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Review of our Oyster Navy.

The Maryland Oyster Navy, comprising eight sloops and the steamer Governor Hamilton, made an imposing appearance in our harbor this morning.

The Governor, Secretary of State Milligan, the Comptroller and Treasurer, boarded the steamer "Hamilton," Commander Waddell, accompanied by the representatives of the press, and a few invited guests, steamed out into the harbor and at the signal of the whistle, the deputy commanders repaired to the Hamilton where Governor McLane addressed them as follows, saying: That the service was no longer to be a political organization—that it must be efficient in all its works; that the deputy commanders had the authority to discharge any of their crew for inefficiency, insubordination, and disobedience of orders, and the commander had the same power over all. If one of the deputy commanders found an inefficient man he must discharge him. It was the duty of the deputy commanders to make the service efficient as possible—they owed this to the State, to their party and the administration.

Treasurer Compton stepped forward and said that he endorsed every word the Governor had said.

Comptroller Turner also gave his approval, and said the time had come when the tone of the oyster navy must be raised above its present standing, and it was the intention of the State to make it what it should be—a protection to the Maryland oyster beds.

Commander Waddell then addressed the deputy commanders saying: "He would exercise his authority as an officer, not as an individual. He had no personal spite to gratify and no enmities to appease; and whatever orders he would issue, in the disposition of the forces, would be for the good of the State; that the law must be enforced regardless of politics."

The schooner "Julia Hamilton;" and sloops "Franklin," "Hines" and "White," will go on the railway here for repairs. To-morrow Commander Waddell will inspect the fleet, personally, to see what repairs the other vessels may need.

After the review was over, the deputy commanders paid their respects to Commander Waddell, at his office in the State House, and among them was Deputy Commander Hance, who after some complimentary remarks said: "Commander Waddell, I am agreeably disappointed in you. From all I had heard of you I took you to be a man of tyrannical disposition." Commander Waddell smiled and replied: "Well, Captain, perhaps you have not known me long enough, and I hope as we become better acquainted you will become better informed."

Court of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals met to-day to deliver opinions in the cases yet remaining undecided from the April Term. There are nine of these cases. Chief Judge Alvey delivered the opinion of the Court in the case of Bridget Burns and others vs. John W. Gallagher and others. This case was tried below before the Judge in the Superior Court without the assistance of a jury and the finding was for the plaintiff. The question for the Court of Appeals was whether there was evidence legally sufficient to be considered. Court of Appeals decided that there was and affirms the judgment.

Judge Stope delivered the opinion of the Court in the case of Michael Kean, use of Charles Ridgely vs. George Doerner, claimant. The decision of this case depended on the solution of two questions. First, whether a claimant of money in the hands of a garnishee has the right to come in by petition and claim the money, and have his rights to it decided by a Jury; and secondly, whether the act of 1876, chapter 285, pointed out the only mode by which a claimant can now come in and establish his right to property attached, and whether this act is only an additional remedy to those already existing. The Court decides a claimant has right in himself to have his claim to monies attached decided by a jury, and the Act of 1876, chapter 285, duly gives the claimant additional powers, and restricts none of his rights.

Judge Irving delivered the opinion of the Court of Appeals in the case of the B. & O. R. R. Co. vs. State use of Grace M. Allison, by her next friend Catharine Bentz. This case involves the liability of the railroad for the death of Mr. J. Allison, who was killed July 9, 1881, near the New York cut-off of the B. & O. R. R. He was evidently in liquor at the time and no one knew how he got on the road. The lower Court held the ordinance of the city requiring the bell to ring, applied to uninhabited and swampy parts of the city, and where there were no streets and crossing. The Court of Appeals reverses this.

Our Pyrotechnical Display on the 4th

Our patriotic fellow citizen, a tonsorial artist, Mr. Fred. Finke, having been granted permission by the corporation to give a pyrotechnical display on the night of the 4th, has furnished us with the following programme on this occasion:

*Part First.*—A salute of 20 cannon crackers; bombmines, Roman candles, triangles, gold showers, with star vertical wheel, colored fire—red with Jumbo floating in the air, if called and the Annapolis Cornet Band playing "O, Jumbo."

*Part Second.*—Roman candles, showers of stars, in mid air; silver shower, with stars, (new;) double triangles; gold shower of stars; China flyers, (imported) large vertical wheel; battery of colored stars; colored fire—red, green and blue, with shells exploding in mid air, and the Cornet Band playing "Yankee Doodle."

*Part Third.*—Roman candle display; showers of variagated stars in the air; large vertical wheel; showers of gold stars; double triangle shower of silver stars; China flyer floral bomb—a very exciting fireworks, throwing a bomb 300 feet in the air, explodes with a very loud report—throwing showers of colored stars.