

LOCAL MATTERS

Railroad Time Table for Pot Tobacco Station. LEAVE. ARRIVE. Passenger, 10:15 P.M. ...

Jury for May Term. Judge Stone was in town yesterday and drew the jurors for the May term of Court, which we give below. We understand that the names of twelve colored men were put in the box, and, as will be seen, three of them were drawn out. This is the first time that a colored man has ever been drawn on a jury in this county. The following is the list:

Mr. Alex. Somerville, the inspector of State Tobacco Warehouse No. 2, added by his big brass cannon, yesterday met the enemy in the shape of Dr. A. J. Snoot, the newly-appointed inspector, and was victorious for the present, at any rate. Shortly after the warehouse was opened for business Dr. Snoot, accompanied by Mr. Robinson, of Charles county, arrived on the scene, and leaving the terms of the yawning cannon mouth entered the office and presented his commission to Mr. Somerville. Prior to this the rivals shook hands courteously, and while Mr. Somerville was reading the document presented by Dr. Snoot, several gentlemen gathered around awaiting developments. After quietly obtaining a comprehensive idea of the purport of the document, Mr. Somerville handed it back to Dr. Snoot with the remark that he did not consider it a constitutional commission, and would not therefore give up the warehouse. He added that his bond was responsible for the warehouse, and he would not give up the warehouse and assets suggested that if Dr. Snoot wanted the warehouse he would have to go to law for it. Dr. Snoot in no wise surprised, cheerfully assented and remarked that he would act just as Mr. Somerville had done two years ago. This was an admission to the fact that Mr. Somerville was compelled to obtain possession through a writ of mandamus, his predecessor refusing to give up possession. After some further secondary conversation during which Dr. Snoot announced that he would apply for a writ of mandamus, the latter withdrew. The application for this writ will be made in the Superior Court this morning by Messrs. Cox & Eakin, attorneys for Dr. Snoot. Mr. Somerville will be represented by Mr. Joseph A. Wilson. As the case will be carried to the Court of Appeals by the losing side, a final decision may not be expected for some time.—Mr. Somerville wishing it stated he is not the proprietor of an S. M. B. and does not keep his brass cannon with a view to intimidating Dr. Snoot, both of which theories have become fixed in the public mind.—Advertiser, American, 14th Inst.

Mail irregularities. We cheerfully give place to the following letter from Mr. Clarke, the mail agent on the railroad, in response to the complaints made under the above caption in last week's Times.—Mr. Clarke's statements appear to cover all the irregularities that were reported to us, and he shows very satisfactorily that he was not in fault in any case. In the light of his letter, we must admit that we are liable to some extent to the accusations he makes in his concluding sentence, although the uniform testimony of all we conferred with on the subject concurred in placing the responsibility on the railroad agent. It will now be in order for some of our correspondents to show the correctness of Mr. Clarke's statements if they can. The appeals which we referred to as having made in Mr. Clarke were made through our columns, the same way as the article which seems finally to have attracted his attention; but, while we regarded our information as entirely reliable, we had intended having a personal interview with Mr. Clarke before publishing any complaints against him. We were only induced to do so differently by the delay of our mails on Thursday last, which, being on the day previous to the issue of our paper, was especially annoying and inconvenient to us; and we did not then see how that misreading could be attributable to any one but the railroad mail agent. Mr. Clarke's letter shows, however, that he was not in fault in that case. We regret very much the injustice that appears to have been done by Mr. Clarke in our article of last week, and promise him that we shall be more careful in future.

Death of Mrs. Day. This estimable lady, wife of Mr. Joseph Day, died at her home in Indian town on Sunday morning last, after a long and painful confinement from a cancer. Mrs. Day had been confined to her bed for many months past, suffering with this most painful ailment, and during the last months of her confinement she was attended by the best medical attention of the county, but she was unable to get any relief. Her body was brought to Church on Monday where the Rev. Gilbert F. Williams conducted the funeral services and preached a very impressive and eloquent sermon. She was taken to Synona, Delaware, for interment. Although this family has been residing in our county but a short time, they have made many warm friends, and all will be pained to learn of her sad demise.

A Pleasant Affair. The Inspector and employees of tobacco warehouse No. 2 celebrated the termination of their official relations by a sumptuous dinner at the Green-Road in Baltimore city on Monday evening, 10th inst. The dinner which was a beautiful one, was given by Dr. Hawkins to the subordinate employees of the warehouse. The employees were present in full force and availed themselves of the opportunity to make the doctor a present of a handsome buggy harness with top duster and whip as a testimonial of respect and esteem. The presentation was made in behalf of the employees by Mr. C. G. Worthington in a few appropriate remarks, to which the doctor responded in a short speech, expressive of his appreciation.—Messrs. Josias Hawkins, Thomas T. Hancock and Willie Simpson were also called upon and each responded in appropriate speeches. Wine flowed in abundance and every one enjoyed himself thus making the transit from official to private life in a very agreeable and becoming manner. The doctor equipped with his new harness &c., will be in readiness to resume his practice, while the other gentlemen, with the harness man fortified with fine old wine and other good cheer, will be better able to bear the change from the smooth routine of official life to the rugged ways of private pursuits.

Aurora Borealis. There was seen on Sunday night, between 10 and 12 o'clock, a most magnificent display of auroral lights in the northern sky, surpassing anything of the kind witnessed here for a long time. The aurora was in the form of an arch of varying tints, light blue, greenish, pink, rose, yellow and soft white, stretching from the eastern to the western horizon, but most brilliant toward the northwest. From the arch started up with a fitful, tremulous motion, vast streams of changing color, reaching to the zenith. The alternating movement of these prismatic colors was very suggestive of the quick rising and falling of waves on the surface of a fountain. The light of the aurora was so bright that it cast a glow on the objects around it, and a faint reflection of the auroral light was seen on the surface of the water in the harbor.

Town Commissioners. On Monday last the annual election for Town Commissioners took place, and as usual was conducted very quietly. There was but one ticket placed in the field, though a few votes were scattered among some of our good citizens, who either voted for themselves, or were given a complimentary ballot by some admiring friend. The following ticket was elected by an overwhelming majority: George A. Hunt, Thomas T. Owen, George A. Wade, J. Edward Palgott and H. H. Boswell. With the exception of Mr. Owen who was a member of the old board, all are new members, and all are staunch adherents to the old county house and Port Tobacco. In view of this fact it is hoped that they will exert themselves in the interest of our old village. They should omit no means to have the streets and highways thoroughly cleaned, all nuisances removed, all ordinances bearing upon the public health and comfort enforced. Our citizens should earnestly see to it that they do not in any way obstruct the progress of the town, and that they do not in any way obstruct the progress of the town, and that they do not in any way obstruct the progress of the town.

The New Comet. Professor Draper, of New York, says that the new comet will be visible in the naked eye in about six weeks; but Professor Isaac Sharpless, at Hartford College, Pa., says: "In about two weeks, just after midnight, and will remain in sight until dawn. About two o'clock in the morning it will be seen about half way up to the zenith in the constellation of Ursa, and near Vega, the brightest morning star in the part of the sky. The comet is traveling about northwards, at the rate of about a million miles a day. It will approach within 80,000,000 miles of the earth—it is an unusually large comet, but it will be seen in its best light in the southern hemisphere. The comet of 1812 is expected to follow this."

Refused a Fortune. The provision in the will of the late Mr. Zeuss Ebbam, directing that his estate, with the exception of \$5,000, shall be paid to his nephew, Mr. Frank Ebbam, if he leaves the Society of Jesus, in which he is a novice, at Frederick, and does not thereafter enter the priesthood or in any way associate himself with the priestly office, was rejected by Mr. Ebbam, who, by this act, loses all claim to the fortune. One year is allowed by the testator for Mr. Ebbam to accept the terms. The amount involved is about \$50,000. It is not surprising that this "slightly dazed" age to wear of a man who will willingly relinquish a fortune of \$50,000 for conscience sake. We are willing to wager that you might rake the State over with a fin-tooth comb and not find fifty such. Any takers?

Spring. It looks at this writing as if bright, jolly, happy, rollicking spring was again with us. The grass and clover are springing; the peach and apricot trees are in full bloom; the garden paths are beginning to show their fruits; robins and blue birds are singing their songs of love, and the thoughts of the young man (with visible down upon his upper lip) are turning in the same direction. The past five or six days have been regular field days for the farmer, many of whom have finished breaking up their corn land, and are well advanced for the season, and everything visible, with the exception of spring, is with us. Let us hope that we may prove the bringer of a propitious year for our farmers and one that will fill their granaries with a bountiful supply of grain and produce.

A Remarkable Coincidence. It is a matter of journalistic record, that some years since a schooner set sail from Baltimore, having on board a crew of thirteen men by a most singular freak of nature, the entire force, attacked by a skin disease, which manifested itself in large ulcerated sores on the arms and hands, wholly incapacitating the men from duty. The result was that the vessel was towed back to the city where the men were placed in the hospital. Moral! Had Swain's Ointment for skin disease been used in the first place, the crew would have recovered in from 12 to 24 hours.

War Claims. The committee on war claims of the House Representatives reported favorably on Tuesday last the bill of Hon. A. G. Chapman authorizing the accounting officers of the treasury to consider and pay all claims for the use and occupation of real estate by the United States, and engineers' stores, hauled, etc., taken by the government during the war and used in landing posts, quarters, barracks, etc. This bill has been before the committee for some months. Though claims for property taken by the quartermasters and commissary departments could be considered under existing law, there was no authority for accounting officers to consider claims of the class referred to, though claims of the character stated are very numerous in various parts of Maryland, Pennsylvania and other States. This is much needed measure in Federal legislation, and, though nearly twenty years, have elapsed since the close of the war, no claim had been taken by Congress, to put claims of this class on an equal footing with other war claims until the present session.—Gen. Chapman deserves much credit for the energy and tact which he has exercised in the behalf of this and similar measures. With the favorable report of the committee there is not much doubt of the passage of the bill.

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There will be considerable change left in your pocket books this season, if you will patronize the acknowledged leaders in the clothing trade in Baltimore. Their superior garments for men, boys and children, insure a style and elegance not obtainable elsewhere, and they carry the largest stock of clothing in the State, and sell it for the least money. When you go to the city, go at once to C. N. OEHM & SON, Hanover and Pratt streets, who also give a handsome souvenir to each patron.

Local Brevities. Have you finished plowing? All quiet along the Patuxent. The days are now about one hour longer than the nights. If you want to make your family happy subscribe to the Times. Spring fever has made its appearance. Look out for it, it is contagious. It is reported that the Governor intends to appoint Mr. H. Cox Nevitt as the register of voters for this district. The first case of bilious fever and cholera reported this year, comes from La Plata. And yet the court house must go. The new courthouses at Cox's and La Plata are nearing completion. They will soon be ready to begin operations. We have reliable information that a peach crop in this county was not seriously injured by the recent cold snap. Fresh herrings and shad have made their appearance in town and come in large quantities, they sell readily at low prices. You reader, who do not subscribe to the paper but read your neighbors, send us \$1 and your post office address and we will send you the paper for one year. We think that the backbone of winter is about broken, and we are not alone in the opinion judging from the number of linen dresses and raw hets that prevailed in town on Tuesday. The steamer Arrowsmith has resumed her trips on the over Potomac route on Monday next, and the City of Alexandria has taken the place of the Concord for a short time, while the latter is laid up for repairs. We desire to place the Times in the hands of every tax payer in the county, and we promise to make it worthy of your support. Do not fail to send in your name at once. Mr. J. Edward Palgott, our wide awake young fellow townsman led the ticket at the municipal election on Monday by a majority of one. His brilliant speech delivered on the court house steps carried the day for him no doubt. The display of the aurora borealis, or northern light seen in heavens Sunday night last, is said to be the finest ever witnessed in this latitude. Our exchanges all speak very glowingly of the effect as produced in other sections. It is stated that the atmosphere was, at the time, so heavily charged with electricity that it was with the greatest difficulty telegraphic messages were transmitted from one point to another.

Our gardeners are much exercised over the depredations of their neighbor's chickens, and some of them in this village have inaugurated the shot gun policy against the fowls. Fortunately for the chickens however, they are not "dead sure" shots.

Mr. Ernest Freeman, of St. Mary's county, and Miss Lizzie Tubman, eldest daughter of Mr. R. D. Tubman, were quietly married at the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday last by the Rev. John Towles. We extend to the happy couple our hearty congratulations. The school teachers will be paid their quarterly salary on Friday next. The secretary requests us to say to the white teachers, that there will be special and import business before their association and a full and prompt attendance is asked of them. Mr. J. E. Hamilton, we are sorry to learn is confined to his home by serious sickness. He has been suffering for some time past from an affection of the stomach, but only during the past week he has been so closely confined. We hope soon to be able to report his entire recovery. A tramp, who stated that he was a Mormon by birth but a printer by trade, was arrested in this village by sheriff Southernland last week and lodged in jail. He had a hearing before Justice Howell on Monday and was sentenced to three months in the house of correction. Now is the time to send in your names to the Times. Only \$1 for twelve months half of this and similar measures. With the favorable report of the committee there is not much doubt of the passage of the bill.

Mr. J. Alex. Price has been reappointed deputy inspector of tobacco warehouse No. 5, by Mr. W. B. Redgrave, the recently appointed inspector. Mr. Price seems to be indispensable to the warehouse system, his practical sense will demonstrate in any case of conflagration, cold, throat or lung troubles of any kind.

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