majority will be much reduced, it will be sufficiently large to enable the Democrats to organize the House.

Each succeeding Congress has some peculiar feature in its make up which has been the subject of comment. Thus Congresses have been noted for the number of bald-headed members, others for gray heads, &c., and there can be but little doubt that distinguishing feature of the Fiftieth Congress will be the number of red-headed members included. It is claimed that by actual count there are no less than thirty-seven red-headed Members in the city at the present time, without counting the large number of sandy and light colored heads, which would ordinarily pass for red. It has been suggested that the entire number be sworn into office at the same time, and should this course be decided upon, it would well be worth the while to be present in the galleries, in order to note the effect produced by the arrangement about the desk of the speaker of such a halo of red.

The reassembling of Congress will find the west front of the Capitol blockaded by building material used in the work of reconstructing the stairways. A temporary passage has been left among the huge blocks of stone and towering derricks, by which the building may be entered through a narrow doorway in the sub-basement. The work upon the new marble terraces has not been so far advanced as it had been expected, owing to a failure upon the part of the contractors in delivering the marble as fast as it has been needed.

The old Ford's Theatre building, in which President Lincoln was shot, and which has since been used as an Army Medical Museum, has been closed to visitors, and a card upon the door announces that the "museum is being moved." A large force is engaged in transferring the skeletons and anatomical specimens to the rooms recently fitted up for their reception in the new Museum and Library building in the Smithsonian Institution grounds. The Army Medical Library, consisting of more than one hundred thousand volumes, has already been removed to the new building. This library is believed to be one of the most complete and valuable medical libraries in the world, and the desire upon the part of the Government to avoid the possible danger of loss by fire, led to the passage by Congress of an act providing for the construction of the new building, which will be strictly fire-proof. It has as yet not been determined as to the use to which the old theatre building will be put in the future.

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DIED.

Died, at the residence of her husband, near Chaptin, ANNA J. wife of Geo. W. Morgan, aged about 75 years.

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J. BEAN TIPPETT. Dec. 5, 1887—2t

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