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SATURDAY MORNING.....April 26, 1884.

WILLIAM J. DENNIS, 26 years old and the son of the late Senator Dennis, of Maryland, committed suicide at Richmond, Va., on the night of the 18th instant, by taking laudanum. His wife and two children are living in Baltimore.

THE best ocean time on record has just been made by the steamship Oregon which arrived at New York last Saturday from Queenstown in 6 days, 10 hours and 3 minutes. This beats the best previous time, which was made by the Alaska, by 11 hours and 10 minutes.

UNDER the act passed by the last Legislature forbidding the sale of oleomargerine for butter a number of persons have already been arrested in Baltimore, charged with not displaying the label on their oleomargerine as required by law. The regular butter dealers have resolved to break up this swindle, and they are right. Oleomargerine is fit only for persons having the stomach of a rhinoceros.

LOST AND FOUND.—Mr. Edwin Crouch, of Baltimore, formerly sheriff and register of wills of this county, labors under temporary derangement and one day last week wandered from his home. He spent two nights at a hotel on the Frederick road, and was under the delusion that he was at Still Pond, in this county, where he was acquainted, but was surprised at not meeting any people he knew.

THE Maryland State Temperance Alliance, representing all parts of the State, met in Baltimore last week in annual session. The influence of the association has been steadily exerted for more than ten years to secure the prohibition of the sale of liquor through local option. Step by step, in this way, progress has been made by the advocates of local option, until now prohibition prevails over more than half the territory of the State.

THE Democratic State central committee has been called to meet at Barnum's Hotel at noon on Tuesday next, April 29, to arrange details for the preliminary events for sending presidential delegates to Chicago in June. The democratic primaries will probably be called for May 10. The democrats of this State have as yet made no demonstration, nor are they likely to make any of a hostile character. The surface indications all point to a decided preference for either Bayard or Tilden, as may later on appear for the best interests of the party. It is believed that either of them would sweep the country.

THE OUTLOOK FOR ARTHUR.—A tabular statement compiled by the New York *Herald*, giving the number of delegates so far chosen in the various States, shows a total of 217 for Arthur to 94 for Blaine, 46 for Logan, 15 for Edmunds, 14 scattering and 12 unknown. The Southern delegations are put down uniformly for Arthur. Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina and Tennessee are solid for him, and the delegations from Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia, yet to be chosen, may be counted upon to be "for the administration." The capital and — if the *Herald's* figures are right—the decisive fact is that New York, the pivotal State in the coming struggle, is for Arthur. Of the delegates from that State so far chosen the *Herald* credits 41 to Arthur, 10 for Blaine, 8 to Edmunds, and puts down 5 as unascertained. This gives Arthur a clear majority over all opponents. The *Times*, on the other hand, claims a majority foa Blaine.

THE OYSTER NAVY.—The board of public works held a meeting at Annapolis on Friday of last week and postponed the appointment of deputy commanders of the State fishery force until the last Wednesday in April. Nine commanders for as many sailing vessels and two commanders for the steamers are to be elected. The correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says that Capt. Gordy will have no opposition for the steamer Governor Hamilton, which he now commands. The applicants for the steamer Leila are Jefferson D. Loker, of St. Mary's county; Capt. F. Louis Griffith, of Anne Arundel, and Hedge Thompson, of Talbot county. Treasurer Compton will nominate Capt. Griffith and Comptroller Turner Mr. Thompson, says the same correspondent, and Gov. McLane will have the deciding vote. There are several applicants for the captaincy of the sloop Mary Compton, now commanded by Capt. Jas. B. Willson.

Information having been received that oyster vessels are engaged in taking seed oysters thro' the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal under pleathat the oysters are from the Virginia side and not from Maryland waters, Commander Waddell has directed the deputy commanders of the State fishery force to proceed to arrest such violators and take them before any judge or magistrate most accessible for trial. Capt. Willson, of the sloop Mary Compton, has been ordered to the mouth of the canal on the Maryland side, with instructions to arrest any vessel having oysters on board.

ORCHESTER TRAGEDY.—The Cam- of Wednesday gives the facts Charles Shenton by his son Mr. Shenton, it appears, was and had been on a protracted ing home Tuesday morning the whole family; that live to see the rising of er things of a like character- ed home at night he was little boy," he began, "I am not so very honest; but I know what I am." "What are you, then?" "A hair restorer."

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

DR. T. H. ... assuming his wife, ... him. His son undertook ... and he got his gun ... ng man from the house and ... him without effect, the son ... having dodged behind a pile of lumber in the yard. Shortly after Young Shenton returned to the house, and saw the frenzied father clutching his mother by the ... with one hand and a drawn knife in the ... He rushed to her rescue, and seizing a ... stick which was resting just inside the door, struck his father a blow on the head, fracturing the skull and killing him almost instantly. The young man did not intend to seriously injure his father, and when he found that he had killed him was almost crazed with grief. On Thursday Squire Tubman convened a jury of inquest, who after hearing all the evidence and facts in the case, exonerated young Shenton from all blame.

ABOUT 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, as steamer Trumpeter was going up the Baltimore harbor, she ran down the steam yacht Telephone, owned by C. S. Maltby, cutting her in two and sinking her almost instantly. The Telephone is a small yacht, and is used in conveying stores from point to point about the harbor. The steamer's bow struck the yacht almost fairly amidships. Three men were on the Telephone. These were thrown into the water. The steamer at once stopped and the men, who had been able to keep afloat, were rescued in the yawl and landed at Union dock. It seems that the yacht had first been struck by a passing tug and the captain was thrown overboard. The yacht, thus left with no one to steer her, got in front of the steamer and was struck. No blame is attached to the captain of the steamer.

DR. ROGER WARNER died at his residence in Centreville last Monday morning, in his 87th year. Dr. Wright was the oldest graduate of the West Point military school and likewise the oldest resident of Queen Anne's county. He held a position as door-keeper in the Senate at the late session of the Legislature, where he contracted a cold which caused kidney trouble, terminating in his death. He was at one time possessed of considerable property. He was twice married, leaving children by both unions.

THE Republicans of this town held ... inaugurated a new system ... people to attend primaries ... gift-enterprise especially ... negro who voted at ... Dover, consisting of Sanford ... hair. It would ... to say that should ... by, others ... the ... cast.

ABOUT 9 o'clock Wednesday evening, as ... was in the act of ... Mr. Thomas ... was ... Mr. Thomas ... Mr. Thomas ... Mr. Thomas