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STATE REFUTES FALSE REPORTS OF ITS OYSTERS

Purity Certificates Sent To Health Departments Of Country

TYPHOID DECREASE IN CITY DECLARED

Copies of the certificate issued Monday by Dr. John S. Fulton, director of the State Department of Health, attesting the purity and wholesomeness of Maryland oysters, are being sent to the health departments of all the other states and to all markets for Maryland oysters.

Such publicity, said Governor Ritchie in a statement yesterday, is the only immediate way to counteract the injurious effect of unfounded reports from Chicago that Chesapeake Bay oysters were responsible for an outbreak of typhoid fever.

With the same thought in mind, the Health Department of Norfolk yesterday sent certificates of the purity of oysters shipped from that city to 500 dealers in the North. Personal letters were sent to health officials in the cities which look to Norfolk for their oyster supplies.

Supplementing the certificate issued by Dr. Fulton, he and Dr. C. Hampson Jones, Commissioner of Health for Baltimore, yesterday compiled figures to show that typhoid fever had decreased since the opening of the present oyster season in Baltimore and on the Eastern Shore, the places of greatest oyster consumption in Maryland. No case of typhoid had been traced to oysters, the offical said.

Although oyster dredging and packing continued at a virtual standstill at Crisfield Tuesday, improved conditions were reported at other Eastern Shore points.

At Cambridge the first revocation of an order canceling a shipment to the west was received. It came from a dealer in Iowa and instructed a Cambridge packer to resume regular shipments at once, as nothing had been found wrong with Maryland oysters.

Other oyster shipments from Cambridge yesterday were to Kansas, Kentucky, New York, Missouri, Michigan, West Virginia, Nebraska, Minnesota, Maine, Indiana, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Packing Houses in Operation

The packing houses are in operation at Cambridge, and a steaming plant will start today or tomorrow canning oysters at the rate of 1,200 bushels or more a day. A packing house also is in operation at Taylors Island and a steaming plant soon will resume activities. Tilghmans Island also will have a steaming plant in operation shortly.

Despite this apparent improvement in the situation, William H. Killian, president of the Oyster Growers and Dealers Association of North America, yesterday declared Chicago reports virtually had killed the business in Maryland for the remainder of the present oyster season.

As these reports were sent out all over the country by radio, Swepson Earle, Conservation Commissioner, broadcasted an address on the purity of Maryland oysters from Station WCAP (Washington) Wednesday.

Survey Under Way

Governor Ritchie, in his statement yesterday, said:

"I have no means of knowing what caused these cases of typhoid, but I do absolutely know that they were not due to any oysters from Maryland or from any part of the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries.

"We already have begun a thorough sanitary survey of every Maryland oyster bed as the most effective way to prove to the country the wholesomeness and purity of every Maryland or Chesapeake Bay oyster. There is not the slightest doubt about the result. It will give Maryland oysters as clean and definite a bill of health as certified milk has now. But the survey cannot possibly be completed for some time.

"In the meanwhile, publicity of the true facts, familiar to everyone in this state and questioned by nobody anywhere who knows, is the only immediate way to counteract the injury which these false reports have caused.

Called Refutation

"No one in Maryland is taking any stock whatever in the reports. In Baltimore city alone 540,000 gallons of oysters are consumed annually, and this consumption is going on exactly as always. No one in this state has stopped eating oyster and none will because everyone here knows that Maryland oysters are pure. This is a very practical and a very conclusive refutation of the whole thing.

"The Maryland Department of Health has issued a certificate that from 1922 to date there were 3,389 cases of typhoid in Maryland; that the department investigated and knows the causes of every one of these cases and that not one was due or even attributed to oysters. This certificate is being sent to the health departments of all the other States and as rapidly as possible to all markets of Maryland oysters.

"It also is a fact that no record can be found of a single case of typhoid ever caused by Maryland oysters at any time.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Hank Alderbush woke up the other night an' thought he heard some weird music an' begun to think somebody's radio had picked up the Hawaiian Islands, but when he turned over in bed he didn't hear it any more so he made up his mind that as the window was open it was probably the wind whistlin' through his whiskers.

Parson Savemall thought he heard a tom cat on the back yard fence the other night and throwed his boot jack at the place where the noise came from, an' hit young Jim Goosum, who was serenadin' the parson's daughter, Sallie with his mouth organ.

Tobe Dufunny, who keeps the corner grocery started in on a cash basis last week, but he found that he had to lend his customers the cash to buy with, an' so in order to keep them from goin' somewhere else to spend it, he went back to the old system of chargin' it.

THE SPRING HATCHING

By SATTERFIELD

Mrs. GEORGIANA GRAVATT

Mrs. Georgiana Gravatt, aged 75, died Monday, January 19th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Cohee, Denton. She was the daughter of Mr. William and Mrs. Sarah Ann Murpy and the husband of Mr. George Gravatt. She leaves to mourn her loss her daughter, Mrs. John Cohee and one brother and sister, Miss Nancy Murphy and Mr. Charles Murphy, all of Denton.

Funeral services were held from the home of her daughter Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. Rev. I. A. McGrew officiating. Interment in the Denton cemetery.

It pays to advertise, and a trial will convince. Let us have that adv.

HEAR DR. T. H. LEWIS IN RADIO SERVICE

A real treat is in store for all who attend the 11 o'clock service next Sunday morning, January 25th., at Denton M. P. Church. It will be a service by radio and the service will be broadcast from Rhode Island Ave. M. P. church, Washington, D. C. Through this service the people of Denton will have the opportunity of hearing Dr. T. H. Lewis preach. Dr. Lewis is a native of this county, having been born near Greensboro and attended the public schools of this county. For thirty-five years Dr. Lewis was president of Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., bringing that institution up from a small college to a place of recognition among the best educational institutions of the country, so that now, Western Maryland College is a recognized A-1 college. Dr. Lewis resigned from the presidency of Western Maryland college five years ago and was succeeded by Dr. A. N. Ward, a former pastor of Denton M. P. church. Dr. Lewis is now president of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant church and is giving to the church an exceptionally fine administration. Through the efforts and administration of Dr. Lewis the Methodist Protestant church has planned and is working out, larger and more aggressive things for the church and the Kingdom of God, than ever in her history as a denomination. There is no man in the whole denomination so widely know and who is so eagerly heard or whose counsels are more earnestly sought than Dr. Lewis. You cannot afford to miss this service on Sunday morning, it will be a real privilege. Dr. Lewis stands with the leading churchmen of all denominations and is readily recognized for his ability as a leader and preacher in the church of today. Don't forget, Sunday, January 25th, at 11 o'clock.

CLUB VOTES MONEY FOR LOAN CLOSET

The Community Club met Friday afternoon, January 16, with the new president, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, and the new cabinet taking their chairs.

Miss Bessie Spafford, home demonstration agent, gave a talk on the needs of the county nurse, after which the club voted $10 to be donated toward a loan closet. Two demonstration lectures will be given in the near future.

The club has planned to have a program after each meeting throughout the year, with a special speaker once a month.

The hostesses of this meeting were the members of the new cabinet, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, Miss M. Louise Dukes, Mrs. A. E. Miller, Mrs. R. N. Hitchens and Mrs. Mary Pastorfield. After delicious refreshments and a pleasant social time the club adjourned to meet on February 6.

DELAWARE INDUCTS ITS NEW GOVERNOR

Robert P. Robinson Becomes Chief Executive At Dover Ceremony

JUNIOR OFFICIAL SWORN

Dover, Del., Jan. 20—Delaware's new Governor, Robert P. Robinson, was inducted into office today, as was James Hall Anderson, a local attorney, as Lieutenant Governor for terms of four years.

The oath of office was administered to both officials by Chief Justice James Penniwell, of the State Supreme Court.

After subscribing to the oath as administered by Chief Justice Penniwell, Governor Robinson read his inaugural address, in which he emphasized the necessity of upholding the laws of the state and nation, and especially the Eighteenth Amendment, and opposing the ratification of the child labor amendment, declaring Delaware was quite capable of managing tht situation to its own satisfaction.

Prior to the inauguration, the Assembly, in joint session in the House of Representatives, heard an address by United States Senator Thomas F. Baird on the World Court plan, treating it from a bipartisan viewpoint.

Both houses upon their return to the State House took an adjournment until tomorrow morning.

The Governor's reception took place this evening from 8 until 10 o'clock in the State House, followed by the inaugural ball at the State Armory.

Governor Robinson has named William G. Taylor Secretary of State. Because of the early adjournment of the Senate his name did not get before the Senate for confirmation today, but will go in tomorrow.

HIT BY AUTO ON WAY FROM SCHOOL

Monday afternoon while on her way home from school at Denton Ruby Towers, daughter of Mr. John Towers, of near Harmony was struck and dragged by the Ford coupe of Mr. J. A. Trazzarre, who was on his way home from Preston. The accident happened near Bureau.

An automobile stopped in the middle of the road to ask a direction from three or four girls on their way home from school. When the girls saw the car coming, driven by Mr. Trazzarre, they got off the side of the road and near the fence, but Ruby was not as quick as the others and only due to the fact that Mr. Trazzarre slowed down, was she not hurt worse. She suffered bruises on her back and legs, but nothing serious is expacted.

Mr. Trazzarre stopped his car as soon as possible and offered assistance, but on the arrival of a neighbor who took her with him, to her home, he went on his way when he found she was not seriously hurt.

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NATURE TO STAGE ITS SUBLIMEST SPECTACLE HERE NEXT SATURDAY

MILLIONS IN EASTERN UNITED STATES WILL VIEW THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN—FIRST TIME HEREABOUTS IN 118 YEARS

Millions of fortunate inhabitants of the Eastern part of the United States will have the rare privilege on Saturday morning of viewing the sublimest spectacle of nature—a total eclipse of the sun. This awe-inspiring celestial phenomenon has not occurred in this region for 118 years and will not be staged hereabouts for another century.

Along a curving belt 100 miles wide, stretching from Lake Superior to the New England coast and off into the Atlantic, a gigantic shadow—that of the moon—will rush. Day will turn into night. Around the obscured sun a great luminous halo—its corona—will suddenly burst into view. From its pearly incandescence blood-red rays will shoot forth. The sky will take on strange hues and there will be an uncanny luminosity in the atmosphere. And then, before even the frightened animals, seeking shelter from this phenomenon of nature, can find it, daylight will begin to be restored. The monster shadow, moving at the rate of 35 miles a minute, will have passed. The first total eclipse of the sun to visit northeastern America since 1806 will be over.

Outside the path of totality the eclipse will be partial in varying degrees over an area of thousands of miles in circumference, from Greenland to the Amazon's mouth.

Not since Columbus discovered America has a total eclipse of the sun been visible in the majority of the towns and cities that are included in the great shadow's itinerary on Saturday. Even New York, which boasts of its ability to secure all stellar attractions, cannot characterize this astral performance as a "return engagement."

As a matter of fact, only a portion of New York city's inhabitants are going to be able to witness the complete eclipse, and then for just the period of 30 seconds. For New York is on the very edge of the "path of totality." New Haven, which is normally used as one of the tryout towns for possible Broadway attractions, has the laugh this time on its bigger and more blase neighbor. For New Haven is in the exact centre of the "path of totality," and will view the total eclipse for its maximum period, a full two minutes.

To see any part of the eclipse, however, is going to be an amazing privilege and one worth talking about, because to any one point on the earth's surface total eclipses come only at great intervals.

How to See the Eclipse

Dame Naure, being more altruistic as a producer than mere man, charges nothing for this unusual attraction. All you need to witness her magic and thrilling picture is a bit of smoked glass or a photographic plate or film that has been exposed to the light and then developed. One so dense and black that the sun is just visible through it when the negative is held close to the eyes is about right.

Right here a word of advice to the inexperienced may not be amiss. Do not risk blindness or severe eye strain by looking directly at the sun as the moment of total eclipse approaches unless you use some form of eye shield. With the aid of a dark glass, however, you can view the entire magnificent spectacle without risk. During the brief period of total eclipse no eye shield is needed.

Although virtually everyone in the civilized world knows that eclipses are caused by the moon coming between the sun and the earth, this knowledge first was shared only by a few. Thales of Miletus, founder of Greek astronomy and philosophy, was perhaps the first man actually to predict an eclipse He prophesied the one that occurred on May 28, 585 B. C.—New York American.

The time for the eclipse to pass through this section may be governed by the time scheduled for it to pass Baltimore, Dover and Philadelphia, as follows:

	Begins	Max.	Ends
Baltimore	7:56	9:05	10:23
Dover	7:56	9:07	10:25
Philadelphia	7:58	9:08	10:26

There will be no total eclipse in this section.

THE GOSSIP

By THE CRACKER

The rattlesnake is a tol'able sport an' gives you a chance in the game, but the gossip delivers his poisonous darts with neither compunction or shame. The hornet's prepared with a magazine full, but his boastin' is brought to your ears; but the gossip from ambush the trigger will pull an' generally shoots from the rear. Away from the sea you're no meal for the shark, nor on dry land the moccasin's prey, but the gossip is present wherever you park with his sharp tongue unsheathed for the fray. The beast of the jungle won't stray to the plain, but basks in his own bailiwick; but you can't find a place where the gossiper ain't pickin' crumbs in society's wake. He adds to all scandal the sordid and vile, subtraction is not of his game, and Beelzebub weeps at the depth of his guile, with a hybrid of envy and shame.

SALISBURY HOST TO 60 EDITORS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NEXT

Delmarvia And Maryland Press Associations To Be Guests Of The City

The Delmarvia and Maryland Press Association will meet at the Wicomico Hotel in this city on January 23d and 24th inst. Governor Ritchie already has made known his purpose to attend the banquet, to be held on Friday evening, and Governor Robinson of Delaware, if he can so arrange his plans, will be present.

Col. Theodore Townsend, of the Chronicle, of Milford, Del., and president of the Delmarvia Press Association, will act as chairman of the gathering and it is believed that approximately sixty newspaper editors will be in attendance.

The two Governors are expected to deliver addresses at the Friday evening's banquet and, on Saturday, the local Lions and Rotary Clubs will tender a banquet to the journalists. A constructive program has been arranged and the adoption of some important progressive policies is anticipated.

Supplementing the discussions of the problems of the newspaper work of the day, there will be speakers representing varied departmens of modern journalism, and among these will be: Kirk Dougdale, advertising man of Baltimore; William Sneiderrith, president of the Baltimore Typothetae; Frank Andrews, former Washinton correspondent of the New York Tribune; Harvey J. Hill, of the American Institute of Business, New York; Rev. H. P. Fox, pastor of Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, of this city; George Carter, editor of the Wilmington Evening Journal, and William F. Metton, publisher of the Every Evening, Wilmington, Del.

There will be an election of officials by the Delmarvia Association on Saturday.

The selection of this city as the gathering place of these important public bodies furnishes additional evidence of Salisbury's great popularity as a convention city and is a tribute to her new seven-story hotel, whose splendid service, already, has been accorded deserved public recognition.

WALTER PATTON LOSES FINGER IN BUZZ SAW

Mr. Walter Patten, who resides near Andersontown, had his left hand badly injured on Thursday last week while operating a circular saw belonging to his brother-in-law, Mr. John C. Trice, at the home of Mr. Howard Drummond, near Hickman, Mr. Patton was feeding the wood to the saw when an icy stick slipped on the saw bench, causing his left hand to come in contact with the saw. The fourth finger was torn off and the third badly mutilated. Mr. Trice immediatly brought him to Denton, where acting upon the advice of Dr. George, he was immediately taken to the Easton hospital where the injured member was operated on. He returned to his home on Friday. The injured hand though painful, is progressing satisfactorily under the care of Dr. George.

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