

FROM CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES Co., Jan. 24, 1874.

E. WELLS—Dear Sir:—As I have little...

new matter for a communication I would...

write but to acknowledge the reception of...

of the pleasure I found in perusing its columns...

if you had ever been cast, as I am, "among...

strangers in a strange land." The home...

of our youth and the reminiscences which cluster...

around it are never forgotten, and anything...

associated with either is always a welcome visitor...

though unpleasant memories be revived.

I am pleased to know that the Times maintains...

its usual vigor amidst the surrounding decay...

and hope it may gather strength and increase...

its usefulness. The people of Charles have...

reason to be proud that they have a journal...

in their midst which reflects the sentiments...

and wishes of their wisest and best citizens.

I do not say this to flatter: those who know me...

know full well that I never bestow false praise.

In my ramblings over different portions of Maryland...

and as well other States, I have, with few...

exceptions, seen the press descend from its high...

and noble calling to engage in upholding and...

advancing the schemes of unprincipled men...

who are ever on the watch to prey upon public...

and private interests. A fearless and upright...

journal is a treasure which the honest masses...

cannot prize too highly, its worth cannot be...

properly estimated until it is lost. A paper...

intelligently and honestly conducted, one that...

is unmoved by bribes and uninfluenced by...

sordid motives, is of more value in creating...

and sustaining a high moral sentiment than all...

the pulpits within its reach. Some will not like...

this assertion, and may condemn it in harsh...

terms, but it is true. I have seen both the good...

and bad influences of the press in more than...

one locality, therefore claim to know something...

of its power for good or evil.

Some of the older citizens of Charles will...

recall the name of Ex-Governor Downey. I...

have met him several times, and he has made...

inquiries about some bearing the familiar names...

of Charles—such as Digges, Mitchell, Stone,

Brent, &c. He is now living in Los Angeles,

is President of a Bank and immensely wealthy.

He was prominently mentioned as a suitable...

person to represent southern California in the...

U. S. Senate, to fill the vacancy occasioned by...

the recent resignation of Senator Casserly.

I admire the climate here as much as ever,

and still think that nature has done all that...

man could ask. The most dissatisfied couldn't...

have the audacity to ask a question. I have met...

but one person who dared to find fault with it,

and I found out by cross-questioning him that...

he didn't believe what he asserted. I will...

state, in justice to the country, that he is an...

Englishman, who can never see anything in the...

United States deserving praise and who would...

speak disparagingly of Heaven if it were in the...

United States.

I am now sitting by a fire made of a few...

corn-cobs, and even this is not needed all the...

time. What will the farmers of Charles think when...

they hear that corn-cobs from one crop of corn...

furnish the principal fuel for a family during a...

whole year? Such is the fact in many cases.

Cords of them can be often seen in tremendous...

heaps near the kitchen door, or at the corner,

and these are preserved for fuel and often last...

a year. I often think of the cold and toil...

endured in Maryland just in getting the winter's...

fuel. At this moment many an ax is making...

the forests echo in providing wood to keep the...

mothers and babes from freezing, while here...

the little ones are tramping around with bare feet...

and the birds are singing and the fields are as...

green as they are in May in Maryland. It takes...

some credulity to believe all this, but it is literally...

truth.

Perhaps some of your young readers would...

like to hear something upon the subject in...

which they feel more or less interest—I mean...

the subject of love. I will therefore make known...

the embarrassments which surround the Spanish...

beaux who are so foolish as to allow themselves...

THE MARKETS.

Baltimore Market, Feb. 4, 1874.

WHEAT—White, choice..... \$1 95 @ 0 00

White, fair..... 1 75 @ 1 80

Amber, choice..... 1 93 @ 1 95

Red, good to prime..... 1 80 @ 1 85

Common to fair..... 1 60 @ 1 65

RYE—Fair to prime..... 95 @ 1 00

CORN—Southern white..... 75 @ 83

Southern yellow..... 80 @ 81

OATS—Southern..... 53 @ 56

Western mixed..... 4 00 @ 20 00

FLOUR—City Mills Super..... 6 00 @ 6 50

Low to medium extra..... 7 00 @ 8 00

Rio brands Extra..... 8 50 @ 8 75

Baltimore Family..... 11 00 @ 09 00

TORRACO—For Leaf Tobacco of all descriptions...

the market this week has been extremely quiet...

and sales comprising only a few small lots...

of Maryland and some 200 to 275 hhd. of...

Ohio, for export, at about 60 cents. No trans-

actions in other descriptions. Receipts continue...

very light. Exported 346 hhd. to Bremen.

We still quote as follows, viz:

Maryland frosted and unsound, 3 50 @ 4 50

sound common..... 4 50 @ 5 00

Best Best..... 5 50 @ 6 00

medium..... 7 00 @ 8 00

good to fine red..... 9 00 @ 12 00

fine..... 13 00 @ 15 00

upper country..... 4 00 @ 20 00

ground leaves new 3 00 @ 8 00

The following are the inspections of tobacco...

for the week ending Jan. 29, 1874: hhd.

Maryland..... 155

Ohio..... 80

Kentucky..... 60

Virginia..... 15

Total..... 288

CATTLE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, January 29, 1874.—Prices to-day...

for Beef Cattle ranged as follows:

Best Best..... 4 00 @ 5 00

Generally rated first quality..... 4 00 @ 5 00

Medium or good fair quality..... 4 00 @ 4 40

Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows..... 4 00 @ 4 40

General average of the market..... 4 00 @ 4 40

Ohio..... 4 00 @ 4 40

Most of the sales were from..... 4 00 @ 4 40

SHEEP.—We quote:

Common to good..... 4 00 @ 4 50

Stock Sheep..... 2 00 @ 2 50

Lamb..... 6 00 @ 6 50

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 30.—We note the...

following transactions:

Cattle..... 4 00 @ 5 00

Sheep..... 4 00 @ 4 50

Lamb..... 6 00 @ 6 50

Cows and Calves from \$20 to \$45.

Alexandria Market, Feb. 4, 1874.

FLOUR—Superfine..... \$8 75 @ 9 25

Extra..... 8 00 @ 8 50

Family..... 9 00 @ 9 25

Family choice..... 9 50 @ 9 75

WHEAT—Common to fair..... 1 40 @ 1 55

Fair to good..... 1 55 @ 1 65

Good to prime..... 1 65 @ 1 75

Prime to choice red..... 1 75 @ 1 80

RYE—Fair to good..... 68 @ 71

CORN—Mixed..... 68 @ 70

Yellow..... 70 @ 70

RYE—Fair to prime..... 75 @ 90

OATS—Fair to good..... 54 @ 55

BUTTER—Prime..... 28 @ 29

PORK—Dressed hogs..... 6 50 @ 7 50

ST. COLUMBA LODGE.

No. 150, A. F. & A. M.

Port Tobacco, Feb. 6, A. L., 5874.

A Special Communication will be held on...

TUESDAY, February 17th, 1874,

for the transaction of general business. A...

large attendance is requested.

Visiting brethren in good standing are frater-

nally invited. By order of the W. M.,

JOHN S. BURTON, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION-

ERS will meet at their room in the Court

House,

Hands Wanted,

TO CUT TIES in Charles county for the

Southern Maryland Railroad. Good wages

will be paid. Apply immediately to

J. T. MUDD,

Gallant Green, Charles Co., Md.

Also for Rent,

A GOOD BLACKSMITH AND WHEEL-

WRIGHT SHOP, with Belows, Anvil,

and other Tools attached. A first rate

locality for enterprising mechanics.

Jan 23-31 J. T. MUDD.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ fieri facias, issued out

of the Circuit Court for Charles county, at

the suit of R. H. Edelen, Administrator of W.

N. Bean, against the goods and chattels, lands

and tenements of William L. Robey, and to me

directed, I have seized and taken in execution

all the right, title, claim, interest and estate,

at law and in equity, of the said William L.

Robey, in and to the following property to wit:

One tract, part of a tract, or parcels of land,

called and known by the names of "Part of

Two Brothers," "Widow's Pleasure" and

"Widow's Place," containing 240 acres, to-

gether with all the improvements thereon.

And I hereby give notice, that I will offer for

sale, at the Court House door, in Port Tobacco,

on TUESDAY, the 24th day of Febru-

ary, 1874,

in the afternoon, between the hours of 1 and 2

o'clock, the said property, so seized and taken

in execution, by public auction, to the highest

bidder for cash.

W. L. COOKE, Sheriff.

22nd of Jan. 1874—[Jan 30-31]

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ fieri facias, issued out

of the Circuit Court for Charles county, at

the suit of George W. Thompson, against the

goods and chattels, lands and tenements of

Peter W. Robey, and to me directed, I have

seized and taken in execution all the right, title,

claim, interest and estate, at law and in

equity, of the said Peter W. Robey, in and to

the following property, to wit: One tract of land

called "Green Spot," containing

eight acres, addition to same, containing

ten acres, together with all the improvements

thereon.

And I hereby give notice, that I will offer for

sale, at the Court House door, in Port Tobacco,

on TUESDAY, the 10th day of Febru-

ary, 1874,

in the afternoon, between the hours of 1 and 2

o'clock, the said property, so seized and taken

in execution, by public auction, to the highest

bidder for cash.

W. L. COOKE, Sheriff.

Jan 16-41

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

In the Circuit Court for Charles County,

sitting as a Court of Equity.

JAMES G. COOMBE and EMILY COOMBE

HIS WIFE, USE OF THOMAS R. COOMBE,

vs.

AGNES DARROW and OTHERS.

THE object of this bill is to procure a decree

for the sale of certain real estate therein

mentioned to enforce a vendor's lien.

The bill alleges that said Emily Coombe sold

certain real estate in Charles county to said

Agnes Darrow, upon which there was and still

remains due a balance of twelve hundred and

fifty dollars; that said Agnes Darrow and her

husband, Melbourn Darrow, sold and convey-

ed the same to Chasuncey W. Gibson; that said

Gibson, and his wife, Lucretia A. and her hus-

band, Samuel Plattplace, conveyed the same to

Theodore Sherwood; that said Sherwood and

wife, Eucla M. Sherwood, conveyed same to

one Hugh M. Funston; and that all such

successive purchasers took subject to the bal-

ance of purchase money so due; and that all

said parties reside out of this State.

It is therefore ordered, this fourteenth day

of January, 1874, that the complainants cause

a copy of this order together with the object and

Baltimore and Potomac Railroad.

After Monday, December 8th, the Trains on this Road will run as follows:

Leave Northward. Mail Train. Mixed Train.

STATIONS. Le. 7:43 P.M. 2:13 P.M.

Pope's Creek.....Le. 7:43 P.M. 2:13 P.M.

Cox.....Le. 7:03 A.M. 2:43 "

La Plata.....Le. 7:18 " 3:13 "

Beantown.....Le. 7:41 " 3:58 "

Brandywine.....Le. 7:58 " 4:33 "

Brick Church.....Le. 8:13 " 5:03 "

Marlboro.....Le. 8:43 " 6:02 "