

At latest reports Hon. James G. Blaine was still lingering between life and death.

Ohio's first and only Democratic electoral vote in 40 years, was last Monday cast by Mr. James P. Seward.

Road making and a reassessment of property are now the chief topics of discussion in our State. The way to reassess is to reassess.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the State Road Conference now in session in Baltimore may evolve some practical and useful proposals and that some attention may be paid to their suggestions.

Recently an attempt was made to rob the safe in the famous New York prison—the Tombs. The burglar or burglars not only broke into the prison, but came near carrying off the safe. No arrests have been made.

At a late hour our attention was called to an article in the Baltimore American by E. B. Abell on our county roads, and as it will be of interest to many of our readers, we make space for it on our editorial page.

The Presidential Electors chosen at the recent election met at the different State capitols Monday last, and cast 276 votes for Cleveland and Stevenson; 144 for Harrison and Reid, and 24 for Weaver and Field. The Democratic majority of the electoral vote was 108.

ROADS IN ST. MARY'S.

Mr. Enoch B. Abell, of St. Mary's county, writes to the Baltimore American as follows:

The people of this section of the State are beginning to be interested in the movement now being inaugurated for better public roads. They have so long stood the bad system of repairing roads that they had almost settled down to the inevitable. They now hail with great interest any movement looking to their better condition. For many years they have been in the past, the work in this county (St. Mary's), has been devoted alone to repairs. No permanent or lasting improvement has been attempted. The roads, by local act of the Legislature, are entirely under the control of the board of county commissioners, who have never as yet had any organized system of improvement, or even repairs. They have generally made repairs to the roads through the agency of supervisors, appointed by them for a term of two years. Under such a system politics must necessarily enter into it, and it is not far from wrong to say both political parties parcel out the roads to persons as a reward for political services, without, in many cases, regarding the qualifications of their appointees for such work.

To say that we have at times horrible and impassable roads is but putting it mildly. It has been said "the bottom" has dropped out of some of our roads many years ago, and that the holes have been filed up with brush. The county commissioners spend annually on our roads about \$5,000, but this amount, expended as it is, only makes the roads passable in summer and impassable in winter. When winter comes all heavy draught-hauling is suspended, and light vehicles can scarcely pass over many of the public thoroughfares.

During the spring, after the freezing and thawing, the roads begin to settle and improve. During the summer they are fairly good, except for occasional wash-outs from rain storms. This improved condition is not the result of repairs by supervisors, but in spite of them, and, as it is said, "the roads mend themselves." At this season few repairs are attempted, and when fall and winter comes they cannot be repaired effectively. This reminds one of the story of the "Arkansas Traveler," who being asked why he did not shingle his roof, replied; "It is raining now and I cannot do it, and when dry weather comes it does not want it."

The people here are beginning to advocate a plan of repairing and making public roads on some scientific plan and business principle divorced from political influence.

The expense would be great, but a bonded debt to run twenty years would suffice, thus making those who get the benefit of better roads in the future contribute proportionately for their cost. The people want the roads made permanently good so far as that can be done, and not this annual outlay for temporary purposes. The roads should not only be properly drained and graded, but should be gravelled or shelled under some good system. This would cost a large amount at first, but the country would be largely benefited in the end.

There can be no question of the ultimate good resulting from such a system, not only to the social advancement of the people, but in the increased value of real estate. The value of many farms in this county over three miles from navigable water is heavily discounted by the frightful conditions of the public roads. No land buyer will purchase a farm here in winter after traveling over the public roads to inspect it.

There are some here who favor the idea of the general government taking charge of the public roads, and petitions are now in circulation to this end which have numerous signers.

To sum the whole matter up, it can be said that the people here have long since voted the present system a dismal failure, and are looking anxiously for some materialized movement which will make the public roads passable and endurable throughout the entire year. It is hoped that the convention to be held in Baltimore on the 11th, 12th and 13th instant, will recommend some plan which will be approved by the next legislature. The Breton's Neck Farmers' Club, and other farmers' club in the county, will send three delegates to the convention, thus showing that the people here are alive to the movement.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

From the Baltimore Sun.

Friday, January 6, 1893.

The War Department is preparing to check the Mexican revolutionists in Texas.

The sentence of Wm. Douglas Cross, who was sentenced to be hanged in Washington to-day, was commuted by the President to imprisonment for life.

Republican members of the United States senate held a caucus and appointed committees upon Western senatorial contests and order of business.

Intimate friends of Mr. Carlisle were in New York yesterday and said that the Senator will be the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Whitney declared to a reporter that he will not be in the cabinet.

Governor Brown will not consider the Stevenson Archer pardon case while the bondholders' suit for the Archer balances is pending.

Quarantine preparation against cholera are being mapped out for the Delaware and Maryland peninsulas.

The burning of the Allegany county court-house at Cumberland was caused by a defective flue and the loss is \$30,000, insured for \$20,000. The land and wills records are considered safe, as they were in fire-proof vaults.

Saturday, January 7, 1893. Governor Chase, of Indiana, who will retire from office next Monday, sent his message to the Legislature yesterday. He declares the new tax law a success.

The application to Governor Brown to commute the sentences of the boys convicted of the murder of Dr. Hill is producing great excitement in Kent county. Many citizens of Chestertown will leave the town at the time of the execution.

It is reported that Gov. James S. Hogg and ex-Gov. John Ireland, of Texas, have formed a combination to defeat Senator Roger Q. Mills for re-election.

Capt. Stewart H. Evans, of the oyster schooner M. E. Dennis, charged with cruelty to his crew, was released on \$1,000 bail by Commissioner Bond for the action of the United States grand jury.

Flora Fontaine, colored, died in Charleston, S. C., Thursday, at the age of one hundred and seventeen years. She was taken to South Carolina a slave at the age of fifteen and has lived in Charlestown ever since.

Monday, January 9, 1893. A number of leading men were in consultation with Mr. Cleveland Saturday.

Mr. Harry thinks the democrats will certainly have the Senate.

Governor Brown visited Chestertown jail on Saturday and examined the Hill murderers.

The confirmation by the Senate of Judge Louis E. McComas's nomination is now assured.

It is proposed to establish in Washington a home for disabled Confederate veterans and for the widows of veterans.

Commissioner Bond reserved his decision in the case of Walter Sikes, colored, charged with cruelty to the crew of the schooner Lucy P. Gallagher.

Tuesday, January 10, 1893. One-fourth of the typhus cases in New York are fatal.

A man in Philadelphia sought a divorce from his wife on the ground of cruelty to him.

New trials were refused Howard J. Schneider, and Frederick Barber, colored, who were convicted of murder in Washington.

The oldest postmaster in Maryland is said to be Mr. Joseph Chaney at Bristol, Anne Arundel county.

Ice has closed up a large part of the Patuxent river and the steamboatmen do not care to send their vessels out.

At Annapolis, yesterday, Governor Brown presented to Commander Leary, U. S. N., the gold watch voted to him by the Legislature of Maryland for gallant conduct at Samoa.

A statement that Judge McComas was connected with the National Investment Company will be investigated before the nomination of the judge is acted upon.

The Hill murderers view their approaching execution with indifference. The sheriff is summoning his posse for the protection of the jail. Citizens are reluctant to serve. The execution will take place after noon on Friday.

Capt. Edward H. Evans, of the oyster schooner Lucy E. Gallagher, was released on bail by Commissioner Bond for the action of the United States grand jury on the charge of cruelty to his crew.

DIED.

On the 4th inst., in Baltimore, Md., Mrs. MARY A. SHANKS, daughter of the late Col. Wm. I. Blakstone and widow of Robert M. Shanks, in the 62nd year of her age.

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FRIEND.

Departed this life, December 29th, 1892, ROBBIE SLYE, the only child of Charles F. and Maggie L. Bowling, aged 1 year, four months, 4 days.

"He is not dead—the child of our affection, But gone unto that school [of] Zion. Where he no longer needs our poor protection, And Christ himself doth rule."

GRANDMOTHER.

At "Coles" Patent district, Tuesday, January 10, 1893, of pneumonia, JAMES FORKREST, aged about 44 years. May be rest in peace. The funeral will take place to-day, Thursday, leaving his late residence at 10 o'clock, a. m. Pall bearers: Messrs. Thomas Parsons, James T. King, George Hutchins, John Buckler, Hilary Parsons, Daniel Johnson.

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And that unless cause be shown in writing to the contrary on or before the 9th day of January, 1893, the license applied for will be issued, provided the applicants comply with the requirements of law. JAMES J. GREENWELL, Clerk Circuit Court, St. Mary's county, Md. Jan. 12—24

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All who are owing back taxes to me must settle at once. W. W. CECIL, Collector. Dec 22 92—2f

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Thomas H. Wood, surviving Executor of W. W. F. Wood, vs. William C. Henderson, Susan R. Henderson.

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, sitting as a Court of Equity. No. 728 N. E.

Ordered this 2nd day of January, 1893, that the Auditor's Report, filed in the above cause, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 5th Monday of January, 1893, provided a copy of this order be published in the St. Mary's Beacon once a week for three successive weeks prior to the said 5th Monday in January.

JAMES J. GREENWELL, Clerk. True copy—Test: JAMES J. GREENWELL, Clerk. Jan 5—9.

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