

THE LEGISLATURE.

Next week will not be interesting in debating the various bills now before the Legislature—Ballot Reform law; amended election laws; a new Assessment law; as well as the local measures in each county as well as the city. But 26 working days of the session remain. The House will hold night sessions.

THREE BALTIMORE COUNTY BILLS.

In the columns of the JOURNAL to-day will be found three bills presented in the Legislature, in which the citizens of Baltimore county are deeply interested, viz: amendments to our road law; a bill making a Board of 5 instead of 3 County Commissioners, as at present, and a bill enabling the Treasurer to pay in cash the money under \$20. The County Commissioner law provides that one Commissioner shall come from each of the 1st, 2d or 13th District, one from the 3d, 4th or 5th; one from the 6th, 7th or 10th; one from the 8th or 9th, and one from the 11th or 12th. All these laws will not doubt be fully discussed by our people. A bill has also been presented in the Senate to reduce the salary of the Treasurer, after 1892, from \$3,000 to \$2,000.

A WIDE DIFFERENCE.

In the matter of the proposition of the Consolidated Gas Company to furnish the citizens of Baltimore with gas in a contract to run for twenty-five years at a cost of not more than \$1.25 per 1000 feet, there is a very wide difference between the daily press upon the subject. The Sun pronounces the proposition a monstrous one, and that the Legislature should not pass the bill before the Legislature. It goes to the trouble to interview a large number of people, and says it represents a large majority of the city. No doubt thousands given in the list never use gas. Then here is the American and the Herald which they represent the majority of the people. The Herald is in favor of the bill, and says it is a matter of public interest, and that the people who use gas. Thus there is a very wide gap between them. To be sure, it is none of our business whether the people of Baltimore have to pay much or little for their gas, but we do feel a decided interest in the bad character the Sun would give our legislators in its invidious should they vote for the bill. Fourteen out of eighteen of the city delegation are in favor of the bill.

On Thursday 27th the House was crowded upon the floor and in the lobby, to listen to the interesting debate upon the bill upon its second reading. Delegate Rich, of Baltimore county, showed high ability as a debater in the able argument he made upon the bill, terming it a gigantic monopoly, to which he was altogether opposed. His remarks were listened to with the greatest attention by the whole House—Mr. Carter, who was also opposed to the bill, complimented Mr. Rich, as did also Mr. Colton, who is in favor of the bill. Mr. Colton pretty thoroughly dissected the Baltimore Sun's petition of 22,000 names against the passage of the bill, that out of the whole list there were not probably more than 3,500 who used gas. The bill is a matter of public interest, and as far as the remaining 18,500 were concerned, as they in no wise were affected by the use of gas, or were taxed for it in any way.

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BALTIMORE POST OFFICE.

Last week Mr. W. W. Johnson assumed control of the Baltimore Post Office, Gen. Frank Brown turning over its affairs to him. It required about ten days for Gen. Brown to "take stock," so that the money, stamps, &c., could be accepted for. As yet postal affairs, &c., could be accepted for. As yet postal affairs, &c., could be accepted for.

THE CONFEDERATE SOCIETIES.

The members of the Confederate Societies in Maryland held a meeting on Saturday night, 22d ult., at the Academy of Music, in Baltimore, in honor of the birthday of General Washington. General Charles E. Hooper, of Mississippi, delivered an able and interesting address upon the life and services of the Hon. Jefferson Davis. He gave a most impassioned and brilliant description of the unselfish devotion of the great Confederate leader and his speech was heartily applauded throughout its progress. In finishing his remarks he said: "I believe the time will come when history will show that the men who were with me when I was a soldier were the men who were with me when I was a citizen. Here lies a soldier who served his country and never allowed his name on the roll of the traitors. He was a patriot, and he died as a patriot, and he lives as a patriot."

WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY.

At the fourth annual dinner of the New York Southern Society on Saturday, 22d ult., ex-President Cleveland replied in the most eloquent and touching manner to the toast of "The Birthday of George Washington." The dinner was presided over by John C. Calhoun, a descendant of the immortal statesman that name. The toast of "The Birthday of George Washington" was given by the most eloquent and patriotic he has ever delivered, and was received with unbounded pleasure by his fellow-diners.

A SCREW LOOSE SOMEWHERE.

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Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, Boston's celebrated Protestant Episcopal clergyman, is delivering a series of mid-day Lenten services at Trinity Church, Broadway, to the business men of New York city.

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THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Chicago Wins in the House. Balloting for the several cities, (Chicago, New York, St. Louis and Washington) as the place to hold the proposed World's Fair in 1893, was held in the House on Tuesday, 25th ult., and resulted in the selection of Chicago on the 8th ballot. All the Maryland delegation began voting for Washington and so continued to the end. We give the vote each city received on each ballot, as follows:

Table with columns for Cities and Ballots (1-8). Rows for Chicago, New York, St. Louis, and Washington.

When the 8th ballot was announced the Chicago friends were wild with joy. They shouted and justly so, for the result was a triumph for the city which they had chosen within reach. In this demonstration many in the galleries joined.

The bill now goes to the Senate. It is stated by many well informed people that the Senators are opposed to a Fair and will so express themselves. This, however, does not seem likely, and Chicago will probably be put on her feet by the bill.

New York deserved to lose the Fair for inflicting politics into it. Platt will likely try to get Chicago yet.

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There was no session of the Senate here to-day on account of the fact that no quorum could be obtained. On Saturday night twenty-five bills were introduced, and on Sunday, leaving twenty-three members behind—just enough for the House to do business. The bill provides that one Commissioner shall come from each of the 1st, 2d or 13th District, one from the 3d, 4th or 5th; one from the 6th, 7th or 10th; one from the 8th or 9th, and one from the 11th or 12th.

The election bills were laid over until Tuesday night, 4th of March.

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