

LOCAL MATTERS:

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Base Ball Convention. The Base Ball Union for Southern Maryland, composed of Prince George's, Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert will meet in convention on Monday, May 12th, 1884, at Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's county, for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the season. Calvert will be represented, and we hope the Union much success.—Journal.

Delegates from Charles will also be on hand and we would like to see a full and enthusiastic delegation from the other counties.

Appointments to Oyster Police Vessels. At a meeting of the Board of Public Works on Wednesday last week the commanders of the several oyster police steamers and sloops were appointed except to the steamer Governor Hamilton and two of the sloops, Capt. Snoot of the Katie Hines being one whose name was not acted on. The Board was to have held meeting yesterday and act on the remaining vessels, but up to the time of going to press we had not heard the result of the meeting. Several of the old commanders were reappointed, but it is impossible to say whether Capt. Snoot will be one of the fortunate ones.

Children's Suits, Eisman Bros., 7th and E Sts., Washington, D. C.

Licenses Issued. The Clerk has been kept quite busy since the first of the month issuing the various licenses required by law to those who engage in business in the county. Up to this date there has been issued the following licenses: Traders, 62; traders liquor, 29; Ordinary, 10; f-m-e traders, 5; Oyster house, 8; horse and Jack, 8; pedlars, 2; fishing shore, 1. Last year at this time there had been 63 traders licenses issued, one more than the present issue shows. This shows that notwithstanding the suspension of several merchants our county is still well supplied with stores.

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Unclaimed Commissions. We learn from Mr. Stoenstreet that several of the magistrates commissions remain unclaimed in his hands and as the required thirty days have expired these will be returned to the executive department at Annapolis, and the Governor be given an opportunity to appoint other gentlemen to these positions in place of those who have failed to qualify. We presume the gentlemen who refused to take out their commissions did not desire the office, as sufficient notice had been given through the county papers that the commissions awaited their demand.

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Scattering Little Seed. Five millions of Potomac egg eggs are now in course of hatching at the central station of the fish commission, on Sixth street, in Washington. In some of the propagating jars they are hatching at the rate of 200 every minute. Last week 250,000 tiny shad were taken by rail to the Shenandoah river and placed in the headwaters of that stream. To night 1,500,000 will be dispatched in fish commission cars to the tributaries of the Gulf of Mexico. The shad propagating season this year has been very successful. Already 3,000,000 eggs in advance of any previous season have been secured.—Alexandria Gazette of Tuesday.

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Tax on Executors' Commissions. Attorney-General Roberts has written a letter to Mr. R. T. Banks, Register of Wills for Baltimore City, in which he says: "I have examined the recent act of Assembly fixing the commissions of executors and administrators, and find but little difficulty in construing its meaning and effect. The law does not take effect until the time fixed by the constitution, to wit, June 1. After that date all accounts in your court must be made in accordance with the provisions of the new act." The commissions, which are at the discretion of the court, are not to be under 2 per cent, nor to exceed 10 per cent, on the net \$20,000 of the estate, and on the balance of the estate not more than 2 per cent. "It being the law is clearly applicable," says Mr. Roberts, "to estates in process of settlement, and to all accounts stated after the 1st day of June next."

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To Prevent the State's Banned Cattle. Dr. Ward, the state veterinarian, has issued notice to persons owning cattle that he recently passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor empowers him or his assistants to enter any premises where he may think diseased cattle are harbored, and order them to be placed in quarantine. He may order the destruction of the animals if he thinks necessary, and appraisers, to be appointed by him, will then value the diseased animals, so that the state can reimburse the owner. If a law is very stringent. In case its provisions are not complied with, the offender shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Any one offering cattle for sale that is diseased, or even permits the animal to cross a highway, knowing it to be diseased, without the consent of the state veterinarian, is liable to a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100 for each animal.

A Letter to Justices. Captain Wilson, who has an eye on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, to prevent boats going through loaded with oyster taken from Maryland waters, reports to headquarters that the only oysters going through the canal are from Virginia, and he desires to be returned to his district. He also reports that justices of the peace say that the oyster law is no law, and they will not convict under it. Upon this point Captain W. H. addressed the following letter to the justices in the tide-water counties: "By direction of the Governor, I send you the enclosed copy of the oyster law, approved April 8, which went into effect on its passage. The Governor requests your particular attention to those sections of the law which subject to your jurisdiction, and provide penalties and other punishments for those who violate its provisions. He invokes your attention to the same, and a firm and faithful execution of your duties in support of and in cooperation with the officers of the State Fishery Force."

A Grand Piece. The new and fashionable Clothing Hall recently opened in Baltimore would be visited by every lady, and gentleman, who goes to that city. The greatest variety of elegant clothing can be seen, at moderate prices. ACME HALL, 209 W. Baltimore Street, is the location.

The Tax Payers Meeting.

Considering the presence of the busy season, the meeting of the tax payers to take action regarding the county road system on last Tuesday was fairly well attended. Letters and messages were received from several large taxpayers, who were not able to be present, expressing their regret at their inability to attend and giving assurance of their hearty cooperation in the object of the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Richard H. Edeley, Esq., upon whose motion Judge Geo. P. Jenkins was unanimously elected President and Wm. H. Gray, Esq., was appointed secretary. Mr. Edeley then addressed the meeting, and Mr. Gray read the minutes of the meeting. The speaker then remarks dwelling upon the inefficiency of the road work now carried on and commending the project of appointing a general superintendent to take charge of the service. He then presented for the adoption of the meeting and the signatures of those present the petition, which, as finally amended and adopted, is printed below. After the reading of the petition Mr. J. T. Davis moved to substitute a resolution that the road service be abolished, the terms and equipments sold and the money resulting to the county treasury be applied to the payment of the county debt. Mr. F. M. Cox hoped that Mr. Davis's substitute would not be considered, as there was no prospect of such a revolutionary step being accepted by the Board, and he hoped it would not be pressed by Mr. Davis. He hoped the specific proposition contained in the petition, which the county commissioners had expressed a willingness to accept, would be favorably considered and adopted by the meeting. Mr. Davis withdrew his resolution. Mr. Adrian Posey, the attorney for the commissioners, said that, from what he had learned from the Board, the appointment of Capt. Page would not be favorably considered by them. Mr. Hugh Mitchell inquired if Mr. P. say was authorized to speak for the commissioners, to which he responded in the negative. Mr. J. T. Davis then took the floor and made an able and earnest speech in favor of the proposition to appoint a general superintendent and paid a handsome tribute to the skill, integrity and energy of Capt. Page, whom he considered pre-eminently indicated as the man for the place. He dwelt upon the importance of the public road service to the county and said that it should be kept up to the standard of the best in the country. He proposed to look at the question from a business standpoint and said that he believed that in Capt. Page's hand it would be so conducted. He knew, however, of one other civil engineer in the county Mr. Addison Marbury, and had learned he would probably accept the trust. He thought that it would be better to give the commissioners the discretion of making the selection from the only two competent men in the county. Mr. W. L. Wilmer deprecate the idea of spending more money to employ a general superior of similar qualifications to those now in charge of the work. Mr. Edeley explained that the reason Mr. Marbury's name had not been included in the petition was that it was known to the one who drew it that Mr. Marbury is now permanently engaged in business and that it was not deemed probable that he would accept a place at one-fourth the compensation. Mr. Lancaster then addressed the meeting. He said he had been criticized by the press for not having procured the passage of a road law for the county at the late session of the General Assembly, after promising to do so. He admitted that he had made such promises, but said that, after thinking the matter over, he had concluded that it was not deemed probable that he would accept a place at one-fourth the compensation. Mr. Lancaster then addressed the meeting. He said he had been criticized by the press for not having procured the passage of a road law for the county at the late session of the General Assembly, after promising to do so. He admitted that he had made such promises, but said that, after thinking the matter over, he had concluded that it was not deemed probable that he would accept a place at one-fourth the compensation.

The chair appointed Messrs. L. A. Wilmer, R. H. Edeley, Jno. H. Mitchell, T. Y. Robey, Sr., and H. A. Turner, a committee to obtain further signatures to the petition and present it to the commissioners at their next meeting. Opinions differ as to what will be the action of the board upon the petition. Some say that the commissioners merely wished to obtain the sanction of the tax payers to the increase of expense, so as to increase their patronage by the appointment of a supercargo of about the same capacity as the present supervisors, and that because the petition precludes such a course, the commissioners will not grant it. Others differ as to what will be the action of the board upon the petition. Some say that the commissioners merely wished to obtain the sanction of the tax payers to the increase of expense, so as to increase their patronage by the appointment of a supercargo of about the same capacity as the present supervisors, and that because the petition precludes such a course, the commissioners will not grant it.

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Confirmation at Newport. The little church at Newport was filled to its capacity on Tuesday morning by the congregation and others who came to witness the confirmation service and to hear Bishop Northrop, of South Carolina, who administered the sacramental rite. Bishop High Mass was celebrated by Rev. A. P. Keast, S. J., of St. Thomas' church, and during the mass a most eloquent and earnest discourse was preached by the Rev. Bishop who stressed every one by his beautiful and easy diction and by the sound christian practicality of his sermon. So completely did the Bishop win the hearts and attention of his hearers that not a single regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the Archbishop. On the conclusion of the mass the Bishop confirmed 164 children, an unusually large number, and it shows how earnest and untiring have been the efforts and the prayer of the pastor of the church, Rev. T. J. Kerwick, in behalf of the spiritual welfare of his charge. The Bishop was assisted in the administration of the sacrament by the Rev. Fathers Keating and Southgate.

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Considerable speculation was indulged in here on Saturday evening as to the cause of the volume of smoke which hung over the earth like a pall, and from loss of a better explanation many attributed it to the large and destructive forest fire which had been for several days past prevailing in Pennsylvania and in Cecil county, in this State. On Sunday morning, however, the cause was found to be a local one and nearer home, and was the result of the burning of a large lot of cord wood belonging to Mr. Henry Wenk, living a short distance beyond La Plata. Mr. Wenk had a quantity of wood cut and corded and a colored boy, employed by him, while burning some brush a low bed of flames to communicate with the wood pile and as a brick break was stirring at the time the fire broke a rapid roadway and before it could be stopped or extinguished it moved 25 or 30 cords of it had been consumed. Mr. Wenk's loss is estimated at \$25.

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