

Port Tobacco Times

PORT TOBACCO: Friday Morning, August 1, 1873.

Primary Meetings. Our friends should remember that tomorrow afternoon the Primary Meetings will be held, to send delegates to the County Convention on the following Tuesday.

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be found marking his place of burial. Although Charleston appears at one time to have been the legal name of this town, it does not seem to have grown in general use, and the village, from its earliest settlement, has been almost continuously known as Port Tobacco, the county seat of Charles county.

Vacation Season. This is the season when the Public Schools of the county generally are having their interesting little commencements and exhibitions, preparatory to a period of vacation and rest for teachers and pupils.

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A Singular proceeding was reported on Friday in the dispatches from Europe. A Prussian ship, by the order of the German Consul, overhauled a Spanish frigate going from one port of Spain to another.

Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, says the Richmond Whip, arrived in the city Saturday morning. This is General Breckinridge's first visit to Richmond since, as the last Secretary of War of the Southern Confederacy, he left the city at the sad evacuation of April, 1865.

King Victor Emmanuel has been giving a strenuous warning to the French Government against its encouragement to the clerical party, which aims to disserve Italy and overthrow the throne in the interest of the re-establishment of the temporal power of the Pope.

In reply to a committee of gentlemen from South Carolina, who visited Washington to urge a cessation of prosecutions against Ku Klux offenders, Attorney-Gen. Williams replied that instructions had already been issued to stop the prosecutions.

The Baltimore correspondent of the Annapolis Republican writes "that Colonel Woolford will carry unanimously the delegation in Baltimore for his renomination to the office of State Comptroller."

Attempts to form Granges of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry among the farmers of New England have proved almost total failures. Only one Grange is said to have been formed, and that is in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Hon. J. C. Claiborne, late President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, has been elected third Vice President of the New York and Erie Railroad.

B. Everett Smith has resumed the publication of the Worcester Shield, and announces himself as an "Independent Democratic" candidate for State Senator.

President MacMahon, of France, leans strongly to the cause of Don Carlos. He is even reported to be compromised in that direction. But the French President will have enough to do to keep himself in power, without interfering with the affairs of Spain or Don Carlos, and so his sympathies will be of no great practical value.

Mr. Wilbur F. Storer, editor of the Chicago Times, in a card over his own signature, attributes the recent death of his wife to the gross recklessness, carelessness and neglect of her attending physician.

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Mr. Groesbeck's Letter.

Ohio is the land of political utterances and experiments. There was it that poor Mr. Vallandigham prematurely suggested his "new departure." Thence, no doubt, came the impulse, though it encountered very effective local opposition, which sought to force Mr. Chase on the Convention of 1868, an experiment which, in our judgment, would have failed; Grant being our doom. In Ohio was it that "Liberalism" had its short gestation and its monstrous birth. There Greeleyism was born, only to survive its Democratic baptism, and not the diseases of infancy. Ohio claims the recent paragon of the Allen county departure! And now we have Mr. Groesbeck's eloquent and impressive letter of counsel to his political friends, which not only its intrinsic merits, but the pure and high character of the writer widely distinguished from all antecedent impetuosity, such as we have referred to. In saying that this letter is impressive, I do not mean to say that it is so, but that it is so in the eyes of those who are interested in the subject which it treats. It is a letter of counsel, and as such, it is not to be judged by the standards of a speech, or in danger of it. It is a letter of counsel, and as such, it is not to be judged by the standards of a speech, or in danger of it.

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of the law recognized by the Constitution as competent to serve process. And section 8, of article 88, of the Code of General Laws, provides that all writs and process shall be directed to the Sheriff, unless he is disqualified, or unless where by law the process may be directed to another officer. The general law does direct to whom the process issued by a Justice of the Peace shall be directed, for section 4, of article 23 of same Code says, "that every constable shall obey and execute all process directed to him from any Justice of the Peace concerning any matter." etc.

"To entitle any other persons to serve process issued by courts, or by Justices of the Peace, they must be specially empowered by law. Does the 'oyster law' give any such power? The 13th section of the act of 1870, relating to 'oysters,' specially designates the persons to serve process in cases of warrants issued by Justices of the Peace, and it will be seen that the Commander of the State Fishery Force is not one of them.

"The section is in these words: 'Upon information given upon oath to any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction of any violation of any of the provisions of this article, the Justice of the Peace shall issue his warrant for the arrest of the offender or offenders, and the seizure of the canoe, boat or vessel, together with the tackle and furniture on board, which shall be held as a lien for the amount of any fine, penalty or damages which may be assessed against the offender or offenders, and the vessel, canoe, boat or vessel licensed under this article.'

"The commander of the State Fishery Force has no power, therefore, to serve such writs, and an attempt to do so would render him a trespasser. His business is to keep his vessels constantly on duty wherever opposition to the oyster law has arisen or is likely to arise, &c. (Section 35, of 1870.) He is to overhaul and examine all licenses, &c., to arrest all persons found violating, or who may have been guilty of violating any of the provisions of the oyster law, and to seize all boats or vessels, with their tackle and furniture, which may be found on board such boats or vessels so engaged, used or employed in violating the provisions of said law."

"Such is the construction put upon the law by this Board, which was communicated to Capt. Timmons, and if he refused to serve writs his conduct did not sustain a charge of neglect of duty. But the proof shows that he did not notify most of the parties to appear before the Justices of the Peace in Talbot county in the cases which gave rise to this allegation of the Grand Jurors. Some appeared and were tried, others refused to appear upon the notification of Capt. Timmons, which, not being legal, had no effect on the parties charged."

"The charge of using 'his personal influence to shield offenders,' and of using the vessels in his command 'in aiding offenders to escape,' was not sustained by any part of the evidence; nor was there any evidence whatever to show any conduct of Captain Timmons which 'put hindrances or impediments' in the way of the officers of the law in the execution of their duty, or the observance of the law, by giving advice and counsel to the infractors of the law, and showing them sympathy. The only evidence upon which this allegation was based, seems to have been drawn from a remark made by Capt. Timmons to one who had been called to the stand, supposed, excessively, and without proper proof that he had a right to appeal, if he was aggrieved."

"This was only stating to the accused what the law itself guarantees to the party, and what any judge of a nisi prius court would not hesitate to state to a sailor. The testimony, from first to last, simply tended to establish what everybody knows, that dredging upon prohibited grounds continues, in spite of the officers of the steamer and the two sloops; that they are not sufficient in number to guard all points; that the steamer is seen at a great distance, and by watch boats and signals many dredgers avoid detection; but there was no testimony whatever, in the opinion of the Board, to inculpate Capt. Timmons in the slightest degree in a charge of 'neglect of duty,' and the Board, without a moment's hesitation, un-animously acquitted him of the charge."

On Tuesday evening of last week we were suddenly made aware that there was such a place in Southern Maryland—and that those who seek the ancient village of Port Tobacco by rail must get off at Salem. The artistic flourish with which the Conductor made the announcement left no room for doubt in our mind in regard to this suburb of the metropolis of Charles County. A thought occurs to us here, which, for the benefit of the unsuspecting, we will set down: Salem, like many other places, must be seen to be appreciated—the eyesight however must be good or one loses half the benefit.

The occasion of our trip to Port Tobacco was partly to meet old and valued friends—many whose friendship was fostered under far less pleasing circumstances than accompanied our recent meeting—for when we first met 'twas during the stormy days of the last war, to which our sister county sent so many of her brave sons. The first face whose kindly smile greeted us was that of our old Captain, Demont. We found him the same whole-souled, generous fellow, and were happy to see that he wears his years as gracefully as he did gallantly and deservedly his military laurels. Surrounded by those we love and brothers in the "lost cause," we lived over again in a few hours our soldier days. We missed some faces that we shall never see again—the forms of those are sleeping where they died—they made "our country's flag their shroud"—a heart's requiem we drop over their silent and narrow graves.

The primary cause of our visit, however, was to witness the Dramatic Association comedy Sheridan's bright and interesting remedy of the "Rivals" and we were amply repaid for our restless expectation. We have never yet seen it put on the stage by amateurs so well as the costuming were in every respect faultless and the acting very fine. Of course our limited power of criticism renders it impossible to do justice to both actors and acting—but where all did so well it would be superfluous to draw comparison. Our weakness for the ladies renders it of the question to be an impartial judge. One of the main features of the occasion was the music. Prof. Gray with his band were in attendance. Some squibs that appeared in the "Huntingtonian" may have left the impression that the "Charles County Band" was a myth. Such however, is not the case. The Band is an accomplished fact, and the selections as well as their execution were exceedingly fine. A word or two in regard to the town itself may not be amiss. The oldest inhabitant knows nothing of its infancy—and historians differ in regard to the exact location of the Indian settlement, "Port Tobacco," from which the present town derives its name. At the water terminus of the B. & P. R. R., Pope's Creek, may be seen a huge and almost inexhaustible mound of oyster shells. No one knows how they got there—but from time to time relics of the dusty settlers are found at such a depth among the shells that many believe this spot to have been the original site of what is now known as Port Tobacco. The quaint style of some of the out-buildings carry one far "down the corridors of time." That venerable old pile, the "Indian King," tells its story of a day that is dead, and the visitor will hardly imagine that the little stream that trickles past the town is not the relic of a river, or at least a large creek. We were told that ships were loaded here for Liverpool and other foreign ports. A dilapidated and weather-beaten warehouse marks the spot where once all was bustle and energy. No vestiges of anything like wharves are to be seen, and the remains of a pier to be seen in the scene with garments of the past to invest it with anything like business. The reflection is not devoid of its lesson; the actors in those scenes are gone; and their memory almost extinct.

"And the steady ships move on To their haven up the hill— But of a vanished hand, And a sound of a voice that is still."

But the writer of this is far more interested in the present population of Port Tobacco and its neighborhood, than with those gone before. A more generous and hospitable people we never met, and their kindness will long be remembered and gratefully appreciated. We visited the Editorial Sanctum of the "Times," and found it like the paper itself, a marvel of neatness. From its genial Editor and Staff we received a kind welcome. To the "Times-man" on this as on other occasions we are indebted for many kind attentions. We met a young Baltimorean in the village, whose business seemed to have been to superintend the putting into successful operation a threshing machine—the pattern of late and improved design. We were intimate in our school days with one that came from the Emerald Isle—that as a thrasher was a decided success. We were glad to learn that the amount realized by the entertainment amounted to about six hundred dollars, which goes to rebuild St. Thomas' Church, which was burned some years ago. We shall remember with pleasure the bright, sweet faces we met during our stay, and would like very much to put down here our impressions, but will only console ourselves with the idea that "there are feelings that words cannot measure." With many thanks to our Charles County friends for one of the pleasantest visits, we bid them good-bye.

The coming Virginia election is, says the Richmond Whip, "a contest in which Federal politics are not involved; it is a struggle upon the part of the carpet-bagger and negroes to obtain the control of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial departments of our State government.—The result is, therefore, far more important to us than the election of a President, or the triumph of National Democracy, for our very salvation is at stake."

A tournament and trials of speed will take place at Westminster, Md., on the 7th of August. Knights from Baltimore, Harford, Frederick, Prince George's and Howard counties will be present, and also from Virginia. Hon. S. Archer will deliver the charge to the Knights, and Hon. J. E. Smith the coronation address. The first prize consists of a silver pitcher, waiter and goblets, and the second prize of a handsome bridle and saddle.—The festivities will close with a grand ball at Wheeler's Hotel.

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