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To Travelers

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

SPRING ARRANGEMENT.

ON and after WEDNESDAY, April 26, 1876, the Steamer HIGHLAND LIGHT, Capt ET Leonard, will leave Pier 3, Light street, foot of Camden, every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY at 3 o'clock P M, for Easton, Double Mills, Oxford, Clara's Point, Wallack's, Cambridge, Chancellor's Point, Sherman's, Cabin Creek and Medford's, making close connection with the Maryland and Delaware Railroad at Easton, and with the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad at Cambridge.

On Sundays the trip will be extended to Denton, making all the regular landings on the river.—On the return trip, will leave Denton every Tuesday at 12 o'clock noon, and on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday will leave Medford's at 7, Cambridge 8, and Easton at 9 o'clock A M, arriving in Baltimore early next morning.

Freights solicited at low rates and carefully handled. apr25

Maryland & Delaware

RAILROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after Saturday, January 1st, 1876. Trains will run as follows:

GOING NORTH. Leave		GOING SOUTH. Leave	
Easton	10 45 A. M.	New York	11 55 P. M.
Bedford	11 [illegible] "	Philadelphia	7 00 A. M.
Hillsborough	11 30 "	Wilmington	8 00 "
Ridgely	11 45 "	Clayton	9 30 "
Greenborough	12 05 P. M.	Kenton	11 15 "
Goldsborough	12 25 "	Slaughtons	11 30 "
Hardcastle	12 45 "	Marydel	11 45 "
Marydel	1 00 "	Hardcastle	12 00 P. M.
Slaughters	1 20 "	Goldsborough	12 25 "
Kenton	1 40 "	Greenborough	12 45 "
Leaves at		Ridgely	1 00 "
Clayton	2 00 "	Hillsborough	1 15 "
Chalmers	2 05 "	Bedford	1 30 "
Barrows	2 35 "	Easton	1 45 "
Harrison	2 15 "	Arrives at	
New York	10 22 "	Easton	2 00 "

No freights must be at the various stations at least thirty (30) minutes before starting of Trains, otherwise they will lay over twenty-four hours.

By the above arrangement passengers make close connection with trains on the Delaware Road going North and South.

J. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

Paragon House,

EASTON, MD.

The subscriber respectfully informs the public that she has rented and fixed up in good style, the Frame Hotel with every convenience and comfort, and now has it open for the reception of permanent and transient boarders. Her long experience in the business is a guarantee that the wants of the travelling public will be fully met. The Table will always be supplied with the best the market affords, and none but attentive waiters employed. Omnibuses will be at the various steamboat landings and depot to convey passengers to this House. Terms reasonable.

may 9 M. A. HALL.

Easton Livery Stables.

FRANKLIN G. WRIGHT, PROPRIETOR,

Next door to The Easton Star Office.

TRAVELERS will deposit their whips, robes, blankets, &c., at the office. Stable accommodation for 100 horses. Horses received on livery by the day, week, month or year. Horses and carriages for hire at all times. Travelers promptly sent to any part of the county or adjoining counties. Books run regularly to Steamboat wharf, Oxford and Bay View. Highest market price paid for Corn, hay, oats, blades and straw.

DAILY STAGE LINE TO THE RAILROAD

Passengers leaving Easton in the morning arrive in Baltimore and Philadelphia in time for dinner. One spring horse, 12 hours is considered a day, 24 hours a half day. For extra hours an extra charge will be made.

Easton, Md., apr25

FARMERS' and MERCHANTS' LINE

THE SCHOONERS

Oxford & Clara M. Leonard.

The above vessels are now running between Easton and Baltimore, and will do all kinds of freighting as cheap, if not cheaper, than can be done by any other line. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction. All freight must be paid on delivery of the goods.—Thanking thankful for past favors, we hope, by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same.

LEONARD & BRO.

Office—In same room occupied by R. B. Dodson, on Dover street.

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Stoves and Tinware.

THE EXCELSIOR HOT BLAST COOK STOVE—warranted to give satisfaction in every respect.

Also other STOVES of improved patterns.

A large and well selected stock of

Tin and Sheet Iron Ware.

Persons in need of HARVEST GOODS cannot be better suited in QUALITY and PRICE. Do not fail to call and examine before purchasing.

ROOFING, SPOUTING and REPAIRING done at short notice. All work warranted.

Repairing old stoves a specialty.

apr25 GEO. W. BECK.

CARTS! CARTS! CARTS!

FARMERS are respectfully informed that the undersigned is still at his old stand, where he continues to do all kinds of work in the Carting line, such as making and repairing Carts, Wagons, Plows, Harrows, Rollers, Cradles, Wheat Machines, Corn Shellers, all of the best material and in the most substantial manner. Now is the season for farmers to put their implements in good order, as a man with good tools will do twice the work he can with indifferent tools. All work warranted to give satisfaction. Thanking for past favors, the public are invited to give me a call.

JOHN H. THOMPSON

HARNESS MAKING.

CARRIAGE HARNESS, double and single; Cart Harness; Wagon Harness; Saddles and Bridles; Collars, &c., promptly made to the order and of the very best material.

All kinds of harness repaired to order.

MR. JOHN EATON, a first-class harness maker, will devote his whole time to this branch of my business.

All work done at the lowest city prices.

Persons in want of harness, &c., or who wish repairing done, will please call at my establishment in the Easton Hotel building.

FRANK G. WRIGHT.

March 14th, 1876.

FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE!

Phœnix Ins. Co. of	Brooklyn	$2 200,000
Franklin Ins. Co. of	Phil'a,	3 300,000
Royal Canadian Ins Co of	Montreal	6,000,000
Bangor Ins. Co. of	Bangor, Me.	325,000
Mercantile Mutual Ins Co of	N Y	1,000 000
Niagara Ins. Co. of	New York,	1,250,000

Special advantages offered for Insurance on country property, for one year or a term of years.

EDWARD H ROE, Agent,
Easton, Md.

Risks taken on the best terms and made binding from the payment of the money.

E H ROE
Register's Office, Easton Md.

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ELLIOTT & RATHELL

ARE NOW OPENING

The LARGEST, CHEAPEST

AND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Ever Exhibited in this market.

To an inspection of which we invite our customers and the public.

MANUFACTURING:

In all its branches—of superior workmanship, and guarantee a fit in every instance.

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BOOTS AND SHOES

AT

The Cheap Shoe House

OF

JESSE HUGHES

I HAVE just returned home with a large stock of BOOTS, SHOES, LEATHER, &c, which has been selected with great care as regards price and quality. I am satisfied that I can sell as cheap as any House on the shore, or cheaper. All I ask is an inspection of my stock, and am satisfied that at the low prices Articles in my line will be attended after an inspection.

CALL AND GET A BARGAIN.

A large stock of the celebrated Dixon Boots which have never failed to give satisfaction to the purchaser. Ladies', Gentlemen's, Misses', boys', youths' and children's boots and shoes of all kinds.

RUBBER BOOTS.

for men, women, boys, misses and children; a very large stock, cheap.

I AM STILL MANUFACTURING.

I have purchased a large stock of the very best Leather and am prepared to make to order any kind of Boots or Shoes that my customers may want and will guarantee the best Leather, well made and a good fit.

Thankful for past favors, I still solicit the same in the future, and will try and please all who will favor me with their custom.

oct12

Jas. T. Robinson

AT HIS CHEAP STORE, opposite Bayside road, has just received and is selling cheap, a beautiful sample of SUGAR.

JAS. T. ROBINSON is selling BUCKWHEAT very cheap.

JAS T ROBINSON has a prime lot of AKES—$1—the best in Easton.

JAS T ROBINSON beats the hardware stores selling cheap CUTLERY and other hardware.

JAS T ROBINSON is selling a nice RIO COFFEE at 25 cents.

JAS T ROBINSOV has the best CHEESE in town and sells it as cheap as the common cheese.

JAS T ROBINSON has for sale a nice assortment of CONFECTIONERY—common & French.

JAS T ROBINSON has the prettiest and cheapest MUSLINS and CALICOES.

JAS T ROBINSON has the best assortment of fine TOBACCOS in Easton, Snuff, Smoking Tobacco and Cigars.

JAS T ROBINSON has a large assortment of Wood and Willow ware, which he is selling at a bargain.

JAS T ROBINSON is selling fine Gum Shoes at 75 cents, and has the cheapest stock of BOOTS and SHOES in Easton A nice kip boot for $3.

JAS T ROBINSON has just received a lot of nice Cider and Pop. jan11

Gentlemen's Hats.

I THINK I can say that I have the largest stock of

Men's, Boys' and Children's HATS,

ever exhibited in this market. Call and see them, and I am sure I can please the most fastidious. Buy at home and keep your money in the community, instead of paying City Hatters for the use of their name.

oct12 M. M. HIGGINS.

WINTER GOODS—

All winter goods will now be sold at the lowest cash price, irrespective of what it comes near the cost.

feb29 M. M. HIGGINS.

House Painting.

E. H. T. COUNCELL, Railroad Avenue, Easton, returns thanks for past favors and offers his services to do all kinds of painting in town or country, promptly to order by the day or by the job—materials found or otherwise, to suit his customers. GRAINING A SPECIALTY.

WALL PAINTING

and decorating with gilt rod done, in the best style.

PAPER HANGING

done in the best manner promptly of order. 1,000 Samples wall, ceiling and borders paper kept on hand, from which to make selections. Orders received by mail promptly attended to.

E. H. T. COUNCELL,
Railroad Avenue, Easton, Md.

GLOVE cut 50 cent KID GLOVE.
GUNNISON & BATEMAN.

"DOMESTIC"

A Double-Thread Lock-Stitch Machine.

It sews with great facility the lightest and fine as well as the heaviest and coarsest fabrics.

PHYSICIANS RECOMMEND IT as a machine that can be used without injury to any one, because it requires no unhealthy stooping of any kind, it being at the proper height for work.

THE LIGHTEST-RUNNING MACHINE IN THE WORLD.

With our printed directions, no instruction or mechanical skill is required to operate it.

The construction of the machine is based upon a principle of unique and unequalled simplicity, comprising simple levers working upon centers, the bearings of which are hardened and polished.

The machines are made at our new works in the city of Newark, N. J., with new special (patented) machinery and tools, constructed expressly to accomplish what we now offer.

Every machine fully warranted.

"DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINE CO.,
New York and Chicago.

FASHIONS

SAVINGS.—By using the "Domestic" Paper Fashions the most stylish and perfect fitting garments can be produced, it is a huge saving in MONEY to those who choose to make, or superintend the making of, their own garments. With the highest talent and the best facilities in all departments, and then been long at the most skillful modistes, both at home and abroad, we are enabled to attain results far above the reach of the average dress-maker. Our styles are always the latest and best. Our elegantly-illustrated catalogue mailed to any lady sending five cents with her address. Agents wanted everywhere.

"DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINE CO.,
New York and Chicago.

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SKIPTON CHEAP STORE

Partnership Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that I have this day taken an interest in my store by Mr. Stafford, Jr., and the business will hereafter be conducted under the firm of Dawson & Stafford.

JOHN W. DAWSON.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

DAWSON & STAFFORD would respectfully inform their friends and the public that they have just received at Skipton a large and well selected stock of goods, which they are invited to call and examine, consisting of

DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES,
NOTIONS,
HARDWARE,
CROCKERY,
GLASS and CHINA,
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
AXES, BOOTS and SHOES,
CIGARS and TOBACCO,

and everything usually kept in a country store.

Their goods have been bought for the cash *at the lowest cash prices*, and will be sold for cash or exchanged for country produce at very small advance.

The highest market price paid for poultry of all kinds, eggs, wool, feathers, bacon, &c., &c.

They claim to sell as cheap as any store in the county. Call and see them.

jan4-1y

To the Ladies.

I WOULD most respectfully inform the ladies of Easton and the county generally, as well as the adjoining counties, that I have just opened one of the most complete assortments of

FALL AND WINTER

MILLINERY

AND

FANCY GOODS,

ever before offered to the public.

In variety, style and price I defy competition and would invite the Ladies to examine my stock before purchasing, believing it would be to their interest. My object is to sell. My plan is to please. My motto: small profits to self, and large gains to purchasers

I would also inform the public that I am agent for the REMINGTON SEWING MACHINE, (something new), which is the best machine extant. I have also a Howe Sewing Machine to hire. Store immediately in front of the Court House.

oct26 M. S. NORRIS.

TO THE LADIES OF TALBOT

And Adjoining Counties!

Mrs. M. V. BORDLEY,

Ladies' Fashionable Hair Dresser,

AND CHILDREN'S HAIR CUTTER,

RECENTLY of Easton, desires through this medium to inform the ladies of Talbot and adjoining counties that she has removed to Baltimore, and can be found at

NO. 46 NORTH EUTAW STREET,

(between Fayette and Lexington streets,) where she is prepared to fill all orders entrusted to her care Thanking the ladies of Talbot and adjoining counties for their patronage whilst among them, solicits a continuance of the same.

GIVE HER A CALL.

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Spring Silk Hats.

I have just received a fresh supply of SILK HATS of the latest fashion. The style is very pretty, the prices very low.—Call and see them.

mh6 J. H. LINTHICUM.

Wm. Hemsley, Agent, Easton.

JOHN J. KROMER. W. H. KLINESMITH.

Kromer & Klinesmith,

Manufacturers of and Wholesale Dealers in

Cedar Ware, Brooms, Brushes, Cordage, WILLOW WARE, MATCHES, &c.

AND IMPORTERS OF

Demijohns, Wine Bottles, Preservation Caps, &c.

22 SOUTH CHARLES STREET,

Baltimore, Md.

Import 10 Bale Cordage a Specialty.

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NOTICE FISHERMEN.

JUST RECEIVED a large stock of SEINE THREAD and TWINE, Seine Twine, Thomas and Co's and Cordes brands, of the best quality, at cash prices—Net Rope, &c. all sizes.

nov9 J. W. Cummins & Co

SPRING GOODS.

JAMES T ROBINSON has just received a beautiful lot of Spring Calicoes, which he is selling at from 5, 8 and 10 cents per yard.

JAMES T. ROBINSON is selling bleached and brown Muslin at from 8 10 and 12 cts. per yard

SELLING OFF AT COST.

JAMES T. ROBINSON is selling off his Kerseys and other winter goods at cost, offering great bargains—blankets at $2.00 per pair and shawls at from $2 to $3.

FISH.

JAMES T ROBINSON has just received a nice lot of Potomac and Labrador herrings which are offered very cheap.

SYRUP.

JAMES T. ROBINSON has just received a nice article of Syrup, which he is selling at 60 cents per gallon.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

JAMES T. ROBINSON is selling off his winter boots at bankrupt prices—$2 75 per pair—ladies' shoes, a good article, at $1 25 to $1.50 per pair. feb22

SADDLE

AND

Harness Maker.

JOHN T. READY, next door to Tuthill & Avery's hardware store, Easton, has on hand of his own make, a very large stock of

Superior Harness,

which he is offering at lower figures than harness has been ever sold in Easton.

He respectfully invites a call from all wanting now harness, satisfied that he can please them in the price and quality of his work.

Machine stitched harness at city cash prices. A lot of strong collars and trunks just received

All work ordered, promptly made up in the best manner. Thankful for past favors, he respectfully solicits a continuance of the public patronage. feb29-1y

For Sale or Hire.

I HAVE a couple of SEWING MACHINES in complete order, which I will either Sell cheap or *Hire* by the month.

I have also the Sub-Agency for the sale of the

"IMPROVED HOWE MACHINE,"

at lower rates and more satisfactory terms. Machine Needles, etc., for sale.

feb29 E. V. HIGGINS.

Glen's Sulphur Soap.
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Glen's Sulphur Soap.

For the cure of all Skin Diseases it acts like magic. It is safe and pleasant to use. It removes pimples and blotches, and beautifies the complexion. For sale by

E. T. TRIPPE.

PRICES REDUCED.

New Excelsior Lawn Mower

LARGEST sale of any LAWN MOWER in the WORLD!

It has been adopted, and can be seen in practical operation at *Central Park* and all other *City Parks, New York; Government Grounds and City Parks, Washington; Boston Common, Boston; Prospect Park, Brooklyn;* and on almost every prominent Park throughout the *United States and Canada.*

At the trial held in New York City, on the 25th of June, 1874 the NEW EXCELSIOR was awarded the *First Premium* (a Silver Medal) by the American Institute, in competition with all the different Lawn Mowers made in this country. Four sizes for hand power; four sizes for horse power.

Prices from $14 to $200.

EVERY MACHINE WARRANTED.

CHADBORN & COLDWELL MFG CO.,
Send for circular. Newburgh, N. Y.
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FARM TOPICS.

[Written for the Star, by one of the most experienced farmers, gardeners and fruit growers in the United States.]

PEAR CULTURE.

At the last meeting of the Western New York Fruit Growers' Association it was stated that one orchard of 4,000 dwarf pear trees existed in the vicinity, all in perfect health—that among the sorts that had generally done best were Bartlett, Manning's Elizabeth, Duchess d'Angoulême, Lawrence, Seckle, and Early Catharine. These varieties, probably, are all good for any section of the country. Duchess, as it is usually called, is the best late pear that exists, but it is rather too late for our extreme northern States. Seckle is of inferior size, but is delicious. We do not find Seckle to be growing Bartlett's, the best variety for all climates that is known, but it does best as a standard. The most productive dwarf variety was said, at the above meeting, to be the Louise Bonne de Jersey, which is true. Owing to the hundreds of choice varieties of pears that exist, one is liable to be confused, and not know which to purchase, but it is best to grow but a few kinds. For mild climates, the three best are Duchess, Louise Bonne de Jersey (as dwarfs) and the Bartlett as a standard; and in the northern States merely substituting Flemish Beauty for Duchess.

CHOICE APPLES.

The old Baldwin and Rhode Island Greening stand at the head of the list yet among the hundreds of new varieties, as fine winter apples; and for a sweet sort Tolman's Sweeting cannot be surpassed as a cooking variety. As good autumn varieties, the Duchess of Oldenburg, Fall Pippin, Gravenstein, Maiden's Blush, Jersey Sweet and Porter are among the best. Good summer varieties are Red Astrachan, Early Bough, Sweet Early Strawberry, Golden Sweeting and Red June, a fine variety for the Middle and Southern States. It is not always safe to purchase choice varieties of apple trees for a locality, till it has been ascertained whether they do well in that, or about that latitude; as it is quite too important a matter to set trees for the use of future generations, and not have evidence of their being adapted to your climate.

DEEP PLOWING.

It often happens that some theoretical writer recommends deep plowing, without stating the manner; and some lines later in the same article finds fault with following the advice of such writers, some of whom, per se, he knows, to be high minded men, who are never admitted to the columns of respectable agricultural papers. Perhaps one of the most practical farmers in their subscribers are sometimes inclined to follow their instructions, if not well posted in the matter, and often to the injury of their lands. It is sheer insanity, so to speak, for a farmer to plow his land a foot deep, where it has but three or four inches of fertilized surface soil, as the good soil is buried under a mass of subsoil that is as barren as the sea shore. The pith of the whole matter lies just here—never plow over two inches deeper at a time than your fertile surface soil extends. Then if you put on a little manure, and can get a good 'catch' of red clover upon it, to be turned under the second or third year, plowing two inches deeper than before; and if you keep up this system of turning under a crop of clover occasionally, the second crop of the season, (saving first for hay,) rolling it down flat after a rain, so as to be covered well, you can in a few years obtain a soil eight or twelve inches deep, where but three or four inches before existed.

GOOD WALKS

When a walk is made, it should be well done, as it is for a life time. In the first place, procure all the cobble stones that will be needed to fill in eight to ten inches deep, and place them where they can be easily reached with a wheelbarrow. Then excavate the walk a foot deep and remove the earth to some other place; then fill in with the stones, topping off with small ones, leaving the top about an inch below the surface of the ground. Then procure enough coarse gravel to make the walk in the centre about six inches higher than the level of the adjoining ground; and as you apply this gravel, rake off the coarser parts as you proceed, so that the finer portions shall lie on the surface. If a short walk, wet it with a water pot as soon as finished, and roll it with a hand roller as soon as the ground is sufficiently dry; and for extensive walks, the rolling may be done soon after a rain. Such a walk will endure for ages, and always be dry.

A GOOD WHITEWASH.

The following described whitewash is very durable, and may be used on wood, stone or brick: Slake a half bushel of unslaked lime with boiling water keeping it covered during the process. Strain it, and add a peck of salt, dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice put in boiling water and boiled to a thin paste, half a pound of Spanish whiting and a pound clear glue, dissolved in warm water; mix these well together, and let the mixture stand for several days. Keep the wash thus prepared in a kettle or portable furnace, and when used put it on as hot as possible with either painters' or whitewash brushes.

POULTRY IN LARGE NUMBERS.

About a hundred hens are as many as a farmer can keep profitably, unless he gives special attention to the business, and then it is a very unlucky business, owing to the liability of the fowls to become diseased. In no case has any person either in the United States or in England or France, ever kept 1,000 fowls successfully in one yard, or forage range, but it has been done by keeping them in lots of 100 to 150 in separate places, extending over a number of acres of land, each lot having a separate roosting house 20 to 30 rods apart. No man should attempt the keeping of over 100 or 200 fowls until he is thoroughly informed in regard to all the difficulties in the business, as he would be sure to lose the most of the money invested in it.

SPRING LAMBS.

Lambs forced during spring frosts are allowed to rest a few months (best in pasture) when the joints daily with liniment of equal parts of creosote and turpentine, and two parts of olive oil, cure it often effectually. It is advisable to bandage the joint while the liniment is applied—that is, to remove the bandage to apply it, and then put it on again. Rub on the liniment on the underside well as the outer side of the knee.

TO DISSOLVE BONES.

If a farmer can save 50 or 100 pounds of bones, it will pay to dissolve them by putting them in a water-tight cask in unleached ashes, then fill in all the water the cask will hold, keeping it full for about two months, when the bones will be as a mass of jelly. Then mix them, ashes and all, with four or five times their bulk of soil, and you will have a valuable fertilizer.

A GOOD POTATO.

I advise farmers to be wary as regards the alleged good qualities of the many new varieties of potatoes that exist.—Don't buy many, only a pound or a half peck, at first to try them, unless you know what they are, as there may be expected hereafter a great deal of humbugging in these new varieties. But I think the Snowflake potato one of the very best of all the new varieties, yet it may not grow well in all localities.

HON. MONTGOMERY BLAIR'S LETTER ON THE PRESIDENCY.

We publish below the letter of Judge Blair, which created such a profound sensation a few weeks ago Gov. Tilden, whose nomination he favors, has just carried New York State almost unanimously.

WASHINGTON, *March* 18, 1876.

DEAR SIR: I have your letter requesting for publication the views expressed by me in a recent conversation with respect to the pending Presidential contest. The sum of them was that we ought to continue the contest as we began in 1872, when we agreed to forego all other issues save that of reform in the administration of the Government. The adversary then struggled and still strives, to keep alive the issues of the war for the purpose of prolonging abuses which, however great, go unchecked while sectional strife holds the public mind. We did not carry the elections in 1872, because we were not fully successful in making the issues of reform. But we made such a beginning that the victory of our adversaries has proved a barren one.—We so far succeeded that a show of investigation had to be made. The Credit Mobilier fraud, which, though well known before to all public men, could not command public attention, now absorbs it. Spoliation was checked. Jay Cooke & Co., who has largely advanced the money to carry the elections, could not be reimbursed by Congressional indorsement of the Northern Pacific Railroad bonds and therefore failed. The so-called investigating committees, organized *not* to convict, were express in finding out how *not* to do it, and the Departments helped them assiduously; but the Independent Press did the work so effectually that a large Democratic majority was returned to the present House of Representatives. Unfortunately this fruit of success, which assured the reformers of the Government, this year has been arrested and turned back by the intrusion into the contest, last fall, of another issue, of which the Radicals have eagerly and successfully availed themselves.—And their effort is to hold on to that issue, and make the Presidential election turn on the question of resumption, upon which they have won, instead of upon the question of reform; upon which they have lost the day. If they succeed in this, the result will invariably be unfortunate for us. Our friends having been beaten on this issue, last fall, in the States where anti resumption was strongest, our vote in New York, even (without which success for us would be hopeless, having been largely affected by the attitude of our friends in those States, no rational mind can fail to see that such an issue would defeat us.

It is plain, from this brief statement of the situation, that our success depends upon our ability to reinstate the issue of reform as the issue of the canvas; and it is equally plain that this is not to be done by resolution, but by such action as will not only proclaim it, but will of itself verify it as the issue to all men.

The nomination of Tilden will, of itself, force this issue, and make the election turn upon it. The friends of other candidates object to the nomination of a citizen of New York and claim the nomination for the West. But Jackson was not selected because he was a citizen of Tennessee, or Jefferson because he was a citizen of Virginia, or Grant because he was for a short time in Illinois. Selection on such ground has no political significance, and ignores altogether the only consideration upon which a candidate ought to be selected, viz., as the representative of the idea sought to be advanced. My preference for Tilden is only because his nomination would of itself force on the issue of reform, which is our sure card in the pending canvass. I do not doubt that the other gentlemen spoken of would prove vigorous reformers, and I have no personal preference for Tilden over any of them; but neither of them is so identified with 'reform' in the public mind as Tilden. They have either not had the opportunity, or have not availed themselves of it, to manifest the resolute purpose he has shown to purge the State of fraud and jobbing. They have not joined hands with political adversaries to overthrow and arraign and convict as criminals the master spirits of their own party whilst they seemed to be impregnably intrenched in the control of its organization, and have not by such conduct been lifted into power by the support of large bodies of political opponents even against a republican whose integrity was not questioned, but who had not manifested the same zeal in the cause of reform. Nor have they, after reaching power, so signalized their administration by waging unsparing war on jobbery.

By this course Tilden has made himself more than any other man of our day, the representative man of the idea to which the Democratic party so emphatically pledged itself in 1872, and his nomination would be accepted, not only by the Liberal Republicans who then acted with us, but by thousands who then held back, as a sure guarantee that the pledge would be faithfully redeemed, and his war record and his financial views would effectually prevent diversion by false issues.

The active enmity which Tilden has provoked, in his own party, serves only to attest his fitness for the occasion. No man ever drove more men out of the Democratic party than Jackson; but no man ever recruited it so rapidly from the true men in the ranks of his opponents at the same time. And this winnowing process must be rewarded. The curse of the Democratic party has been its Tweeds. The strength of its opponents, who use Government for class aggrandisement, is driven from vast expenditures by corrupting the people in one form or another with their own money, and by misleading them with false issues. But Old Bullion never said anything more true than that "The democratic party, to be strong must be clean."

Tilden is the type of the men who were honored by the party in the days of its strength; and his nomination being a sure bond for a return to such policy, will insure its return to power.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR.

It is a thin excuse for a young man to say he cannot get up in the morning because his father is rich.

Life at the Bottom of the Sea.

While on a visit at Racine Bay in 1873, Mr. Frank Buchland met an acquaintance named W. Wood, a native of Racine, who told some curious stories of under water life. Mr. Wood made his first coal start in life by an extraordinary accident, as it turned out, a very lucky piece of diving. If the reader will look at the map of Ireland, he will see that outside Belfast Lough, and a little to the south-west, opposite Donaghadee, are situated the Copeland Islands. It so happened that a Whitstable smack was a coastguardman in this district. He heard a legend that a ship laden with a heavy cargo of silver had been wrecked off the Copeland Islands some half a century ago. He, therefore, communicated with some of his friends at Whitstable who were divers. Accordingly, Mr. Wood and four others put their diving dresses on board a vessel, and sailed from Whitstable to Donaghadee. It appears that the people on board the ship had tried to escape, having first filled their shirt-sleeves with dollars; but in getting up the rocks many of them had fallen back and met with an untimely end, as the weight of the dollars had kept their heads under water. No one had ever disturbed the wreck since the vessel went down, so Mr. Wood and his friends set to work to find out where she was. They put on their diving dresses and for two or three days walked about to and fro at the bottom of the sea, in about forty feet of water, searching for the treasure. This they did by clearing away the weeds and turning over the stones with crowbars and feeling for the dollars with their hands, as the water was too thick to see. The wood part of the wreck itself had entirely perished through lapse of time and the ravages of sea worms.—After a long and careful search at last they came upon the dollars; they were mostly spread about among the stones, but many had slipped down among a heap of iron ore which had formed the ballast of the ship. Many of the dollars were worn thin by the action of the water. When hauling among the wreck for the dollars, Mr. Wood had some curious under-water adventures. One of the divers complained that he was annoyed by a lobster, and couldn't work. Mr. Wood learned the whereabouts of the lobster and went down after him. He soon discovered Mr. Lobster sitting under a rock, looking as savage as a lobster can look. His feelers were pointed well forward, and he held out his two great claws wide open in a threatening attitude. Wood, knowing the habits of lobsters, offered this fellow his crowbar, which he immediately nipped with his claws. Then, watching his opportunity, he passed the signal line over the lobster's tail, made it fast, and signalled to the men above to "haul away."—This they did, and instantly away went Mr. Lobster flying through the water into the air above with his claws still expanded, and as scared as a lobster could be. A great conger eel also paid the divers a visit. He was an immense fellow, and kept swimming around Wood, but would not come near him. Wood was afraid of his hand being bitten as a conger's bite is very bad. He once knew a diver whose finger was seized by a conger. The brute took all the flesh clean off the man's finger. A conger is a very dangerous animal to a man when diving in the water. However, this conger kept swimming around about Wood, so he took his clasp-knife out and tried to stab him; but the conger would not come near enough to be "knifed." It was a long time before conger would go away; and even after he had gone away Wood could not go on working, because he was not sure the brute was really gone for good, and he might have come out of some covert at any minute and nipped his fingers.

A PASTORAL HELPER.—An official of one of the railroads centering in Detroit, says M Quad, was beset by an old man for a railroad pass to Grand Rapids. The stranger entered the office with a big cane in his hand and "woods" air. He looked as if he had entered town after an all-night's wrestle with a bad dirt road, and he had no sooner stood his cane up in the corner than he briskly inquired:

"Are you the free pass man?"

The official hesitated a little, and the stranger amended his query by asking:

"Would you give a preacher a pass to Grand Rapids?"

"Are you a preacher?"

"Kinder."

"You give me your word that you are a preacher, do you?"

"N—ot exactly," stammered the stranger. "I don't say I'm regularly ordained."

"We can give passes to clergymen occasionally, but we must know that they are active dispensers of the gospel."

"That hits me," cheerily replied the old man, rubbing his hands. "I calculate I dispense more gospel than any white man in Antrim county!"

"But you just admitted that you weren't a preacher," said the official.

"Not a regular, ordained preacher, you might call an assistant to regular preachers. I'm sexton of a church. I can lead a prayer meeting, and I've started all the hymns that have been sung in this county for five years past."

The official smiled faintly, and the stranger was encouraged to go on.

"I'm nearly a preacher, folks call for me when they are doing a heap of prayin' at camp-meeting, and somebody is to be dragged out of the school for snapping bean during prayer meeting. I'm the man who does the dragging."

"That's hardly being a regular minister," replied the official.

"No, of course; but it's a mighty close go to it. It's so near that I hate to walk to Grand Rapids. I'm on call, Judge. If our preacher suddenly gives out, I'm the only man within fifteen miles who can stand behind his pulpit and take a hold. They all know it, and I'm respected accordingly. More'n half the people call me 'Deacon,' and others who have got into a jaw about Baptism in the Hawk-eye or Methodist in the bullsucker have waited five miles to have me get 'em straight."

The official made out a pass, and as the stranger reversed cheerily and put on his cane he offered:

"I won't take up any more room than I need in your office, but I'd like to tell you a story about a man who lived in Antrim county years ago, and who was a good deal like you in many ways."

The official looked at his watch, and as the stranger resumed his cane and sat down he asked:

"Is it a long story?"

"Not very long, and it's a good one. This man was a good deal like you in many ways, as I said, and he was a good deal like me in many ways. He was a good man, and he was a good citizen, and he was a good neighbor, and he was a good husband and father. He was a—"

"Look here, my friend, I don't see what all this has to do with my giving you a pass to Grand Rapids."

"Well, I'm coming to that. As I was saying, he was a good man, and he was a good citizen, and he was a good neighbor, and he was a good husband and father. He was a—"

"Look here, I don't want to hear—"

"He