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**Committed to Jail.**

Peter Boarman and Henry Edelen, two colored men, were committed to jail on Monday last by Justice F. L. Dent, for stealing a cow from Richard Stewart, also colored, living near Hughesville. The parties took the cow to Washington and disposed of her and were arrested on their return home. They are now safely confined under the care of Jailor Burch in the Frog Pond Hotel.

**Final Crop Report.**

The Bureau of Agriculture has made its final report for 1883. Taken as a whole the report is very favorable. The corn crop will fall below expectations, both in quantity and quality, owing to the injury which it sustained by the warm, moist, followed by freezing weather which prevailed in November. The wheat crop will aggregate 400,000,000 bushels and the oat crop 500,000,000 bushels, a larger yield than last year.

**Business Failure.**

We understand that the "Rock Point Oyster Company" lately under the management of Court Mitkiewicz has failed. Some creditors of the concern from Washington D. C., accompanied by Mr. E. C. Carrington, Jr., their attorney, were in town on Monday looking after their interests. It is understood that the concern will be thrown into bankruptcy. The lessor of the premises occupied by the company at Lancaster's wharf has entered upon the premises, the lease having expired.

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**Reimbursement.**

Senator Gorman introduced a bill in the United States Senate last week, authoring the claims of the corporation of Roman Catholic clergymen of the State of Maryland growing out of the use and occupation of its property, known as St. Thomas' Manor, at Chapel Point, Charles county, Md., by the United States military authorities during the of year 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, to be referred to the Court of Claims

**Fees for Settling Estates.**

Senator Moore, of Montgomery county, has introduced a bill in the State Senate to amend the testamentary law of the State, and involves the amount of commissions to be allowed in settling up estates. The bill fixes the fees as follows: On the first $1,000, ten per cent.; on the next $4,000, five per cent; on the next $5,000, two and a-half per cent.; and on all over $10,000 one per cent. Mr. Moore says that under the present law executors' and administrators' commissions amount to about ten per cent. on the whole estate.

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**Death of a Former Resident.**

On Friday morning January 10, 1884, of scarlet fever, Mrs. Mary Dorothy Sayles. Mrs. Sayles was born in Charles county, Md., in the year 1852, moved to Iowa with her brother Mr. H. A. C. Wheatley in the year 1869, and was married to Mr. Charles Sayles in 1873. The circumstances attending her death are peculiarly sad, leaving four motherless children to the care of the bereaved husband. Mr. Sayles has the heartfelt sympathies of the entire community in his great bereavement.

The above we clip from the Brooklyn (Iowa) *Register*, and although many years have elapsed and many changes taken place since Miss Wheatly left her native heath, still we know there is a warm place in the hearts of many of the friends of this lady in Charles county and many kindly recollections of her will, we are sure, be brought to mind as the sad chronicle of her death is read.

**Items from Cobb Neck.**

Mr. John Boarman had a valuable horse drowned on Friday night last in Chunn's Swamp.

Mr. A. T. Lloyd and Rev. Father Kervick have had a week of rare sport at duck shooting. They met with excellent luck, Mr. Lloyd succeeding in bagging quite a large number of the water fowl, while the Rev. gentleman—well, like Claude Melnot, "if he didn't shoot any he ought to, which is just as good."

At the church fair recently held here Dr. Lancaster won the gold headed cane, and it was presented to him by Father Kervick. The Dr. defeated Mr. G. M. Lloyd and C. C. Perry by ten vots. The proceeds from the cane were $156. O! Doctor, where is that lop-sided scrub you promised us as a balm to our disappointed hopes. But alas! politicians cannot be trust-d. YARD STICK.

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**The Hunt for the Warehouses.**

The Baltimore *Sun* of Friday last has the following:

The tobacco inspectors' fight will be interesting in spite of the threatened abolition of the compulsory feature of the present law, looking to which Mr. Gill has already obtained leave for a bill in the Senate. Montgomery county, which last year was somewhat divided, now comes up solidly democratic by a large majority, and puts forward three candidates for one of the tobacco warehouses. They are Dr. Hellen, Jackson Tabler and David L. Pugh. The Southern Maryland counties have a host of candidates. The fight it is supposed will be conducted on the plank in Governor, McLane's inaugual which referred to the difference of opinion that render party government a necessity. St. Mary's county presents James T. M. Raley, one of the present inspectors of tobacco, John Moore, A. F. Fenwick and Col. Southern. Mr. Moore is a young man, and has gone in for a hard fight, and with the intention of winning if he can. Dr. A. J. Smoot, the present inspector from Charles county, will get the support of some of the republicans from that county, but will be opposed by E. D. R. Bean. H. E. Brooke, the present incumbent, Jeremiah Berry, Daniel R. Dyer and John T. Fisher, of Prince George's, are mentioned, with about 30 others, for the "Prince George's warehouse." P. Dorsey Carr, of Anne Arundel county, is ready for reappointment, and will, it is said, be opposed by Dr. Joseph R. Owens, one of the defeated democratic candidates for the House of Delegates in that county

The name of Dr. P. W. Hawkins, of our county, a former inspector and a strong applicant for reappointment, has been overlooked in this article.

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Mr. Monroe Collins, Ellicott city Md., says: "My wife used Brown's Iron Bitters and immediately recovered from nervousness and debility."

**Charles County Statistics.**

We are in receipt of the annual report of Hon. Thomas J. Keating, Comptroller of the Treasury, for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1883, and from it we gather the following statistics relative to our county:

Table No. 3 shows that Charles county received $1,119,33 as her proportion of the State Free School fund for the fiscal year.

Table No. 1 shows the receipts of B. G. Stonestreet, Clerk of the Court, as follows:

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| Marriage Licenses | $ 247,00 |
| Traders " | 995 12 |
| Traders Liquor License | 538,65 |
| Ordinary License | 346 75 |
| Oyster House License | 502 71 |
| Exhibitions " | 118,75 |
| Tax on Civil Commissions | 9,50 |
| Fines and Forfeitures | 19,95 |
| Total | $2,778,43 |

Table No. 2 shows that James M. Harvey, Register of Wills turned into the Treasury the following amounts: Tax on Commissions to Executors and Administrators, $456,63.

Table No. 14 shows that there was due to the State in September 30th, 1883, from the tax collectors the sum $3,820,57; from the different collectors as follows:

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| Uzziel Wright | $ 508,09 |
| C. H. Posey | 183,94 |
| Edward Edelen | 1,658 85 |
| Thos. F. Nicholson | 1,469,69 |

Table No. 15 shows that there is still due by former tax collectors, running from 1874 to 1881, the sum of $5,875, 11; and table No. 16 shows that there is still due from former Sheriff, from 1864 to 1870, $1,833,31. Two of the sheriffs from whom this money is due are now deceased.

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**Old Love Rekindled.**

We clip the following from the Baltimore *American* of Friday last:

The marriage of Miss Cordelia Smoot, of Port Tobacco, Md., to Mr. George W. Cross, of Little Rock, Ark,—with which a rather romantic story is connected—was solemnized in Washington city on Wednesday in a manner partaking of the nature of an elopement. Some two or three years ago the young couple were engaged to be married, but through paternal opposition the match was broken off, and Miss Smoot continued to live with her father at his home at Port Tobacco, while Cross went to the far West, and was not heard from by his former affiance. Miss Smoot, in the meantime, became engaged to a prosperous Charles county farmer and recen ly went to Washington to pay a visit. Her unusual beauty and pleasing manners attracted many admirers, and it was at a social gathering, where she was the center of attraction, that she met by chance her old lover, Mr Cross, who, by a strange coincidence, had reached the city on a visit about the same time she did. Recognition and greetings were mutual, and the old love rekindled, and Wednesday afternoon Mr. Cross called for Miss Smoot to go to the matinee, but drove to the res dence of a minister, and returning to the young lady's house at which Miss Smoot had been visiting, the young couple announced themselves as Mr and Mrs. Cross. The newly married pair started for their new home in the West Thursday night, Mrs. Cross leaving her engagement ring to be returned by her friend, and little messages to her numerous lovers, together, with advice to the girls of her acquaintance to avail themselves of any opportunity that might offer to—go to the matinee.

Miss Smoot is a daughter of Mr. R. M. Smoot, who does not live in Fort Tobacco but who is the keeper of Cedar Point lighthouse in the Potomac river. The friends and relatives of the lady, however, all reside in this neighborhood, and Miss Cordie was a frequent visitor here and by her attractive and engaging manners made for herself many warm friends, all of whom we are sure wish that much joy, peace and prosperity may result to her from this romantic marriage.

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**Shooting Match at Bryantown.**

The shooting match between rival teams of Baltimore city and Prince George's county, came off at Bryantown on last Tuesday, the 15th instant, as had been previously announced. Quite a large crowd of the lovers of the sport were assembled, much interest was manifested in the contest and bets on the result were freely made. The contestants were each allowed ten birds to be shot at from a trap 26 yards from the marksman and the bird to count had to fall within 80 yards of the trap. Messrs Doc Gardiner, Ronny Gardiner and H. H. Bean Jr, were selected as Judges and Mr. John T Davis, scorer. The contestants of the Baltimore team were Messrs. C. Wallace Mitchell and F. M. Neale; and of Prince George's, E. Gill Gowling and Henry Compton. The following is the official score of the match:

PRINCE GEORGE'S

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| Bowling | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Total 5 |
| Compton | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | " 10 |

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| Neale | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | * | 0 | 1 | Total 7 |
| Mitchell | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | " 8 |

The teames having tied on the first shooting, each getting 15 birds, a further match of 2 birds each was allowed in order to decide the contest, which resulted in the defeat of the Baltimore team by the following score:

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| Bowling | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Total 3 |
| Compton | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | " 2 |
| Neale | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Total 2 |
| Mitchell | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | " 2 |

(The birds marked with an asterisk (*) were killed but fell out of the bounds and so could not be counted.)

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**One Year of Education.**

The report of the State Board of Education has been forwarded to the Governor by Prof M. A. Newell. It states that while 1883 has not been a year of great progress, nevertheless, in spite of diminished resources the schools of Maryland have fairly held their own. The counties have manifested a disposition to increase their local taxation to meet the deficiency from State taxes. The number of schools in the State is 2,061, pupils enrolled, 161,759, average daily attendance, 85,320; number of teachers, 4,289, of which 855 are in the city and 2,434 in the counties. The Baltimore city schools are open on an average 10 months in the year; those in the counties 8 months. The receipts from all sources in the city were $616,095.38; in the counties, $961,723.63 total, $1,577,819,01. This is a decrease of $21,414,11 below the receipts of 1882. Teachers' salaries amounted to $1,195,984,31; building, repairing, &c., $123,687,37; books and stationary $83,899,95. The total expenses for public schools in the State were $1,603,211,25, being a decrease of $48,697,42. St. John's College is hopeful of ultimate success, the report says, under the late reorganization. The number of students at the Agricultural College is double that of last year. Western Maryland College has had a very prosperous year. The roll of the State Normal School contained 253 students' names at the close of the academic year; 42 were graduated, all but two of whom are teaching in the public schools of this State. The Colored Normal School has enrolled 180 pupils with an average attendance of 120.

**Important.**

Assignee sale of Boots and Shoes! The entire stock of L. Heilbrun's well-known Shoe House No. 402, 7th Street Washington, D. C, must be sold by order of the Assignee. P. S. A good chance for bargains.

**Dinner Parties.**

A joyous party of young *bon vivants* assembled at the Centennial Hotel on last Friday evening and again on Tuesday evening to enjoy the good cheer which the admirable host and hostess of that popular hostelry know so well his to serve up to epicurian taste. On the first occasion the feast was given by Messrs. George Benore and George Gillespie, two social sons of Pennsylvania who have been sojourning with us for some time past, to their friends in this village, and the second was a return compliment to these gentleman by two of Port Tobacco's hospitable young men. The table was dressed in Mrs. Houtt's most skillful and tasteful manner, and the *menu*, which was extensive and varied, was served in a manner that would have done credit to the most expert of French cooks, and would have delighted the heart and tickled the palate of the most fastidious and discriminating epicure. Every delicacy that could be procured was placed on the bountiful board and the gay gathering sat down to a repast in which the most varied and delicate taste could not fail to be supplied. Good feeling was the order of the evening and fun and worriment and many a brilliant sparkle of wit flashed around the festive board as the boys under the benign influence of the "most excellent repast" gave full rein to their thoughts and emotions.

**The River**

The ice blockade of the river which had lasted more than a week was partially broken yesterday by the steamers Mosely, Thompson and Norfolk which arrived here in the evening from Quantico, where they had been since the freeze. The steamers were supplied with coal, which was sent to them by rail, on Saturday, and at 8 o'clock yesterday morning started to break their way through the solid ice, which after a hard day's work, they succeeded in doing and at 4 o'clock in the evening arrived at the wharves in this city. The captains of the steamers reported that they encountered the ice at Indian Head and from thence to this city it was one continual sheet, which had not been broken since the river froze across. The steamers were but little damaged and the Thompson, after having some slight repairs made to the her paddles, will return to-night with coal for the New York steamer, which is now at Piney Point, and will assist her in forcing her way to this city. The Leary is still at Quantico, as is also the Alexandria, both of which, it is thought, will come on to this city soon. There was been no attempt to break a track to Washington, so navigation between this city and that continues closed.—*Alexandria Gazette of Tuesday.*

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**Local Brevities**

The cold snap is over.

Vennor says our coldest weather will be in March and April.

The board of county commissioners will meet next Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

Snow fell on Monday night, but not enough to bring out any sleighs on Tuesday.

Mr. Percival Padgett, of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. is visiting his uncle, Mr W. W. Padgett.

The trustees of the poor held a meeting in this village on Wednesday. They were dined at the Centennial.

The school commissioners were in session on last Tuesday, but no business of importance was transacted.

Gen. A. G Chapman realized $600 nett from twelve head of cattle shipped recently to George town. This was a notably good sale.

A health journal tells its readers how to "take cold." A great many people here abounts have found out how, it is done without waiting to be told

Although leap year is nearly three weeks old there has been no unusual boom in the matrimonial market. The girls seem to be slow to take advantage of the privilege which this year grants them.

We have received the annual report of the Maryland Penitentiary from Gen. Jno. W. Horn, the efficient warden of that institution, and from it we learn that there are twelve prisoners from Charles county incarcerated there.

The grave robbers captured in Philadelphia, are not as bad as those mothers who are life robbers, by neglecting the cough of a child, when they know full well that one bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup would cure it and make it happy.

Dr. John T. Digges lost a young baby on last Saturday from diptheria. The little child was but a few weeks old and had been suffering for some time with the disease. The three remaining children of the Doctor's are also sick with the same trouble.

An observant farmer says: "When a dog kills a sheep he endeavors to bury a portion, or leaves the carcass where it is, for ano her visit. Let the carcass remain as he dog left it, and sprinkle strychnine over it, and ten chances to one the carcass of the dog will be by the side of the sheep the next day."

We are requested by the authorities of Charlotte Hall School to deny the report which is current, of the existance of any contageous or infectious disease at that place. The health of the school has never been better and the report is entirely without foundation. We have received some correspondence on this subject but are unable to publish it this week.

Our genial Senator Dr. Lancaster, has we understand gone into the active practice of his profession among members of he Legislature at Annapolis. The members suffer very much from stomach troubles and the Dr. has, we learn, given as high as fifteen prescriptions a day. Local opinion prevails in Annapolis it will be remembered.

Vennor, the weather prophet, not discouraged at the failure of his December predictions, comes forward with the following prognostications for the balance of this month: 12th to 22nd, colder weather and continuing to grow colder; 23rd, heavy storm of wind, sleet and snow; 24th to the end of the month, uncertain weather windy, cold, cloudy and with rain, sleet and snow.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Benoni W. Hardy, at his home at Glymont which occurred on Monday. Mr. Hardy was a man of the highest integrity, unobtrusive in his manners and well esteemed by all who knew him. He was buried at St. John's Chapel, Pomonkey. He leaves a widow and several small children to mourn his loss.

The new school house near Pisgah narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire one day last week. Fire communicated during the night from the stove and burned out a considerable space in the floor, when fortunately it went out without doing further damage. Teachers cannot be too particular about the condition in which they leave their fires when they leave school.

**A Few Special Bargains**

In dry goods which we are selling every day. Fruit of the Loom yard wide bleached cotton, (selling everywhere at 12½) our price 8½—Handsome brocade Silk velvet (bought at auction) actually worth $2 00 we are selling at $1 50. Our Elegant Colored silks which we did sell at $1 25 reduced to $1 00 and our fine quality black "gros Grain" french silks reduced from $1 50 down to $1 25. Bleached table damask all pure Linen (slightly soiled) reduced from 75 down to 50. Blankets from the late auction sales at (confidential) prices every pair from $1 00 to $2 00, cheaper than they were last year; our $3 00 blankets now $2 00; our $6.00 now $4 00; our $12 00 blankets now $10 00. Beautiful silks and wool dress goods (actual cash value 50) we are selling at only 25. Shawls, Skirts, Cloth for Men and Boys wear, Colored silks, green, garnet, blue and drab 50. Colored and black cashmeres all pure wool double width 37, 50, 62, 75, 87, 100.

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