Denton Journal.

GEO. T. MELVIN, Editor.

SATURDAY, ... DECEMBER 14, 1878

THE HON. GEO. COLTON, the brilliant editor of the Annapolis *Republican* is not only one of the best writers in the State, but is becoming famous as a lecturer.

MORE coal oil accidents in the city of Baltimore last week, all to young ladies. It is estimated that more people die every year by the careless use of oil than by all the railroad accidents in the same time.

IT is reported that the irrepressible General Butler is prepairing a great speech on bulldozing, which he intends to deliver during the present session of Congress. He proposes to compare Southern and Northern bulldozing, and show that the latter are the worst class. He also intends to give some bulldozing incidents connected with his Massachusetts campaign.

THE following is a list of the newly elected officers of the Maryland Grand Lodge of Masons: Grand Master, John M. Carter; Deputy Grand Master, John S. Tyson; Senior Grand Warden, E. J. Opell; Junior Grand Warden, Isaac S. Amos; Grand Secretary, Jacob H. Medairy; Grand Treasurer, Woodward Abraham: Board of Managers, Geo L. McCahan, John S. Tyson and Jacob E. Krebs, the other six members holding over for another year.

The Dodson Murder Conspiracy.

A special dispatch to the Balto. *Sun* says: New Castle, Del., Dec. 10—Though the opinions expressed by counsel on both sides yesterday were to the effect that a continuance until next term would be asked in the Dodson case, it was evident on the meeting of court this morning that the case would be taken up. Directly behind Messrs. Lore and Gray, counsel for the defense, inside the bar enclosure, sat Mrs. Dodson, and in front of the dock were her daughters, Mrs. Alice Prettyman and Miss Dora Dodson. At 10.35 Mrs. Dodson. William Newcombe and Philip Vincent were placed in the dock, and a jury was impanneled.

James Jones, the colored man woounded at the hands of the accused, as is alleged, was the first witness, and appeared to have entirely recovered from his injuries. He testified to his residence at Dodson's for nearly four years; went to Chestertown on Tuesday. November 18; Mr. Dodson came after him and he walked down the road with him and talked with him, and then got in the carriage and returned to his house with him. During the afternoon he was tied by Newcombe and Vincent whipped and put in to the meat-house. [Mr. Gray urged the witness be allowed to tell his story without being led by questions from the Attorney General, but the court ruled that the State had a right to put its own questions, and what the defense wished to bring out they could do in their cross-examination.] Witness was put in the meat-house, tied and kept there till 7 o'clock in the evening; then he was taken out by Newcombe and Vincent and put in a carriage, and Mr. Dodson asked if he would promise, if they took him away from the State, never to come back. Vincent, Newcombe and Mrs. Dodson got in the carriage with him, and Mr. Dodson went on and opened the gate; he was tied when he was put in, but untied himself while in the carriage; they drove past Vandyke Station, when Newcombe asked Mrs. Dodson what to do, hang him or shoot him? She replied, "The quickest way." Witness told Newcome he ought to let him go, he would, but Newcombe said he came to kill him and was going to do it. Then he let go and witness heard four shots, and one of the bullets struck him in the forehead. The next thing he knew they were rolling him over and taking the ropes off. His hands were tied behind him, his feet tied, and a rope around his waist. Then they called to him, but he did not answer. After they had gone he got up and went to a house near Vandyke Station. it was a cloudy night; didn't remember that it rained. After taking the ropes off Vincent, Newcombe and Mrs. Dodson got in the carriage and went back the way they came. Witness described his hunt for assistance, and how he finally reached the house of his brother in law, Andrew Cook. Newcombe was about three feet from witness when he fired, and Vincent was right behind Newcombe; was about twenty five feet from the carriage: know the point where the shooting took place to be in Delaware; don't know what county.

Jones was cross-examined at great length as to the particulars of the crime, his previous life; whether he had ever been in the locality of the crime or at his brother-in-law's house before, (which was answered in the negative;) whether he had not once stolen a suit of clothes, etc. Finally Mr. Gray put a question as to what occurred between Mr. Dodson and witness, tending to bring out the whole story as to the motive for the assault, to which Mr. Pennington objected that they were trying the prisoners for the assault only and did not propose to go into all the side issues which led to the assault. A majority of the court ruled the question admissible.

Witness then said that Mr. Dodson told him to get in the carriage. The question was then asked him whether Mr. D. did not say to him to go home with him and prove the tales that had been told. Witness hesitated, and finally asked: "Must I tell?" A long argument followed between counsel Mr. Gray contending he had a right to bring out the motives which caused the whipping, and Mr. Pennington claiming that no matter what Jones might have said about the Dodson family mere words were no justification or excuse for the assault. The Court said: "You can make this man your witness afterwards, and bring out these facts then; but you cannot put questions in cross-examination as to something not brought out in the examination-in-chief."

Two witnesses were examined who heard shots fired about the time and place of the alleged crime, and Jones's hat was placed with two apparent bullet holes in it. Andrew Cook testified to Jones coming to his house wounded and bleeding shortly after midnight on november 19, and others testified to seeing him there and as to his wounds.

Geo. Gray, Esq., then opened for the defense, dwelling on the excellent character of the defendants and the bad reputation of Jones for veracity. The defense would show, he said, that Jones was turned out the meat house early that evening under promise to leave the State and never return and repeat his lies about the members of the family, and they would show that Vincent and Newcombe were at the Dodson house during the entire evening and spent the night there.

The defense will therefore rely mainly on an alibi, the good character of defendants and the bad character of Jones.

The Dodson girls were then placed upon the stand to prove the alibi. Mrs. Prettyman (Alice) testified that her father and Vincent went to Chestertown, and returned about 12 o'clock with Jones. He was then taken into the branch and ordered to dig, and failed to find the things he said were bnried there. He then confessed that all the tales he had told about them were lies. They asked him what should be done with him, and he said he would rather be whipped than sent away. Vincent and Newcombe then whipped him and locked him in the smoke-house, where he remained until evening, when he was led out, promising to go away and never come back, and to tell no more lies about them. He then started, and they saw him last passing between the house and the smoke-house, about seven o'clook; Vincent and Newcombe then came in and spent the night in the sitting-room About eleven o'clock the girls retired leaving Vincent on the lounge and Newcombe in the rocking chair, where they remained until morning. Mrs. Dodson was also there and retired about the time the girls did. Mr. Dodson retired at 8 o'clock.

Dora corroborated Alice's testimony but the cross-examination developed some contradictions in minor points, such as the articles of clothing the boys wore, and one said they left together, while the other said they left seperately. Court adjourned about 6 o'clock.

The Dodson boys will possibly be put on the stand to-morrow.

NEW CASTLE, Del., Dec. 11. The trial of Mrs. Dodson, William Newcomb and Philip Vincent for assault with intent to murder James Jones, was resumed this morning. The two Dodson boys were placed on the stand and corroborated the alibi testified to yesterday by their sisters. A long array of witnesses, among them some of the best men in Cecil and Kent counties, were then called, who testified to the good reputation of the prisoners and the mendacious character of Jones most of them saying that they would not believe him on his oath. The afternoon was mainly occupied by argument of counsel on both sides. Chief Justice Comegys then charged the jury decidedly unfavorably to the prisoners, and at 7.40 this evening they retired to deliberate upon their verdict. After forty minutes' deliberation the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, which was received with slight applause, promptly checked by the Court.

Chespeake and Delaware Ship-Canal The Queenstown Route Meeting of Citizens of Kent County. &c.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Dec. 5.—Quite a number of the most influential citizens of Kent county, Md., met this afternoon at the Voshell House to receive Col. Wm. P. Craigeill, Major N. H. Hutton and Capt. W. H. Smith, who are marking United States government surveys of the most eligible route for the ship canal to connect the Delaware and Chesapeake bays. Among those present were Col. Edward Wilkins, George B. Westcott. G. W. T. Perkins. T. W. Eliason, Gen. George Vickers, John L. Stam, Richard Hynson, Charles T. Westcott, Capt. T. D. C. Ruth.

The meeting was almost entirely devoted to tracing the various routes on the map and discussing them.

The Queenstown route was most approved, and many good reasons were assigned for the preference expressed. There is a good harbor at both ends of this route—the breakwater at the Delaware terminus and the harbor at the mouth of Chester river, inside of Love Point. At the Chesapeake end freedom from ice would be a surety at all times, when vessels could pass down the Patapsco river, and it was claimed to be the shortest and straightest of all the routes.

The distance from Baltimore to the Delaware breakwater by this Queentown route would be one hundred miles which is the distance from Philadelphia to the breakwater. This would place Baltimore on an equality with Philadelphia in regard to European connections, with this advantage, that Baltimore vessels would enjoy the protection of a harbor while passing through the canal. On the other hand, Philadelphia vessels would be exposed to the dangers of navigation while continuing up the Delaware bay to their destination. Vessels from the South come up past the mouth of Delaware bay before starting on their European course, and that is the proper point for the canal to strike for the terminus of the Delaware side.

A line drawn from Seven-Foot Knoll light, at the mouth of the Patapsco, to the Delaware breakwater, leaves Queenstown sixmiles southwest of it, showing that the Queenstown route is the most direct. The Seven-Foot Knoll light is almost identically on the same line of latitude as Cape May.

The Sassafras and Southeast creek routes were deemed perfectly impracticable. The Southeast creek route has about three miles of flats at either end. It would be necessary to make a channel of twelve miles from the mouth of Jones's creek out into the Delaware bay to the natural channel in order to make the route available.

The Queenstown route strikes within twenty miles of Chestertown. The Southeast creek route starts from the headwaters of Southeast creek, near Church Hill Queen Anne's county, Maryland, running then to the headwaters of Jones's creek, between Camden and Dover, and down Jones's creek to the Delaware bay. This route leaves Chester river foure miles below Chestertown. The rout embodies the idea of going across the lower end of Kent county, known as Easter Neck, and striking the headwaters of Gray's Inn creek; thence up Chester river to the mouth of Southeast creek. The Corsica creek route embodies the same idea of crossing Kent county, while the mouth of Jones's creek, as a terminus, distroys the practicability of the Southeast creek route. It was stated that by carrying the Delaware terminus higher up the bay the route would be a fair one. The urgency and necessity of a Chesapeake and Delaware ship canal was fully expressed.

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Letter From Bishop Lay.

The following letter Rt- Rev. H. C. Lay, Bishop of the Diocease of Easton, is published in the *Star* of last.

"Allow me, Mr. Editor, the use of your columns, to say something to the many friends to whom I am unable to write private letters.

First of all, I am profoundly grateful for many expressions of sympathy and affection, both in word and deed, and especially for the interest taken and the aid afforded in arrangements for going abroad.

These things remind one very impressively of his shortcoming, and cause him to regret that he has not been more deserving of such good will.

And in the next place let me say that I am very hopeful of recovery after a few months absence.

It is true that the effort to keep up last summer reduced me to a point at which any effort at all was following by prostration and by some painful and agitating symptoms. But I have improved already since the frosts, and I have every confidence in the assurance of my tried and skillful physicians, that by putting an interval, for a season myself and my accustomed responsibilities, I may hope to between return in good health.

We propose to leave home on Wednesday the 4th inst., on our way to New York, and to embark for Liverpool on the Wyoming, of the Guion Line, which sails on the 10th of December.

After reaching England, we expect to choose some convenient place of residence in Southren France or in Italy where we may spend a quiet winter.

My address, while abroad, will be to the care of the Rev. F. W. Tremlett, The Parsonage, Belsize Square, London, N. W., England.

Yours, Very Resp'y,
HENRY C. LAY.

Last Sad Rites.

Sergeant Barwick who has become so favorably known to the public during his three years in Colorado having received orders to depart for other fields the Denver Press Club adopted the following preamble and resolutions at its annual meeting last Thursday:

WHEREAS—Weather is one of those things which no fellow can under ordinary circumstances do without.

WHEREAS—It is extremely doubtful whether Colorado would have had any weather for the last few years but for the efforts of Sergeant J. A. Barwick, in charge of the Signal Service office in this city, and.

WHEREAS, The Press is the representative of the people and Press, Club the representative of the Press, therefore be it.

Resolved, That the press particularly and the public in general are under obligations to Mr. Barwick for many valuable contributions in the way of weather sartistics and kindred information, which have oftentimes been valuable in "filling up" when other mattet was scarce, and which have doubtless been next in interest to the mark reports and hotel arrivals.

Resolved, finally and sincerely, That the Denver Press Club regards Mr. Barwick as an efficient official who is calculated to promote the interests of the Signal Bureau wherever he may be placed; that his attention of the community in which he may be located could always win local favor for him: that his uniform politeness and desire to oblige could render him popular in all places. The press, as well as the public of Denver, hears of his prospective departure with unfeigned regret, and all hope that his lines hereafter may fall in pleasant places.

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IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 4th day of January, 1879, before the Court, in the City of Baltimore in said District, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that notice thereof be published in the "Baltimore American" and the "Denton Journal" newspapers printed in said District, once a week for three weeks before that day; and that all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

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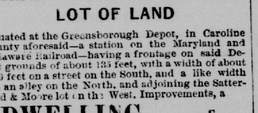
DWELLING  AND STORE,

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