

There has been considerable comment recently concerning the number of vacant houses in the City. Some years since, the Police Department from time to time made a canvas of the number of vacant houses, and if such a canvas can be obtained at this time, we think it would be beneficial.

If Baltimore has not an excessive number of vacant houses, the reports going abroad that so many houses are vacant, will prove unjustly injurious, while if we have such a large number it is important that we had a correct report of the number.

As Appraisers for several of our largest Savings Banks, it is of interest to us in reaching valuations to know the true condition and we shall be pleased if your Honorable Board can have such a canvas made as suggested. We think this canvas should be returned by either election or police districts, so that it may be known where the vacant houses are located.

Very truly yours,

WM. MARTIEN & COMPANY."

It was ordered that a census of buildings in Baltimore City of vacant and occupied houses, be taken by the Police, as requested by William Martien & Company, as above.

Maryland State Fair, Timonium.
Detail.

A communication, as follows, was received, read and ordered referred to the Marshal to make the usual detail for the Maryland State Fair to be held at Timonium:

"Box 10, Raspsburg, Md., Aug. 8th., 1910.

To The Honorable,

The Board of Police Commissioners.

Dear Sirs:-

We, the undersigned committee, representing the Md. State Fair & Agricultural Society of Baltimore Co., respectfully petition your Honorable Board to detail a sergeant and 7 men and 2 plain clothes detectives, each day during the Fair, September 6, 7, 8 and 9 and 10th., for services on the Fair grounds, the same as furnished in previous years.

The car fare and lunches for these men will be furnished by the society.