Our Washington Letter.

From our regular correspondent

Washington, Aug. 31, 1888

Senator Sherman during the course of a speech in the Senate, made the startling announcement that in 1885 the balance of trade (with foreign countries) was in favor of the United States to the amount of $163,000,000, while in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, it was $49,000,000 against the United States Senator Beck contended that the balance in our favor last year was $6,000,000. Taking either statement as correct, the effect is perfectly astounding, and such a state of things cannot keep up without danger of a serious financial panic in this country.

The proceedings of Congress are very amusing these days. They consist mostly of what would be called, in the language of the prize ring, sparring for position. And the agility displayed by the members of both parties in jumping over and under a given question is very funny to a person that is not interested; but it is very serious to the men engaged in it, as some chance word may result in losing the member the coveted renomination from his district. Let us be thankful we are not politicians.

Senator Allison's statement makes the appropriations for the current fiscal year $421,000,000, and the estimated income from all sources $440,000,000. That will leave a surplus of $19,000,000 jrst about the sum that the average newspaper man gives his wife every year for pin money.

The steam plate printing presses in the Bureau of Engraving & Printing have been abolished, as far as the House can do it, by the passage of the bill providing that all Government securities shall be printed on hand presses.

The Senate has passed Senator Hoar's resolution calling on the President for copies of all remonstrances made or demands upon England for redress for the treatment of American fishermen by Canadian officials.

The republicans of the Senate have recovered from the temporary panic into [illegible] Mr. Cleveland's message [illegible] action of the fisheries treaty [illegible] and now they deny ever [illegible] for a moment demoralized [illegible] right, let bygones [illegible] that about the [illegible] Senators discuss [illegible]

[illegible] a bill [illegible] authority for [illegible] It may not be [illegible] this connection, that [illegible] impression among our na[illegible] officers is that all the talk about a war with England as the result of our retaliation, is a joke of huge dimensions. One of them said: Why, what is the use of talking about a war? England, to state the case plainly, has forty or more available modern armored ships of war which could reach our shores within three weeks from the first alarm. We have fifteen vessels of war, which could not be mobilized within three months and when they were ready they would not all together be a match for two of the English boats. Such a fleet as England could send over could occupy every one of our ports in less than [illegible] These are cold facts, to be considered by the hot blooded.

[illegible] seeing in the newspapers that Mr. Harrison had gone fishing, could stand it no longer, so he went off on Tuesday for [illegible] days fishing in the mountains of West Virginia. He returned this morning.

Speaker Carlisle has raised a hornets' nest about his ears by apparently taking sides with the appropriation committe of the House in its controversy with the military committee.

If trusts can be reached by Congressional enactment, some of those unpopular institutions are likely to die in the near future. The democrots are particularly aggressive in their fight on them in both House and Senate.

The new silver vault built in the Treasury Department building for storing standard sliver dollars is complete. It will hold $100,000,000. $[illegible]0,000 a day will be shipped here from the different mints and subtreasuries until the vault is filled.

A good many political engagements had to be broken in order to get a quorum in the House this week.

A number of the leading business men of Salisbury and Wicomico county have organized a company with the object of drawing a good class of immigrants to the peninsula The name of the new enterprise is The Peninsula Land and Improvement Company. The officers are: Messrs W. B. Tilghman, president; William Miller, general manager; Lemuel Malone, land commissioner; Thomos Perry, secretary and treasurer; J. E. Ellegon, solicitor. The company are going to make an effort to find purchasers for some of our unimproved lands, believing at the same time that 50 acres is enough for any one family to cultivate. In their efforts they will not confine themselves to neighboring states, as such efforts heretofore have been, but will seek customers in the more densely populated centres of Europe through foreign agencies, which they are now establishing.

The company recognize what many others are beginning to do, that although this peninsula is the greatest fruit-producing section for its size in the world, yet it is not producing one-half the fruit and vegetables it is capable of doing. It is susceptible of being made a veritable garden. Labor capital and additional skill are what are needed. This is a fact to which Baltimore City could bear testimony if the peninsula were more accessible by railroad to the metropolis of the state.

LOCAL [illegible]

CULLED FROM THE COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE.

The "Dog days" are over.

School begins Monday week.

The public schools of Talbot county opened on Monday.

It is said that sheep in orchards will destroy the codlin moth.

Monday was Labor day and was observed as a holiday in the principle cities of this country.

"The man who in this world would rise,
Must either bust or advertise."

It is said that the juice of the watermelon will remove tan and freckles. There are melons in abundance and no lack of freckles to give this remedy a fair trial.

The treaty between this country and China, was rejected by China on Saturday The Democratic House of Representatives immediately passed a bill forbidden any Chinese to land in this country.

The campaign in this the first congressional district, was opened on Saturday at Cordova Talbot county by a large and enthusiastic meeting. The meeting was addressed by Congressmen Mansur, Allen, Campbell and Gibson.

Don't forget the Registrars of voters sitting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next. If you are not registered or want to be transfered attend to it, and see that you are registered or properly transfered. This is your last chance but one.

Very deceptive counterfeits of the one dollar and five-dollar silver certificates are reported to be in a general circulation. They are described as being lighter in color than in genuine notes, and poorly printed. Their face, however, is said to be well enough executed to deceive others than experts.

The oyster season opened here on Saturday with a fair catch and a good market. Buyers paid from 25 to 40 cents a bushel on the rocks. Many of our oystermen held certificates from Justice Winchester, to work on until they got their license, but when the police sloop came down the river they made for shore like fine fellows.

Mr. [illegible] oters of Centreville has [illegible] good will, stock [illegible] ue's Pharmacy, [illegible] of Baltimore and [illegible] Baltimore, from the [illegible] trator of the estate of the late Dr. W. E. Thornton. Mr. Wooters will continue the business at the old stand, having leased the property for a term of years. He took possession of the property last week.

Right Rev. W. Forbes Adams, Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, will make his fall visitation to the parishes in this county as follows: Milling ton. October 14th; Sudlersville, and Church Hill, October, 17th; Kent Island, October 19th Centreville, October 21st; Queenstown and Wye, October 23d; Hillsborough, October 25th. Offerings given to diocesan missions.

CARMICHAEL ITEMS.

Farmers are very busy pulling blades. Peaches are plentiful.

Wheather this week is bad on many blades which are pulled.

A great many young ladies have gone back to different schools. We hope success may meet them. Nothing only strict diligence and perserence will enable them to win the prize.

[illegible] Sadie Hammond, daughter of Mr. John Hammond of Wye Neck, has gone to Wilmington, where she will attend school and board with her uncle.

Miss Laura Bishop, one of Wilmington's fair teachers, has resumed her duties.

Miss Dewing takes the school on Wye Island.

Miss Kent resigns her position as teacher of the Neck school. Not supplied.

Mr. Chew Paca gave a most brilliant reception and pic nic on Thursday of last week, and all tendered him congratulations, also to Mr. Robert Thomas and wife for their hospitality. The *Observer* gave a pleasant description and a correct one.

Mr. A. S. Groves visited Baltimore on Wednesday.

Miss Laura Wright has returned home very much pleased with the hospitality and beauty of Queen Anne's.

Mr. Durney has left the farm occupied by him sometime and Mr. Will Chance has rented it. Mr. Joshua Chance has moved where Mr. Will Chance vacates.

Mrs. John Bishop has been to Baltimore for a few days, reports her son Hiram no worse. He is contemplating visiting the mountains of the beautiful Blue Ridge, if the weather should be hot during September. His sister, Miss Sallie, may accompany him.

Miss Effie Bishop is visiting her sister Mrs. Harley of Queen Anne's, who has a most beautiful little home and there will welcome her many friends immediately, opposite her late boarding place at Mr. Garrison Smith's.

Mr. Horney's little daughter of Wye Neck, who has been ill with malaria is convalesing.

Mr. John Vansant has rented a farm in Piney Neck, which he will occupy next year.

Rev. Mr. Smith of Wye M. P. Church delivered a most excellent sermon on last Sabbath.

The Wye Mite Society will meet on its regular meeting day at Mrs. Vandyke's. All the members are especially invited to attend. BLIZZARD.

BRAVE BALTIMORE FIREMEN DIE UNDER A FALLEN WALL.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 2.—The most disastrous fire, both to life and property, that has occured in this city for many years broke out at 4:30 oclock this morning at No 109 South Sharp street.

Spreading with great rapidity on either side it soon destroyed seven fine four story iron and brick front buildings on Sharp street, and the back buildings of nearly the whole row of houses on Pratt street, between Sharp and Hanover. The north wall of building No. 109 Sharp street collapsed about 5:30 a. m. and buried nine of the firemen.

Two of them—A. L. Eck and John Kelley—were taken out alive, but very badly injured. Seven were killed. The names of the dead are: Geo. Bowers, Thomas Wagner, Perry Ryan and John Acomb of No. 2 Truck Company; and Henry Walker, James McFee and George Kerins of No. 7 Engine Company.

The losses will aggregate about $1,000,000 upon which there is estimated insurance of $800,000. The heaviest losses fall upon John King, president of the Erie Railway Company, Edward A. Prior & Co, J. H. Winkelman & Co., M. S. Levy & Son, Dobbs Mudge & Co., Tabb Bros. & Dinmock Henry S. King & Sons.

The fire continued until about 11 o'clock when it was gotten under control. The engines are still throwing streams on the smouldering heaps of ruins, however. The buildings on Sharp street from No. 105 to No. 117 were swept clean, nothing being left standing except the fronts.

The rear building of the Maternity, on Lombard street, was torn down to prevent the fire from spreading further. The inmates of the institution were all removed quietly.

The firms of Tabb Bros. & Dimmock and Prior & Co. had large supplies of gun and revolver cartridges in stock. About 5:30 a. m. the cartridges began to explode, and for a quarter of an hour kept up a fusilade, the bullets going through the windows on all sides. Fortunately nobody was shot with the exception of one man, who was slightly wounded near the left eye.

Shortly before 6 o,clock the members of No. 7 engine company and No. 2 truck entered Tabb Bros. building intending to cut holes through to building No. 109. People in the street saw that the side wall of 109 was beginning to sway, and called to the men to come out.

All of them were hastening out when the treacherous wall fell over, and crashing through the floors of No. 107, buried the unfortunate firemen under its great weight.

Then all efforts were concentrated upon the pile of ruins under which nine human beings were writhing in torture. The groans of the men could be heard from within this living volcanic tomb, for it had now taken fire, and was belching forth jets of flame. Half a dozen strong streams were turned on the pile, and the flames within were in a short time subdued.

In a few minutes John Kelley was rescued. His left eye was burnt out of its socket and his head badly mashed, but the surgeons say he will recover. Then A. L. Eck was dragged from the ruins. His right arm was broken and his side badly injured.

The others, however, were beyond hope, and their dead bodies were taken out, one by one, all mangled torn and burned. The last body was recovered late to-night. All of the seven dead firemen, whose names are given above, leave families to mourn their untimely end, except Harry Walker who was a single man.

It is impossible to get anything like a correct list of the losses and insurance to-night, but the following estimates are made: Wylie, Bruster & Co., No. 103 Sharp street, dry goods, loss, $80,000; insurance, $50,000, Steppacher & Stern, No. 103, shirt manufacturers, loss, $20,000; insurance, $10,000. Coffin, Altemus & Co., No. 103, loss, $20,000; insurance $20,000. J. H. Winkelman & Co., No. 105, wholesale drugs loss, $75,000; insurance, $63,000. Tabb Bros and Dimmock, No. 107, hardware, loss, $45,000; insurance, $30,000. Edward A. Prio. & Co., No. 109, importer of fancy goods and fireworks, loss, $200,000; insurance, $180,000. M. S. Levy & Sons, No. 111, straw goods, loss, $50,000; insurance, $50,000. Dollar & Mudge, No. 113, paper maufacturers, loss, $70,000; insurance, 59,000. H. S. King & Sons, No. 115, hardware, loss, $40,000; insurance, $30,000. W. F. & E. Denman, No. 115, cloth merchants, loss, $20,000; insurance, $20,000 Hollander & Co's, Nos. 106, 108 and 110 West Pratt street. oils, paints, etc., loss, $50,000; insurance, $40,000. John King, president Erie Railroad, four buildings, loss, $180,000; insurance full.

Other real estate losses, $120,000; insurance full. The losses sustained on Pratt street are divided between a large number of shop keepers. Nine-tenths of the insurance is placed in companies in the North.

Marriage Licinse.

The following marriage licenses were issued to colored couples by Wm. Dever, clerk of the Circuit Court, during the month of August:

John L. Gibbs—Mary J. Boyer.
Frederick Simmons—R. J. Thomas.
Wm. Dickerson—Harriet R. Jones.
Alex Butler—Carrie Steward.

One license was issued to a white couple and the request made that the names of the parties not to be published.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

DEEDS RECORDED IN THE CLERK OFFICE DURING AUGUST.

Mary L. Ford to James R. Blunt. Lot in 7th district, containing 1 acre. Consideration $65.00.

E. D. McClenahan to Lawrence Murray. Lot in 7th district, containing 7 acres. Consideration $390.

Jas. Merrick, Jr. to Charles Lewis and Isabella Lewis. Lot in 1st district. containing 1 acre. Consideration $200.

Wm. H. Pratt to John A. Clough. Farm on road from Bridgetown to Ingleside, containing 192 acres. Consideration $4,818.75.

John L. Spry, executor of Samuel L. Gafford to John F. Godwin. Lot in Church Hill, containing 2 acres. Consideration $101.20.

Same to same. Lot in Church Hill, containing 2 acres. Consideration $390.25.

Chas. O. Coursey and wife to Thos O'Donnell. Lot in Winchester, containing 9 acres. Consideration $96.85

John B. Brown and wife to Mary Williamson. Farm at Clanahan's shops, containing 117 acres. Consideration $4,000.

James W. Harrington to Emma A. Ford. Lot on road from Church Hill to Idgleside. Consideration $1,100.

Hugh A. and Wm. C. Legg to Theodore A. Hopkins. Lot in Stevensville. Consideration $300.

Harry N. Morris to Julia Morris. Lot in Piney Neck, containing 10 acres also 2 acres. Consideration $800.

Robt. P. Green to Jane E. Wright. House and lot in Coxes' Neck, Kent Island. Consideratien $172.

John L. Spry, executor of Samuel L. Gafford, to John W. Walls. Farm in 7th Election District, containing 78 acres. Bonsideration $3,919.53.

John J. Lewis and wife to Frank Lewis. Part of Fincastle, situate in 2d Election District, containing 110 acres. Consideration $7,000.

Harry N. Morris and wife to Julia Morris. Lot in Winchester, containing 1 acre. Consideration $250.

Richard B. Carmichael, executor of R. B. Carmichael, (Judge), to Wm. McKenney. Farm on Wye River called "Belle View," containing 256 acres Consideration $16,000.

Soulsbury Seney, sheriff, to John B. Brown. Lot near Brownsville, containing 2 acres. Consideration $66.

Wm. F. Gleaves and wife to Mary C. Walls. Lot in Church Hill. Consideration $1,000.

John B. Brown, trustee, to James T. Brown. Lot in 2d Election District, containing 118 acres. Consideration $1100.82

Lawrence Everett and wife to J. Dill and others Woodlot in 1st Election District, containing 22 acres. Consideration——

Christiana Collier and husband to Francis W. Lowe. Lot in Piney Neck containing 5 acres. Consideration $370.

Orphans' Court.

This court met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John Dodd, chief justice. Edward S. Valliant and Jas R. Sudler, associate justices. Ordered, that the distribution in Francis Councill estate, be returned. Ordered, that the inventory in the estate of Edward Colgain, deceased, and administrator is authorized to sell same at private sale. Ordered, that the first and final administrator account of sperate debts and distribution in the estate of William T. Hammond, deceased, be received, filed and recorded. Ordered, that the account of sales in the estate of Benjamin Dill, deceased, be received, filed and recorded. Ordered, that letters of administration on the estate of John H. Porter, deceased, be granted to Charles W. Porter. Ordered, that a warrant issued to W. P. Thompson and James B. Bright to appraise the personal estate of John H. Porter. The court adjourned to meet Tuesday next.

The weather this week has been everything but agreeable. The wind has been from the north and east with light showers and heavy mists, until Thursday, when it changed to cold and cloudy, the thermometer registered down to 60° and heavy clothing was very comfortable.

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