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WEEKLY ALMANAC.

Table with columns for date (19 Thursday to 25 Wednesday), Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, and prices for various items like flour, wheat, and corn.

BALTIMORE PRICES CURRENT.

Corrected Weekly.—From the American Farmer.

Table of market prices for various goods including different grades of flour, wheat, and other commodities.

IN COUNCIL.

Annapolis, Dec. 16, 1823. ORDERED, That the following Resolution be published twice a week until the 18th day of March next, in the Maryland Republican, and Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis; the Patriot, American, and Federal Gazette at Baltimore; the Gazette, Examiner, and Herald, at Frederick Town; Herald, at Hager's Town; Maryland Advocate, Cumberland; Bond of Union, at Belle Air; True American, Rockville; the Easton Star and Easton Gazette, and the National Intelligencer.

By the House of Delegates, December 13th 1823.

WHEREAS, the Governor in his communication hath recommended that a day should be observed throughout the State, for the purpose of Humiliation and Prayer, in which our citizens may collectively entreat the Divine Being, who has promised that "He will be entreated of his people," to stay his chastening hand, and restore to our suffering population the blessings he hath withheld, and make us, who are spared, more deserving his fatherly care, than we have hitherto been, Therefore, be it

SHERIFFALTY.

ROBERT WELCH, (of Ben.) Still continues to be a candidate for the office of Sheriff for Anne-Arundel county, and respectfully solicits the votes and interest of his fellow-citizens.

Notice is hereby given,

That by an order of the Senate, it becomes necessary for all applicants for the benefit of the insolvent law to give two weeks notice in one of more of the newspapers of the place in which the applicants reside, of their intention to apply to the legislature for special acts of insolvency.

250 Dollars Reward.

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A NEGRO WOMAN and HER CHILD, for a term of years. Enquire at this office for the terms of sale.

Mr McLane's

Observations in the House of Representatives, on the bill for the purchase of the seven per cent stock of the United States. Mr. McLane, of Del said, in proposing the amendment to increase the premium in the per cent stock, as recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury, from \$1.75 to \$2, that it might be expected of him to explain the considerations by which this proposition was recommended. When they reported the bill, the Committee of Ways and Means supposed a premium of \$1.75 would be sufficient to promote the objects in view, but further reflections had satisfied him that they would be more certainly attained by enlarging the sum. It was necessary to consider the measure proposed by the bill, in reference as well to the interest of the government as to those of the stockholder, and the operation should be conducted with a view to both.

position of it on the 1st February next, a premium of \$ 3 13 Three months interest, at 7 per cent. from the 1st February to the 1st April, 1 75 Eleven months interest, at 5 per cent from the 1st February to the 31st December, 4 58 13

Which would be a gain to him of 1 53 13 Making 3 13 13 If the amendment prevail, the gain to the seller in the third period will be three-fourths of the gain in the second period; and the gain in the second period will be three-fourths of the gain in the first; and I apprehend, such a proportion will lead to much more certainly to large purchases in the first period, than the rates contained in the bill.

It will be apparent, also, he said, that a sale to the government, at the rate here proposed, will be more advantageous to the seller, than to an individual at any advance which this stock will be likely to bear during the year; and in addition to the premium, it gives the interest of one quarter in the advance, and thus encourages an early sale. With the certainty which exists of the redemption of the stock at the end of the year, it can scarcely be expected, that its price will at any time rise to three per cent above the par value; it is not probable that it will reach that sum, but estimating its value in the market at three per cent the sale to the government would be more advantageous, because if the holder sell to the government on the first of February, he will receive, during the year, on his \$100, as already shown, \$30 13, if he sell on the same day, to an individual he will receive a premium of \$3, and eleven months interest, at 5 per cent, \$4 58 13, making \$2 53 13, and if he sell, by the government, he will receive \$2 53 13, and the interest of 7 per cent from the 1st April to 31 December, 3 75

Mr. McLane also remarked, that if the committee would reflect upon the operation, as to the government, of the proposed amendment, they would be satisfied of its propriety, and the utility of the expedient proposed by the secretary of the treasury, he said, that at the proposed rates, the government will save, on the purchase of the whole stock, amounting to \$2,000,000, as follows:

If the stock were purchased in the first period, the government will pay on each \$100, \$3 75, which, being deducted from \$7, the amount of the interest for the whole year, would be a saving of \$3 25, and on the whole stock a saving of \$279,750 00.

If the stock be purchased during the second period, the government will pay on each \$100, \$4 58 13, which, deducted from the year's interest, gives a saving of \$2 75, and on the whole sum, a saving of \$279,750 00.

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With respect to individuals, Mr. McLane said, the operation of the proposed plan, in the second and third terms, might be differently stated; and he remarked that, by selling to the government on the 1st April, the individual would receive a premium of \$0 75

8 months interest at 7 per cent, 1 25 1st April to 1st July, 1 75 9 months interest at 5 per cent, from 1st April to 31 December, 3 75

6 months interest at 5 per cent, from 1st July to 31st December, 2 50 Making 7 58 13 Which will be a gain to him, at the end of the year, of \$0 58 13

By disposing of his stock on the 1st April, the second period proposed by the bill, the seller will receive, during the year, on his \$100 of stock, a premium of \$0 75

Three months interest, at 7 per cent. from 1st Jan to 1st April, 1 75 Eleven months interest, at 5 per cent. from 1st February to 31st Dec, 4 58 13 Making 7 58 13 Which will be a gain to him, of \$0 75

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, From 1789 to 1824

The following chronological list of the principal officers of the United States Government under the constitution has been compiled from authentic sources, and may be interesting to many, as a convenient document for reference.

- List of government officials from 1789 to 1824, including George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and others, with their respective terms and positions.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE AUTHOR OF WAVERLY.

The Pivotal of Guy Mannering was Mr. Crossbie, who flourished for many years at the head of the Scottish bar, and was well known for his integrity and abilities as a counsel, about the period referred to in the novel. He resided for the greater part of his life at the foot of Allan's Close. From this place he was in the habit of walking every morning to the Parliament house, dressed in his gown and wig; there being at that time no furnishings about the court to dress and induce these labilements, as are employed in the present more ceremonious times. It was also the simple custom of that period, though modern barristers would now shudder at every curl to think of such a practice, to see counsel in John's coffee house over a gill of brandy and a bunch of raisins, which were then slangily denominated 'a cock and a feather.' In this venerable tavern Mr. Crossbie was frequently to be found; but his favourite resort was that place so well described in Guy Mannering, by the name of 'Clerk's bugh's.' This was a well frequented and respectable house in the Ancoter Close, kept by a person familiarly termed Danic Christie, where a splendid ecclesiastical ceremony was wont to be performed on Saturday nights, by the lawyers who resorted thither; among whom were many of the highest characters both at the bar and on the bench. Supper consisting of tripe and minced collops, was served up at the moderate rate of sixpence per head. The game of High Jinks, as it was played in the novel, seems to differ in every respect from the 'High Jinks,' which is described in a note to Mackay Johnston's Essay, by Allen Ramsay. The lapse of time and the change of manners in the course of sixty years, may perhaps have contributed to the alteration.