

WASHINGTON LETTER.
The Topics of the National Capital by Our Regular Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, May 17, 1897.—Volunteers for a war with Spain will not be called for this week, although several days ago things looked as though they might be. There will be no trouble, unless Spain makes it by trying to prevent our caring for our own citizens who are suffering in Cuba, although it is extremely doubtful whether anything less than driving the last Spaniard out of Cuba would satisfy the just wrath of the people of this country, if all the official documents recently received by the administration, were made public. They deal with the suffering of American citizens, native or naturalized, and tell tales of horror and barbarism that quite equal the Turkish atrocities in Armenia, which caused such a wave of indignation to sweep over this country, although accomplished in a different way. The Turks butchered the Armenians outright. General Weyer by compelling American citizens residing in the country districts of Cuba, to close their establishments where they were peaceably pursuing their vocations and being shot down as rebels by Spanish marauding parties, or of giving all their live stock and removing themselves and their families to the nearest town, merely took a slower method of killing. There was no employment in the town for those without means, and no help from the Spaniards. Consequently, disease and hunger have been with them and death a constant visitor. As yet, the administration has only asked Congress to appropriate money to provide for the immediate necessities of our suffering citizens in Cuba. Congress will do that alright and at once, but what more either it or the administration will do remains to be seen, but Spanish interests in America never confronted a more serious crisis than is now upon them. It would require but a spark to start an explosion of American anger that no power on earth could stop until every Spaniard was driven off this continent.

A largely attended mass meeting of Cuban sympathizers was held in Washington, Sunday afternoon, and many prominent members of both branches of Congress, participated therein. The spirit of the meeting was shown by the enthusiastic applause which was given the speakers who advocated the most radical course on the part of this government in dealing with the Cuban question.

The custom of the President and Vice-President traveling on different trains when both go to the same place, was broken when President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart, and all of the cabinet, except Secretaries Sherman and Long, went to Philadelphia, to participate in the unveiling of the Washington monument. They all went on the same train. The idea of having them travel on different trains was that in case of an accident to the train upon which the President travels, his successor would escape it.

The silver men in the Senate got another vote by the election of ex-Congressman Mallory to fill the vacancy in the Senate from Florida.

There is more or less speculation in the sugar trust, and among its friends in and out of Congress, there has been such a howl about the efforts to secure a pardon for Broker Chapman, that it has been concluded best that he should go to jail and serve his sentence, and he was to-day locked up. The cases of the members of the sugar trust, under similar indictment, were called to-day for trial but were postponed until next week. The talk started by Senator Allen of a new sugar investigation which the Senate has not added anything to the peace of mind of the sugar men and their Senatorial friends. They fear that jailing Chapman may not satisfy public opinion, and there is ground for their fears.

The Democratic Senators are not agreed on the tariff policy of their party. Senator Gorman represents those who favor the introduction of a substitute for the amended Dingley bill, of a Democratic tariff bill, which shall represent the party as they claim the Wilson bill did not, but merely to show the attitude of the party towards the tariff. A majority of Democratic Senators, headed by Jones of Arkansas, who is a member of the Finance Committee and chairman of their National Committee, oppose the idea of a substitute tariff bill, and favor standing by their original position and continuing the argument that no tariff legislation is necessary and that none will give the country the relief it needs, and which it must get from financial legislation. The opening of the debate on the tariff bill has, by general consent, been postponed until the 21st, but the bill will be called up on the 20th, by Senator Aldrich, who was chairman of the sub-committee that drafted the amendments, for the purpose of making a statement as to the effect of these amendments.

There is some one in almost every neighborhood who is subject to attacks of pain in the stomach or bilious colic. Mr. J. D. Kinney, Warren Center, Pa., used to be troubled in that way. He says: "The attacks were marked by terrible pains diarrhoea and fainting spells. At such times I suffered exceedingly until I began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, two or three doses of which effected an immediate and lasting cure." For sale by B. E. Coekey & Co.

Potato bugs have made their appearance.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.
Locals and Otherwise in a Condensed Form for our Readers.
Decorations Day falls on Sunday this year.
The peach crop of the Blue Mountain region is reported to be unimpaired.
If you want new tires for your bicycle, M. L. Thomas will furnish them very cheap.
Our sportsmen are hunting the frog. Two gentlemen one day this week bagged sixty.
Owing to the mad dog scare last week, a number of dogs left for the happy hunting grounds.
About all that is left of some estates after the lawyers get through with them are the heirs.
It is a little early for the army worm but the farmers should prepare to get them a warm reception.
I have a '96 Remington Bicycle that sells for \$100. Give me 1/2 of the cost and it is your wheel. M. L. Thomas.
If dog and town taxes are not paid by June 1, you may have a valuable dog shot, or your property advertised at bailiff's sale.
Kent has followed in the wake of the Caroline School Commissioners, and appointed several women as public school trustees.
Can you believe it? Well it is true. I will sell you a good Pneumatic Tire Bicycle for \$10. Call and see it. M. L. Thomas.
Our horsemen are training their colts, preparatory for a race in the near future on the track of Mr. John L. Rhodes, near town.
The curculio is said to be doing much damage in some sections of the county, and fruit-growers are endeavoring to destroy the pests.
The election of Town Commissioners for Queenstown will take place on Monday, June 7. See advertisement in another column.
On Tuesday last, the Supervisors of Election committed to the flames the hundreds of ballots cast by the citizens of Queen Anne's in the last election.
Don't you want pneumatic tires put on that old cushion bike of yours and make an easy, light running wheel? Ask M. L. Thomas what it will cost?
Work on the Mitchell mansion of the Queenstown Improvement Company, is being rapidly pushed, and when finished will make a neat appearance.
A great many people claim that they like to rise with the sun, but they put in a saving clause that they would like to rise about seven o'clock the year round.
Let us do your printing. We are always prepared to print envelopes, cards, note heads, cards, in fact, everything in the printing line, at reasonable rates.
On Friday last, the colored schools for Queen Anne's county closed for this scholastic year. The date of the ending of this term was a little earlier than 1896.
I have all the tools necessary to do any bicycle work and will do it at short notice, come to see me and be convinced. I am the public's servant. M. L. Thomas.
We notice a number of finely painted carriages in our town of late. This is the work of Mr. William S. Delahay. If your carriage needs painting give him a call.
The steamer Emma A. Ford will begin round trips on Monday. Will leave Queenstown at 8:45; leave Baltimore at 3 p. m., arrive here at 6 p. m. The fare has been put at the low price of one dollar for the round trip—good until October 15.
Crawlers are having much success. A crew of three shipped 40 dozens in one day, which netted them 17 cents a dozen, a total of \$6.80, or a little over \$2.25 a share. This ought to keep the wolf from the door, and enable them to save a few cents for a rainy day.
Mr. Wm. C. McConnor, mortgagee and assignee, will offer at public sale a valuable house and lot at Perry's Corner, on Saturday, June 19, 1897. This is a very desirable property and would make a nice home. See advertisement in another column for particulars.
Capt. John Ozmon, of Centreville, is having his house where Mr. Fred Start resides thoroughly overhauled, painted and new porches in front and back. The captain is the man to improve property, and if we had several more like him, Queenstown would be one of the neatest towns on the peninsula.
There was a few days ago as many dogs in this town as any town its size on the peninsula, but on Monday, when Bailiff Boyles was after dog taxes it seems they had all disappeared. At night, while he lying on his humble cot trying to get a quiet nap the dogs made a call, and sleep was a back number.
Every farmer who is compelled to meet low prices should first produce everything possible on the farm for the support of his family for a year—which includes bread, butter, milk and vegetables—instead of growing one or two special crops that may afford little or no profit. An industrious farmer may make no profit and yet have a full supply of food for his family.

PINEY-NECK NOTES.
Some Interesting Items from Winchester and Bryantown.
A number of residences here are being improved and brightened by a new coat of paint.
Capt. Chas. W. Butler's schooner, Charles Butler, was hauled out at St. Michaels last week.
Our old friend, Mr. G. Trenchard Faithful, has moved his family to his farm near Caroline county.
Mr. Daniel Connolly and wife, of Centreville, visited relatives and friends in this section on Sunday.
Captain John H. Tarr's schooner, M. A. Roberts, is having her annual overhauling at the railway at St. Michaels in Talbot county.
There is yet prospect for a fair crop of peaches in this locality and this will have a tendency to brighten things up later in the season.
Miss Rose Coursey, school teacher at Perry's Corner, is now numbered among our bicyclists. She recently purchased a bicycle and is learning to ride nicely.
Several schooners loaded with oyster shells arrived at the Narrows this week and the shells are being put on the road from Jackson's creek to Mrs. Jan Wright's gate.
Nearly all our young men who own bicycles left this week for Anne Arundel county to pick berries. They can ride to Baltimore on their wheels after their day's work is done.
What is looking fine indeed, and we trust the price will look even better. Corn is backward owing to the wet, cold weather. Early planted potatoes are making a poor showing.
Soft crabs seem to be coming on quite rapidly, but the first are generally very small and this year is no exception to the rule. They retailed at 10 cents a dozen through the village this week.
Capt. Charles W. Butler last year turned out ten Cotswold ewe lambs. Tuesday he sheared five of the ten, and their fleeces weighed 101 pounds, a fraction over twenty pounds to the ewe. They are magnificent sheep and pay well enough even at the low price of wool.
John Anthony, of Queenstown, was arrested before Justice Adams on Thursday charged with carrying a concealed weapon and shooting on the public road on Sunday last. The justice fined the accused \$2.50 and costs, making a total of \$7.20. This young man will not be apt to repeat his acts of Sunday last shortly.
Not long since, one of our prominent citizens went to Centreville and became so interested in politics that he forgot the color of his horse, which he had left at the livery stable. After stopping several teams he finally recognized his horse and the next trouble was to identify his carriage, which he did after a long while with the assistance of some friends. He had to borrow a set of harness as he could not find his. This is a terrible state of affairs.
Having been a resident of Winchester for the last fifteen years I have watched closely its progress from year to year and the many advantages it offers to capitalists if they would only inspect. Winchester has greater possibilities than many other towns. Its natural conditions are unexcelled and, with increased capital it can be made a haven of rest and pleasure. In days gone by, the people who managed the place had to deal with people who were just about half awake. The conditions have changed and with thorough-going business men we can enjoy an era of prosperity never before known in its history. Then there is the Queen Anne's Railroad: its extension to Kent Island would materially aid in getting travellers to give our section a thorough inspection of its advantages. Our people are taking less interest in wheat and corn and are devoting their attention more to trucking, hence, if we had a railroad they could ship their truck to northern markets where they would command better prices. And again, there is a grand opening for a hotel where pleasure seekers could enjoy themselves when fishing for rock fish at Kent Island narrows. We have known fish to be caught weighing as much as 30 pounds each. We have a steambot to Baltimore every day, which affords many advantages to the general public and the next move is for our people to talk the advantages of their section to capitalists and try and induce them to put their money here as both parties will be amply repaid for their trouble.
Levy Court.
The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met on Tuesday pursuant to adjournment. Present: John F. Godwin, president; John E. George and James B. Bright, associates. Accounts aggregating \$2075.13 were passed.
The bonds of Wm. A. Wallace, J. Louis Rhodes and F. Marion Hunter, as collectors of State and county taxes for 1897, were examined and approved.
Mr. Charles H. Wetzel of Sunbury, Pa., was so much pleased with a remedy which cured him of rheumatism that he made affidavit to the fact for publication as follows: "This is to certify that on May 11th, I walked into Mefford's drug store on a pair of crutches, bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammation which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it."
CHARLES H. WETZEL.
Sworn and subscribed to before me on August 10, 1894. Walter Shipman, J. P. Pain Balm is for sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by B. E. Coekey & Co.

A TRIP TO LOUISVILLE.
Meeting of the Supreme Conclave of Heptasophs at Louisville, Ky.
[COMMUNICATED.]
In last week's issue I gave an account of our visit at Louisville, I will now endeavor to interest you in our trip from Baltimore to Louisville.
On Saturday afternoon of May 1, 1897, I boarded the train on the B. & O., at Mt. Royal depot, Baltimore, en route for Louisville. On the train I met a number of brother Heptasophs bound for the Supreme meeting and started at once to make acquaintances, which contributed largely to my pleasure. Our first stop was Washington, halting only long enough to see the Capitol building in the distance. Late in the afternoon Harper's Ferry was reached where I saw the marble slab which designated the John Brown raid. The scenery from this point was perfectly magnificent, at times dashing through the rocks, which reached high on each side, and then mounting the hills until we could see the beauty of the country for miles around. We passed through Western Maryland, halting at Cumberland, Deer Park, then through West Virginia into Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. At Cincinnati we changed cars for Louisville. Supper on Saturday and breakfast Sunday morning were enjoyed in the dining car attached to the train. Louisville was reached a little past noon on Sunday, central time, where we received a cordial welcome and were soon quartered at the Galt House, one of the finest hotels in the south. This was headquarters for Heptasophs and we met them there from every section of the country and found a splendid body of men. Sunday evening I attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where we were welcomed by the rector, Rev. Dr. Estell, in good old southern style.
By the way the Doctor had captured a Maryland lady who is the sister of our Supreme Medical Director, Dr. Christian. Monday was a canvassing day and the air was filled with rumors as to who would be the successful men for the different offices.
Tuesday after witnessing the parade of our Uniform Rank of Baltimore, who showed up in fine style, we proceeded to the Hall, where we assembled for our first business meeting. Judge Toney gave us a royal welcome to which Brother Carr, of Baltimore, owing to the indisposition of Supreme Archon Cohen, responded.
We then proceeded with legislation, making a number of changes in the law, the majority of which were of no great importance.
An earnest effort was made to open our doors to the ladies for membership, which while it failed to carry, had many supporters and bids fair to prove an interesting question at the next biennial session.
An effort was also made to change the table of rates, which failed, and it was the sense of the Supreme Body that the present table is one well calculated to meet every requirement of the Order.
On Thursday we elected the Supreme Officers, and among others selected a man from our county for the second office in the Supreme Body. I did my utmost to make the success of Brother Olin Bryan possible and believe that I contributed largely to his victory. I attended every session of the body up to Friday afternoon when I left for home. I am satisfied that while perhaps all the legislation was not the best desired, that altogether the session was a profitable one, and well calculated to give us renewed confidence in our Order.
The reports of our Supreme officers showed that the Order is in splendid working condition and that its future is bright.
From start to finish I had a delightful time and returned home with no regrets for having attended the Supreme session and at the same time believing that old Queen Anne's is as good as any other county to be found.
Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM C. McCUSKER.

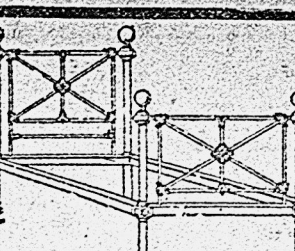
DEMOCRATIC EDITORS.
Committee to Prepare Political Matter for the Campaign This Summer.
A business meeting of the Democratic Editors' Association of Maryland was held in Centreville, Thursday morning, when a committee was appointed to prepare political matter for the county press during the coming campaign.
The committee consists of Charles H. Vanderford, Advocate, Westminster; A. J. Almon, Advocate, Rockville; W. Laird Henry, Chronicle, Cambridge; W. W. Busted, Observer, Centreville; Francis M. Cox, Times, Port Tobacco.
The resolution calling for the appointment of this committee is as follows:
Whereas, in view of the equivocal position on the part of the daily press of Baltimore to give to the people full and unbiased information regarding the record of the republican party in this State during its brief lease of power, it is the opinion of the Maryland Democratic Editors' Association that it is our imperative duty to take some proper steps looking to co-operative action among democratic editors for the purpose of supplying themselves with the necessary facts for the information of the people to the end that the State may be redeemed from republican misrule. Therefore be it
Resolved, That Messrs. Charles H. Vanderford, A. J. Almon, W. L. Henry, Wm. W. Busted and F. M. Cox be and hereby are appointed a committee, whose duty it shall be to collate facts bearing upon the record of the republican party generally, and especially within the State of Maryland, and more especially during the present short lease of power, and any other facts which shall have a material bearing upon the conduct of the campaign. The said facts, after having been so collated and verified, be incorporated into convenient articles, prepared for publication and transmitted to the members of this association and to the editors of all other democratic papers in the State who shall apply for membership, or who may desire to use its service and give publication to the facts prepared.
It was decided to make a vigorous campaign throughout the State this year and use every legitimate effort to secure success. The association then adjourned.
J. M. Street, of the Harford Democrat, Belair, was re-elected president of the association, and Fred Sasser, of the Inquirer, Upper Marlboro', was re-elected secretary.
An invitation from the Nashville Exposition Company and the Southern Railroad for the association to visit the exposition was accepted and the members who decide to go will leave Washington on the afternoon of June 14.
Thursday afternoon various drives through our county was provided for the editors and friends and at night the Chester River Steamboat Company tendered the association and their friends the use of the steamer Gratitude for an excursion up Chester river, which was enjoyed by all on board. Yesterday afternoon a special train carried the party from Queenstown to Greenwood over the Queen Anne's Railroad, and allowed a short stop at Denton. The association returned in the evening on the regular train and a number left on the evening for their respective homes, owing to pressing business.
Nothing was left undone by the citizens of Centreville to make the editors feel at home and enjoy themselves and show them the natural advantages which our county possesses.
Guide Posts Needed.
Under the above heading, an exchange has the following, which applies as well to our county:
"Where the public roads are as numerous and diverse as they are in this county there should be guide-posts and finger-boards at every junction to inform travellers where the various roads lead and the distance to the nearest or most important points on their lines. The expense of putting up sufficient and intelligent guide-posts and boards at the forks of the roads would be small as compared with the advantages and satisfaction from their devices. From having them. Moreover, they are evidence of progressiveness which tend to make those whom they are of most benefit think more of the country than where they are lacking. The proper authorities should take the matter in hand and see to having the necessary guide-posts erected at places where they are needed throughout the county."

PENINSULA RAILROADS.
Progress and Enterprise are Beneficially Touching the Eastern Shore.
The Maryland and Delaware Peninsula seems at last to be awakening to its needs for a complete railroad service, and there is every indication that it will not rest content until the much talked of connection with the Baltimore and Ohio by the way of Elkton is built.
The Philadelphia Record of Thursday says: "Work on the Queen Anne's Railroad that when completed will extend from Rehoboth to Queenstown, Md., is progressing rapidly. The work on the signal tower at the intersection of the Queen Anne's and Delaware Railroad tracks has been again commenced. Although the Queen Anne's Railroad is built within a few feet of the Delaware Railroad, no attempt has yet been made to cross. Whether the Delaware Railroad officials will prevent, if possible, their road being crossed remains to be seen."
"A line of boats is to be established between Lees and Cut Bay, a distance of about 12 miles, thus putting Baltimore within 102 miles of that New Jersey resort."
"The right-of-way has been secured for a connection to extend from near Queenstown, on the Queen Anne's Railroad, north through Centreville to Child's station on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. This will give the Peninsula an outlet to the north and west by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad."
"Another important connection is considered. This will be the construction of a line from Denton, Md., on the Queen Anne's Railroad, south to a point near Federalsburg, where connections will be made with the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railroad, which extends from Baltimore to Ocean City, Md. This would give the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic an outlet by the Queen Anne's and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads to the north and west, also give the Peninsula a net work of roads. The Delaware system is now crossed at a point near Federalsburg by the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railroad, and the connection from Denton would touch at a point near the intersection of these roads."

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QUEENSTOWN, MD.

Orphans' Court
Present, Louis Herganther, chief judge; Charles H. Jefferson and Charles R. Walls, associate judges.
Ordered, John Dare, guardian to James Palmer Dare, infant, assigned, and William S. Isaacs appointed guardian in his stead, be received, filed and recorded.
Ordered, that Wm. Nickerson and E. G. Nickerson, heirs of Ridgely Nickerson, deceased, petitioned the court to grant letters of administration upon the personal estate of said deceased to P. B. Hopper, be received, filed and recorded.

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