

Stubborn Facts.

There are evidences in all parts of the country of the decline of the farming interest. We hear from all quarters that farming no longer pays, that money invested in farm lands is not making profitable return, and that the general value of farms has greatly depreciated.

When wheat brought \$3 a bushel farmers who had paid \$200 an acre for their land could make plenty of money and pay off their notes. Now it brings 60 cents to \$1, and the farmer finds it difficult, or utterly impossible, to meet the interest on the mortgage which his farm probably carries.

There are a number of reasons why farming has grown to be unprofitable, says the Baltimore county Democrat. Of course the farmer who has paid a price for his land can't make a profit on the money invested at the price of the commodities he produces.

A Universal Need

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Divorces in the United States

Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, has submitted to Congress his special report on the statistics of the laws relating to marriage and divorce in the United States from 1867 to 1886, inclusive.

The South Ignored.

Publications from Indianapolis, regarded as semi official, give the following as the state for Gen. Harrison's cabinet, to be changed only in the event of a declaration of some of the gentlemen named, or the remote possibility of the President elect making a recast in one or two of the positions.

A Witness in the Compton-Mudd Case

Abraham Lincoln Gant, colored, arrested for perjury in testifying falsely at the hearing in Brooklyn, Anne Arundel County, on January 30, in the Mudd-Compton contested election case, and committed to the Annapolis jail in default of \$600 bail to await the action of the grand jury of Anne Arundel county, was on Friday discharged by Judge Phelps of the Criminal Court, under a writ of habeas corpus.

What Cleveland has Done for his Party.

In a well written summary of the acts of Mr. Cleveland's administration, now so close to its end, the Baltimore Sun of Saturday last contains the following: "If we contrast the attitudes of the two parties we may obtain a fair idea of what the Cleveland regime has done for the party. It is conceded that it has given the country a thoroughly clean administration. A gentleman who held an office under the Arthur administration said today: "It cannot be denied that all the departments have been free from jobbery and favoritism."

The Farming that Pays.

The Atlanta Constitution has been interviewing some of the most successful farmers of the South with a view to ascertaining how they have made farming pay. Those who have made money and those who have the reputation of managing their farms in the best manner have been made to express their opinions, and the result is a mass of information that is highly beneficial to farmers of Georgia and throughout the South.

Governmental Sugar.

Alexandria is likely to be the location selected for the new experimental station to be established for the purpose of investigating the properties on sorghum as a sugar producer. A committee of prominent citizens called upon Secretary Colman Monday to lay before him the advantages of the town as a site for such a station.

The Baltimore Sunday News gives

the following list as about the way in which the Federal offices in this State will be filled under President Harrison. Should it prove a correct forecast it is had for Southern Maryland, as F. Snowden Hill, of Prince George's county is the only one from this section recognized in the distribution.—Collector of the port, the Hon. M. G. Ureter; surveyor, Charles L. Wilson; postmaster, W. W. Johnson; naval officer, the Hon. Hart B. Holton; collector of internal revenue, Geo. T. Bagge; United States sub-treasurer, William D. Burchinal; United States district attorney, Thomas S. Hodson; chief appraiser, the Hon. W. M. Marine; appraisers, F. Snowden Hill and Isaac Myers or Dr. H. J. Brown.

Judge Merrick's Will.

The will of Judge W. M. Merrick was probated Friday. It reads as follows: "The last and testament of Wm. M. Merrick. I give bequest to my brother, George C. Merrick, the portrait of my father, a set of Maryland reports and Currier's edition of the Supreme Court Reports and such other law books as may be in my study at Washington. The other Supreme Court Reports and statutes of the United States belong to the United States, and pass by law to my successor in office. My diamond scarf pin and my engraved watch seal I bequest to my nephew, Richard Merrick; the large crayon portrait of myself I bequest to my sister, Josephine Brent. All the rest and residue of my property of every sort I devise and bequest to my beloved and true hearted wife, Mary Wickliffe Merrick, appointing her sole executrix, and exempting her from giving bond. Commending her to the Divine Mercy. Done in Washington this 17th day of January, 1889. Wm. M. Merrick."

The Oyster Beds of the Chesapeake

The area of the oyster beds of the Chesapeake bay may be safely estimated at 3,000 square miles. In some places, however, the beds are so thinly populated as to render working them unremunerative, while in other portions they are so thick and increase so rapidly millions perish from suffocation and the superincumbent weight from accumulation. In the most favorable breeding localities, such as Tangier sound, the beds are two feet or more in thickness, only a few inches of the upper layers of oysters being alive.—The younger oysters, when they accumulate so rapidly, add a stratum annually, and a corresponding stratum underneath must perish. The increase is, therefore, only in the extension of the superficial area occupied by the beds. From Kent Island, within 25 miles of Baltimore, to Cape Henry, a distance of nearly 150 miles, the bottom of the bay, with a few slight exceptions, a continuous bed of oysters. About 30,000,000 bushels are gathered annually from the Chesapeake and its tributaries, not including those taken from private plants. Good planting grounds are valuable and can seldom be bought. Lots covered by three to five feet of water rate at about \$100 per acre, and the most desirable grounds are an interest of more than 20 per cent on that sum. The boundaries of planting lots or beds are shown by stakes or small evergreen trees firmly secured in the mud at the corners. These fragile corner marks are strictly respected by neighbors, and a case of trespass rarely occurs. Now and then, however, a raiding fever will occur from bold and disreputable pirates, such as has recently been progressing about Chester creek, and can only be checked by a vigorous warfare from a fierce and mighty navy, commanded by officers who may be captured and have their arms thrown into sea, but will never surrender or die.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

ILLA PLATA CHARLES COUNTY, MD. BY VIRTUE of the authority contained in a Deed of Trust from Thomas R. Farrell and Susan B. Farrell, his wife, to Richard H. Eble and John H. Mitchell, dated the 11th day of May, 1887, and duly recorded in Liber J. S. T. No. 1, folio 566 &c., one of the land records of Charles county, and under date of the 27th day of February, 1879, and recorded in Liber B. G. S. No. 3, folio 449, one of the land records of Charles county, the improvements on this lot consist of a commodious hotel with the usual out buildings.

Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 1889,

between the hours of 12 M. and 3 o'clock P. M. All the real estate mentioned in said Deed of Trust, and which may be described as follows: 1. ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in Charles county, in the village of La Plata, containing one-fourth of an acre, upon which is erected the Hotel Building known as the "Farrall House," being the same piece or parcel of land that said Thomas R. Farrell obtained from Nicholas Stomestret and wife by deed bearing date the 27th day of February, 1879, and recorded in Liber B. G. S. No. 3, folio 449, one of the land records of Charles county, the improvements on this lot consist of a commodious hotel with the usual out buildings.

The President's Inauguration.

Half Rates and Fine Service by the Pennsylvania R. R.

Present indications foreshadow the most brilliant inaugural demonstration ever known on the installation of President-elect Harrison, March 4th next. The entire country is interested in the event, and every State of the Union will be represented in the grand parade. Civilians, military, civic, and political bodies will make this the greatest pageant ever seen in the National Capital. The ball will be the most brilliant affair of the kind ever held and the entire demonstration will be conducted on a scale of magnificence never before attempted. Thousands of people will visit Washington during this period as participants or spectators, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is making preparations to carry them there, and return them in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. It will undoubtedly be the heaviest job ever undertaken by the company, yet with its enormous equipment, excellent facilities, and masterly management, the task will be accomplished to the satisfaction of all. For the day preceding and that ascending the 4th, the rails leading into Washington will be hot with thousands of wheels, and as the trains will be packed as closely as the demands of traffic require, there will be between New York and Washington a continual procession of locomotives and cars moving steadily forward to their destination. In order to utilize all the cars, and to prevent any blockage of the tracks, no cars will be stored on sidings in or near Washington or at other places en route. The trains will be immediately run back, to be again loaded with a part of the vast throng which will crowd into the stations of the company. In this manner the work will be done promptly and effectively, and the great number of trains will enable every one to reach the capital at a reasonable hour.

That Feeling

Of exhaustion expressed in the words "I am run down," indicates a thin and depleted state of the blood, reacting upon the Nervous System. Nothing will reach this trouble with more speed and certainty than Ayer's Sarsaparilla. "I was all run down," writes Mrs. Alice Wood, of Chicago, Ill. "I had lost all my strength, and my hair was falling out. I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and now I am better than ever." "GAINING IN STRENGTH every day. I intend using it till my health is perfectly restored." "Being very weak and despondent after the illness which caused frequent loss of blood, I tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and to my surprise it restored me to my former health, and I feel like a new man." (Signed, J. B. Johnson, Boston.)

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ORDER NISI.

In the Circuit Court for Charles County vs. S. D. R. by and others. No 717 Equity. ORDERED by the Court this 10th day of February, 1889, that the report of the sale by W. A. Hamon, of Trustee, be ratified and confirmed; no cause to the contrary being shown on or before the 23 day of March next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Charles county once in each of three successive weeks before the said 23 day of March 1889.

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