

Port Tobacco Times

PORT TOBACCO: Friday Morning, September 5, 1873.

DEMOCRATIC AND CONSERVATIVE NOMINATIONS.

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Things Political.

In county politics nothing is doing, quiet prevails as a general thing, and beyond the low toned talk of the busy workers nothing disturbs the calmness of the day. Occasionally little groups of sympathetic friends may be seen here and there, gathered in the Court House yard, discussing the chances of some aspiring friend and urging his claims upon the doubting Thomases, who linger and listen with martyr-like fortitude, to the pious exhortations which are supposed strangely to act with talismanic power on their wavering minds.

The Mails.

Scarcely has the present mail arrangement been sufficiently tested, to prove agreeable and convenient to our people, than we hear rumors of an intended change. This time it is reported the mails will soon be brought down on the evening train, instead of the noon-day train, as is now the case.

Deaths of News.

Since the taking place of the recent executions, by hanging, the Baltimore city journals are as dull as a country paper's devil. No news, no startling intelligence to vary the dull monotony of the summer months' existence. From the watering places and summer season resorts come occasional literary flashes about fashion and society, gay men and fast women, the tidy coats and tiny tucks of Cockney swains, the bonnet, bustles and bathing suits of languishing ladies and the hotel harvests of polite proprietors.

The Needle.

The invention of the needle is ascribed by the best authorities to the natives of India. It was first introduced from that country into England in the year 1485. It was then a very costly instrument. It was not generally used, however, until some fifteen or twenty years afterwards. From that time to this, it has been as extensive a means of employment and support as the plough or anvil, and yet has produced an untold amount of misery. Strange does it seem that a mere line of steel, held in a woman's delicate fingers, should produce such poignant suffering. Yet in great cities—where wealth demands all that ministers to luxury and pride—the needle is a mightier weapon than the sword, and a keener spear. It causes more nerves to quiver with anguish and the death it produces is slow and lingering. With its little arrow of steel, it opens an entrance into the human flesh for almost every form of disease and every kind of pain. It is not alone the fingers and eyes that suffer, but there is a fearful waste of nerves and brain. It bends the chest and stifles the lungs, preparing the way for coughs and consumption. But thanks to the inventive power of human genius and skill, a machine is now taught to do the work of human fingers, and with its swiftness it achieves the labor of many hands. The world-renowned Howe Machines can be obtained on such easy terms that every one, no matter how slender their means may be, can obtain one. Call on the Agent, Mr. W. C. BRENT, Port Tobacco.

On Friday night last, at a store at Suitville, in Prince George's county, an altercation took place between two colored men, when one of them, Samuel Norton, drew a knife and plunged it into the abdomen of the other man inflicting a fearful wound. Norton tried to escape, but was arrested and lodged in jail.

Loss of the Steamer Ironsides.

On Friday night last, during a thick gale, the steamer Ironsides, belonging to the Potomac Steamboat Company, was driven ashore on Hog Island, near Cape Henry, and will probably be a total loss, although efforts will be made to save her machinery. She was a remarkably fine boat of her class and valued by the owners at \$90,000. She was used a short time since as a mail boat on the Potomac between Washington and Quantico, and also as a freight and passenger boat, in conjunction with the Georganna, between Baltimore and Aquia creek. During the summer she has been on the route between Philadelphia, New Castle and Cape May, but was withdrawn from it with the slackening of travel, and had been engaged in running a Southern coastwise trade from New York. She was probably on the way to or from Wilmington, N. C., when the disaster occurred. There seems to have been only the crew on board, and they were rescued without loss of life.

Mr. Thomas Clagett, one of the oldest, wealthiest and most respectable citizens of Prince George's county, died at the age of 83 years, at "Weston," near Marlborough, on the 28th ult. The Gazette says he was a man of excellent judgment and scrupulously honest in all his dealings, and among other characteristics, mentions the following:

"There was one trait in his character that deserves special mention. In his dealings with mankind, and he had loaned more money, probably, than any other man in the county, he made it an invariable rule to charge more than the legal rate of interest, six per cent. Those who offered him more were refused on the ground that no man doing a legitimate business could afford to pay over that sum and maintain his reputation for promptness. In the end Mr. Clagett's theory proved to be correct, and in all his large dealings in this way he seldom lost a cent."

He left behind him the record of a good man.

Robert S. Hickman, better known as "Beau," died on Tuesday morning last at Providence Hospital, Washington city. In his own familiar phrase he has "passed in his checks," and is among the things that were. He was stricken down with paralysis on Thursday of last week. For many years (says the Sun's correspondent) he has been shabby in appearance, and his art of begging has not been lucrative. He has occupied a miserable room and been partially cared for by an old negro woman. His life in Washington has been without a parallel. The son of Dr. Hickman, a man of wealth in King William county, Va., he was left at his father's death a moderate competency, which, with other pecuniary aid given by his relatives, he soon dissipated, and was cast off by his friends. Since that time he has eked out existence with the little money obtained by his well-known system of "sponging" upon all who would submit.

Messrs. DuVal & Brown, at Glenville, on the B. & P. R. R., have taken a contract for 30,000 feet of white oak timber to be sent to Portland, Me.

Inspection of Corn.

The following rules have been adopted by the Corn and Flour Exchange of the city of Baltimore, for the inspection of Corn:

The grades of Corn from and after the 28th August, 1873, shall consist of Nos. 1 and 2 white; 1 and 2 yellow; 1 mixed; mixed; rejected and damaged.

No. 1 white Corn shall be dry, sound, well cleaned, and free from grains of other color, and in every respect of choice quality.

No. 2 white Corn shall be dry, sound, reasonably clean, and may contain a limited quantity of yellow and straw-colored grains.

No. 1 yellow Corn shall be dry, sound, well cleaned, and free from grains of other color, and in every respect of choice quality.

No. 2 yellow Corn shall be dry, sound, reasonably clean, and may contain a limited amount of red and straw-colored grains.

No. 1 mixed Corn shall be dry, sound, well cleaned, and in every respect of choice quality, and shall embrace all No. 1 Corn that will not inspect either white or yellow.

Mixed Corn shall be merchantable, reasonably clean, and may contain a limited quantity of dry, unsound grains.

Rejected shall be slightly damp or slightly musty, but cool and not all cleaned. Damaged shall be damp, warm, or inferior to quality described as rejected.

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Rum and Murder.

We copy the following from the Baltimore Saturday Night of the 29th ult:

The revolting and horrible tragedy which occurred Thursday evening last at No. 58 St. Paul street, resulting in the awful murder of Mrs. Eugene Carter Showalter by her drunken husband, Dr. Joseph Clarence Showalter, is another potent commentary upon the evils of intemperance. It is seldom so shocking a tragedy finds record in the annals of crime. The sight which presented itself immediately after this murder was horrifying and distressing beyond description. There lay in that tragic chamber, which should have been the abode of domestic peace and happiness, a once confiding wife with her throat cut from ear to ear, literally weltering in her own blood, commingled with that of a debauched assassin husband—pale, motionless and dead. A son aged eighteen years, stood near by frantic with grief. Two nieces, fine, intelligent looking young ladies were also present, weeping in bitter agony; whilst the guilty husband, crazed with rage and drunkenness, having cut his own throat, blood flowing from a deep gash and bleeding profusely, presented the appearance of a ferocious man. The floor, bed and walls were literally saturated with blood. It was a scene calculated to strike terror into the bravest heart. Confusion and lamentation and consternation were seen and heard through out the entire household.

The murderous husband and would-be suicide, immediately after perpetrating the dreadful deed, wandered off, bleeding and apparently dying, to the vicinity of the Washington University Hospital, North Calvert street, where he was picked up from the curbstone, carried inside, placed on a cot and his wounds attended to by surgeons. He died yesterday about noon.

What a commentary is all this upon the evil of intemperance, or in plainer language, drunkenness! The wife represented as an industrious, excellent lady, true to woman's instinctive affection, was supporting by her own labor, (keeping a boarding house) this inebriate husband—and he killed her!

Let others, yet within the pale of safety, but subject to rum's insidious temptations, take warning, lest in an evil hour they, too, become crazed unto similar deeds of blood. Never, in the history of our country, has there been so many wife-murders, assassinations, suicides and other criminal outrages as during the past few years. Scarcely a day that we do not read of them in all directions. It is really a fearful condition of affairs, and what adds to the enormity of these crimes is, they are mostly committed when the perpetrators thereof are insane from the effects of liquor, laboring under a disease termed mania-a-potu, or delirium tremens.

Such being the case, we think the time has come when our legislatures and law-making powers, should, without delay, enact stringent statutes requiring that all men, or persons, upon whom the inordinate drinking of intoxicating liquors, produces insanity, mania-a-potu, or delirium tremens, be at once arrested, placed in confinement and there kept. If able, they should be made to pay their own expenses, if not, let them be taken care of by the public. Such madmen and murderers are certainly unfit to run at large. There can be no punishment for them.

The open, professional murderer, is really less fearful, because he knows what he purposes doing and assumes the responsibility; but a maniac from intemperance strikes his death blows in the domestic circle, and knows not until too late, why, or upon whom he falls. As a result, the law is to be longer tolerated and permitted, because sane when occasionally sober, to murder their wives, children, relatives and confiding friends, when they become demons of drunkenness? Justice, the safety of society, and all that is sacred, demand that these demons be forever banished from the earth, made maniacs on account of intoxication, be henceforth restrained by the strong arm of law.

The Jockey Club Fall Meeting.

As the time approaches for the fall meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club, the interest increases, and the indications at this time are that it will be of a more interesting character than any which has preceded it. All the celebrated horses which have won the stakes at the more northern race-courses during the summer, will be here to contend for the liberal purses which the Club has offered, and the horses to be named at the post for the four mile and hurdle races and steeple chase, will be of those which have run in similar contests during the summer. A large number of two and three year olds colts and fillies, which have not before appeared on a Pimlico course, will also be present, and there appears little doubt that the season will be a complete success. The additional facilities for reaching the course by way of the Western Maryland Railroad, and the Baltimore, Pimlico and Pikesville Railway, will induce hundreds to go to the races who heretofore have been deterred by the difficulty of getting to and from the course.—Balt. Gazette.

Politics and Parties Then and Now.

In looking back upon the olden, golden days when there was really as much, or more of mere sentiment in the politics and parties of the times than of actual, earnest interest arising from a calm conviction of the absolute practical importance of the questions in controversy, we are brought to reflect seriously upon the contrast between public measures as they were then and as they are now. Our fathers and their fathers were more ardent and enthusiastic in their devotion to the political parties to which they respectively belonged than are the people of the present day. They adhered with inextinguishable pertinacity to the tenets of their schools; they felt a high patriotic pride in the steadfastness with which they followed the faith they professed. They talked politics, with an intensity of interest that denoted an unselfishness of public spirit and a lofty love of country, worthy a race of patriots still remembering the wrongs that forced the republic into existence, and still cherishing the rights which were asserted in the establishment of our government. When the old Whig party and the old Democratic party were the contestants for power in the administration of the general government, an in the several States, everybody on both sides imagined that unless his party succeeded, the country, when the election was national, and the State when there was a State election, would suffer, and suffer seriously from the result. But

After the election was over whether the Whigs or the Democrats were victorious, there was little or no change perceptible to the masses of the people in the operation of the policy of the party in power.

Everything appeared to go pretty much as it had gone before. Nobody was oppressed; nobody was distressed. The liberties of the people were not reduced; the rights of the people were not impaired; the sovereignty of the people was not threatened; there was little or no important difference discovered in the practical workings—the substantial results of the principles of one party or the other. It was not thought so then by the public men, because our people were so prosperous politically—so safe in the possession of all that was guaranteed to them by their free institutions; so far removed from the remotest suspicion of danger to the safeguards of their rights that in the height and heat of their party prejudices and passion, leaders of the people really regarded the distinctive political principles of the times as changed, and the Government as the one side and opposed on the other—as involving issues too grave to be considered otherwise than of the most momentous importance. The American people; the Virginia people, did not know then how happy they were.

Where is the man who was once a Whig who would not be delighted now to have our State Government in the hands of the Democrats as we had in those days? And where is the man who was then a Democrat who would not willingly, cheerfully, joyously assent that Virginia should now and forever, be governed by such Whigs as were known then? The times have changed, and the Government is now in the hands of the Democrats as we had in those days? And where is the man who was then a Democrat who would not willingly, cheerfully, joyously assent that Virginia should now and forever, be governed by such Whigs as were known then? The times have changed, and the Government is now in the hands of the Democrats as we had in those days? And where is the man who was then a Democrat who would not willingly, cheerfully, joyously assent that Virginia should now and forever, be governed by such Whigs as were known then? 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