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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- FOR GOVERNOR JOHN W. BERRY, SMITH of Worcester County. COMPTROLLER JOSHUA W. HERING, of Carroll county. ATTORNEY GENERAL ISIDOR RAYNER, of Baltimore City.

"ONLY ONE ALGER."

"There is only one Alger" was displayed on two immense banners at the reception given to ex-Secretary Alger upon his return to Detroit.

DOINGS AT DAMASCUS AND MULLINX.

MULLINX, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Levi Pearce is visiting her brother, Mr. Edward Pearce, at Ellicott City.

THE ROMANCE OF SOLDIERS' DELIGHT.

A Historic Region—How it Received its Name—The Story of the Delight of a Colonial Tragedy—Extracts From the Sermon of the Rev. Thos. Craddock—The Fate of Berry—The Last Scenes in the Tragedy—Incidents and Reminiscences.

Written for THE TIMES, by Charles L. Shipley, Pikesville, Md.

Seven miles northwest of Pikesville, Baltimore county, as the crowd files, lies Soldiers' Delight, a wild and picturesque portion of the county, embraced within the confines of the Second and Fourth Election Districts of the county, and comprising a tract of about four miles square.

This road, which still follows its original line, crosses the Reisterstown Turnpike at the Seven Mile House, one mile south of Pikesville, and the York Turnpike at Towson.

The surface portion of the Delight of the present day is peculiar in its formation. The best of the tract is composed of a soft, silty, and serpentine rock, traversed at frequent intervals by square and diagonal fractures which give to the soil a lumpy and uneven surface.

Concerning the origin of the name of this tract, there are several different versions, and as we cannot say which is the true account, the writer is left to draw his conclusions from the various traditions.

Again, the second version is that early in the history of the tract a party of soldiers and settlers, who had penetrated into the wilderness of what is now Carroll and Frederick counties, were overtaken by a large party of Indians.

One of the most prominent points of the Delight is a range of hills lying two or three hundred feet west of the old road. The highest of these hills is a section, and from the highest one of these, known as "Berry's Hill," was inaugurated and gibbeted John D. Berry, a man about twenty years of age, who was the murderer of his step-mother.

It is the history of this tragedy of colonial times that forms the romance of Soldiers' Delight, and through the efforts of Morris C. Gosnell, deputy sheriff of the county at that time (a great-grand uncle to the writer), this crime, which was recorded in the great annals of the county, was unearthed, and Berry and his accomplices met their doom.

One morning in the month of October, 1792, the alarm was given that a terrible crime had been committed within the confines of Soldiers' Delight. Mr. John Craddock, a young man about twenty years of age, and his wife had been found in their beds with their heads cut and gashed.

The Montgomery County Fair Association has decided to hold its annual fair at Rockville, on September 5, 6, 7 and 8.

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