

LOCAL MATTERS:

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ADVERTISERS.—THE TIMES being a large circulation paper, and one of the most influential in the South, offers superior inducements to advertisers...

Apology.—Owing to a severe accident to our printer on Tuesday we must have the indulgence of our readers for the absence of much local news in this issue...

Act on this Advice.—The benefit of settling up promptly all outstanding obligations, if possible, at the beginning of a new year is no obvious or hardly to be denied...

Meeting of the Legislature.—In accordance with article 3, section 14, of the constitution of the State, the General Assembly of Maryland will meet on the first Wednesday in January next...

A Liberal Railroad.—We sometimes hear people say that the Chesapeake and Potomac Railroad is not properly credited with its due...

Trouble in South Maryland.—Under this caption, the Baltimore American of last Sunday represents that a quarrel is threatened or in progress between the friends of Mr. Cox and the friends of Mr. Harris...

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The County Affairs.

We publish below the report of the balance sheet of the Board of Commissioners of Charles County, as made by Mr. G. A. Rasch, who, at the request of the county commissioners, kindly overlooked them for that purpose.

Mr. Rasch's report shows that the amount in hands of collectors agrees with books in the hands of the auditor, and that the balance sheet is correct in every particular.

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Dr. Wilmer's Charges.

In a letter to Secretary Manning some time since, Mr. Wm. R. Wilmer, Naval Officer for the port of Baltimore, made some statements on the weighing department of the customs service...

Dr. Wilmer's charges, which he made upon the weighing department, were in response to a circular letter, marked "stratagem," dated August 17, 1886...

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TO OUR COUNTRY PATRONS.

We believe that a little confidential talk with our Friends, and Patrons at this time will do more good than any amount of advertising we could possibly put in this space.

To a few of you our house is probably unknown, and we desire to become acquainted, and propose to introduce ourselves without ceremony. We are the firm of WOODWARD and LOTHROP, of Washington, D. C., better known in that City as the "Boston Dry Goods House," and we herewith submit the fundamental principles upon which we do business, which are the secrets of our success.

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