

LOCAL MATTERS:

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TO ADVERTISERS.—THE TIMES having a larger circulation than any other paper among the intelligent farmers and business men of Charles County, offers superior advertising facilities. Send for card rates, which are as low as any other paper in Southern Maryland, to any address in circulation.

Democratic Primary Meetings

In compliance with the resolution recently adopted by the Democratic State Committee of Maryland, the Democratic voters of Charles County are hereby requested to assemble in primary meetings at the several places of holding elections in the several districts of the county on

Saturday, Sept. 4th, 1896, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and elect ten delegates from each district to represent them in a county convention to be held in Port Tobacco, on

Tuesday, September 7th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to represent Charles County in the district convention to be held at Upper Marlboro' on

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1896, to nominate one candidate to represent the Fifth Congressional District of Maryland in the next Congress of the United States.

M. COX, WM. H. GRAY, Democratic Central Committee for Chas. Co.

Earthquake Shock.

Quite a severe earthquake shock was felt in Port Tobacco about 10 o'clock on Tuesday night causing much commotion and fear among our usually quiet citizens. The shock was of 3 or 4 minutes duration, from the best information we can gather, and shaking of houses, beds, etc., was so great as to cause many to suppose that they were tumbling to pieces. Many who had retired were awakened from their sleep by the averse shaking they received, and some nervous citizens ran to a house to house seeking safety and protection. As soon as their nervousness wore away, however, they again retired and slept soundly until morning. We have received several communications from various sections of the county relating similar experiences from the shock, which seems to have been general, and much fear and alarm was occasioned everywhere among our people.

Gone South.

W. Luther Deary, son of Wm. E. Deary, Esq., and formerly a clerk in the office of T. R. Farrall, at La Plata, had more recently in business at Newmarket, left here on Friday last for Stennis, Mississippi, where he has created a position in a mercantile house. He will be associated with Messrs. J. H. Lacey and Geo. H. Robertson, two of our former fellow citizens now engaged in business in Stennis. Luther was a very popular young gentleman in this neighborhood and indeed wherever he was known throughout the county, and he will be much missed and his departure sadly regretted by his many friends here. All of whom, however, will join in the hope that he will meet with much success in his Southern home and that fortune may deal with him with a lavish hand.

Fun at Waldorf.

We invite the attention of our readers to the tournament and ball to take place on Tuesday next, the 7th inst., near Waldorf, for the benefit of St. Peter's Catholic Church of that place. The object of this entertainment is a most worthy one and for this reason should be liberally patronized by our people, but apart from this the management promises a full round of pleasure to all who attend. No effort or expense will be spared to make the tournament successful and enjoyable, and we would like to see the efforts of the managers rewarded by a large crowd who will spend liberally for the worthy object of the entertainment. If you wish to spend a pleasant day and get your money's worth of sport and gaiety remember the day and date of this affair and be sure to attend.

Attention Soldiers.

Calvert and Prince George's have taken steps to organize a military company in their respective counties and thus secure the advantage of the \$1,800 appropriation made for this purpose by this last Legislature. We, of Charles, however, seem slow to move in the matter, and the probabilities seem to be that this amount, which was likewise appropriated for us, will be allowed to "go by default." This should not be, and we have until October 1st in which to effect an organization, let us set about it at once with a will and secure this appropriation for our county. With this appropriation available the organization of the company will be attended with no cost to the individual members but the uniforms and accoutrements will be furnished free by the State. Let us set actively to work and get 60 men on roll before the expiration of the allotted time. With this in view we would suggest that all interested in the organization of such a company meet at the court house in Port Tobacco on Tuesday next, the 7th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., to take preliminary steps in the matter.

Maryland County Fairs.

The agricultural fair is fast becoming a popular institution in many of our counties of Maryland. The Maryland State fair at Pimlico and the Baltimore county fair promise to be of unusual interest this year, and Talbot and Calvert counties will enter the lists for the first time with agricultural exhibitions and racing. The 8th of the county fairs will be that of Montgomery commencing September 1st, and lasting three days. Baltimore county fair follows next, at Timonium, commencing September 7th, and continuing three days. Then comes the State fair at Pimlico, beginning September 13. The Talbot and Kent county fairs both commence September 21. That of Talbot commences four, and Kent three days. On October 5th the Cecil county fair begins on the handsome fair grounds at Ekater, continuing four days. The Washington county fair will be held at Hagerstown rather late in the season—October 19, lasting four days, and will, doubtless, as in the past, attract many visitors from adjacent counties of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. No date has yet been fixed for the Calvert county fair, which is to be held at Dunkirk. These fairs are not only the occasion of pleasant social gatherings of farmers and their families, but afford a valuable stimulus to local enterprise by exciting competition among the farmers, introducing new methods and appliances of agriculture and exhibiting the resources and products of the community. A good rural fair is the great indicator of agricultural thrift, prosperity and progress, and the increase of such exhibitions in Maryland affords a pleasing evidence of our growth as a farming State.

A Cyclone, destructive of all profit of the holder and a nuisance for shoe buyers. Clothing, has just reached the magnificent stock of Reliable Clothing made by Oehm & Son of Baltimore. They are determined to clear out every remaining item of this season's garment, and their prices will be. Don't overlook the corner of Hanover and Pratt for Clothing.

Marshall Hall Tournament.

One of the largest gatherings that has ever attended a similar affair in the county was assembled at Marshall Hall on Wednesday to participate in the pleasures offered by the management of that popular resort to our county people, and to witness the tournament contest advertised to take place on that day. Charles and Prince George's counties were both represented, the large crowd present being chiefly from these places. The steamer Corcoran also brought a large number of people from Washington, though these left at 10 o'clock at night and so left the spacious pavilion to the pleasure of the county people, for whom benefit the affair was gotten up. The crowd began to assemble at an early hour and by two o'clock, P. M., the tournament track was filled on both sides by vehicles crowded with anxious faces eager to witness the tourney contest. Promptly at 3 o'clock the Knights, 21 in number, were marshalled to the judge's stand under the able leadership of Chief Marshal John T. Davis, assisted by his efficient and handsome aids, prepared to receive the charge and to begin the contest. In the absence of Richard E. Brandt, the regular appointed orator of the day, Mr. Wm. H. Gwynn, of Prince George's county, delivered the charge to the Knights in a few well timed and appropriate remarks and also gave them the instructions that would govern the contest. The riding was then commenced and it proved to be the most spirited and exciting contest that has ever occurred in the county. In the riding right Knights were given the victory, and the riding left Knights and this, of course, necessitated an additional ride to each of these to decide the tie. In the tie ride these eight were again successful in capturing all the rings and then it was decided by the Judges to put up smaller rings in order to settle the matter. In this ride three of the gallant Sir Knights again succeeded in tying for the first honor, and it then becoming too dark to see the rings the Judges and Knights resorted to a tie-up in a quicker way, to whom the honors should go. The Judges finally determined to decide the matter by lot and in the drawing the first honor fell to the lot of Jos. Green, of Charles; 2nd to Jas. Mudd, of Charles; 3rd, J. A. Turner, of Prince George's; 4th, Harry Mudd, of Charles; 5th, Julian Cox, of Prince George's.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the coronation took place in the pavilion and the coronation was presided over by Adrien P. Est, the orator of the evening, who also delivered a short address in which the ladies were complimented to their entire satisfaction and the gallant Sir Knights honored for the prowess they had displayed in the contest. The honor of being the queen of love and beauty of the occasion was bestowed upon one of the most charming and favorite belles of our neighborhood, Miss Maude Muscotte, and right royally did she bear her royal honors, and escorted by her husband and groom to a worthy queen for the brilliant and gay assembly. Miss Nellie Griffin a pleasant and affable belle of Prince George's was selected as 1st maid of honor; Miss Iletia Hunt, a charming and pleasing belle was chosen 2nd maid; and Miss Millie Compton, a bright and attractive little miss of Pomonkey, was 4th maid to her majesty. The 3rd maid was not elected. Dancing was then indulged in until the "one o'clock hour" which included all that time for the breaking up of the pleasure and enjoyment had arrived. Altogether the affair was one of the most successful meetings that it has ever been our fortune to attend, and the thanks of our people are due to the courteous and genial proprietor, Col. McKibbin, for the very enjoyable entertainment afforded at his popular resort.

How It Was Done.

We have received a communication from a subscriber in relation to the appointment from Charles to the free scholarship in the St. Mary's Female Seminary, made by the county commissioners at their last meeting. Our correspondent seems to find it difficult to understand why it became necessary to resort to a public examination to determine upon the appointment after an examination had been held. He appears to have supposed that the examination was a strictly competitive one and that the young lady making the highest average would be the appointee; but in this he is mistaken. It became necessary to resort to an examination as the means of determining the fitness of the applicant for the appointment. This was done by submitting the names of the applicants to all the applicants and requiring a certain average as the test of eligibility. In this fair and impartial manner it was ascertained that of the 16 applicants for the examination were eligible to the appointment. Then, for the purpose of selecting the appointee from this list of eligibles, balloting was resorted to. The result was the selection of the young lady making the highest average at the examination. We think a moment's reflection will show our friend his error.

The First Reclamation.

A board of arbitration, selected under the new tobacco inspection law passed by the last Legislature, met in Baltimore Saturday to decide the claim of Messrs. Von Kappf & Arens, tobacco buyers, for reclamation. The dispute is about the inspection of six hogheads of tobacco drawn at State warehouse No. 3, of which Mr. John Thomas Bond is the inspector. Messrs. Von Kappf and Arens selected Mr. Claus Voelke as their member of the arbitration board; Inspector Bond selected Mr. Franklin Dalings; and they selected Mr. John T. Dowell as their third party arbitrator. The complainants, who are buyers for the Bremen market, put in as evidence the samples of the tobacco drawn in Bremen as against the samples drawn at No. 3 warehouse. They made the claim that the Bremen inspection gave the true grade of the hogheads, and showed that the Maryland inspection put the grade too high. Upon this they ask for damages for the difference in value between the two samples. Inspector Bond contended that the Maryland inspection is as reliable as the Bremen, and he put in the evidence of a number of tobacco commission merchants to show that the inspections at No. 3 warehouse are fair. The hearing lasted for several hours, and was postponed until Thursday of next week, because some of the persons in the case will be out of the city. Inspector Bond says he proposes to put in the evidence of all commission men who have business with the warehouse. He asks for \$10,000. Maryland State inspection is a national trial, while the Bremen inspection is a local one, and he says nothing is heard of instances where hogheads may prove to be better than the Maryland samples. The buyers insist that the Bremen inspection is fair and reliable. This is the first full hearing of a claim for reclamation under the new law. Claims heretofore settled by a board of arbitration. The sum awarded by a board of arbitration is required to be paid by the tobacco inspector to the buyer, and the receipt for the payment is the evidence necessary for the inspector's reimbursement from the State Treasury.

Excursions to Baltimore.

Those participating should not, under any circumstances, neglect to embrace the opportunity to obtain the acknowledged Finest Clothing for Men and Boys, at a greatly Reduced Price. Visit Acme Hall, 209 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, and you will be sure of a cordial reception.

Our Sanitary Laws.

Under the laws of Maryland the county commissioners of each county have been empowered to appoint a health officer, and the law this officer must be a well educated physician, who is to act as secretary of the local board of health, as also the executive officer. The duty of this local board, according to chapter 22, laws of 1886, section 5, is to take cognizance of all unhealthy nuisances within the limits of their sanitary jurisdiction. Section 7, of the same act, orders that whenever any such local or county health officer shall receive reliable notice, or shall otherwise have reason to believe that there is within the limits of his sanitary jurisdiction, and disease is dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately investigate the matter and take all proper steps for the restriction or suppression of such disease or diseases. Such are the duties of the county health officer, and such is the law under which he is to act. The authority conferred upon him is unquestioned, and enables him to have almost undisputed authority in ridding the community of anything calculated to endanger disease in our midst. It is the duty of the health officer, and he should be fearlessly carried out. Our board of county commissioners have not as yet organized themselves into such a board of health, though it is hoped they will do so at an early day, and as the law requires such action on their part it will without doubt be speedily complied with. The board has among its members one of the most intelligent and leading physicians of the county and he will, without impropriety, be chosen the secretary of the health board, and thus at all times be present to hear any complaint of a sanitary character from any part of the county. These local boards of health are a wise precaution taken by our law makers, and every board of county commissioners should organize into such a board as required by law and see that all the requirements of the law are strictly carried out.

Local Brevities.

S. Cox, Jr., offers his farm for rent for next year. See notice elsewhere.

The Days are becoming perceptibly shorter, and, barring mosquitoes, the nights are elegant for sleeping.

No public body was in session on Tuesday and owing, we suppose, to the rain on that day, but few people besides the officers and lawyers were in town.

We return thanks to O. N. Bryan, one of the delegates to the Farmers' convention now in session at Minneapolis, Minn., for copies of St. Paul daily papers.

The drought was broken on Tuesday last when we had a copious and refreshing shower which proved very beneficial to the growing crops of corn and tobacco, the good effects of which can be plainly seen throughout the county.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Turner entertained a party of their friends at their residence "Springhill," on Tuesday evening last. The reception was under the auspices of the local board of health, and was largely attended by Mr. Turner's friends. The host and hostess were unremitting in the kind attention to the guests, and the evening was highly enjoyed by all present.

John M. Carthy, a young son of Mr. J. R. M. Carthy, the well known school teacher of Point of View neighborhood, died on Saturday morning last, after a lingering illness, of consumption, aged 19 years. His funeral took place on Monday morning and was largely attended by his sorrowing relatives and friends. The interment was at Point of View.

Eugene A. Jenkins, a popular young gentleman of this neighborhood, who left here about a year ago to accept a position with the U. S. Railroad in Chicago, returned last Saturday for a short visit to his friends in the county. He is looking well and speaks in glowing terms of his western home. He will leave the county to-morrow on his return trip. We wish him low regards.

The ladies of Christ Church congregation will have a concert and tableaux at the Court House here on Thursday evening next for the benefit of the church. Supper will also be served at the St. Charles Hotel at the close of the entertainment. Some excellent musical talent will participate in the concert, and all delicacies of the season are promised at the supper. Do not fail to attend.

An application has been received at the Postoffice Department for the establishment of a new postoffice in Charles county. The first name suggested for the new office was "Exchange," but in view of the fact that there is a postoffice called Exchange in Louisiana, the title of the office was rejected because "Md." and "Ind." when written hurriedly, look very much alike on mail matter. "Cottage Hill" was next suggested, but the department is opposed to giving a double name to a fourth class postoffice. Some other name will be suggested to the office is established.

IN MEMORIAM

In partial of this life August 26, 1886, WALTER M. MANN in the 70th year of his age, after an illness of several months, at a great sufferer, he was never before to return. He leaves a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. He was a devoted husband and father and his death will be deeply felt by those that love him. He was a kind and generous hearted man, a kind friend and neighbor, and we trust that his dear wife and children, weep not for me, for I am gone to rest and hope soon to see you and be forever blest. May he rest in peace. BY A FRIEND.

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