The Easton Gazette.

Next door to Campbell's Drug Store,
EASTON, MD.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC'R. 25, 1858.

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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.—We feel thankful, dear readers, to once more be able to greet you with—a happy Christmas.—Many bright faced little ones are making a fair bedlam over their Christmas trees, jump-jacks and fancy candies, and enjoying themselves in the highest degree to the delight of the old folks. To all we say, a *respectably* happy Christmas. But while those who have plenty, and are enjoying the luxuries of this life, forget not the destitute and comfortless.

"Have pity on them for their life
Is full of grief and care;
You do not know one half the woes
The very poor must bear;
You do not know the silent tears
By many a mother shed
As childhood offers up the prayer—
"Give us our daily bread."

CODIFICATION OF THE LAWS.—The Legislative Committees on the code met again on the 16th and have reported the following articles as ready for examination: Evidence, Ordinary Keepers and Retailers, Armories, State Wharfinger and Wharves, Treasurer, Governor, Actions for Wrongful Killing, Sales and Notices, Sureties, Oysters, Agents, Factors and Attorneys, Limitation of Actions, Coroners, Standards of Weights and Measures, Keeper of the Records of the Court of Chancery, Juries, Commissioners to take Acknowledgments, Officers' Fees, Officers' Oaths, and Conveyancing. The committee considered and passed as approved the article reported in September, entitled, "Crimes and Punishments."

It is said that the General Laws of the State will all be printed by the 1st of January; that the local laws will be placed in the hands of the printer immediately. The committee's examination of the General Laws will be completed by the 1st of February.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—It will be seen in another column that a call is made for a meeting of the Stockholders' of the Mispillion and Choptank Rail Road, at Farmington, on Thursday, the 6th of January, for the purpose of electing officers.—A rail road through the section of country which this Road is intended to run, we should think, would benefit a section of country which at present have very poor facilities for the transportation of produce or for traveling. Those immediately concerned will no doubt push the enterprize forward, with all possible speed to completion, as it will not only be a convenience but will enhance the value of their lands, &c.

COLLISION BETWEEN TWO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—An unfortunate collision occurred at Washington on Saturday, between Mr. English, of Indiana, and Mr. Montgomery of Pennsylvania. The statement of the Washington *Star* is, that the forter spoke to latter in a friendly manner, when Mr. Montgomery returned an insulting answer. Upon this, Mr. English struck him in the face with his cane and knocked him off the pavement, and then walked off. As he was walking away, Montgomery threw a brick at him, which did not, however, take effect.

THIEVES.—We learn that these pests are numerous in this and some of the adjoining districts. A large number of fowls have been stolen, some losing as many as thirty and forty of a night. Look out for them and season their dish of poultry with a little lead.

RUNAWAY.—Three horses, attached to a wagon, belonging to Mr. Robert Jump, of Chapel District, came in town on Thursday last at full speed. After running a mile they were brought up all a standing against the brick tavern pump—without much injury however.

OUR readers will please excuse the absence of our usual quantity of news this week. But this morning's paper is not of less interest to the general reader, as it contains several articles very approprite for the occasion.

THE LEARENWORTH TIMES.—This paper has of late been much enlarged and otherwise improved. It has been increased from a small weekly paper to that of daily and weekly.

R. HENRY SPENCER, Esq., will please accept our thanks for a catalogue of the Law School of the University, at Cambridge, for the Academic year, 1858-50.

IT is said that Senator Douglas has written a letter in which he declines the nomination for the Presidency, reiterates his adherence to the Democratic organization, and avows his intention to support the Charleston nominee. He will take an early occasion in the Senate to define his position.

IN a case tried at Jersey city, when the question was raised whether the wardrobe of the wife could be sold to satisfy a claim against the husband, the jury disagreed.—It is understood that ten were against the legality of such a claim and two for it.

GONE TO TEXAS.—Mr. Jno. W. Fountain, a farmer of this county, sold his farm and stock last fall with the intention of going to Texas to reside. A few days ago he started with his family for his new home.

HON. JNO. W. CRISFIELD, of Somerset county, had property destroyed by fire on Sunday last, to the amount of $2.000.

For the Easton Gazette.

Christmas.

"I love," said he, "to see this day well kept by rich and poor: it is a great thing to have one day in the year at least, when you are sure of being welcome wherever you go, and of having, as it were, the world all thrown open to you; and I am almost disposed to join with poor Robin, in his malediction on every churlish enemy to this honest festival:

Those who at christmas do repine
And would fain hence despatch him,
May they with old Duke Humphrey dine,
Or else may 'Squire Ketch catch 'em."
SKETCH BOOK.

The "purple of the year" is upon us again—dear, welcome, rollicking, time-honored Christmas! When the close of the week shall usher in the glorious Festival, age will be sensible of a warmer throb in the old heart-chambers, and the brow of childhood beam with the rosy radiance which has lit up so many young eyes,on so many bright December mornings long ago.

Alone at my desk, to-night, memory is busy with many pleasant seasons, worthy of remembrance, when the heart was fresher and the brow less care woven than now. They have long since passed away, and with them more than one glad spirit who startled the cold silence of the December morning with a shout louder and more joyous than my own. The gray head stones are not so white and unstained as they once were, and the little mounds next them, in the old grave-yard, have grown greener and greener through many long summers. It seems a dreary age since those early friends left the green sward by the old school house, for that radiant world of which we talk so much and know so little. I often think when the glorious festival comes round to gladden the hearts of those of us who are left, how much happier and more enduring the Christmas day the absent ones are spending in Heaven! I fear I shall never laugh so loud, or feel the same thrill again. And yet how much good it does me to hear the merry carrolling of young hearts and to know that the shadows of the noonday and evening are not yet theirs!

Before me lies an antique engraving of Christmas in "merrie England" more than two centuries ago. In the middle of the long Ashler-Hall stands the large, well furnished, table, which was never empty during the twelve days of the feast. There smokes the well-roasted sirloin of Beef (even at that early season a national dish) and here the fat, tempting, goose, impatient to be carved. Plumpudding and Furmenty are there too, while, at convenient intervals on the ample board, towers the foaming beer tankard. Knights and Ladyes fill the high-backed chairs ranged on either side. A lotty, arched, fire-place, occupying almost the entire extremity of the spacious apartment, is illuminated by a fire of logs blazing up from the hearth, on either side of which the younger limbs of the family are cracking nuts and jokes, irreverently ignoring the presence of the grave seniors feasting within a few feet of their noisy circle. A ruddy glow is upon the sanded floor, and upon the old wall where hangs the mailed armour and upon the Druidical missletoe bough suspended from the panelled ceiling. It brings vividly to mind the hospitable cheer of Bracebridge Hall pictured by the unrivalled pencil of our own Irving.

"The dinner was served up in the great Hall where the Squire always held his Christmas pagant. A blazing, crackling, fire of logs had been heaped up to warm the spacious apartment, and the flame went sparkling and wreathing up the wide mouthed chimney."

Through the bars of this utilitarian age who does not long for a glimpse of dear "olden time"—when

"Each room with yvie leaves was drest
And every post with holly."

But why complain? Swiftly as it passes our own Christmas is replete with innocent joys and hilarious pleasures. True the Oaken halls are not of this day—the ancient Knights have long since rusted with their armour. The Yule clog and lighted candle are no longer indispensable to the ceremonies of Christmas eve—the charmed coronal no more hangs over the highest doorway—and the fine is not exacted from the stranger who for the first time enters beneath it. Even the winters have changed. The lakes are not so tightly frozen for the ringing steel of the skater. The hoar frost clothes not the forest boughs in so rich a drapery.—The snow lies not so deep on the roads and in the meadows.

The Christmas of 1858 differs from that of 1650—and yet the hearts of old and young respond to the shout of a "happy Christmas!" A week of Dinners, routes, and parties—of Cake and Egg Nog—of toys and sweet meats—of big guns and small guns goes by swiftly but merrily. Infancy and age are gathered around the glowing embers of the home-hearth, and the Cedar and the Holly, holy tokens of days departed, render fragrant with grateful incense the aisles and arches of the Sanctuary of the Lord. Thank God for our own blessed Christmas day!

But pause in your up welling joyousness. The twenty-fifth of December, 1858, will not bring happiness to all hearts alike.—Gorgeous indeed will be the silken splendours of the rich man's drawing room—warm the clasping of jeweled fingers—glad the beating of satisfied bosoms—fervent the pledges of fond hearts over the ruby wine cup. Let us not forget the shadows of life's painting—nor withold our charities when our own cup of prosperity overflows. There are grim hovels in the land—famishing families huddled together in desolate places—ears that drink not the joyous melody of the Christmas chimes—eyes that behold not, fingers that touch not, costly Christmas memorials—hearts of men in their prime breaking by dreary hearth stones—and pale mothers whose tears freeze as they fall upon the attenuated forms of starving children. Did you ever think of all this?—Who, beholding the sun rising to gild their own home comforts on Saturday next will not pause to contemplate the shadows which will as surely settle down upon the lowly roof of the humble poor!—God give us true hearts—hearts to feel and to act!

Even in our own circles how much of sadness blends with the gladness of the Festival. A place at the social board—a seat at the flickering fireside is unfilled. In the home band a treasured voice has been hushed—an eye quenched—a heart arrested forever! Did you ever read Tennyson's "In Memoriam," the saddest and most beautiful of his poems? Hear him as over the festivities of the season comes the memory of his own painful loss:

Again at Christmas did we weave
The holly round the Christmas hearth
The silent snow possessed the earth,
And calmly fell our Christmas eve:

The Yule-clog sparkled keen with frost,
No wing of wind the region swept,
But over all things brooding slept
The quiet sense of something lost.

As in the winters left behind,
Again our ancient games had place,
The mimic pictures breathing grace,
And dance and song and hoodman-blind.

Who showed a token of distress?
No single tear no type of pain:
O, sorrow, then can sorrow wane?
O grief, can grief be changed to less?

O last regret, Regret can die!
No—mixed with all this mystic frame,
Her deep relations are the same,
But with long use her tears are dry.

How touchingly and exquisitely, a little further on, he pictures the coming Christmas in a strange land!

The time draws near the birth of Christ:
The moon is hid, the night is still:
A single church below the hill
Is pealing, folded in the mist.

A single peal of bells below,
That wakens at this hour of rest
A single murmur in the breast,
That these are not the bells I know.

Like strangers' voices here they sound,
In lands where not a memory strays,
Nor landmark breathes of other days,
But all is new, unhallowed ground.

Delightful would it be when that "time draws near," of which England's Laureate sings—the holy Christmas eve—to linger but a few hours, aye, one brief moment, beneath the starlight of Bethlehem—to hear, in fancy, the echoes of those Heavenly songs, which two thousand years ago, awoke the wondering shepherds, and proclaimed the nativity of our precious Lord! Even at this remove from the site of ancient Ephratah, and at this distance of time from the date of the Saviour's birth, how does the simple picture, of which the Infant Jesus and Mary are the blessed foreground, humble our pride and awaken our emotions! The still night in that modest village—the glowing stars overhead—the light gleaming through the crazy stable walls—the half opon door—the manger with its carpet of straw—the pale mother and her sleeping babe—what a cluster of simple, holy, images for a christian heart! As we approach nearer to the close of life thought dwells, with increasing interest, on the scenes of the Lord' cradle hour, our joys become chastened and elevated by sublimer thoughts than childhood knew—and Christmas grows into a treasure rich in hallowed associations of the past, and bright and blessed hopes of the future.

But it is time for me to pause in this rambling Christmas talk. I cannot shake hands with you, gentle reader, and leave my benizon for the coming Festival hours, without writing out for your entertainment the finest Christmas Hymn in the Language. It is from the pen of the author of "Venice" and was originally, published in the pages of "Maga," many years ago. Why have we not an American re-publication of *Alfred Domett?*

A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

It was the calm and silent night!
Seven hundred years and fifty-three
Had Rome been growing up to might,
And now was queen of land and sea.
No sound was heard of clashing wars,—
Peace brooded o'er the hushed domain:
Apollo, Pallas, Jove, and Mars,
Held undisturbed their ancient reign,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago.

Twas in the calm and silent night,
The Senator of haughty Rome
Impatient urged his chariot's flight,
From lordly revel rolling home:
Triumphal arches gleaming swell
His breast with thoughts of boundless sway;
What recked the Roman what befell
A paltry province far away,
In the solem midnight,
Centuries ago.

Within that province far away,
Went plodding home a weary boor;
A streak of light before him lay,
Fallen through a half shut stable door
Across his path. He passed,—for naught
Told what was going on within;
How keen the stars, his only thought—
The air how calm, and cold, and thin,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago.

O strange indifference! low and high
Drowsed over common joys and cares;
The earth was still,—but knew not why
The world was listening—unawares.
How calm a moment may precede
One that shall thrill the world forever!
To that still moment, none would heed,
Man's doom was linked no more to sever,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago.

It is the calm and solemn night!
A thousand bells ring out and throw
Their joyous peals abroad, and smite
The darkness,—charmed and holy now!
The night that erst no shame had worn,
To it a happy name is given;
For in that stable lay, new-born,
The peaceful Prince of earth and Heaven,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago. [c. c. c.

THE WILMINGTON RAPE CASE.—Alexander Robinson who was arrested in Philadelphia a short time ago, on a charge of rape in Delaware, having induced a young girl to leave her home on the pretence her brother was sick, and then committed violence upon her, has been tried and convicted of the offence, and sentenced *to be hung*, it being a capital offence in Delaware. The execution is fixed for the 11th of February. Another individual was concerned with him in the affair, who will also be tried. —*Worcester Shield.*

BELOW will be found the proceedings of the fire meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening last, and also the constitution and by-laws, for the government of the fire department. The meeting was not so well attended as it might have been, and as there were various objections to the proposed mode of governing that department, our citizens should bear in mind the meeting to be held in the Hall next Wednesday evening:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

TOWN HALL, Dec. 22d, 1858.

The meeting organized pursuant to previous adjournment; Wm. H. Groome, in the Chair and S. B. Hopkins, Jr., Secretary.

The Committee appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of the department, reported through M. M. Dawson, Esq., their chairman, a Constitution and By-Laws, which were read and unanimously adopted.

On motion of Dr Samuel Harper the members of the Department then proceeded to sign the Constitution and elect their officers. The balloting resulted in the election of Col. Rd. Thomas as Chief Engineer and M. M. Dawson and I. C. W. Powell, Esqs., as assistants.

On motion of I. C. W. Powell, Esq., a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. M. M. Dawson, Wm. H. Shepard and Dr. Harper, were appointed to solicit signers to the Constitution. It was then determined to meet on *Wednesday evening next, the 29th inst.*, for the purpose of *permanently organizing the Companies*, provided for in the Constitution.

The editors of the papers were requested to publish the report of the Constitution and By-Laws of the department and also the proceedings of this meeting.

WM. H. GROOME, President.
S. B. HOPKINS, Sec'y.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. The Fire Department of Easton shall consist of such Engine, hook and ladder, and bucket Companies as may hereafter be organized.

Art. 2. The Engines and other fire apparatus shall be under the management of their respective companies, subject, however, to the supervision of the Engineer in chief, or his representative.

Art. 3. The officers of this department shall consist of an Engineer in Chief with two assistants, one of whom shall act as Secretary and keep a fair record of the proceedings, which shall be open at all times to the inspection of any member of the department.

Art. 4. There shall also be a permanent committee to be styled and known as the Board of *Direction*, composed of the Engineer in Chief and the President of each company, or, in their absence, the Vice-Presidents; who are hereby authorized to hear appeals and decide all disputes which cannot be otherwise adjudicated. Their decision to be considered final.

Art. 5. There shall be elected by ballot upon the adoption of this constitution, one Chief Engineer and two assistants; who shall serve for one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

Art 6. The officers of each company shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Engineers; to be elected in such manner as each company may determine. The term of service to be one year, and their successors to be chosen at the next annual meeting.

Art. 7. There shall be a meeting of the fire department on the first Wednesday in January, in each year, at which time a full report of the condition of each company will be demanded from the Secretary and Treasurer thereof.

BY-LAWS.

Art. 1. The stated meetings of the officers of the department shall be held on the second Monday in December in each year, at such place as the Engineer in Chief may direct. Special meetings may also be called at any time by the Chief Engineer, or in his absence, or refusal, by the assistants, or in the absence or refusal of all these officers, then by a majority of the Board of Direction before provided for.

Art. 2. The Chief Engineer shall be recognized as the President of the department at the annual and all other meetings, and shall perform the duties appertaining to that office. He shall direct the Secretary when and where to call meetings of the department. He shall preside therein, and enforce the rules of order. He shall, whenever the Engines are called out for service, take full charge thereof. He shall direct how and where each Engine shall be stationed and worked, and is hereby vested with all the authority necessary for producing effective action.

Art. 3. In the absence of the Chief, the first or second assistant, whichever may be present, shall have charge and is hereby vested with similar authority.

Art. 4. The Secretary shall call meetings of the department as herein before provided for, giving at least one day's notice thereof to the members. He shall attend all the meetings and call the roll at the appointed time. At each stated meeting he shall read the minutes of the preceding stated meeting, and any intervening special meetings. He shall furnish the chairman of committees with copies of resolutions under which they are to act, together with a list of the members thereof within three days after the meeting at which they may have been passed.

Art. 5. The Board of Direction heretofore provided for shall act in unison with the Engineer in Chief whenever a fire may take place, and shall give him such advice and assistance as circumstances may justify.

Art. 6. In case disputes should arise between the Chief and either company which cannot be otherwise satisfactorily adjusted, they shall be referred to a special committee of three, whose decision shall be final. The committee to be formed by the election of one by each company, and the two thus chosen shall select a third.

Art. 7. In the transaction of business ten shall constitute a quorum, a majority of whom shall decide any question.

Art. 8. Any addition, alteration or amendment to the constitution or these by laws, shall be submitted in writing at one stated or special meeting, and if seconded, decided at a special meeting to be afterwards held, whereof at least one week's notice shall be given in one of the public paper's of the town.

THE OPPOSITION IN VIRGINIA.—We observe, says the Baltimore Patriot, that the people of Virginia, opposed to Mr. Letcher, including Whigs, Americans and disaffected Democrats, are moving towards the nomination of a candidate for Governor to oppose him. It will be recollected how fierce and unrelenting was the warfare—the internal quarrel—regarding Letcher. The Petersburg Convention, which brought him forth, exhibited irreparable dissatisfaction. It is positively known that the Democratic nominee cannot carry the full strength of his party.

The indications are almost certain that an opposition nominatiou will be made; and this nominee to be a liberal, oonservative Democrat. Under such circumstances, with proper unity and an approved standard bearer, with the Democracy fragmented, we see no good reason why the Opposition—or people's party of Virginia, if such it may be called—should not triumph. We ay to them go ahead and strike for victory.

Certificates of Election Refused.

ALBANY, Dec. 22.—The State canvassers have decided to refuse certificates of election to six Congressmen recently elected from New York city, because the returns read "for members of Congress," instead of "representatives in Congress."

The Atlantic Cable—Signs of Life.

TRINITY BAY, Dec. 20.—Well marked currents from Valentia were received today, but nothing intelligible has been received since Saturday. DE SAUTY.

LECTURES.

THE sixth Lecture of the second course, under the auspices of the "Y. M. C. A., L. & Reading Room" will be delivered in the Town Hall, on *the 30th of December*, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., by

F. W THOMAS, Esq. of Cambridge

Subject—"English Literature."

Tickets to the entire course, for a gentleman and Lady, or for two Ladies, $3,00
For a Gentleman only, 2,00
Family Tickets, 5,00
To a single Lecture, 25

Tickets positively not transferable.

Tickets issued for the last course, *are not* good for *this* course.

Membership Tickets are good till January, when they must be renewed.

Music by the "Easton Sax-Horn Band."

Apply to Dr. S. Harper, Treasurer, for Tickets.
By order of the Com. of Arrangements.
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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—If we would destroy a poisonous plant, we attack the roots, not the leaves and blossoms. The operation of Holloway's Pills proceeds upon the same principle. The cadaverous complexion, sunken eye, and stooping frame, are simply indications that the internal organs are not doing their duty. If the skin is suffused with bile, and the breath offensive, there are obstructions in the liver. If the food, after eating, seems to lie like lead at the pit of the stomach, and is turned into foul gases instead of wholesome pabulum, the organs of digestion are diseased. Upon these distempered viecera the Pills act as a powerful alterative. They purge mildly, and at the same time regulate and purify the secretions and the blood. Need we say that the inevitable consequence is a THOROUGH cure?

Prices Current.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23, 1858.

WHEAT—About 6,000 bushels offered. Sales as follows:

White—good to prime	$1 40a1 45
Red—	1 18a$1 23
CORN—White and yellow,	65a70 cents
OATS—	43 cents
RYE—	86 cents

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.

WHEAT—White,	1 38a$1 40
Red,	1 26a$1 27
CORN—for yellow,	70a72 cts
OATS—no sale	

Marriages.

KEMP—BUCHANAN.—In Alexandria, Va., by Rev. Mr. Roberts, Thomas E. Kemp to Miss Anna A. Buchanan, all of Alexandria.

Deaths.

SHANNAHAN.—In this Town on Tuesday night last, after a lingering illness, which she bore with the patience and confidence of the Christian, Mrs. Rebecca A, consort of Samuel E. Shannahan.

FARMER'S ALMANACS, for 1859, for sale by (dec 25) DAWSON & BRO.

TOBACCO AND CIGARS, of choice brands and superior quality, for sale by
dec 25 DAWSON & BRO.

Stockholders' Meeting.

THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the "Easton Gas Light Company of Talbot county," will be held at the Town Hall, in Easton, on Monday Evening, Jan. 3rd, 1859, at 7½ o'clock.
dec 25-1t L. DODSON, Secretary.

Teacher Wanted for 1859.

THE Trustees of Primary School District No 1, Election District No 1, wishes to employ a teacher for 1859. Applicant will be expected to produce the requisite qualifications as to character and ability to teach. Choice will be made on the 8th of January

John H J Shannahan,
Joseph Stafford,
dec 25 *John H Jenkins,* Trustees

PAPER DOLLS!

Paper Houses, and Paper Furniture!
THE GIRL'S DELIGHT.

THE invention of Paper Dolls has made Three Hundred Thousand Children happy during the present year! They are the greatest invention ever made for children. Call and see them at the variety store of
dec 25 CHARLES ROBISSON.

Stockholders' Meeting.

THE subscribers to the Capital Stock of the Mispillion and Choptank Rail Road are hereby notified to meet at Farmington, on

Thursday, the 6th day of January, 1859,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of organizing the Company by the election of officers agreeable to the provisions of the charter:

William Tharp,	Benj. Hopkins,
Moses Harrington,	Charles Williamson,
Eli Saulsbury	Arthur J. Willis,
Martin Smith,	Tilghman Nuttle,
Waitman Jones,	James Hignut,
Peter Callaway,	Goutly Stevens,
Richard N. Merriken,	John Layton,
Eli Wroton,	Alex. P. Sorden,
Charles M. Adams,	William Liden,
Garretson Saulsbury,	Richard C. Carter,

dec 25-tu Commissioners.

DISTRAINT SALE
OF
VALUABLE PROPERTY.

UNDER, and by virtue of a Distress for Rent, against the goods and chattles of William Grace, will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder for CASH, on

Monday, the 27th December, inst.,

at 10 o'clock, A. M., of that day, at "Cedar Grove," the farm occupied by said Grace, a lot of Yellow Corn, shelled and ready for market, about four hundred bushels. Also about ninety barrels of Corn in the ear—valuable Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, and other articles, taken to satisfy the rent due for said premises, and the costs and charges due and to become due thereon.

dec 25 1t O. P. SPARKS, Sheriff.

Christmas Presents.

JUST IN SEASON.

PATCHETT & WRIGHT are now opening their fine stock of goods, suitable for Christmas Presents, such as *TOYS, JEWELRY, CONFECTIONARY, FRUIT, BOOKS,* &c., &c. Raisins, by the Box or pound; Currants do; *FINE CUTLERY & READY-MADE CLOTHING; DRY GOODS; GROCERIES,* &c.

The public are invited to call and take a peep at the Bargains, at the old stand, under the Odd Fellow's Hall, Easton. dec 25

County Commissioner's Sale.

THE Commissioners for Talbot county will offer at public sale, in front of the Court House, in Easton, on

Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1859,

at half past 2 o'clock, P. M., of said day to the lowest responsible bidder, the contract for altering and widening a piece of public road in Easton district, between Clark's and Campbell's branches, on the Tomlinson road, through the lands of E. J. Way, the heirs of James B. Rumbold, George C. Graham, and Levin H. Campbell, as surveyed by Alexander Chaplain, county surveyor, and laid down by Jno. Chilcutt, John F. Willis, and T. J. Clark, Examiners, appointed for that purpose. The purchaser will be required to make the road thirty feet wide, according to the survey, to ditch and bridge it wherever necessary, to clear it of all obstructions to travelling, and put it in first rate condition, and finish the same within ten months from the day of sale. When the road is completed, it will not be received by the county until it is approved by three examiners, to be appointed by the Commissioners to examine it, and report whether it has been done according to contract. The terms of payment to be agreed upon between the contractor and the County Commissioners. The bridges to be of 2 inch white oak plank.

By order of the Commissioners,
T. K. ROBSON, Clerk.
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By order of the Board,
T. K. ROBSON, Clerk.
dec 25

HOISERY, Gloves, Comforts, &c. &c., just received by Packet and for sale by
dec 18 CHEEZUM & EMORY.

ONLY 15 CENTS.—We have reduced the price of SELLERS' *Celebrated Vermifuge* to 15 cents per bottle. All in want of a safe and reliable *Worm Medicine*, should call and try it.
dec 18 DAWSON & BRO

GREAT REDUCTION
In Ladies Dress Goods.

BEING desirous to sell off as near as possible, the above named goods, we will offer them at a very reduced price.
dec 18 CHEEZUM & EMORY.

GROCERIES, &c.

CRUSHED, Pulverized and Brown Sugars; Maricaibo, Laguira and Rio Coffees; Imperial, Old Hyson and Black Teas; Pine Apple Cheese, and Soda and Water Crackers; Queensware, Tinware and Hardward, very complete assortment, just received by Packet and for sale by
dec 18 CHEEZUM & EMORY.

NEW GOODS.

JUST returned from the city with an additional supply of Dry Goods,
Groceries, Hardware,
Queensware, Stoneware, &c
which are offered at prices to suit the times.

KID GLOVES—fresh supply, just received, for Ladies and a large stock of Winter Gloves and Gauntletts, for Gentlemen.

FRENCH WORKED COLLARS—an elegant assortmsnt at all prices—just in time for Christmas presents.

Cheese, Buckwheat and Fine Teas, just received. (dec 18) J. H. GRACE.

DON'T FORGET YOUR OLD FRIEND!

ALL READY FOR
CHRISTMAS.

THE subscriber thankful for the favors bestowed upon him in the past, begs leave to inform them that he has just returned from the city of Baltimore with a large and well selected stock of Goods, suitable for the *Holidays*. My stock cousists of a large assortment of

BOOKS & STATIONARY,
GOLD WATCHES
AND JEWELRY,

A Large Stock of Fancy Goods,
GUM AND TIN TOYS, FINE CUTLERY, ALBATA SPOONS AND FORKS,

A Large stock of Plain and Fancy Candies for Parties, Raisins in whole, half and quarter Boxes, Figs, Prunes, Jujube Paste, soft shell Almonds, English Walnuts, Pecan Nuts, Filberts, Apples, &c Also Groceries, Fine Tobacco and Cigars, &c, &c

The subscriber deems it not necessary to enumerate his articles as they are now open for inspection He hopes his old friends and customers will rally around him and not let him falter, after having served them faithfully for the last 24 years

The public's obedient servant,
dec 18 CHARLES ROBINSON

N. B.—Any Book wanted that is not in my store, will be furnished in a few days, by leaving their orders C. R.

MORE NEW GOODS.

JRASIN has just returned from the city with an additional supply of New Winter Goods, which renders his assortment large and complete for the season. [dec 4

FURS—*To the Ladies*—The subscriber still continues to furnish Furs of any style or quality, which will be sold at the lowest New York Prices [dec 11] G. C. MACKEY.

CHEESE.—A lot of very superior Cheese, for sale by (dec 4) J. H. GRACE.