

LOCAL MATTERS:

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A Warning as to Pledged Notes.

The United States Treasurer is still in occasional receipt of pledged tender notes and silver certificates. It is evident that some parties are multiplying notes with intent to defraud the public. The method pursued is to tear from a note to such only as will be exceeded two-fifths of the note, (three-fifths being retained under the rule, a full value then obtainable in the same manner, and thus obtain one full note composed of the several pieces. The public are cautioned against taking any pledged note, unless it is evident from the numbers on the two ends, and other appearances that the pieces are of the same note.

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Grain Market Comments.

There was unusual excitement in the grain market Baltimore Monday. Wheat opened strong on the strength of advices from the other side that crops were falling. There was some heavy buying in all the futures. The market continued high until reports came that crops were going up, when prices of wheat began declining in the same proportion that had advanced. This continued until the close of change, when the last European advices were received. Afterward there was a further decline of a cent a bushel, but just before the close of business in the afternoon there was an active buying, based on the reported failure of a large Chicago and New York house. Then prices not only recovered what they had lost, but advanced to the highest point of the day, and closed strong. May wheat opened at 100 cents a bushel, declined during the day to 98 1/2, but closed at 100 1/2, against 93 1/2 for the closing price Saturday. June wheat kept about two cents above of May all day. The sales were about 1,500,000 bushels. Corn was higher and strong.

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How Civil-Service Rules Work.

Levin Mitchell, of the High School at Gardenville, Baltimore county, who was appointed substitute clerk in the Baltimore post office by Postmaster Adreon a few days ago, has declined the position. Mr. Mitchell passed the civil-service examination last week with an average of 96.65. He gives as his reason for not taking the place that he passed with the highest average and was only appointed a substitute, while two others, whose averages were below his, were made 6000 clerks, whereas a substitute is only paid for the time his services are in requisition. At the postoffice the following explanation is given of the matter: The rules require the civil-service board to send four names to the postmaster from which the best one is to be selected. In the case of Mr. Mitchell, the four names were: Mitchell, Levin; Mitchell, George; Mitchell, John; and Mitchell, William. The first name, Mitchell, Levin, was selected. The remaining three names, with the next man in grade, were sent in, and Gortley was chosen. The three left, of whom Mitchell was one, were again sent in with another ranking next in average, and this time Mitchell was selected. It is claimed that the law does not require the highest average applicant to be appointed to the first place. Rule six of the civil-service says: "Whenever any office or having the power of appointment or employment shall so request, there shall be certified to him by the commission or the proper examining board, four names for the vacancy specified, to be taken from those graded highest on the proper register of those in his branch of the service and remaining eligible, and from the lowest four selection shall be made for the vacancy." Another part of the rule says: "No person upon any register shall be certified more than four times to the same office, unless upon request of the appointing officer."

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The April Crop Reports.

The returns of April to the department of agriculture indicate a reduction of over 10 per cent. of last year's area in winter wheat. The aggregate shortage amounts to three million acres. A decrease is reported in every State except Oregon. It is 22 per cent. in Kansas and Virginia, 20 in Mississippi, 15 in California, 12 in Alabama, 12 in Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri, 11 in New York and North Carolina, 10 in Maryland and Texas, 8 in New Jersey, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana, 7 in Georgia and Ohio, 6 in Pennsylvania and Delaware, 5 in Michigan, 3 in Arkansas, and 2 in South Carolina.

The present condition of wheat, as reported, is worse than in 1882. It is 71 per cent. against 90 last year, and 80 in 1883. In 1881, the year of lowest re-ate of yield, the condition on April 1 was 85, and serious loss was sustained afterwards. The real status of the crop will be better shown a month hence, when the vitality of the roots has been determined. On the present showing the reduction of yield on the basis of last year's production promises to be nearly 40,000,000 bushels on account of reduced area, and more than 60,000,000 from winter killing and low vit. Whether the crop will exceed 400,000,000 bushels, or fall short of it depends upon the reliability of present appraisals, and on future conditions affecting the growth and ripening.

The soil was in bad condition at the time of seeding on the Atlantic coast from N. W. Jersey to Georgia, and in West Virginia and Tennessee. It was better in the Southwest and in Missouri, Illinois and Michigan. In the Ohio valley it is scarcely in a medium condition. Damage by the Hessian fly was not severe, though worst in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas where injuries have occurred in three-fourths of the reported territory. The acreage of rye has been decreased in about the same proportion as wheat, but the condition of the crop is decidedly better, the average being 87 per cent.

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The Registrars' Case.

George Stodolski filed a paper in the Clerk's office purporting to be the decision of the Court in the case of the Registrars officers, in which they claimed additional compensation from the County Commissioners for services rendered, a report of which has previously appeared in the Times. The case was argued at the November term, when it was shown that Mr. Mull, the plaintiff, had been actually employed for 21 months in performing certain services, all of which were specifically required to be performed by the Act of Assembly under penalty of \$500, while the Commissioners had only allowed compensation for 13 days service. It was also shown that by the decision of the Court of Appeals, which was relied on as a defense, Bryan, the only county officer who appealed, had been allowed for every day that he claimed, and the full amount he claimed, and that he had received compensation for services identical to all intents and purposes with those for which compensation is now refused by the Commissioners. The court held the matter under advisement, for the express purpose as it stated of examining the record in the Bryan case to ascertain definitely whether or not he had received any for all the services he claimed, or whether any item of service he claimed could be considered as a matter of mere routine. In the opinion now filed the court makes no mention at all of Bryan's claim or whether any part of it was rejected. The following is the opinion of the court:

Henry L. Mull vs. } Appeal Docket
County Commissioners. } Nov term 1884

The question in this case, is the amount that a Registrar is entitled to receive for the performance of his duties. I have given it careful examination, and have come to the conclusion that the judgment was reversed, as I think the appellate court has settled the question.

It appears that the Commissioners allowed the Registrars a per diem for five days for the September and two days for the October sitting. In the opinion now filed the court makes no mention at all of Bryan's claim or whether any part of it was rejected. The following is the opinion of the court:

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The Necessity of Provender.

The following from the Centreville Record is true to our county as to the farmers of Queen Anne's, and we give these views for the benefit of those who desire to profit by them: "The scarcity of provender of all descriptions among farmers in this section is one of the features of the present backward spring. Two reasons are assigned for this scarcity, first, the continued drought last fall, and the long severe winter which followed. While these statements are absolutely true, farmers are to some extent responsible for the state of affairs, and they can learn therefrom a timely lesson for the future. Our farmers pay too little attention to raising and curing hay, and had farmers of other sections been half as neglectful of this crop, stock might have suffered and the hundreds of tons of hay purchased in Cecil county and elsewhere by the farmers of this section could not have been supplied. There are few sections where the soil is better adapted to raising hay than this immediate locality; yet it seems that farmers prefer to purchase than to raise hay. Every dollar expended by a farmer for hay or provender of any kind is just so much of his capital stock taken out of his business, besides the reduction of profits in raising stock. Hay farming has paid better for the past three or four years than grain farming, and here is where farmers could learn a profitable lesson. A hay dealer informed a Record representative a few days ago that there had been near 200 tons of baled hay brought to this county alone, by rail and water, at an average cost of about \$19 per ton, to supply the necessities of our citizens. Much of this hay has been sold to farmers in the neighborhood, who have been compelled to purchase. This cash expenditure should and could have been kept at home had our farmers given attention to raising hay. The county and subordinate grange organizations should take up this question and stir it through.

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Our Junior was called to Baltimore on Tuesday to attend the funeral of his late father, Mr. Harry Daley, who died of consumption, in that city on Monday last. His absence from his post since Tuesday has devolved additional duties upon the writer and will be our apology for any short comings in this week's paper.

Mrs. Siller, a young white woman, was brought to town on Wednesday evening under arrest charged with stealing a dress from a colored woman in whose household she had been staying. For the want of a proper commitment from a magistrate she was not lodged in jail, but was taken away again by the person who had arrested her.

The time for spring cleaning and house renovating is approaching, and to all who intend to give their homes a freshened and brighter look by papering their walls we would recommend the house of Jacob Meyers, 39 N. Gay St., Baltimore, as the place to purchase. Mr. Meyers has one of the largest and most complete assortments to be found in that city from which to make your selections, and his prices are very low. Samples furnished on application. Read after-issuement.

Erysipels in an aggravated form has been prevalent near Glymont during the past month. Although this disease is not generally regarded as contagious, it seems to have proved so in this case. We reported the death of Mr. and Mrs. Wenk from that cause some weeks ago. Information now reaches us of the death, on Tuesday morning, of Mrs. Edward S. Welch, an aged and respected lady, of the same locality, while her husband also died dangerously ill with the disease.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. C. Auerbach of Washington, D. C. Mr. Auerbach is agent for all kinds of sewing machines, which he sells at very low prices and guarantees their quality. In dealing with this house you have the advantage that if you are not satisfied with the kind of machine you first take, you can exchange it for any other make, as he keeps all kinds. Mr. Auerbach also keeps a full line of hats and gents furnishings. Give him a call.

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NOTICE!

The members of the congregation of Christ Church, Port Tobacco, to whom will be submitted the question, whether the press shall be rented or free, are urgently requested to assemble in the Church on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., and decide by their votes.

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