

Letter from Annapolis.

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Governor Bowie—Respect to the Late ex-Governor Pratt, &c.

Governor Bowie came to the city this morning unexpectedly. He has caused to be promulgated an order announcing the death of ex-Governor Pratt, and that all business, of whatever shade, will be suspended at the executive office on to-morrow, the day of the funeral; also that the office in Baltimore be closed, and the adjutant general and staff attend the funeral in citizens' dress, and that the flag be suspended at half-mast from the dome of the capitol. The remains will be brought down to-morrow at noon for interment in St. Anne's Cemetery.

The press upon the executive from the recently elected officers for their commissions is very great, though the demand cannot be met, because of the absence of Secretary Hollyday, who has been summoned before the court for Dorchester county.

Lieutenant C. H. Block, United States navy, has been ordered to report to the Naval Academy for duty. Lieutenant Commander E. P. Lull, of this city, has been detached from active service and allowed sick leave.

Up to this time the comptroller has issued 500 licenses to oyster dredgers. STAN.

SUDDEN CHANGES.—At this season delicate and old and feeble persons should be more than ordinarily careful to guard against sudden changes of temperature. It is better to wear thick clothing in advance of the extreme cold weather, as one is then ready for it, and can be in anticipation of rather than following the season. To old persons particularly the caution to keep warm is necessary, as they have less power to rally when chilled, and what multitudes of old people die suddenly from being simply "chilled," every physician knows too well. It is not amiss to remark, in this connection, that churches are the death of many persons. Very few sextons seem to have an idea about temperature, and they will keep a church shut up all the week in weather like the present, until it is as cold and damp as a vault, and then make a fire on Sunday morning, in a stove which cannot, by any possibility, warm the edifice before night. The consequence is that the church is cold, damp and uncomfortable in the morning, and every one feels chilly, while at night, the fires having been left to burn fiercely all day, the church is much too hot, and those who go from its heated atmosphere into the cold air without are almost certain to take cold. If the fires in churches at this season were made on Friday, they could be left to die out on Saturday night, and the result would be a room dry and comfortable, but not overheated.

FEMALE TELEGRAPHERS.—The Female School of Telegraphy, in the Cooper Institute, New York, Lydia H. Snow, directress, was opened three months ago with sixteen pupils, two of whom resigned and four were incompetent. Of the remainder, five have been qualified to take regular positions, and three have got places. The experience of the telegraphic companies has proved that women are better operators than men in most of the offices. The school at New York will supply twenty female operators annually, and it is not yet clear whether it will be expedient to enlarge its capacity.