

LOCAL MATTERS:

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A Suicidal Leap.

Capt. W. H. Watkins, of St. Mary's county, owner of the sloop Mary Jane, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, whilst laboring under temporary insanity from the effects of strong drinking, attempted to commit suicide by leaping from the deck of the vessel into the Chesapeake Bay.

Suit for the Recovery of a Child.

A suit for the custody of a child of Mr. Henry Wenk from his grandfather, Mr. John C. Wenk, was heard in the Court House on Saturday before Chief Judge Stone. The child it seems had been in the custody of the grandfather since its infancy, and a few weeks ago its father demanded it of him on the ground of improper treatment, which demand was refused. The case was heard by Judge Stone and at its conclusion he awarded the child to its father, Henry Wenk. We understand that Mr. John Wenk will shortly institute another suit for recovery of board for the child during the time it was in his keeping.

For Charlotte Hall.

In the Senate, Mr. Alston recently presented a memorial from the Board of Trustees of Charlotte Hall School, Messrs. J. H. Key, R. C. Com's and John F. Dent, committee for St. Mary's county, to which Col. Southern, President of the Board, was subsequently added, requesting that the Senators and Delegates of the present General Assembly, use their best efforts to secure the appropriation of not less than \$1,000 for each year, for the next ten years, in aid of said school. On motion of Senator Alston, the order was entered on the Journal.

Death of a Maryland Editor.

Mr. Charles S. Parran, senior editor of the Calvert Journal, and the oldest member of the Prince Frederick bar, died at his residence, near that place, on Wednesday, the 30th inst., in the 58th year of his age. Mr. Parran was one of the most prominent citizens of Calvert county. He represented Calvert county in the House of Delegates in 1852, and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1864 and 1867. He was treasurer of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Calvert county, and treasurer and register of St. Paul's Episcopal Parish, of the same county, at the time of his death. He took an active part in church work, representing that parish as a delegate to the church conventions. He was greatly beloved by the people of Calvert county, and fully enjoyed their confidence.

The Southern Maryland Railroad.

Mr. John P. Fox, representing the Southern Maryland Railroad Company, has been to Annapolis in the interest of a Senate bill providing for an extension of time for the completion of the road. The bill recites that the company was chartered in 1863; that fifty miles of its eighty are completed, and 125 miles are in operation; that the State is stockholder in the amount of \$100,000. The time for the road to be completed expired in March, 1883, and the bill asks extension of time until 1888. The company's indebtedness, 657 of its bonds amounting to \$500,000, is held by Boston bankers and the Fidelity Trust Company of Philadelphia. It is claimed that the company still owes from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for labor in Southern Maryland and the bill will not be passed without the matter being looked into carefully.

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Suing for Damages.

John C. Willett and Edward H. Howard, Baltimore drummers, were in Charles county some time ago and in need of a team. They hired two horses and a buggy from Mr. Thaddeus Mudd to travel about forty miles. When the horses were returned one died, and the other, it is alleged, was much injured. Mr. Mudd entered suit for \$300 damages, claiming that the horses were so driven that the defendants say the animals were carefully driven. The suit came up Tuesday in the Superior Court before Judge Stewart, but was not concluded. Messrs. A. H. Robertson and Sydney E. Mudd appeared for the plaintiff and B. A. Kintone and Blackstone for the defense.—Day.

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The Governor Wrote Upon.

A delegation from this county, headed by Messrs. S. Cox, Jr., Wm. H. Gray, of the Central Committee, Mr. Geo. A. Hunt, and several other gentlemen, waited on the Governor on Thursday of last week in the interest of Dr. A. J. Smoot for tobacco inspectors. The Governor received the gentlemen kindly, and heard their appeal and also their views on the inspection law, but gave them no encouragement as to the probable appointment of their favorite to the position he sought, other than that would give the claimant due consideration before the appointments were made. These gentlemen left while at Annapolis, that the senatorial article which we published from the Baltimore Sun last week, that these appointments had already been definitely fixed upon, was purely fiction, and that the Baltimore Sun nor any one else knew anything more about the Governor's intentions in this matter than a man in the South Sea Islands. The Governor has made no promises to any one as to who is likely to be appointed. A delegation in the interest of Dr. P. W. Hawkins waited on the Governor yesterday in a similar connection.

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Latest Phase of the Fight.

Gov. McLane gave his views very plainly to the delegation which was here today about tobacco inspectors. He will give Baltimore County inspectors to the Southern Maryland counties of Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's, and two to the upper counties of Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel and Baltimore county. He will insist that those appointed from any county shall take care of its adjoining county, thus pairing them off. Calvert and St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's, Baltimore co., and Anne Arundel, Montgomery and Howard. The Governor does not think the tobacco inspectors from the lower counties have strengthened the democratic party much in those sections, but by dividing the friends of the different candidates has caused confusion in their ranks. He is of the opinion of the party there, just as it is over the canal dues in Western Maryland. But for these elements of dissension he believes both Southern and Western Maryland might be democratic. None of the Southern Maryland counties unite on any one man for tobacco inspectors. The Governor would not delay much longer sending in some of the general appointments but for the unavoidable absence of Senator Jackson, chairman of the committee on executive nominations, who is at his home sick. He will, in the minor appointments, consider the wishes of the delegations, but in the more important sections which have democratic representatives. Where there is no democratic representative he will send down the old list. He points to the fact that a number of counties have no democrats in either house, owing to dissension in the party.

The Warehouse.

The Baltimore papers are all taking an active interest in behalf of the tobacco merchants of this city to have the present inspection law repealed and are making every effort to have this accomplished. The republicans of these papers at Annapolis are taking in every phase of the situation and gather all the news they can in regard to the matter. The following from the Baltimore Sun professes to be the views of the Southern Maryland delegation, how authentic it is we are unable to say, but it certainly has the ring of true metal about it, for this is precisely the position that all from the tobacco growing sections should assume, and to outwit the sharks who are endeavoring to have the law repealed we almost think that a combination, though wrong in principle, would be justifiable: The way matters look now the prospects of abolishing the present compulsory inspection laws are not very encouraging. The tobacco question in Southern Maryland is like the senatorial question on the Eastern Shore, sectional more than political. While opinions differ as to whether the present inspection law should stand or whether it should be modified, the belief is expressed that it will be modified in a number of features, and the mode may be willing to strike out the compulsory feature, the action of the House on that question is foreboding to the point that the tobacco growers in Southern Maryland are willing to have the matter removed from politics, but are like the democrats from the same section on the one thing—they would rather see the present laws remain than have the entire system abolished. The fight against striking out the present law is called by Southern Marylanders "fighting the Dutch," and if necessary to call in reinforcements, the aid of the Eastern Shore will be lavished in return for help in the election of a candidate for the Eastern Shore senatorial law.

Opposed to a Change.

A meeting of the tobacco commission merchants was held Monday morning to discuss the agitation of the tobacco inspection by the Legislature. The houses represented were: Maryland Granger, Farmers and Planter's Agency, Southern Maryland Commission Agency, Deibel & Carpenter, J. J. Korfick & Co., Blanford, Fowler & Co., F. Neale & Son, Tolly & Deel, Benton & Co., John T. Dowell & Co., Chipchase Bros., Charles W. Owings & Co., J. S. Rawlings & Co., Thomas C. Price & Co., J. B. Kent & Co., J. Boskin Lee & Co., W. A. Padgett & Co. and R. D. Hopkins. Dr. George W. Dorsey, president, with Wm. E. Chipchase, secretary.

Local Brevities.

Spring weather. Traveling is had throughout the country. The ice in the river and creeks is broken up. Mules and mortgages are stubborn facts for farmers. A fine assortment of valentines for sale at Mrs. M. F. Wade's. Man proposes and woman has her same privilege this year. Would-be road surveyors were a majority in town on Tuesday. Fishermen along the river are making preparations for spring operations. The days are growing perceptibly longer, much to the delight of the industrious farmer. Next Thursday is St. Valentine's day. We have a basket ready for our installment of the tender missives. The ground hog saw his shadow last Saturday, but as a prophet he has thus far proved as great a fraud as Vennor. The warm, balmy weather of this week has caused farmers to begin the preparation of their tobacco beds. Mr. Hammie Neale had his sulky demolished by the shying of his horse as he was leaving town on Tuesday. The steamer Mattano will resume her trips for Potomac river landings on next Thursday, 14th inst. Days of sailing as heretofore. Several flocks of wild geese passed over our village this week in their migratory pilgrimage northward. This is said to be a sure precursor of warmer weather and a sign that never fails. Good for a cold: Roast a lemon without burning it. When entirely hot, squeeze the juice into a cup on three ounces of finely powdered sugar. Take a teaspoonful whenever you cough. It rarely ever fails. The Governor will send in the most of his appointments to the Senate in the course of next week and many, both here and elsewhere, who are now on the ragged edge of expectancy will be relieved of their anxiety. The latest news from Africa is that the Zulu King has the croup; this news is doubted by many, but notwithstanding, the friends of the king have sent him a case of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and consequently know his cure is certain. Mr. W. DeC. Mitchell was one of the committee appointed from the Maryland Legislature to confer with a similar committee from the Virginia Legislature to regulate the catching of oysters in the Potomac river by oystermen of the two States. It is expected that this matter will be definitely settled by these committees.

Navigation on P.

The Potomac river is now open to navigation to all kinds of steam and sailing craft, and on Monday vessels were arriving and departing without regard to the floating ice, which offers no resistance. The steamer Alexandria went down the river on Saturday, and on Monday morning the Thompson and Corcoran resumed their trips. The Norfolk steamer commenced making regular trips on Monday evening, and doubtless the river, which has presented such a dull appearance during the past month, will soon assume its busy aspect. A number of oyster boats which had been detained down the river went up on Sunday. The running of the steamer will be halted with delight by those of our people who live along the river, and who depend almost entirely upon this means of transportation. The stopping of the steamers has been a source of much inconvenience to them, but now their shipping and traveling will be continued uninterrupted for no doubt the back bone of winter is broken.

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