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THE prettiest almanac for 1885 that has yet appeared is that issued for the subscribers of the Baltimore American. The political and other information of the work is valuable.

GOV. MCLANE Tuesday last appointed Charles F. Holland, of Wicomico county, associate judge to succeed U. S. Senator-elect Wilson. The appointment gives general satisfaction to the press and the people of the district.

IT IS estimated by Bradstreet's, the leading authority on commercial matters, that there are now in the United States about 350,000 unemployed wage-workers. This estimate is based upon statistics carefully collated from twenty-two of the Northernmost States, including Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri, which employ nine-tenths of the wage-earners in mechanical pursuits reported in the census. Thirteen per cent. of these are enforced idlers and wages have been reduced from ten to twenty per cent.

This depression of industries has not fallen upon the country with sudden or startling abruptness. It has grown to its mammoth proportions by slow and gradual stages traceable to periods more or less remote. It has crept upon the people rather than overtaken them. Hence it cannot be attributed in any degree to the change of administration which was decreed at the polls on the 4th of November.

Whatever the causes may be, they have had their origin and development under Republican rule. It is in the face of Republican ideas, if not as the direct result of them, that this ominous condition of things has obtained. If the legislation of the Republican party is not responsible for it, the legislation of the Republican party has certainly done nothing to prevent it.

To say that over three hundred thousand men are out of work in the middle of an inclement winter and thousands of recruits swelling this vast column week by week, because of "over-production," is a vague and unsatisfying explanation. Let us know what stimulated the over-production. What other than the treacherous and wicked theory that a high protective tariff is the sure guaranty of our national prosperity?

Such a guaranty, if genuine and not fictitious, would also be a panacea for the nation's ills. To what extent it is such let the silent murmur of 80,000 iron workers, 20,000 cotton operatives, 24,000 woolen-weavers, 35,000 clothing-makers and 18,000 striking artisans, who have been robbed of even the chance to subsist themselves, make answer.

Protection claims to give plenty of work at high wages. It does neither. It is a system of false and selfish pretences. It is based upon the greed of capital. It is the enemy. It stands so impeached before the country.

St. John Strikes Back.

The Republicans—to the amusement of the Democrats and Independents—says the New York Herald of Tuesday, continue to discuss the causes of their defeat in the Presidential campaign by losing New York, and to attribute it to anything and everything except the conviction of a majority of the people of this State that Mr. Blaine was an unfit person for the place for which the Republican party nominated him.

Among their favorite explanations the following are largely insisted upon:—

1. That the Rev. Burchard made an indiscreet speech to Mr. Blaine at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, which arrested the desertion of Irish Catholics from the Democratic party.

2. That the election day was rainy, and Messrs. Gould and Field culpably omitted to furnish gum overshoes to from five to ten thousand Republicans in the western countries, who therefore were intimidated by the rain from going to the polls.

3. That Elkins and Jones both were incompetent managers of the canvass.

4. That the Republican National Committee did not pay enough money to John J. O'Brien and his local associates.

5. That John D. Lawson, the member of that committee from this State, was culpably remiss in attendance at its meetings.

6. That Mr. Conkling's personal friends in Oneida, Onondaga and Niagara counties stayed at home or voted the temperance ticket.

7. That President Arthur culpably neglected to bulldoze the office holders to work for Blaine and pay political assessments.

8. That General Butler was unable to turn over quite all his deluded followers to Blaine, though it is admitted that he did the most he could.

9. That Mr. St. John was bought and paid for by the Democratic managers.

10. That Mr. St. John was also bought and paid for by the Republican managers, but was unfaithful to his bargain with them.

Mr. St. John has been a patient sufferer of the Republican libels about himself for the last six weeks. He has seen them repeated unblushingly by the Blaine press, which also did not scruple in the closing days of the canvass to invent and print gross libels against his character in other than pecuniary relations. He has witnessed hangings and burnings of images of himself by Republican mobs from Agusta, Me., to Topeka, Kansas.

But at last he has been provoked into breaking silence, and in a thoroughly manly, straightforward letter, he declares the charges against him "infamous falsehoods," and stigmatizes the Republican party as follows:—

I loyally gave it twenty-eight years' service, during which time it found "no evil in me," and not even the Democrats charged me with dishonesty. But now we find this same party, born, as it was, of a spirit of freedom, burning and hanging its political opponents in effigy, as the pro-slavery men hanged and burned the abolitionists thirty years ago; while its partisan press exhibits a bitter spirit of intolerance that puts to shame the same spirit for which it so vehemently, during the last campaign, denounced the Democrats of the South.

THE DEMOCRATIC MECCA.

A Visit to New York's Beautiful Capitol—Notes by the Way.

Correspondence of THE JOURNAL.

A few mornings since I boarded the morning train for Albany. The King of Day did not rise resplendent in his glorious majesty, as the poet would say, but, as I noticed the cloudy sentinels attending his fiery arrows as he shot them over the gray Hoosac Mountains on the east, I had serious forebodings as to what the day might bring forth; especially when the "mackerel-sky" in the west seemed to "second the motion" made in the east. I was persuaded by the most competent judges of the weather to proceed unincumbered by waterproof and umbrella. We must have charity for misguided advisers—they mean well, but the rules which govern the weather and Presidential elections never will be understood by mortal man.

Once seated in the warm car, I settled myself down for a reverie, for pedagogues have been known to indulge in that sort of pastime without causing any serious trouble with the "elders;" therefore I partook. I was all absorbed in watching an infant trying its utmost to masticate its mother's shawl. With these conditions given, namely, the infant, the shawl, and energy enough to put a goat to shame, I was about to investigate the problem—What shall we do with the surplus money in the U. S. Treasury? when "Tickets! tickets!" from the conductor so confused me that the question remains unanswered, and who can estimate the loss to the people of America? I can not.

Mechanicsville, Waterford, Cohoes and the Mohawk with its roaring falls were soon left behind, while the spires of Troy and later those of Albany were seen in the distance. I was honored by the company of three young ladies who were out sight-seeing, and, in respect to them, gave them as much of my attention as my time would permit.

The State Capitol at Albany is said to be the handsomest building in the United States. I know not how true that may be, but since it occupies one of the highest sites in the city, and is built of granite in the most modern style of architecture it is exceedingly imposing in its appearance. It covers more than three acres, and the top of the main tower is 365 feet above the foundation, which is 200 feet above the Hudson. But the outside is forgotten when one enters the building. The long corridors, stately columns and mosiac floors have a tendency to cause one to feel lost. Our party, taking one of the elevators, was swiftly hoisted to the hall leading to the Assembly Room. This room only seems in harmony with the rest of the building, spacious and grand. The Senate Chamber, on the same floor, but on the opposite side of the court, is the more interesting. The guide told most everything in connection with that room, but since I had no idea of needing his information I did not attempt to note all he said. The ceiling, I judge, is at least thirty feet high; the walls, for a considerable distance, are inlaid with blocks of polished marble, about one foot square, from many of the noted quarries of the world. Above this, to the ceiling, is embossed Russian leather covered with gilt.

"That moulding," remarked the guide, pointing to the archway above the door we entered, "represents the unfinished work of one man for a year; you see there is considerable yet to do; the right-hand portion is finished; the stone is all worked by hand and chisel after it is laid by the masons." In this solid granite was carved a lattice-work with vines and clusters of grapes, together with an occasional bird. The art amateur as well as the connoisseur would not lack for material to study here, for already more than one million dollars have been expended in decorating the room and much still remains to be done.

The war relics alone in the Capitol would occupy attention for hours. Case after case of the silent witnesses of the "late struggle" were passed. Buttons, knives, pistols, pieces of clothing, smashed canteens and hundreds of other curiosities, all labled, are to be seen. The bullet that killed General ———, the key to Jefferson Davis' private chest, a piece of muslin stained with the blood of President Lincoln at the time of the assassination and much besides met our wondering eyes. But probably the saddest relic was that of a photograph of a lady whose head was entirely obliterated by a cruel bullet, labled—"Found in the vest pocket of a rebel soldier." The suit of clothes worn by Col. Ellsworth at his death, and much else belonging to the young Colonel, occupies a prominent place. Cannon balls, shells, torpedoes, slave chains, breast plates, relics from Andersonville prison, etc., occupy a room to themselves.

We then passed to the Governor's room, and after waiting a moment were ushered into the presence of our President-elect, Grover Cleveland I was impressed with his unassuming, gentlemanly bearing, for he made us feel at perfect ease in his company. I wished him a prosperous term at Washington, but did not tell him I voted for Mr. Blaine.

After leaving the Capitol we hurried to "Agricultural Hall," which is one of the finest museums in the State. Here I parted with my lady friends.

Now, patient reader, it was actually raining and no mistake.

My business took me to a "Manufacturer of Physical Apparatus" on Beekman street. Although quite familiar with Albany I had no knowledge as to where the said street might be found. Upon inquiry I was told that it was six blocks ahead, so on I plodded through the rain, looking at every crossing I came to until I became weary of the fun. Again I inquired and was told it was four blocks behind; not discouraged, back I turned, (how welcome would even a parasol have been!) and consulted the crossings even more carefully than before and as every one was plainly named I knew I had made no mistake. Being weary I asked the third time and was told very politely by a man I met that the street I was looking for was two blocks back. Teachers sometimes get "worked up." I was somewhat worked down and exclaimed, "Well, I have been promenading this street for one hour—will you be kind enough to verify your statement by actual demonstration?" "Certainly," was the reply. And he did. The street (?) was an insignificant side alley which I had unobserved, but in it I found my manufacturer and felt quite repaid in the end.

I had promised a very different letter for the readers of THE JOURNAL this time, but not until Uncle Sam brings me a copy of the issue of November 15th, (that I may know where my last subject left off), will I continue my school-room talk.

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PUBLIC SALE

Having concluded to discontinue farming, I will offer at public sale on the farm where I now reside, known as the "Dunning Farm," on the road leading from Denton to the Brick Mill, on

MONDAY, Dec. 29, 1884,

the following personal property, to wit:

FOUR GOOD HORSES,

two of them excellent heavy draughts; 1 Alderney Heifer, 2 years old, will be fresh in Spring; 10 head of Cattle; 1 excellent brood Sow, 1 Boar and 8 Shoats;

FARM WAGON,

nearly new; 2 sets of Wagon Harness; 1 Carriage and Harness; 1 Empire Drill, nearly new; 1 Champion Self-Rake Reaper, nearly new; 1 Buckeye Mower and Reaper; 1 Horse Cart; 1 Grain Fan; 1 Hinge Harrow, nearly new;

1 Advance Plow, No. 32;

1 Roland Plow, No. 23; small Plows, Harrows, Plow Harness, Grain Shovel, Forks, &c., 1 Potato Plow, nearly new; 30 Berry Crates; about 20 barrels of Corn in the ear;

LOT OF BLADE AND TOP FODDER,

Cider Vinegar; lot of Pork; one-half interest in a Sorghum Mill.

Household Goods:

Stoves, Chairs, Beds, Bedsteads, Bureaus, Wash Stands, Carpets, Mattings, and many other articles.

TERMS OF SALE.

An all sums of and under $10 cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of 12 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security, payable a Denton National Bank. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.

☞Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.
H. IRWIN, Auc't. TATE WILSON.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from Henry C. Culbreth and Mary E. Culbreth, his wife, to Benjaman A. Cutler, dated the 3d day of June, 1882, and recorded in Liber L. H. G., No. 45, folios 338, &c., one of the land record books for Caroline county, the undersigned, the attorney named in said mortgage, will offer at public sale, in front of the Court House door, in Denton, on

Tuesday, the 13th day of January,

1885, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the following valuable real estate mentioned in said mortgage, viz: All that tract or parcel of land situate and being in the First Election District of Caroline county, whereon the said Henry C. Culbreth now resides, called

"POPLAR NECK,"

or by whatsoever name or names the same may be called and known, adjoining the lands of Robert B. Culbreth, A. V. Murphy and others, containing

460 ACRES, MORE OR LESS,

This property is conveniently located, being within 2½ miles of Goldsborough station, and of Henderson, on the Delaware & Chesapeake Railway, convenient to schools, mills, churches, &c. There is on the property a thriving

PEACH ORCHARD

of about 2500 trees, and also a young apple orchard. There is sufficient

WOOD AND TIMBER

for the oadinary uses of the farm.

The improvements are an old fashioned and comfortable

TWO-STORY

Brick Dwelling House,

Barn, Stables, Carriage-House, and other outbuildings, in fair order.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale are: Four thousand five hundred dollars in cash, on the day of sale, and the residue in two equal installments of one and two years from the day of sale; the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale. and to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with sureties to be approved by the undersigned.

GEORGE M. RUSSUM,
Attorney for the Mortgagee.
Henry Irwin, Auct. [dec23-tds.

ORDER NISI.

N. & G. Taylor Co. vs. Mary E. Smith, { In the Circuit Court for Caroline County. In Equity. No. 277.

Ordered, this 9th day of December, 1884, that the sale of the real estate made and reported by George T. Melvin, trustee, in these proceedings mentioned, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 20th day of February next; provided, that a copy of this order be inserted in some paper published in Caroline county once in each of three successive weeks before the 16th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,382.50.

LUTHER H. GADD, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
LUTHER H. GADD, Clerk.
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ORDER NISI.

William J. Clark, Executor, &c., vs. Mary E. Powell and John H. Powell.
In the Circuit Court for Caroline County. In Equity. No. 419.

ORDERED, this 16th day of December, 1884, that the sale made and reported by William J. Clark, executor of the assignee in the above entitled case, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 21st day February next; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Caroline county once in each of three successive weeks before the 20th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $2,750.00.

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GEORGE M. RUSSUM,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
DENTON, MD.

Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Caroline county, in Equity sitting, the undersigned, as trustee, will offer at public sale at the post-office in the village of Marydel, on

Saturday December 27th,

1884, between the hours of 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock, p. m., all that valuable tract or parcel of land situate and being in the First Election District of Caroline county, called and known as the

"Conly Land,"

or by whatever name or names the same may be called and known, containing

133 ACRES, MORE OR LESS,

The improvements are a SINGLE STORY

DWELLING

in ordinary condition.

This land is convnient to Churches, Mills, Schools, &c., and is easily improved.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-third of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale, and the residue in two equal payments of one and two years, the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the bonds or notes of the purchaser with security to be approved by the trustee.

GEORGE M. RUSSUM,
H. Irwin, Auct. Trustee.
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NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to us who have not settled their accounts within the last six months are respectfully requested to come forward and settle at once, as we must have the money. We have heavy bills to meet the first of the year, and again we ask all to settle, either by note or cash before the end of the year.

EVITTS & HOLBROOK.
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BRYANT & TOWNSEND,
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,
DENTON, MD.

TRUSTEES' SALE
OF

Real Estate.

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed the 15th day of November, 1884, by George Steele and Catharine Steele to Joshua W. Bryant and Urie Townsend, as trustees, for the benefit of creditors, the trustees will offer at public sale at the Court House door in the town of Denton, on

Tuesday, January 6th, 1884,

between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock of that day, all that

VALUABLE LITTLE FARM

situate and being in the Second Election District of Caroline county, State of Maryland, on the north side of the road leading from Greensborough to Boyce's Mill, and being part of a tract of land known as the

"GROFF FARM,"

or by whatsoever name or names it may be called and known, adjoining the lands of T. B. Pritchett and David S. Moore, containing

98 ACRES,

be the same more or less; being the same land which Jeremiah Peacock, by deed recorded in Liber L. H. G., No. 47, folios 27, 28 and 29, of the land records of Caroline county, granted unto the said George Steele in fee, as reference thereto will more fully set forth. The improvements are a ONE AND A-HALF STORY

DWELLING HOUSE,

small TENANT-HOUSE, BARN and other outbuildings;

2,000 PEACH TREES,

one year old.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-third the purchase money must be paid in cash on the day of sale; the balance in one and two years; the deferred payments to be secured by the bonds or notes of the purchaser, with security satisfactory to the trustees.

☞Title papers at expense of purchaser.

JOSHUA W. BRYANT,
URIE TOWNSEND,
dc 20 tds Trustees.

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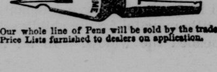

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Wanamaker's.

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.

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We therefore change the condition of trade by making prices so low as to attract unwilling buyers. The change is gradual, very gradual. Indeed the change is less, because we made low prices months ago; lower than ought to be made in prosperous times; lower than *can* be made in any but calamitous times.

There is every reason to believe that wholesale prices have got to the bottom. Raw materials of several sorts have begun to be firm; and some have begun to rise. The prices of nothing in trade have risen. Prices are therefore at the very bottom. The only further downward movements are reasonably sure to be exceptional. Chances are overwhelmingly the other way on everything.

On the other hand the probable behavior of retail merchants with bills to meet and stocks of goods on their hands is worth your thinking of. The instant the stay of holiday trade is over there is sure to be a general scramble. Had you better wait for the chance of buying for less?

That is your question. We have answered it already; and this is only to keep the answer in mind.

In the midst of holiday trade upon goods adapted for gifts, when the store is looking uncommonly bright with the glitter of gifts, when thousands of givers are thinking of bric-à-brac (Everything is bric-à-brac to us that belongs to a month before Christmas), when people throng the store to see the spectacle, we are thinking of the solidest merchandise we deal in.

We advertise cloths and dress-stuffs, dresses and wraps, furs and overcoats, clothing for man, woman and child, gloves, hosiery, underwear, neckwear, laces, handkerchiefs, linens in general, bedding, mattresses, furniture, carpets and rugs, housekeeping conveniences, china, lamps, upholstery, books, writing-papers, stationery wares, pocket-books, bags, hats, shoes, umbrellas, Japanese wares, baskets, toilet articles, playthings, and a thousand more.

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