

There are about five million trade dollars in this country, and the loss to holders, by their being driven out of circulation at fifteen cents discount, is about \$750,000.

The cholera is spreading in the East, and all the European countries are taking active measures to prevent its introduction. A workman who died in Berlin on Monday is supposed to have been the disease.

The Memphis Avalanche heartily second the suggestion of Baltimore as the place for holding the democratic national convention. It regards it as presenting claims and inducements superior to those of other cities.

The Eastern (Md.) Ledger, says: "Mr. Hooper C. Hicks, of Baltimore, and Mr. Orson Adams, of Howard county, both republican politicians experienced in the art of fixing things, have visited Talbot and other Eastern Shore counties since the first of June. It is alleged that they came over as a kind of political missionaries to make the Eastern Shore solid for Holton, and the Wallace men are just beginning to find it out, and are indignant."

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, have decided that they have no power to call a special convention to appoint a temporary successor to the late Bishop Pinkney, as it was supposed they had. They determined that a special convention may not be called except by a bishop. In view of this decision, there can be no appointment of a successor to Bishop Pinkney until the meeting of the regular diocesan convention which will take place in May 1884. The Bishopric of this diocese must in the meantime remain vacant.

A law has recently gone into operation in New Jersey, making the sale of tobacco in any form to boys under the age of 16 years a penal offense. It is a good law, and ought to be generally enacted through out the country. The injurious effects of the use of tobacco by children, whose tender and developing nervous systems are so susceptible to its influence, is generally recognized among physicians, and any effective law providing for its discontinuance and prevention will be a wise and proper measure. It would be better still to extend the prohibition to the full age of legal majority.

The New York Times publishes an interview with an old and intimate friend of Hon. Samuel J. Tilden, who claims to be without qualification advised of Mr. Tilden's views and purposes regarding his renomination for the presidency. He stated that Mr. Hendrick's changed plans compels Mr. Tilden "to face a responsibility now, which he has heretofore been relieved of by Mr. Hendrick's refusal to Mr. Tilden, at this time, "to stand in the way of a general demand for a historic vindication of the great wrong and injustice perpetrated by the installation of Mr. Hayes as President."

Lieut. Col. Wm. P. Craigbill, U. S. engineer officer in charge of the improvements of the rivers and harbors of the State of Maryland, in his annual report to the chief of engineers, states that "nothing has been done toward the improvement of the Wisconsin river, except to make the examination called for in the act of August 3, 1875. The river continued in good condition until in June 1883, it was found that a little dredging was necessary. He thinks Wisconsin worthy of further improvement, but the work is not a public necessity." We should think that, judged by comparison with other streams which have been dredged by Congressional appropriation the work of preserving the navigable character of this river ought to be regarded as a public necessity.

Henkle and Bannan and Colton have started, or tried to start, a very diminutive Hamilton broom in Baltimore city.—H. and B. and C. are not accurate when they say that the State is indebted to Mr. Hamilton for a new registration law; a reduction of expenses in the Legislature and the application of the loan taxes to the sinking fund. The registration law, the law reducing the employees of the Legislature and the repeal of the bounty act, which made the application of the loan taxes to the sinking fund possible, were all passed by a Legislature in which Mr. Hamilton could not influence a half dozen votes. Has it really come to this that the cause of our reform Governor is championed only by such a crew as Henkle and Bannan and Colton? Alas! alas!

We observe that some of our farmers are placing their wheat in large stacks with an apparent purpose of holding it for a better market. In view of the very depressed condition of the market for that grain at present and the general outlook, this would seem to be a judicious course to pursue. The best Southern wheat is now selling in Baltimore for only \$1.15 per bushel, while for medium and inferior qualities the prices grade down to about \$1 per bushel. These are not generally considered remunerative prices. In view of the prevalence of cholera in the East, and the present probabilities that it will extend its ravages pretty generally on the Eastern continent, whereby the crop of cereals of the next year would be largely diminished; and in consideration of the reported facts that in many of the large wheat producing States of the West and Northwest the harvest will show a material falling off from last year's yield, there would seem to be a reasonable probability of a considerable improvement in the price of wheat as the fall advances. There has generally been in past years such an improvement in the market as to justify the holding back of the new wheat crop; and this year, in view of the probabilities and facts above referred to, it would appear fair to presume that, when those causes begin to be fairly felt, the advance will be much more marked and appreciable than heretofore.

Tariff and Revenue.

It is observable that, since the new tariff schedule reducing the custom duty on many articles of domestic consumption went into effect, the revenue to the government from the custom houses, instead of being diminished, is increased. While the revised tariff has not been in operation long enough to form any conclusive judgment upon the point, it seems probable that the increase of revenue will be permanent. Although the reductions made in the tariff act of the last Congress are few and inconsiderable, yet it seems already to have had the effect of stimulating importations and increasing the Federal revenue.

Should this prove to be a permanent result, the theory of the Democrats, which they have advanced in the Congressional debates, that a reduction of the existing prohibitory duties, would augment the revenue to the government by encouraging and increasing importations, would be fully verified. It is a manifest fact that that source, and that the more wherever the rate of duty approximates to that point the smaller will be the customs revenue. It is also a well known fact that the rate of the tariff has been to fix the tariff rates as near that point as they thought the people would submit to.

The theory upon which that party has based its tariff legislation has been that of protection to domestic manufacturers, by excluding or seriously repressing foreign competition. This theory, which in the early days of the Whigs was plausible, though unconstitutional, in the altered circumstances of the country in the present generation, is as oppressive as it is unwarranted. The Republican party, since its first accession to power, has been the tool and servant of the moneyed power, and the result is shown by the huge monopolies that have grown up during its administration.

The customs duties were fixed at a figure sufficiently high, as was supposed, to secure all sufficient "protection" to domestic manufacturers; but so greedily did these become for large profits, that they put the prices of manufactured articles so high as to let in foreign competition upon many articles over the barrier of the tariff which had been erected by the Republican Congress. Consequently, as the war debt began to be reduced to some extent, it was found that there were large accumulations of revenue in the treasury, over and above the requirements of the government. This was detected by the people in the name of "excess" of revenue, the prodigal appropriations for pretended improvement of rivers and harbors and other devices for dissipating the superfluous accumulations. A popular clamor grew up for a reduction of taxation and diminution of the revenue. Unable to avoid, and fearing to disregard this popular clamor, the Republicans in the Congress made some slight revision of the rate of custom duties. The reduction effected by this revision, were estimated to amount to \$30,000,000 per annum.

Of this estimated reduction, over one half was made upon sugar, an agricultural product grown exclusively in the Gulf States. In spite of this reduction, thus by unfair discrimination made, it seems that the excessive revenue will not be materially reduced, but probably increased.

In a state of affairs the Republican State convention of Pennsylvania has come to the rescue by the adoption of a resolution approving and demanding the continuance of the present high rate of tariff, and the distribution of the surplus revenue resulting therefrom among the several States on the basis of their respective population. This is probably the ground upon which the Republican party will stand in the next presidential campaign; but this will be apt to prove to be dangerous ground. The Philadelphia Record, referring to this policy, pointedly compares it to "the financial transactions of Mr. Robin Hood, who, after relieving a traveler of his purse, would sometimes lend him enough to buy his dinner."

Rev. Dr. John M. Leavitt, the very learned and energetic President of St. John's College, Annapolis, has issued a circular announcing the organization of a "technical department" at that institution, in which students may be graduated in mechanical engineering and analytical chemistry, in addition to the usual classical course. The addition of this department to the curriculum of the institution has been a favorite idea of Dr. Leavitt's since his first installation as President of the college, and we are glad to know that he has succeeded at last in providing for the industrial education of our youth inside of the State. We wish the institution every success, and hope that a liberal encouragement will be extended to it by the people of Maryland.

The prohibitionists are growing quite confident of carrying some of the wards of Baltimore city, for local option this fall. They say they have thus far kept strictly aloof from parties, and antagonize neither the democratic nor republican party. They will not nominate a temperance ticket in any place unless driven to it, they say, by the course of the political parties. All that they ask is that on the tickets of each party for the Legislature shall be printed the words, "For or Against Local Option." so that the voter, whether republican or democrat, can vote for the nominees of his party while voting his principles in regard to local option. They will not interfere in the election for State's attorney or sheriff, or any other office except as stated in regard to the legislative ticket. They consider that the delegates from the wards or counties will vote for or against the local option in the Legislature as applied to his ward or legislative district as he shall be instructed by the majority in the local option vote. Some of the democratic leaders are in favor of granting the demand of the temperance men as to the printing of the legislative ticket, while other leaders are opposed to it.

The new postal law, reducing the rate of postage on letters from 3 to 2 cents per half ounce, will go into effect on the first of October next.

School Text Books.

It is understood that the question of making some changes in the text books now in use in the public schools of the county is at present under consideration of county school board. It seems that the power to make such changes is vested in the local school boards. Frequent changes of the text books in the schools are attended with serious inconvenience and trouble to pupils, as well as expense to parents, and operates to retard the pupils very much in the progress of their studies. It is difficult, in fact impossible, to make a change at anytime that there are not a great many classes in the different schools that have progressed sufficiently far in the text book then in use to render a change to a new one, especially in grammar and some other books, equivalent to a loss of all the time devoted to the study of the rejected book. The system and method of different authors differ materially, and it is next to impossible for a teacher to transfer his classes from the point they have reached in one text book to a point of corresponding advancement in a new and different one. Hence school boards, taking these things into consideration, ought to be very slow to make such changes. Of course book agents and publishers are always ready to "advocate these changes, but the boards of education, in whom is invested a discretion in that matter, ought to take such a step with reluctance, and only upon being convinced of the inefficiency of the book in use and the decidedly superior excellence of the one proposed to be substituted.

It is understood that among the books the retirement of which are under consideration are Harvey's series of grammars which have been in use in the schools for about ten years. We feel sure that the board, before taking this step, will confer with the teachers of the county; and, unless the books in question are pretty generally condemned by the leading teachers, they will not take a step which will be attended with serious obstruction to the progress of public education in the county. As far as we have conferred with teachers regarding the subject, the grammars in question appear to be regarded by them as very thorough and comprehensive in their scope and practical and perspicuous in their methods. From a tolerably careful examination of the different books constituting the series, such is certainly not the opinion in regard to them. While the advanced grammar may be difficult to the average common school pupil, it is the opinion of some teachers that we have talked with, that the intermediate book and the "Language Lessons" are graded down low enough for the most simple understanding. While some gentlemen, who studied the old "practical" or "inductive" method of Smith and others, complain of what appears to them as the difficult method of analysis adopted by Harvey, it must be remembered that nearly all the more recent authors have adopted a similar system; and it is certainly difficult to obtain a correct understanding of English construction and composition without the aid of such a system.

The United States steamer Fish Hawk, in the service of the United States Fish Commission, was wrecked on the coast of New York, near Ocean View, last night. The vessel was on her way to New York, and was carrying a large number of passengers. The wrecking was caused by a heavy fog, and the vessel ran aground on a rock. The passengers were rescued, but the vessel was a total loss.

Frederick Schuller, Sr. of Berlin, Pa., had his son Frederick arrested Saturday for threatening his life. The son was locked up in a jail here, and his father was released. The son was charged with threatening to kill his father, and the father was charged with harboring his son.

Twenty-five hundred pounds of powder exploded in the press-room in the upper part of Dupont's powder works, in Washington, D. C., Friday morning. The explosion was caused by a defective fuse, and resulted in the death of a man and the injury of several others. The powder works were damaged to the extent of \$50,000.

The chief of the bureau of statistics reports that the Democratic party in the United States were immigrants, 5,519 citizens of the United States returned from abroad, and 4,207 aliens not intending to remain in the United States.

A New York woman on Tuesday interrupted a woman in the street, and threw two young children to her, intending to leap into the river with them, and an infant in her arms. She was rescued by a man who saw her, and she was taken to the Bellevue Hospital.

Mr. Peter Bell, who resides near Pittsburgh, Pa., was killed by a train on Tuesday night. The train was carrying a large number of passengers, and the accident was caused by a defective signal.

News of floods, thunderstorms, hail-storms, and tornadoes continues to pour in from all parts of the country. Often these destructive forces occur simultaneously in widely separated places. On Thursday evening two black clouds met over the town of Harrisburg, Virginia, and instantly a torrent of rain descended, turning the streets into rivers, sweeping the crops from the neighboring fields, drowning pigs and chickens, and tearing away pavements and bridges. At nearly the same hour the country four miles west of Albany was pelted with hailstones, which stripped orchards of their fruit, and leveled fields of grain as if a rasper had passed over them. Along with the hail came floods of rain, which completed the work of destruction. How is it that the weather prophets are silent in these stormy times?

Notes.

The number of deaths at Harara during the past week from yellow fever was 55. A slight shock of earthquake was felt at Cairo, Ill., Saturday morning at about 2 o'clock.

The post-office at Baldwin, Pa., was burned on the 11th inst, all mail matter and records being lost. Reports from nearly all parts of the Peninsula say that the peach crop will be from two-thirds to three-fourths of a full crop.

Near Dallas, Ohio, Tuesday night, Frank Wilson, about 40 years of age, was killed by a train while crossing the railroad track in a carriage.

John McCullough, the actor, has been forced by illness to cancel all his engagements for the remainder of the season, and it is probable that he will never be able to act again.

Saturday evening, near Helena, Ark., two colored men, one armed with a musket and one with a rifle, fought a duel at twenty paces. Both were mortally wounded.

Michael Pugh, 17 years of age, while reading the Bible, in his house, near Albany, N. Y., Thursday, was struck by lightning and killed. His clothing was stripped from his back.

The gray worm has made its appearance in the northern counties of Pennsylvania in large numbers, and is causing ravages in the tobacco fields. Many of the plants are literally covered with the worms.

The Northern Pacific Railway is rapidly solving the Chinese problem. It has secured the services of a large number of Chinese laborers, and has succeeded in passing over 1,000 of them to the majority.

At Troy, Tenn., Saturday while a crowd was waiting to hear a sermon, a colored man and a colored woman who were having a quarrel, fell dead, shot through the head. It is not known who did the shooting.

In New York Sunday night Joseph Stuber, 10 years old, shot his near-old wife in the neck while she and another girl were walking in Thirty-fourth street with two men. He then shot himself.

Maria Annet, an Italian woman living at No. 28 Mulberry street, New York, on Sunday night gave birth to a child having a head with four legs and two arms, and two heads with two faces. The monstrosity was born dead.

On May 13th Thos. Whitehead, a friend and neighbor, near Cambridge, N. J., immediately after he had been in jail for a few days, was committed to jail for murder.

Eliza J. Hayward and Cora Bell, two young men living near Paris, Tenn., quarreled Sunday morning, and Eliza shot Cora through the head with a pistol. She was killed.

Dennis Keenan attempted the shooting of the Rev. Dr. John M. Leavitt, on the 11th inst. He was refused permission to speak. He fired a shot which hit the doctor in the arm, and the doctor was taken to the hospital.

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Death of Tom Thomb.

Chas. Heywood Stratton, better known to the public as G. Tom Thomb, died at his residence at Middleboro, Mass., at 8 1/2 o'clock on the morning of the 11th inst. He was 42 years of age, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a very successful business man, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a very successful business man, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

New Spelling.

The American Philological Association, which has been holding its sessions for the year at Middleboro, Mass., had great enjoyment in its recent sessions. The Committee on Spelling Reform reported, through the Chairman, Prof. March, that the English Philological Society, at a meeting held April 29th of this year, had unanimously approved and accepted the rules for amended spellings adopted by the American Association in 1881, and that these rules are now jointly recommended by the two associations for immediate adoption.

Trustee's Sale.

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, sitting in Equity passed in a cause wherein George Cotton in complainant and Mary Cotton and others defendants the undersigned Trustee will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION at the Court House door in PORT TOBACCO on

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of land more or less. This place has long been known as one of the best points in the county for the transaction of general mercantile business. It is situated in a healthy and fertile section of the county, and is well adapted for the raising of stock and the growing of crops. The land is now in the possession of the late John T. Cotton, and is being sold by his executor, the undersigned Trustee.

Terms of Sale.

The purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, or in installments, as may be agreed upon by the purchaser and the Trustee. The Trustee reserves the right to sell the land in parcels, and to accept of such parcels as may be offered by the purchaser. The Trustee will not be bound to sell the land if it does not bring a sufficient price.

Church Festival.

THE FRIENDS OF NEWTOWN M. E. CHURCH WILL HOLD A FESTIVAL AT NEWTOWN ON

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Notice and Reward.

All persons who have or have been guilty of cutting timber or other growth on the land of the undersigned, are hereby notified that the undersigned will prosecute them to the full extent of the law. A reward of Two Hundred Dollars will be paid for the apprehension and conviction of any person guilty of such a crime.

Lambs Wanted.

WANTED between the 1st and 15th of JUNE 2,000 to 3,000 LAMBS to sell on commission to supply the daily wants of my trade. For which full market value will always be obtained.

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A WASHINGTON THRESHING AND CLEANING MACHINE, thoroughly repaired. Will be sold low.

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The following valuable improved Real Property belonging to the estate of the late John Hamilton, deceased, will be sold at Private Sale for the purposes of a division of said estate, to wit:

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