

From the Baltimore Sun.

Wednesday, February 10, 1892. Thousands of dead fish are reported in the bay.

Natural flowers seem to be taking the place of expensive cards for St. Valentine gifts.

A report was received in Annapolis that a dredger had been killed in a fight with the State police in Herring bay.

Judge Dennis decided that the French spoliation award passes to the next of kin of the original claimants.

John M. Williamson, colored, editor of the Raleigh (N. C.) Gazette, announces himself as a candidate for Congress. He says his platform will be compensation for ex-slaves, as proposed by President Lincoln, who, at the time he made his famous proposition, admitted that they were the lawful property of those claiming to be their masters, and proposed to pay \$300 each for them, liberate them and stop the war.

In the United States Senate, yesterday, an adverse report was made from the finance committee on Mr. Stewart's free coinage of silver bill. Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to prohibit the coming of Chinese into the United States.

In the House a bill was reported from the committee on currency to promote the safety of national banks. Mr. Watson, of Georgia, introduced a bill which is an indirect blow at the Pinkerton detective force. The House passed the bill placing the Secretary of Agriculture in the line of presidential succession after the Secretary of the Interior.

LEGISLATIVE.

Everybody at Annapolis is now in favor of tariff reform, and Mr. Laird's resolution will pass without opposition.

In the Maryland House of Delegates, yesterday, Mr. Collins's resolution on the taxation of mortgages was disposed of unfavorably. The Governor will, it is thought, give all three of the appointments for tobacco inspectors to the tobacco-growing counties of Southern Maryland.

The judiciary committee of the House heard two delegations in regard to the proposed changes in the Sunday law, one delegation favoring and the other opposing the changes.

Baltimore merchants asked the Governor's influence in securing legislation compelling railroads to permit Western and other passengers the privilege of stopping off in Baltimore.

Mayor Latrobe and other members of the World's Fair executive committee appeared before the finance committee of the Senate and argued in favor of the appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose of State representation at Chicago.

Governor Brown was almost overwhelmed with delegations. He sent to the Senate lists of appointments of justices, registers, election supervisors, notaries public, oyster measurers, etc., for Somerset, Queen Anne's, Anne Arundel and Garrett counties.

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A dog tax is asked for in Charles county to reimburse owners of sheep killed by dogs.

Secretary Blaine made an emphatic denial of the rumor that he was about to retire from the cabinet.

Democrats of the sub-committee of the ways and means committee have reached a substantial agreement on the provisions of the wool bill.

France, Italy and Sweden have been selected as arbitrators in the dispute between the United States and Great Britain, growing out of the Behring sea seal fisheries.

An interesting interview with Senator Kenna, of West Virginia, is published in The Sun's Washington special. He thinks Mr. Cleveland or some man outside of New York will be the democratic nominee on a tariff reform platform. He does not think Senator Hill stands the slightest chance of being nominated.

Four anarchists who led the attack on the city of Xeres, Spain, were publicly executed in that city by the garrote, an instrument of death used in Spain. The garrote is a brass collar, which is contracted by means of a screw in the back. As the screw is turned the collar shuts upon the neck of the condemned person and at the same time a sharp-edged steel point on the screw enters the spinal marrow where it joins the brain, causing instantaneous death.

LEGISLATIVE.

Members of the Senate expressed themselves strongly in favor of Mr. Laird's tariff resolution.

Mr. Collins has introduced a bill providing for the taxation of mortgages.

The hearing of the Talbot-Bird contest for the Calvert senatorship was concluded.

A number of Senators and Delegates in interviews with a representative of The Sun declare themselves opposed to any gas legislation at this session.

The Governor is in favor of a liberal appropriation for the World's Fair.

Mrs. Brown gave a reception at the executive mansion.

The Senate finance committee gave a hearing to the delegations in the interest of appropriations for institutions for the insane and feeble-minded.

Governor Brown had a large number of visitors, most of them intent on office for themselves or friends. The Governor gives notice that he will not receive any delegations or petitions nor file any applications for office after Friday. He sent in appointments for Allegany, Calvert, Talbot and Charles counties.

In the Maryland House of Delegates Mr. Laird's bill prohibiting the use of free passes by members of the Legislature and State officials came up as the special order. It had been reported unfavorably by the judiciary committee, and Mr. Laird's motion to substitute the bill for the unfavorable report was defeated by a large majority.

INFLAMMABLE GOODS.—"My business here is to sell things," remarked a middle aged salesman to his friend, as he made a memorandum of a cash sale in his book; "and of course I expect to sell whatever goods people ask for, if have them in stock. But I do wish they wouldn't come here and buy Canton flannel for curtains and draperies. There is nothing that I sell that makes me so uncomfortable as this. I have had some frightful experiences with these goods, which I suppose have made me unusually nervous about them. There is nothing in the whole range of dry goods so inflammable as the fine grades of Canton flannel. I have had the house set on fire repeatedly because some one lighted a lamp in the vicinity of a Canton flannel drapey. I used to be very fond of this sort of goods, but there is nothing that would induce me now to put up a yard of it in my house. If you want to understand the occasion of my fears, just take a bit of the stuff and hold it near the flame of a lamp. The blaze will travel over it faster than a prairie fire. I have sometimes thought I would positively refuse to sell the goods, but people want them; and I suppose no one would thank me for advice on the subject.—New York Ledger.

NOT TO BE CAUGHT.—The sentiments cherished by many colored citizens toward the medical colleges, numerous in Washington, are well known. Among other remarks current is a tale which credits the 'night doctors' with a diabolical scheme whereby a rope is lowered from upper windows, with a grappling attachment, by means of which passers by are drawn up into the dens of the unknown terror.

Some medical students amused themselves the other night with a colored man, who came with a message to some one in the college. The messenger stood in the middle of the street, calling loudly for the object of his visit. "Oh, no. I reckon not. Don't ketch me in dar. I knows better," he responded to the invitations to enter from a knot of fellows in the doorway. Two or three students edged down the sidewalk and began to execute a military movement, as though to surround the enemy. When the colored man saw dark forms creeping up in the moonlight he rent the atmosphere with a wild yell of terror which might have aroused the sleepers of the Congressional cemetery, and shot up the street into darkness like a comet with a tail of shrieks.—Washington Post.

A NATURAL INQUIRY.—There were only two people in the saloon at that hour besides the white apron behind the bar. One of them was three-fourths drunk and four-fifths asleep in the corner, and the other, with a blistering red nose, was pacing up and down the sawdust in front of him. He followed the movements of the walker with half open, unsteady eyes for nearly half an hour and then he called the bar-keeper. "I shay, barkeep," he muttered as that gentleman came over. "I shay." "Well, what is it, drunkie?" inquired the barkeeper pleasantly. "I shay, how long thash torsh light p'chesun goin' t' be marshin' through hree? I wan' t' go t' shleep."

It is said that the ear is the most useful organ for the identification of criminals. No matter how much the criminal distorts his features when placed before the camera the ear remains an organ possible for identification.

It is good news that an investigation of the Pension Bureau is at last to be undertaken in earnest by the Democrats of the House. It is one of the worst scandals of the Harrison Administration that a discredited politician like Raam should have been retained as the head of this important department of the Government after conclusive evidence of his gross unfitness for the place had become public, despite all the efforts at concealment and whitewash. An official exposure of his misdoings ought to force action even from a President who does not believe in dismissing a man when he is 'under fire.' An equally searching investigation ought to be made into the no less notorious and discreditable management of the Census Bureau by Porter. That shrewd spoilsman has done his best to avert trouble by giving a good many Democratic Senators and Representatives slices of the 'pork,' but we shall not believe until we are forced to do so that a House with a Democratic majority of 150 will let off a Republican rascal because he has been in cahoot with so many Democrats.—N. Y. Post.

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