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Through a bar, er of broken telegraph and telephone poles, wash-out railroads and highways, swollen to raging seas, says the Sun, not much definite communication has been had with the flood-swept cotton-mill belt of Spartenburg county. Enough is known, however, to state that possibly 150 persons lost their lives in the avalanche of water that thundered down the Pacolet river, and that the damage to mills, homes, buildings, railroads and generally will amount to \$3,500,000 at a conservative estimate.

Farmers in many sections of the country are beginning to face the usual serious proposition of scarcity of help in the cultivating and harvesting of their crops. Notwithstanding advertisements are run in the city papers daily asking for help, the demand is twice the supply. Men who are idle in the city seem to have no desire to go to the farms for work, regardless of the fact that a good home, plenty to eat and reasonable pay awaits them. And a majority of people lose sight of the principal reason for this state of affairs. The fault to a great extent lies with the young farmers themselves. As a rule as soon as they attain their majority the first thing they think of is to rush to the cities, where, in the minds of many of them, money is plentiful and a gay life awaits them. This reduces the force on the farms and in itself prevents the young men from the overcrowded cities seeking homes in the country. It is hardly to be expected that men from the cities will take kindly to farm life when young men who have been reared as farmers rush off to the cities. The remedy lies with us. Let us make our home life desirable to our young men. Encourage them in their work and offer them every inducement possible. The labor of a son is far more profitable to the sire than the labor of an experienced man from the city. And our young men have a better opportunity of making a name by remaining at home and using industry and thrift than they have in rushing off to the city and becoming a nonentity in a place where there are ten men for every opening. The farm is the best place after all.

COMMUNICATED.

WASHINGTON, June 8, 1903.

The scandal in the Post-Office Department is still holding the boards as the chief attraction in the nation's capital. It has grown to such proportions that some of the republican politicians are beginning to gasp and to ask where it will end and who will be the next victim to land in the toils. The outcome of this thing has verified all my predictions about the rottenness that would come to the surface, if it were pursued to a logical conclusion. Ever since the return of the Postmaster General, who was paralyzed by the revelations that confronted him, he has been doing his level best to cover up the investigation and to suppress it.

The top has only been scratched and the people do not know one-tenth of the corruption that lies beneath. More and bigger scandals are yet to come out, involving officials of high degree, provided they are not suppressed by the administration. It is not likely that the whole truth will ever be known, for even if a congressional investigation were ordered it would be in the hands of the republicans who are interested in suppressing the facts that could be uncovered. The railway mail service offers a fine field for exploration, and if some of the reports are true that are openly talked in Washington, the worst scandal by far has not yet been developed. The Star Route frauds, of malodorous memory, would never have been unearthed, if a democratic Congress had not been elected and the whole truth about present conditions will lie concealed until the voters conclude to give the democrats the opportunity to clean out the Augean stables. Fraud and corruption are rarely uncovered by the political friends of those guilty of the crimes. Aside from this there are so many congressmen either directly or indirectly involved that great pressure will be brought on the honest men to let up for "the good of the party." The truth will be brought out only by the intervention of democratic investigators. The people know how to get them if they want them.

The manner in which clerk Gilmer

duced in salary and placed in a position that he could no longer stick his inquisitive nose in the business of some high officials who were interested in a graft, will be a lesson to other government clerks to keep their eyes and ears closed. They must never see or hear anything that is crooked. That is peculiarly a republican method of teaching honesty in public office.

The Postmaster General "regrets to report" that one of the assistant attorneys in his department has been arrested for boodling. It is also sad to relate that the prisoner charged with the crime is a good republican and was vouched for by that good and great man, Senator Fairbanks. The good state of Indiana seems to be furnishing more than her share of these patriots for pelf discovered in the post-office scandals.

The republican post-office stew is getting thicker by the addition of new ingredients almost every day. It is now reported that a United States Senator is mixed up in a charge of boodling in the interest of one of the get-rich-quick concerns for which he used his influence with the department. Evidently this is what the republicans call "running the government and the country on a business basis."

The manner in which Mark Hanna deftly placed President Roosevelt in a hole the other day is causing amusement here among democrats and consternation among some of the administration republicans. The very next day after the President has issued his official statement that he had never asked any man for help to be nominated, Mark Hanna comes out with the statement that the President telegraphed him that he wanted Ohio's endorsement, and thereby causes him to withdraw all further opposition to such a move by the Ohio state convention. Hitherto no President has made such an open bid for votes, but precedent seems to have no charm for Roosevelt and he no check to his remarkable method of doing things. A citizen of New York, albeit he is President, dictating to the leaders of another state concerning their political action is a new move in politics, and the implied threat that he would consider as enemies those who did not forward his ambition is much below the high plane upon which the President of the United States should stand. What is the meaning of this anxiety to secure delegates so long in advance of the national convention? Public opinion may endorse this open and unseemly fight that Roosevelt is making, but hitherto it has stamped its disapproval of official interference with the free will of the voters. By this action on the part of Roosevelt, all Federal officials are virtually invited, if not ordered, to take an active interest in securing delegates for their chief or to be considered persons non grata and outside the pale of his esteem. If Senator Hanna had called on all the Federal Officers who are under obligations to him, to rally to his standard, what a howl would there have been among countrymen. That would have been called coercion. The President's action is simply the "eccentricity of genius." No wonder Hanna is in a satisfied frame of mind over the turn of affairs; he has forced the President to throw the ethics of Civil Service Reform to the four winds. And yet, we are told that such didoes are making the President extremely popular. Well, let it go at that.

The republican programme for the incoming Congress is to avoid any political legislation and adjourn in May. There is to be no tariff or trust legislation, but a financial bill is to be passed. This certainly is not a strenuous programme. Perhaps this do-nothing policy will prevail and then again perhaps it won't. So long as trust prices and starvation wages are the order of the day the democrats are not going to let up in their endeavors to get at the trust-controlled schedules in the Dingley bill. The republican majority in the next Congress will be about thirty, and if sixteen recalcitrant republicans join with the democrats some of the trust-sheltering schedules will go glimmering so far as the House is concerned, and when the bill strikes the Senate there will be tariff music in the air to which the republicans will be compelled to dance far into the summer. The democrats will have some leadership in the next Congress, and there will be something doing from the very minute the extra session meets in November. Mark the prediction.

Since it seems he has scooped in the whole political pot, why does the President continue to have Gen. Jim Clarkson pursue his work of branding mavericks in the South. With the Post-Office investigation nearing an end, the Iowa idea dead as Hector and the President's nomination cinched, it begins to look as

though the average Washington correspondent would have to go to work.

I have been asked why the name of Mr. William Randolph Hearst, of New York, has appeared so frequently in this correspondence. In reply I will say that it is for the simple reason that he is a democrat who is always doing things and the kind of things that cause comment here in the political center of the nation. He is in the center of the stage; he is in the limelight, and he is performing in a way that delights the democratic heart and makes republicans angry. He is not seeking publicity, for he is one public man in this country who shuns that sort of thing, but he does things that compel publicity of his acts because they have a direct bearing on matters now uppermost in the minds of the people. He is not burrowing in the ground like a mole, he is not groping in the dark for a brick to throw at the enemy, he is walking in the broad sunlight and throwing his lance full and fair in the face of republican cant and hypocrisy and false pretense, republican broken promises, republican advocacy of trust domination, republican tariff legislation that gives special privileges to a few at the expense of the many, and republican monopoly-hugging to the utter disregard of the people's interests. The foregoing reasons added to the fact that this correspondence is written for the purpose of making republicanism detestable and democracy desirable to the voters of this country, explains the frequent mention of the name of William Randolph Hearst. There are many other party leaders I would be glad to mention if they will only get busy.

Here is another Hearst item: He has compelled the republican Attorney General at last to take action against the anthracite coal combine. That republican official positively refused to proceed in any way against this giant trust on the evidence furnished him last fall by Mr. Hearst. Tired of waiting on an official sworn to execute the laws, but who, too evidently was in complete sympathy with the coal combine and its methods, Mr. Hearst asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant him a hearing. It did so, and he proved his every contention to the entire satisfaction of that Commission. The Commission could not compel Boss Baer and his copartners in crime to produce their contracts with the coal roads, and now the Attorney General must, under the law, tardily proceed against the coal combine and go into court in an attempt to make them disgorge their contracts. When they are compelled to do so Mr. Hearst's case will be proven. He was satirized and vilified at the time he fled his charges, but nothing daunted by the cynical insinuations, he has made good. And for this, even his enemies must be willing to give him credit.

I wonder how the old soldiers of the country will feel about it when they know that the present administration of the pension office at Washington is kicking out all the old soldiers who have been employed in that office and replacing them with young men? I am not in the habit of making affidavits to anything I may say, and I do say the above assertion is correct. On one pretext and another the old boys are walking the plank and young men are taking their places. Some of them have years of usefulness yet before them and can perform the work in that office as well now as ever they could and perhaps better, but that cuts no ice with the present Commissioner of Pensions. He evidently thinks they no longer have a political pull in their old homes and can no longer serve the party. At any rate he is kicking them out. How do the old boys in blue like it?

CHARLES A. EDWARDS.

Cuts, Bruises and Burns Quickly Healed.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm is an antiseptic liniment, and when applied to cuts, bruises and burns, causes them to heal without maturation and much more quickly than by the usual treatment. For sale by William F. Greenwell, Leonardtown.

New Advertisements.

FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES. Messrs. Editors—Please announce GEO. B. GARNER as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates, and say he will be cordially supported by the people of the county. June 11—pat

Races. THERE will be a trotting race, best two in three, on the Leonardtown Race Track on July Fourth, at 11 a. m., between Mattingly's Garrison, Vallandigham's Friday and Comb's mare. Also, one running race, half mile heats. Open to any horse bred in St. Mary's county. After the race there will be a "lug of war." Come and enjoy yourself. June 11—34t

Dissolution.

I hereby notify the public that the copartnership heretofore existing between Joseph H. Milburn and G. J. Clements has been dissolved by mutual consent. July 11—m

School Notice.

The Public Schools, White and Colored, will close for the scholastic year June 15th, 1903. By order, GEO. W. JOY, Secretary. June 11,—t.

FOR SALE.

A STOCK OF GOODS, WARES and merchandise of the late Albert S. Beale at Budd's Creek. ROBT. C. COMBS, B. HARRIS CALMALER, Administrators. June 11th

Washington and Potomac Railroad Company.

TRAINS FROM WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE. Time Table: In Effect Monday, June 1, 1903, 6.30 a. m. STATIONS—South. Pas T. Mixed T. Washington (P. W. & B. R. R.) le. 4.50 P. M. Baltimore (P. W. & B. R. R.) ar. 5.30 P. M. New Market (P. W. & B. R. R.) ar. 6.28 P. M. Brandywine (P. W. & B. R. R.) ar. 6.45 P. M. \*Cedarville (P. W. & B. R. R.) le. 6.55 P. M. \*Woodville (P. W. & B. R. R.) le. 7.05 P. M. \*Gallant Green (P. W. & B. R. R.) le. 7.20 P. M. \*Hugheville (P. W. & B. R. R.) le. 7.30 P. M. \*Charlotte Hall (P. W. & B. R. R.) le. 7.40 P. M. \*New Market (P. W. & B. R. R.) ar. 7.55 P. M. \*Mechanicsville (P. W. & B. R. R.) ar. 8.10 P. M. Daily, except Sunday. \*Flag Stations.

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Time Table: In Effect Monday, June 1, 1903, 6.45 p. m. STATIONS—North. Pas T. Mixed T. Mechanicsville leave 5.30 P. M. New Market leave 5.45 P. M. Charlotte Hall leave 5.55 P. M. Hugheville leave 6.05 P. M. Gallant Green leave 6.15 P. M. \*Woodville leave 6.25 P. M. \*Cedarville leave 6.35 P. M. Brandywine arrive 6.20 P. M. New Market arrive 6.35 P. M. Baltimore (P. W. & B. R. R.) ar. 8.26 P. M. Washington (P. W. & B. R. R.) ar. 8.36 P. M. Daily, except Sunday. \*Flag Stations.



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Last Notice. NOTICE is hereby given to all Delinquent Taxpayers for the year 1902, that unless their taxes due and in arrears are paid within twenty (20) days from the date of this notice, with all interest and cost thereon, I will proceed to advertise and sell their property as provided by law, without any levy or appraisal of the same, to satisfy said taxes, interest and costs. J. MARSHALL DENT, County Treasurer, St. Mary's County, June 4, 1903—2nd

RATIFICATION NOTICE. John F. Harris, Admr. B. G. Harris, et al. Eleanor Harris et al.

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, No. 870 N. E. Ordered this 3rd day of June, 1903, that Auditor's Report E, in the above cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 1st Monday of July, 1903, provided a copy of this order be published in the St. Mary's Gazette once a week for three successive prior to the said 1st Monday in July. ENOCH B. ABELL, Clerk. True copy—ENOCH B. ABELL, Clerk. June 4—3rd

Selling Out. Come and Get Your Bargains. Men's Fine Shoes, 98 cents. Ladies' Fine Shoes as low as 65 cts. Men's Good Coarse Shoes, 98 cents; worth \$1.35. Gents' Working Shirts and Underwear as low as 20 cents apiece. Ladies' Vests, 4 cents apiece. Men's Socks, all colors, 7 pairs for 25 cents. Ladies' hose, 6 pairs for 25 cents. Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs, 7 for 25 cents. Clothing is lower now and you can buy 25 cents less on every dollar, so call at M. L. MILLISON'S STORE, Leonardtown.

Mortgagee's Sale

Or Valuable REAL ESTATE in the Second District.

By virtue of authority contained in a mortgage executed by Thomas W. Aud and Jane L. Aud, his wife, to John F. Combs, bearing date of August 23, 1886 and recorded in Liber J. F. F., No. 9, folio 214 et seq. and duly assigned to Robt. C. Combs, the undersigned assignee, will sell at public auction at the Court House door in Leonardtown on

TUESDAY, June 16, 1903, AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

all that tract of land lying in the Second District of St. Mary's county, commonly called and known as

CLARKE'S RANGE,

containing 30 Acres, more or less.

The above property is situated on Blake Creek and is improved by a good dwelling and the necessary out-buildings. Terms of Sale.—CASH. ROBT. C. COMBS, Assignee. May 21—ts

St. Mary's Female Seminary.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES of the St. Mary's Female Seminary, St. Mary's City, will take place on

Wednesday, June 17, 1903, at 2 P. M.

The graduating class will be addressed by DAN L. C. HAMMETT, Esq. The public cordially invited. By order, Board of Trustees, J. PARRAN CRANE, Presd. Jos. H. KEY, Secretary. MRS. LUCY V. MADDOX, Principal.

FOR RENT.

My "Home Farm" for the year 1904. Ample barn room in which to cure tobacco. Excellent tobacco soil, and the land generally well adapted to growing all the staple crops.

Also the small farm adjoining my home place. This farm consists of three fine tobacco lots, two fields and a lot partly cleared, and is improved by a new barn, capable of curing four logsheads of tobacco. For terms apply to

T. HOOPER LYNCH, Valley Lee, Md. June 4m

Treasurer's Notice.

To Taxpayers.

For the purpose of collecting State and county taxes for the year 1902 I will visit the following places: Boston, 6th district, Monday, June 22nd; Jartonsville, 8th " Tuesday, " 23rd; St. Inigo's, 1st " Wednesday, " 24th; Valley Lee, 2nd " Thursday, " 25th; Trice & Hobbs, 9th " Friday, " 26th; Oakley, 7th " Saturday, " 27th; Mechanicsville, 5th " Monday, " 28th; Chaptico, 4th " Tuesday, " 29th; Chapter on County taxes will be charged from September 1, 1902. Office open at Leonardtown "every working day" from 10 a. m. till 3 p. m. J. MARSHALL DENT, County Treasurer. June 4, 1903

J. Turner. E. A. Owens. Turner & Owens. GENERAL Commission Merchants, Pratt & Charles Sts., Baltimore, Md.

For the sale of TOBACCO, GREEN FRUIT, POULTRY, BEES, WOOL, LIVESTOCK and PRODUCE GENERALLY. Special attention given to the inspection and sale of tobacco. Best prices and prompt attention to all business. Members of Corn and Four Exchange, April 2—y

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLUTION. The partnership in the mercantile business at Mechanicsville heretofore existing between John B. Ballenger and J. Frank Dyson, under the firm name of Ballenger & Dyson is dissolved by mutual consent. All indebted to the late firm are requested to make immediate payment. JOHN B. BALLENGER, J. FRANK DYSON. May 21—m

JOHN C. DOYLE, LEONARDTOWN, MD. HOUSE PAINTER AND DECORATOR. Estimates furnished. Let me bid on your work. JOHN DOYLE, Leonardtown, Md. April 19—1ft

Results Tell. WE can sell your farms as we have for many years. We want large and small water fronts, forest farms, timbered or otherwise. Name lowest prices and carefully describe land and buildings. Will buy special bargains. KENNARD & CO., Largest land dealers. April 16—3mt 102 E. Lexington street, Baltimore, Md.

Wanted.—RAILROAD TIES, POPLAR, GUM, PINE wood delivered on shore. Pine may be delivered in Washington. Highest cash prices will be paid. Apply to ROBT. MURPHY, Mr. HOLLY, VA. May 29mp

HORSES and CATTLE for sale at L. DUBOIS, Forest Hill, Mechanicsville. March 19t

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For State's Attorney. Messrs. Editors—Please announce Derby A. Lynch, Esq., as a suitable candidate for State's Attorney, subject to the action of the Democratic Nominating Convention, and say that he will receive the hearty support of the Democrats of the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th districts. DEDMONS. March 9t

FOR COUNTY TREASURER. Messrs. Editors—Please announce in your valuable paper the name of Mr. R. E. H. A. VIET as a suitable candidate for the office of County Treasurer for St. Mary's county. Mr. Viet is a true and tried Democrat and a good man for the position, and will be warmly supported by the 3rd, 4th and 5th districts. VOZNA. March 9t