Easton Gazette.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 1894.

—It is postively without a peer. Mr. Walter Brewer, Vinton, Iowa, says: "I had a bad cough and a few doses of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup gave relief and effected a cure. I would not be without it in my family.

—Blizzards are everywhere but here.

—Crocuses are blooming in the open air.

—Don't miss the Bargains at B. P. Cox's.

—A musicale from Baltimore is coming here after Easter.

—Hamburg Edgings are beautiful as well as very cheap at B. P. Cox.

—Wild Geese are flying northward. A sure sign of winter's departure.

—Peach growers say the outlook is very promising for a crop.

—Only nine Chinamen have registered under the Geary act.

—The Cheapest suits of men's and boy's clothing you ever saw at B. P. Cox.

—Some of Easton's street crossings would be better with the mud cleaned off them.

—Cloth and cassimere suitings is attracting much attention at B. P. Cox.

—Anything you want in Dry Goods' Carpets and Clothing at cost at B. P. Cox.

—B. P. Cox surely means business the way the way he is selling off his stock.

—Authority shows that "America" was of native origin, and not derived from Amerigo Vespucci.

—Do not forget that the Remington Typewriter and all supplies can be had at the GAZETTE office.

—The annual oyster production of the Chesapeak Bay and its tributaries exceeds 15,000,000 bushels.

—Timothy, Mixed, and Clover Hay, and Rye, Oat and Wheat Straw at Frank A. White's Also Rock Salt and Horse Powders.

—The twenty-sixth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Knights of Pythias, was held in Baltimore last week.

—The Board of Trade of Chestertown, Md., has declared a dividend. This is something new in the board of trade line.

—The first human traveler through the air was M. Francious Pilrate de Rozier, who mounted Oct, 1783 in a free balloon.

—Citizens of Wicomico county have petitioned the Legislature for a repeal of the Australian ballot law in that county.

—Pianos were invented in 1711. Competent authorities now declare that 300 are made during the hours of every working day in the year.

—It is said people who think things without expressing them are unconscious enemies of the human race. How about those who say funny things without first thinking them?

—Frank A. White has just opened a flour and general feed store opposite Hotel Avon in Roberts' building, where can be found every thing in the seed line.

—An old negro woman came in the GAZETTE office this week and asked for some thick paper. Said she wanted to put it in her room to make wall-paper out of it for the floor.

—Nail the Tiger down a most exciting puzzle and always pleases. Send 15 cents to Tammany Puzzle Co., Eleven Park Row, and receive one by mail.

—Senators Gormon and Gibson should bear it in mind that free coal means the closing of the Maryland mines and the idleness of the Maryland miners.

—Trinity Cathedral choir boys were in place last Sunday for the first time They haven't their vestments yet but will be in all their glory for Easter.

—The GAZETTE office is equipped to do job printing of every description at shortest notice. Our work is the best, our prices the lowest. Give us a trial.

—For hay, flour, oats, bran, middling, chops, fine meal, ear or shelled corn, rock salt and hominy, go to Frank A. White opposite Hotel Avon in Roberts' building.

—Go [illegible] the only flour, hay and general feed store in Easton, for hay, bran, oats, chops, middlings, flour, hominy, rock salt, etc. Frank A. White, proprietor, opposite Hotel Avon in Roberts' building.

—The greatest of all pain cures, Salvation Oil, may be confidently relied on to speedily heal scalds and burns. It is recommended by many prominent housekeepers and cooks as a curative that "just fills the bill." Its effect is magical.

—The new postal cards are 5¼x3¼ inches, a little smaller than the big ones now in use. They are the same size of the 2-cent reply cards, when the latter are folded for mailing. Only one size will be obtainable after the old issue is exhausted.

—A large delegation from Dorchester county visited the Capitol Thursday; called upon Senators Gibson and Gorman. The gentlemen were interested in the appointment of Mr. Mills as postmaster of Cambridge, and of Dr. Mace as marine hospital surgeon at Cambridge, to succeed Dr. De Kraft.

—It is said that an Irishman and his wife who were in town on Tuesday for the first time, were eyeing the dome of the Court House with interest. Pat, who prided himself on his eyesight suddenly exclaimed: "Faith, Bridget, does you see thot fly on the staple?" "No," replied she, "but I hear him flapping his wings."

—We desire to call the attention of our readers to the new advertisement of George F. Sloan & Bro. 414 Light St. Wharf, Baltimore, Md. They are one of the oldest firms in the City; have always paid special attention to Country business; know what is required, and propose to give goods at very low prices We suggest that you get their prices before buying.

—The contract for furnishing postage stamps to the government for the four years beginning July 1st next, was awarded late on Wednesday to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. All bids received were rejected. There has been a hot fight over the award of this contract, and the American Banknote Company, of New York, and other private concerns have protested vigorously against the government entering upon the work.

—J. E. Shannahan is offering his entire stock of Ladies, Misses Wraps, Dress goods. Dress Trimmings, Cassimeres, Underwear, Notions, Gents Furnishings, Etc. at a great sacrifice, they must be closed out at some price, to make room for another line of goods. We will positively save you money on any thing in our line. An immense stock of Embroideries, Laces at and below cost. Visit our Grocery and Queensware Department, every thing fresh and pure, and at bottom prices, call and see us Very truly, J E SHANNAHAN.

It Should Be In Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies, and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free trial bottles at J. C. Henry's drug store.

A Wonderful Statement.

Attention should be called to the excellent Annual Statement of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of N. Y., in this week's issue. During the past 51 years, this Company has accumlated for the benefit of its policy holders, over $186,000,000 Assets and has a surplus of over $17,000,000. The history of this Company is, indeed, a wonderful one, starting as it did in 1843 without one cent of capital. Many of our most prominent citizens in this County carry insurance in this Company, and we should advise all those interested in the subject of Life Insurance, to send to the General Agent, located at Wilmington, Del., for this Peninsula, or A. Fountain Special Agent, at Easton, for full particulars, which will be cheerfully furnished.

Trinity Cathedral.

To-morrow evening at the 7.30 service, the Dean will deliver the third of his series of lectures on the church; topic being "The Episcopal church, a Church with a Creed." The large congregation on the last two Sunday evenings and the close attention paid would seem to indicate a wide and deep interest; and if as has been said, "preaching should be teaching," those who attend will have their reward in a more accurate knowledge of the mother church of English speaking people. The services during the day are Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11; Sunday school at 3 p. m.; Even song and lecture at 7.30 p. m. The new choir of boys and men will render the musical portion of the worhip. All Welcome.

THE TOWN CLOCK WILL BE BOUGHT.

SHALL IT BE PLACED IN THE COURT HOUSE STEEPLE.

Will have Three Dials and will be illuminated at night. To cost over Six Hundred Dollars. Other Items of Interest.

As was announced in the GAZETTE of last week, efforts were to be made to purchase a town clock for Easton by private subscription. The work of raising the money has been undertaken by Messrs. M. B. Nichols snd L. R. Hooper, who have already secured contributions to a considerable amount. Those who desire to help in this good work can do so by leaving their names and amount of contribution with either of the above named gentlemen. All contributions will be published in the GAZETTE, no matter how small the amount, all is welcome.

The clock will cost between $600 and $800 and will have three forty inch dials. It will strike the hours, halves and quarters and at night the dials will be illuminated by electric lights inside the clock, which will enable one to tell the time at a great distance on the darkest night. The clock will most likely be placed in the tower of the new high school and will be about seventy-five feet from the ground. Public opinion as the best place for the clock is somewhat divided. Some contend that the only proper place for it is in the steeple of the Court House, while those who oppose placing it there do so because of the age and insecurity of the steeple, and also of the great expense attached to repairing the steeple and putting it in a proper condition to receive and protect the clock from the weather. The tower of the high school will be built in such a manner that the clock can be put in without any extra expense or alterations. It is also proposed that an electric fire alarm be used in connection with the clock. With alarm boxes in different parts of the town an alarm can be quickly sent in, the clock striking loud and long.

The following contributions have been received up to date:

W. H. Thompson	$10 00
M. B. Nichols	10 00
Leander R. Hooper	5 00
J. S. Griffith	5 00
Wilson M. Tylor	5 00
W. T. H. Lee	5 00
Dr. J. S. Garrison	5 00
Wilfred Bateman	5 00
J. Frank Bateman	5 00
Fred. Dimpfel	5 00
W. L. Hubbard	5 00
Nichols & Bro	5 00
J. E. Hubbard	5 00
Prof. Alexander Chaplain	10 00
R. Gwinn, Jr	5 00
A. L. Hibsman	5 00
Lewis Whitehouse	5 00
O. F. Sturmer	30 00
Samuel Patchett & Son	5 00
Dr. J. B. Merritt	5 00
Wm. J. Hartnett	5 00
Robson Bros	5 00
Dawson & Jenkins	5 00
Wm. J. Dukes	5 00
Prof. E. D. Murdaugh	5 00
G. M. Wingard	5 00
Total amount subscribed	$170.00

Missionary Anniversary.

The usual missionary anniversary of the Easton Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will be held two weeks from tomorrow. Active preparations are now being made, and a rare treat may be fully expected.

Talbot Tax Bill.

At the request of Delegate Collins, Governor Brown on Wednesday returned to the House without his approval, the bill for the more efficient and prompt collection of taxes in Talbot county. Mr. Collins introduced the bill, and it passed without opposition.

Work on the School Commenced.

The work upon the new High School was commenced last Monday under the direction of the contractor, Mr. Flowers. A force of ten teams and twenty-five men are excavating for the foundation. The dirt is being hauled to the rear of the lot and used to level off the grounds. The brick work will be begun next week.

The Election Case.

The contested election case which was to have been argued here on the 20th, was necessarily postponed because of the impossibility of the judges being present. They were at Elkton hearing the disputed election case of Cecil county. They will be in Easton at an early date, and the contest will be brought to a speedy conclusion.

Anniversary Mass.

It being a custom of the Catholic Church to remember its dead at least on the anniversary of their death, on Monday, February 26th, at 9 A. M., an anniversary mass in memory of the late Adaline Stevens will be celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Church. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

Railroad Legislation.

Upon second reading of the bill to transfer $58,000 to the Elkton, Masseys and Middletown Railroad Company on Wednesday, Mr. Carter, of Baltimore, offered an amendment, which was adopted, relating to the condemnation of land for construction of the railroad within the next ninety days. Mr. Carter later moved to suspend the rules and put the bill upon its final passage, which was done, and the bill passed.

Collided with the Mary Vickers.

A collision occured on Monday night on the Patapsco River just off Fort Carroll between the Choptank Line's steamer Cambridge and the schooner Mary Vickers, belonging to Cap. Leonard. The schooner undertook to cross the bow of the steamer and struck her with her bowsprit, tearing a ten-foot hole in the steamer's side. The Cambridge was bound for Easton and the schooner for Baltimore. The damage to the schooner was $400, while $75 will fully repair the steamer.

Legislation for Talbot.

Delegate Wrightson introduced in the Legislature early this week the bill recommended by Talbot Sheep Breeders' Association, to provide for taxing dogs in Talbot county.—Delegate Collins presented a bill to amend the charter of the town of St. Michaels, and provide for issue of bonds to establish water works. Bill was passed repealing chapter 122, acts of 1890, relating to the catching of fish in certain waters in Talbot county.

Methodist Episcopal Conference.

The annual session of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held at Salisbury, beginning on Wednesday, March 21, and will last about a week. Great preparations are being made for the entertainment of the ministers, and everything possible will be done to make their stay in the town pleasant. The pastor stationed at Salisbury is the Rev. Charles Hill, who was pastor of the Centreville M. E. Church when the Conference met there some time ago.

Caroline County Railroad.

Mr. J. H. Bernard, chairman of the committee appointed to visit the Pennsylvania Railroad authorities, and consult with them regarding the building of a railroad from Greensborough to Federalsburg, in Caroline county, says that Vice President Thompson told the committee to have a proposition submitted to the company, and an answer would be returned in twenty-four hours. There was request made upon the part of the company for right of way, or in any way defining what the proposition of the county should be. The guarantee bond, which was made at Denton, was for $20,000.

An Early Morning Wedding.

On Tuesday morning, the 20th, at half past six at Ebenezer M. E. Church, a very pretty wedding occurred. The contracting parties were Miss Rosa A. Dyott of Easton, and Mr. Frank Ross of Baltimore, Rev. W. E. Avery officiating. The bride, a lovely young lady, was tastefully attired in a dress of brown imperial cloth with velvet trimmings and pearl ornaments, and hat and gloves to match.—She carried a bunch of La France roses. The groom was attired in a suit of black broadcloth. A large number of friends were present, including some from a distance. Mr. and Mrs. Ross took the 7:10 train for points north, followed by the good wishes of every one. The bride has many friends who love her for her beautiful disposition and winning ways, and who wish her the greatest happiness and joy. Mr. Ross formerly resided in Easton where his manly and upright life was always regarded as worthy of example. Numerous beautiful presents were received, including many pieces of silverware. On their arrival in Baltimore, their future home, they were tendered a reception by friends of the bride. The GAZETTE wishes its congratulations to be remembered with those already expressed.

DISTRICT PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

HELD IN EASTON ON THURSDAY.

Hon. Frank Tucker, Rev. Q. L. Morrow, Rev. Alfred Smith, P. E. and Other Orators of Note were present.—Large Delegation.

The Prohibitionists of the First Congressional District held a Conference in the Town Hall of Easton on Thursday of this week, Washington's birthday, as previously advertised. The day was rather inclement, yet there was a goodly number present, including several from Baltimore. At 10 o'clock the introductory meeting was called to order and Rev. Q. L. Morrow of Snow Hill and editor of the Peninsula Press, the Prohibition Organ, was made chairman. The meeting consisted of what he was pleased to call an experience meeting and was addressed by Hon. Edwin Higgins, of Baltimore, and others. At noon an adjournment was called and the delegates and visitors were invited to partake of a dinner prepared by the W. C. T. U. organization of Easton, to which invitation they gave especial attention.

At 2 o'clock the regular business meeting of the Conference convened and there assembled a much larger audience, nearly filling the hall. Mr. L. Hastings of Snow Hill was made Chairman and Mr. Edgar H. Brattan of the same place was elected Secretary. Rev. J. M. Lindale of this county delivered an address of welcome which was well received. He is a fluent and entertaining speaker and made dignified reference to the hospitality of the Eastern Shore. Thought it a fitting day to hold a Conference that had for its motto, "God, Home and Native Land," as that was the principle on which the immortal Father of His Country rested. Said he was so dear to the people of this country that his *head had never been turned*. [Long Applause.] This speech was happily responded to by the Rev. R. T. Coursey of Snow Hill, who in his own unique and entertaining manner engaged the full attention of every listener. Mr. Coursey is a man of fine physique, rich voice and of commanding address. In addition to his being ever ready to say the right thing at the right time, he is one of the members of that once famous Harmon quartette, now disbanded, and he was not slow to entertain the audience at each sitting with his soul stirring songs. Mr. Wheatley, the soloist and organist was also present, but was suffering with severe headache and left Mr. Coursey to do most of the singing.

The Chairman, Mr. Hastings, then read a paper, on the subject of a District Organization which showed how thoroughly he was acquainted with the needs of the party. This was responded to by J. H. Dulaney of Wicomico county and Mr. Higgins, Chairman State Com.

A discussion followed on the subject of the counties conducting their own campaing, be Prof. J. G. Robinson, of Baltimore, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Hackett and Mr. Dulaney. The subject of Prohibition Clubs was then very entertainingly discussed by Hon. Levin S. Melson who read a paper which was responded to by the Secretary, Mr. Brattan, and by Mr. R. H. T. Councell. They told how successful had been the largest club in the District, at Snow Hill, and advocated music and women to make them attractive.

Some speeches were made on the necessity of maintaining the prohibition organ, and the editor read an interesting paper on the subject. Stock was solicited and some subscribed and twenty new subscribers secured at that time. This was done in a novel manner, Mr. Coursey announced that he and Mr. Wheatley would sing a song for every five subscribers. After that it kept the editor busy recording names. John M. Parker, Esq., of Baltimore addressed the meeting of finances and then adjourned.

In the evening a large audience greeted the speakers, Mr. Frank Tucker, State Organizer of Baltimore and Rev. Alfred Smith, P. E., of the M. E. Church, both made forcible speeches The singing by Messrs. Coursey and Wheatley also greatly pleased the audience.

A Serious Accident.

On Thursday while driving a spirited young colt, Mr. Milton Soulsby accompanied by Mr. Howard Anderson narrowly escaped receiving fatal injuries. The colt became frightened at some children who were playing by the roadside and began to run. While the colt was in an unmanageable condition a part of the carriage gave way, throwing the young men heavily to the ground. Mr. Soulsby, who was driving, bravely held on to the reins and was dragged a considerable distanced, cracking his breast-bone. He is now under the care of the doctor, and is improving. Mr. Anderson was cut and bruised on his head and face.

Opening Day Postponed.

It was announced last week that the opening services of the new Trinity M. E. Church, South, were to be held tomorrow, but owing to the impossibility of finishing up the interior the opening day has been postponed until Sunday, March 4th. Bishop Cranbury has stated that the change will be agreeable to him, and that he will be present on that day. A sermon of great eloquence and power may be expected from the Bishop. The extension of time will enable the committee of arrangements to have the room fitted up in the most tasteful manner. The beautiful colored windows at each end of the large room were contributed by the ten Sunday school classes. The room will seat nearly three hundred.

Talbot Teacher's Meeting.

The teachers of Talbot County held their usual monthly meeting yesterday at the Primary School, and quite a number of teachers were present. Prof. Chaplain, the president, called the meeting, and the Secretary read minutes of the last meeting. The programme was as follows: 1, Fitch, Chap. 11, Miss Mray Hardcastle. 2, Report of the Committee of Ten on Secondary Education, Mr. John S. Hill. 3, Review book on number work, based on Elemntary Science. Miss Hardcastle not being bresent Prof. Murdaugh discussed the chapter of Fitch. Geography was the subject, and the discourse consisted of its origin, value, kinds and methods of studying, and each teacher giving their individual opinion made it very interesting. Mr. Hill was absent, so his part was postponed until the next meeting. Prof. Chaplain's always interesting talk on Number Work was appreciated by the teachers, after which the Meeting adjourned until the last Saturday in March, at half past ten sharp.

Masonic Banquet.

The Masons of Easton celebrated the birthday of the Father of His Country, who was himself an eminent mason, by a banquet held in the refreshment rooms of the Masonic Temple. About twenty-five were around the board. Dr. Edward R. Trippe, High Priest of Talbot Royal Arch Chapters, and Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was at one end of the table, and Hon. J. Frank Turner managed the turkey at the other end. At Dr. Trippe's right was Richard T. Martin, a past master, of Mt. Ararat, Bel Air; and at his left was seated G. E. Haddaway, Past-master of Burn's Lodge and of Granite Lodge. Willis Flowers, the youngest mason present was at Mr. Turner's right and B. F. Parlett, the emblem of whose office is the crossed keys, was at his left. Dr. Lewis Buffett was Toastmaster. These were the toasts and respondents: "The day we celebrate—Washington's birthday," Wilfred Bateman; "Coats' Lodge" R. J. Martin; "Talbot Chapter," Dr. E. R. Trippe; "Jeshua Council," A. G. Pascault; "Our Treasury," B. F. Parlett; "Fully Initiated," F. C. Mason; "Our Record," S. F. Whitman; "Our Best Friends, the Ladies," J. Frank Turner; "How We Get There," G. E. Haddaway; "The Brotherhood of Masonry," Walter H. Thompson; "Our Home in the Temple," Dr. T. J. Smithers; "The Goat I Rode," Dr. J. A. Stevens.

A Faithful Pastor.

Mr. Editor, I crave sufficient space in your valuable paper to express the love and esteem in which I and many more of his congregation hold our pastor Rev. J. D. Lecates, of Tilghman's M. E. Church. He is a faithful pastor to his Church, and a father to the young; he stands firm for truth and right, not only in the pulpit, but in the Sabboth school, seeking to train and to cultivate in the pupils those qualities that will best fit them for their inevitable conflict with the world, sin and satan. Though satan hurl his deadliest missiles and sets his craftiest snares, this christian leader never wavers but stands firm at his post as a watchman upon the walls of Mount Zion. I believe his strength energies and ability are wholly engaged in the work of tearing down the strong holds of sin and satan to lay bare the arch-enemy's deep laid snares, and to build up God's Kingdom in the hearts of the people. He is a man who visits the sick and afflicted and who stands by his church and his people Should he not be returned to this field of labor, my prayers shall go with him, and may God's blessing be upon him wherever he may be sent. THOMAS W. HADDAWAY,

Supt. M. E. Sunday School, Tilghman, Md.

AN ELECTRIC ROAD PROPOSED.

TO RUN ALONG COUNTRY ROADS.

Connecting Easton, Centreville. Chestertown, Tolchester and other Important Points on the Peninsula. Other Items of Interest.

The announcement is made that a company will probably be organized with abundant capital to build a network of electric roads on the Eastern Shore, connecting all towns of importance. The proposed roads will take in Easton, Salisbury, Chestertown, Rock Hall, Tolchester, Church Hill, Centreville Queenstown and several other peninsula towns.—The possibility of the matter is being thoroughly discussed, and every detail considered by a number of capitalists of the Eastern Shore and Baltimore. If it be decided that such a road would prove practicable the improvement will be put through without delay. It is suggested that the commissioners of the counties through which the road will pass, grant to the company eight feet along the public roadway for their tracks, and that the electric line follow the public roads between the respective points on the peninsula, being continued in due course of time to other towns. Ex-Congressman John B. Brown met a number of capitalists in Baltimore on Friday last, when the move was thoroughly discussed in all its bearings. It is proposed first of all to connect Chestertown and Centreville and then continue to Queenstown and on down the peninsula. With Tolchester brought within the electric circuit that popular resort will be easily accessible from almost any point on the shore. The matter is considered entirely practicable by our most representative business men, and will not be allowed to rest until it is shown to be without practical merit.

The Steamer Ida Burne.

The Steamer Ida of the Maryland Steamboat Co's Line was burned to the waters' edge at 6.15 o'clock Friday afternoon of last week. The boat was sent on Wednesday to Clark's shipyard to be overhauled for the coming season on the Choptank River. The only person on board at the time the fire started was the watchman, and he can give no account of its origin. The first intimation he had of the fire was when the flames came from the engine room. An alarm was turned in, to which the engines, the fireboat Cataract and policeboat Lannon responded. Soon streams of water were pouring into the burning steamer, but the flames had gained too much headway, and the boat began to careen so that the firemen had to seek a place of safety. The steamer finally sank in 18 feet of water. The Ida was launched in 1881 and put on the Choptank river route by her owners. She cost $100,000 to build, and Secretary Byrd estimates the damage at $75,000, while the insurance is only $60,000. The steamer Westmoreland, which was tied up next to the Ida was in great danger at one time of being ignited, but was taken to a place of safety by the tugboat Cahill. The steamer Chowan took the place of the Ida when she was laid up for repairs.

The Catholic Mission.

For the first time in over ten years a mission was held in the Catholic Church of Easton last week, beginning with Sunday, Feb. 11th and continued every day and evening until Sunday, Feb. 18. The program of the mission was an interesting one and consisted of much that proved to be of profit to all who attended the services. Every service was well attended and in the congregations members of all the religious denominations of Easton were to be seen. An eminent disciple of the Church, Rev. Father Hickey, of St. Alphonsus church, New York city, was present and delivered a series of sermons that lodged in the hearts and memories of many. The first service of the mission began with solemn Mass, at the conclusion of which Father Waldron gave the congregation in charge to the missionary Father, who explained what a mission meant. The subjects of other discourses were as follows: Sunday evening, "Original Sin;" Monday evening, "Final Repentance;" Tuesday evening, "The Death of the Just;" Wednesday evening, "Judgment;" Thursday evening, "Death;" Friday evening, "Hell;" Saturday evening, "Honor to the Mother of God;" Sunday morning, "Intemperance." This latter sermon was particularly effective, and was enjoyed because of its striking originality, it being based on an entirely new line of thought. On Saturday evening a procession of Sunday School children dressed in white with wreaths on their heads was a pretty feature of the service. Sunday evening the closing exercises of the mission were held. Many who reaped much spiritual benefit from the mission attended the closing service with sadness. At every morning service at 7 and 10 o'clock the Father gave a short instruction.

Father Waldron feels greatly repaid for his efforts. His parishioners appreciate the trouble and pains he went to to give them the advantage of a mission. The expense attached to it was considerable, Father Waldron with his accustomary liberality paid part of it himself.

Your Friends and Relatives.

Mr. Wm. G. Denny spent the holiday in Baltimore.

Mr. O. F. Sturmer went to Baltimore Wednesday night.

Capt. Ed. Roberts, U. S. Building Inspector was home for a day or so this week.

Mrs. Causey of Milford, Del., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Jenkins.

Miss Anna A. Taylor is visiting Miss Alice Adams.

Miss Della Austin left Tuesday night for a visit to friends in Cambridge.

Rev. Dr. Pindar, lately from Ohio, preached at Trinity Cathedral Tuesday night.

Mr. Harry Price of Baltimore spent a few days in town this week.

D. W. Philips has started a free delivery of gasoline and coal oil in town.

Miss Lulu Roberts of the Normal School was home last week for a few days.

Miss Emilie Pratt has gone to Baltimore for a short visit.

Mr. Wm. T. Dixon was re-elected president of the Johns Hopkins Hospital trustees.

Mr. Charles W. Adams, who has been South for several months has returned home.

Mr. Harry Woolford, a resident of Galveston, Texas, has been visiting friends near Easton.

Mrs. L. P. Hollyday has returned to Easton after a trip to Brooklyn, N. Y., and Washington, D. C.

Miss Howard, who has been visiting at St. Peter's Rectory, returned to her home in New Haven, Conn., on Tuesday.

Miss Milton of Virginia and Miss Elsie Martin of Trappe spent Sunday with the Misses Hardcastle, near Easton.

The Misses Mills who were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Adkins returned to their home in Clayton, Saturday.

Rev. C. D. Harris preached at Laurel Church near American Corners on Sunday last.

Dr. E. M. Hardcastle, Jr., who has been spending several weeks with his parents in Trappe, left for Virginia on Tuesday.

Mrs. May Tylor of Baltimore has been spending several days with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Clark of Trappe.

Mr. J. H. K. Shannahan has just returned from Old Point Comfort, Va., where he has a prospect of putting in several artesian wells.

Mrs. E. A. Frampton, of Tilghman, formerly of Easton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hubbard, R. R. Ave., extended.

Mr. R. Gwinn, Jr., well known in society in Easton, was in attendance at the superb musical gathering held at Mt. Washington, Baltimore, on Thursday last.

Joseph B. Harrington and Joseph E. Wilson of Queen Annes, have bought John Powell's creamery at Queen Annes, and will commence to operate it about the 1st of next month.

Messrs. Solomon Covey, Samuel Glanville, Charles H. Sigman and Joseph D. Hope left for Baltimore Wednesday to attend the meeting of the Great Council of Red Men which is now in session.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well-known and so popular as to need no special mention All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial Fevers. For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion, try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded. Price $.50 and $1.00 per bottle at J. C. Henry's drug store.

TUESDAY AT THE COURT HOUSE.

IT WAS A VERY BUSY DAY.

$1,158 87 Paid in. Proceedings of the Orphans' Court and County Commissioners. Other Items.

Orphans' Court met on Tuesday.

Edward A. Powell, guardian to George E. Wilson, colored, presented 3d account. Passed.

Emma Mason, adm'r'x c. t. a. of John C. Mason, presented account debts sperate, and 1st and final account of administration. Passed.

S. S. Yoe, ext'r of Joseph E. Millis, presented account of interest on vendue notes, account of rents, and proceeds of sales of mortgage, and first administration account. Passed.

J. A. Collison was appointed guardian to J. Morsell, Wm. McD., Mary V. and Clarence S. Collison, orphan children of Mary M. Collison and distributees of the estate of Ann McDaniel. He filed an approved bond in the penalty of $400.

Wm. R. McDaniel, adm'r of Ann McDaniel, presented releases from the wards of J. A. Collison.

Margaret A. Brinsfield, guardian of Nannie H. Brinsfield presented release from said ward.

Louisa Murray, adm'x Charles A. Murray, presented release from Mary L. Dorham and husband and Laura V. Jenkins.

Wm. R. Martin, adm'r c. t. a. Wm. H. H. Holbrook presented releases from H. Martin Lucas and Elmira M. Melvin, legatees.

Thos. H. Dodd, gd'n of Peter P. Councell presented release from said ward.

W. D. J. Morris, adm'r of C. N. Marshall presented release from Rosa Marshall, guardian of Edna M., George E., and Mary H. Marshall, distributees.

Alice M. Lyons, ext'x of Wm. H. Lyons, presented inventory. Passed. Authorized to sell and give notice to creditors.

James C. Mullikin and George W. Minnick, presented petition in the matter of the estate of John Meintzer, and thereupon the Court passed an order directing a copy to be served on Emma E. Meintzer to answer same on Feb. 27.

After passing sundry accounts the Court adjourned.

County Commissioners.

Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday.

Receipts were:

T. A. Lloyd, col. 1893, per R. J. Dawson,	$400 00
W. T. H. Lee, col. 1892,	336 00
John H. Holt, col. in full 1892,	422 87
Total,	$1,158 87

Disbursements, $317.12.

Nathan Matee, colored, Trappe, was placed on the out-pension list and paid $10.

James H. Wharton was appointed constable in St. Michaels district, vice George H. Barnes, resigned.

The commissioners have become aware that the constables allow prisoners sentenced to the House of Correction by Justices of the Peace to remain in jail, sometimes for weeks at the expense of the county. The Board is much displeased thereat, and directed the clerk to notify the constables that prisoners must be removed as speedily as possible after conviction.

"America" at Baltimore.

The many thousand of Marylanders who saw "America" in the Auditorium at Chicago during the World's Fair served to thoroughly advertise it as a great spectacular production, and curiosity to see it when it will be produced at Harris' Academy of Music in Baltimore next month, will no doubt crowd that great theatre to its utmost capacity. The play purports to tell the history of America in a series of great stage pictures. The prologue relates to the voyage of Columbus, and ends with the spectacle of his triumphal return to Barcelona. The 1st and 2d act tells the story of Colonial times; the romances and merrymaking and dangers of those early days are exhibited, together with such stage pictures of the Revolutionary as Paul Revere's ride, the battle of Lexington, Washington crossing the Delaware and the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown; the 2d act concluding with a "Temple of Peace" in which the Grand ballet of the Arts and Sciences is given. The 3d act opens with a brilliant and novel ballet of American inventions, indicating by tableaux important inventions and discoveries. Then follow pictures of pioneer life in the West and the War of Rebellion, ending with the arrival of President Lincoln, amid the cheers of the troops and of the emancipated slaves. The final scene represents the "Triumph of Columbia" in a georgeous spectacle, introducing representatives of all nations and of the several states and territories.

The Shaeffer troupe are again a special feature of the show. The extraordinary feats of those skillful acrobats, performed with unerring certainty, are the most delightful because they are free from all sense of danger, and are apparently as much enjoyed by the youngest member of the family as by the oldest. Sylvester Schaeffer's juggling is more wonderful than ever, and those extraordinary grotesques, Basco and Roberts, who climb about in the air like apes, exciting shouts of laughter. The ballet of merrymakers, the ballet of arts and sciences and ballet of inventions were all applauded, but none so much as the contrasted bit of home pathos where the soldiers sing "Camping To-night." The show closes with a great congregation of nations, than which nothing more genuinely sumptuous has been seen on the American stage.

Political Notes.

The proposed bill for the erection of a new Court House for Caroline county is meeting with much hostility from citizens and tax payers of the county.—Free Press.

The sugar schedule of the Wilson Tariff bill will likely be reported by the Senate Finance Committee without change, but with the understanding that the question is to be fought out on the Senate floor, the committee standing in the attitude of making no recommendation on the subject.—Item.

Massa Cleveland is holding back post-office appointments for Maryland. These presidential post offices are his principal "pie counter" equipments. The Senators and Representatives who refuse to do his presidential bidding get no pie.—Midland Journal.

The indication of unity among the democratic Senators in support of the tariff bill has already had a marked effect. Mill and factories are getting to work again and the republican calamity panic promises soon to belong to the past.—Evening Capital.

If the government has $55,000,000 of uncoined silver in the treasury against which there are no outstanding obligations, it should do as any practical business man would under the circumstances, and use it to pay necessary expenses.—Douglass (Kan.) Tribune.

The thirty thousand wool growers who protest against the Wilson bill will have to put their objections in the form of ballots before they will be effective.—Douglass, Tribune.

The vacancy in the Senate caused by the appointment of Senator White, of Louisiana, to the United States Supreme Court bench will cause some delay in bringing the tariff bill before the Senate.—Sun.

The battle between Maryland dredgers and the Virginia oyster police force in Tangier Sound proves again the necessity of having a clear understanding of rights in debatable waters, and it is hoped that the efforts now being made by the legislatures of the two states to settle some of the vexed questions will prove successful. If good laws are passed and enforced as they should be, there need be no further trouble of this kind.—Sun.

The Senate of the United States should kill the Wilson bill.—Am.

The Philadelphia *Record* says that the Democrats probably lost 10,000 votes in Philadelphia Tuesday "through a failure to provide tax receipts for voters who do not pay their poll taxes."

The resolutions instructing Senators Gorman and Gibson on the tariff question and to vote for the Wilson bill passed the House of Delegates Thursday by a bare majority of two. A number of Democrats voted with the Republicans.—Smyrna Times.

Fifteen Cold Bottles a Day.

Berry Wall and his friend "Lord" Claggett dine often at a hotel. They take their dinner in the middle of the day and probably call it "lunch," as Berry is a family man and dines with his wife at night. They take a canvasback, and the "lord" drinks champagne and tea. He is the best tea taster in America, and if he were not so rich might make a fine living as a professional tea taster. As it is he puts away about 15 bottles of champagne every day and tastes a little duck at noon with Berry.—New York Herald.

THE EASTERN SHORE PRESS.

CAREFULLY COLLECTED NOTES

From our Peninsula Exchanges.

Henderson has a population of 200.

Salisbury has a social organization known as the M. A. L's.

The M. E. Church at Hebron will be dedicated next Sunday.

The Teachers' Association of Kent County is opposed to free shool books.

Petitions for and against high license are circulating in Dorchester.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported in Greensboro.

Elkton folks are talking of a public drinking fountain.

People in and about Bridgeville are receiving white cap notices.

Greensborough is to have a new passenger depot.

The Preston Canning Company is contracting for tomatoes at $6.00 per ton.

A public meeting to discuss the road question was held in Cambridge Saturday last.

By prompt action and the utmost caution there has been no spread of diphtheria in the vicinity of Ridgely.

A number of the leading citizens of Caroline are favorable to a dog law for their county.

Ex-Congressman, John W. Crisfield, of Princess Anne, who sustained a partial stroke of paralysis while at his office on the 4th of January last, has greatly improved.

Dr. J. H. Cornell, Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been visiting the hermitage, Brakeford, and other historic places in Queen Anne's expects to buy an estate and settle in that county.

Mrs. S. D. Venable, wife of the proprietor of the Eastern Shore Hotel, died Tuesday morning at 4.30 o'clock and was buried in Princess Anne.

Farmers of Southern Chester and Lancaster counties, Pa., and Cecil county held a farmers' institute at Rising Sun, Cecil county, which commenced Tuesday, Feb. 20th.

The Good Will Fire Company went to Denton on Feb. 22d, and rendered the minstrel show which pleased the Centreville people so well two evenings.

Water is very scarce in Queen Anne and surrounding country. Many farmers have for a long while been obliged to haul water for their stock, and only two or three pumps in town afford a steady supply.

The Kent county school board went to Annapolis last week to protest against the passage of the Free School book bill.

Mr. John W. Powell has exchanged his creamery at Queen Anne, with Mr. Joseph E. Wilson, of Barclay, for a tract of land near Ingleside.

A petition is being circulated asking the legislature grant authority for the building of a bridge across the Choptank, near Williston.

Mayor Mundy, of Cambridge, who has recently been so critically ill, is fast regaining health and strength.

The republicans of Salisbury called a primary meeting for Monday night, March 19th, to nominate candidates for mayor and councilmen.

While Thomas Polk and his family, of Salisbury ware away from their home, near Allen, Monday night, their house with its contents, was destroyed by fire.

The shirt factory of Greensboro which has been closed for some time will probably open soon.

Examiner Stephens addressed a circular letter to the teachers of the public schools of Caroline suggesting the observance of Washington's Birthday.

Attorney T. P. Fisher, of Denton, now dictates to a phonograph in his law office, the the dictations being afterward taken by a type-writer.

The Chestertown board of Trade has decided to disband and distribute the money in the treasury.

The Town Hall of Federalsburg is nearing completion and will be a decided improvement.

George A. Dever of Centreville killed a bald eagle on his farm last Friday that measured two feet ten inches from tip to tip.

The members of the Chesterfield Council, Royal Arcanum, of Centreville, gave a banquet at the Town Hall last Friday night in honor of the visiting grand officers from Baltimore.

Miss Minnie Lowe, eldest daughter of Capt W. L. Lowe, of Centreville, was married to Mr. Sudler C Tolson, of Kent Island, at Grace Methodist Protestant Church, in Centreville, at 2 p. m. last Thursday by Rev. S. B. Tredway.

A number of presons who are interested in game and game laws held a meeting in Denton Tuesday afternoon and suggested some changes in the statute relating to the killing of partridges and rabbits.

The Teachers' Association of Caroline Co., will hold their second quarterly meeting for the scholastic year, March 10. Col. John A. M. Passmore, of Philadelphia will deliver an address on "The Bermudas."

The dedication exercises of Trinity Presbyterian Church, at Church Hill, began Sunday morning with the presentation of the several memorials at 10.30 o'clock.

Capt. Crittenden Harper, Cambridge, Monday night arrested four vessels on the charge of scraping above the line in Choptank river.

J. Albert Boyd, who was defeated in the contested election case for sheriff of Cecil county by Clifton J. White, the Republican candidate, has ordered an appeal, and the case will go to the Court of Appeals.

Caroline thinks that in view of the fact that Caroline ships more fruit and other products than most of the other counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, it would seem to be the part of wisdom for the railroad companies to pay more attention to this territory which has had developed but a tithe of its possibilities in fruit and vegetable culture.

Prof. James S. Robinson addressed the farmers of the Second district at Greensborough on Friday afternoon, Feb. 23d. On the following afternoon he spoke at the court house in Denton. On both occasions he was accompanied by the State chemist, Professor Patterson, who also spoke.

A call has been made for a meeting of the tax payers of the county at Denton, on Tuesday, Feb. 27th at 1 p. m., for the purpose of obtaining a full expression of the taxpaying citizenship, in relation to be bill to be introduced in the Legislature providing for the building of a new Court House.

Princess Anne and vicinity experienced Wednesday night an unusual phenomenon in the visit of a thunder-storm. The storm lasted for fifteen or twenty minutes and the thunder was unusually severe. This was going on while winter weather with snow was roaming over most of the United States.

The dynamos of the new electric-light plant were set in motion Wednesday night at Salisbury and the city is again lighted, after nearly one year of darkness. The new plant is the most modern one on the peninsula and has about double as great a capacity as the one which was burned last April.

Quakers Adopting Modern Ways.

The rising generations of the Society of Friends are fast modifying in a marked degree the customs, costumes and manners of their fathers. Peculiarities of dress and language have been almost entirely abandoned, the cultivation of music and the other arts is no longer discouraged, except by a very few, and George Fox would not recognize his present followers, so great have been the changes wrought since the days of Penn. In connection with the cultivation of music an interesting fact was noticed. In an academy in a nearby town, attended only by the children of Friends, a school entertainment was recently given, the programme of which contained several musical numbers. The music comprised such familiar tunes as "Nearer, My God, to Thee," etc., and a lover of music who attended commented afterward on the absence of harmony and euphony in the singing. While not exactly a discord, there was a noticeable lack of melody, rendering the hymns anything but enjoyable. It is quite possible that the farreaching law of heredity may account for this fact, and that the ancestry of these pupils, who for over 300 years have considered music as only a vain amusement, have transmitted to their children organs unable to properly voice the beauties of this, to them, long unused art. —Philadelphia Record.

A Bumper.

When a glass is as full as it possibly can be of liquor, the surface of the liquid is slightly convex, and the center lies higher than the brim. In view of this fact such a glassful is called a bumper, because the liquor bumps up or protrudes in the middle.—Exchange.

W. C. T. U.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

Edited by the Press Committee of the Talbot County Union.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union meets every Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in hall, second floor, corner of Washington and Dover Streets, entrance on Dover street. Business meetings held the second Wednesday in every month at 3.30 p. m. The Loyal Legion meets every Friday at 4 p. m., at the same place. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these meetings.

Rum Soaked Wretches Purged of Their Desire For Strong Drink.

W. T. Stead, in a communication to the London Chronicle, thus describes the effects of a new remedy for dipsomania:

The treatment commenced on Sept. 11. The experimental month expired on Oct. 12. Our patients were four women and four men. Three of the women were either married or were widows. One was a spinster. Of the men, two were commercial travelers, one a solicitor, the other an ex-naval officer. One of them came to us guaranteed as one of the worst cases known to the Church Army; another similarly certificated from the Salvation Army, while the others were accompanied by equally satisfactory certificates as to their thorough paced drunkenness. A fully qualified man was placed in charge, and competent assistants were secured, who saw to it that the remedy at the beginning was administered at the stated intervals of three hours, both night and day.

Of the nature of the remedy I can say nothing, excepting that it is extremely bitter to the taste and acts as a very powerful tonic. After the patients had been under treatment for 10 days I visited the place and interviewed each separately. A marvelous change had already been effected, but I decided to say nothing until the month expired and I had the final report of the medical men upon the result of the treatment. That report is now before me, and I owe it to the public to lose no time in stating the result of the experiment.

That result has been an almost unqualified success, the only exception being one woman, who, it is believed, did not conform to the regulations laid down. Of course it is as yet too early to say anything as to the lasting effects of the cure, although, judging from the experience of other cases which were treated nearly 12 months since, and are still standing, I do not think there is much reason to fear that the cure is as permanent as it is certainly drastic, if indeed it might not almost be described as miraculous.

For, what has happened? Seven poor, miserable wrecks, drenched with whisky or soddened with gin, and in some cases with an additional craving for morphia and laudanum, have been in one short month so completely weaned from all desire for alcohol that they may be trusted to go through the most tavern spotted thoroughfare without feeling the slightest inclination to resume their potations. Nay, more; not only has all craving for drink been killed in their system, but in its place has been developed an absolute hatred and loathing for intoxicants, a loathing so acute that some of our patients have walked down the middle of the street rather than use the footpath which led them too close to the reek of the taproom.

When the treatment begins, they all experience a certain degree of discomfort, which varies sometimes from acute headache to feverish ague. For a couple of days they are about as miserable as they can be, but on the third day the headache leaves them, the sickness disappears, and they begin to develop an appetite. Before they have been under treatment a week they can be allowed to go out freely without any danger of their breaking loose or resuming the habits which had made such a wreck of their lives. The craving for drink, so far as can be seen from the close observation of the cases under treatment, is absolutely dead, and so far as can be seen at present those who have conducted the experiment are more than satisfied with the result.

The remedy which has wrought such wonders is, I believe, a concoction of South American origin. The secret of its manufacture remains with one man, who refuses to divulge it.

Fable of the Rum Moloch.

In the village of Smithville a brand new Rum Moloch was set up. The village had never had a Rum Moloch within its borders before, and some of the villagers exulted in the enterprise of the town. "It will improve trade," said they, "for the farmhands will now come to town to see the Rum Moloch and incidentally will buy groceries and things." They forgot that the farmhands were then buying groceries and things, but not incidentally. The Wise Man of the village shook his head. He had heard what a Moloch is used for, and he told his fellow townsmen about it. "We'll wait and see," cried some of them incredulously. Others cried: "This is terrible! Lead the way, and we will pitch the Rum Moloch out of town." So the Wise Man strode into the presence of the Moloch and laid his hands on it to pull it over. The crafty Owner of the idol, however, had slyly smeared it all over with fresh black paint, which the Wise Man instantly discovered. "Bah!" he cried, looking in disgust at his blackened hands. "This is dirty work. Let us wait until the Moloch is dry." So the respectable people waited for one day. When they returned, the crafty Owner had fired up, and the Moloch was now redhot, the paint thoroughly dry. But in the Moloch's redhot arms the Wise Man, in agony, saw his own dear boy burned to death. This story teaches that it is better to attack the rum power at the risk of soiled hands than of burned flesh.—Golden Rule.

And Joy Would Sit at the Hearth.

If the workingmen should suddenly take it into their heads to take the earnings that they hitherto have used for intoxicating liquors and spend them for furniture, how much do you suppose would be let loose upon the furniture market? Not less than $6,000,000 in four weeks. There would then be no stagnation of trade in the furniture market.—Exchange.

Recent medical statistics in Switzerland show that 50 per cent of the young men who would otherwise be eligible for military service are rendered unfit by excessive drinking.

Since Papa Doesn't Drink.

My papa's awful happy now,
And mamma's happy, too,
'Cause papa doesn't drink no more
The way he used to do,
And everything's so jolly now,
'Tain't like it used to be,
When papa never staid at home
With poor mamma and me;
It made me feel so very bad
To see my mamma cry,
And though she'd smile I'd spy the tears
A-hiding in her eye,
But now she laughs just like we girls—
It sounds so cute, I think—
And sings such pretty little songs,
Since papa doesn't drink.

You see my pretty Sunday dress,
It's every bit all new;
It ain't made out of mamma's dress,
The way she used to do,
And mamma's got a pretty cloak,
All trimmed with funny fur,
And papa's got some nice new clothes
And goes to church with her.
My papa says that Christmas time
Will very soon be here,
And maybe good old Santa Claus
Will find our house this year.
I hope he'll bring some candy, and
A dolly that can wink.
He'll know where our home is, I'm sure,
Since papa doesn't drink.

—Exchange.

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FARMERS STOP AND THINK.

Why Struggle Through Mud and Mire When Good Roads Cost No More?

The rural population may now exclaim, with the Duke of Gloster, "Now is the winter of our discontent," and may add on its own account that the spring prospect offers no hope that the clouds will be lifted. But with the return of summer and consequent drying up and temporary hardening of the highways the farmer forgets the lesson he has been taught and thinks no more of mud and impassable roads and wrecked wagons and broken down horses. He is like the man who couldn't mend the roof of his cabin when it was raining and wouldn't when the sun shone because it didn't leak.

To a disinterested observer the attitude of the average farmer toward the movement for better roads is inexplicable. Year after year he goes on in the same old rut, ruining his temper and incurring needless expense in wagons and horses simply because he won't stop to think. Experience has proved that enough money is annually expended in useless tinkering by ignorant roadmasters to keep the roads of the country in passable if not first class condition. Instead of passively submitting to existing conditions the farmers should combine with a view of having the time and money now wasted judiciously and intelligently expended.

The roadmaster, as we know him, is usually wholly incompetent. His knowledge of road building and repairing has been acquired by working out his taxes probably, and his prime object is to finish the work assigned to him with the least outlay of labor consistent with drawing his salary. His method of procedure consists in dumping washings from the roadside into the middle of the highway—which is the very material most injurious to the road—there to remain in stifling dust or sticky mud until kindly rains have again swept it to the ditch, if there be one, or it has been transported to other scenes in the lungs and clothing of passing travelers. I have in mind just such a road and an equally capable roadmaster. In a town on Long Island a stretch of the sandy roads of that region had, through the action of the rain, been rendered hard and smooth, with a corresponding clogging of the so called ditch.—Instead of clearing the ditches and carting away the powdery earth, which had produced a luxuriant growth of grass and weeds, he plowed it up and dumped it, weeds and all, into the middle of the road, wholly destroying what had grown of itself to be a fairly good highway.

What is necessary is to employ a man who has had experience in scientific roadmaking. Such a one can do much toward making perfect roads and keeping them in repair at little more expense to the community than the incompetent tax worker.

Farmers, stop and think! Get together and take steps to get some return for money expended. Hire a competent man to supervise road construction and repairing, and soon you will rejoice in highways that will keep hard and smooth despite winter's frost and rains of spring.

W. H. BALLINGER.

For Farmers to Consider.

Many farmers today send their produce to market by railroad because the roads are so muddy and bad. There is more wear and tear on horseflesh and wagons than could be paid for by the saving on transportation charges. It would be a delight and pleasure to many farmers in the winter and spring to carry their farm products to market by wagon if the roads were hard and smooth. Good roads can be obtained better by the farmers taking an interest in the matter than by state legislation. The latter never accomplishes an object so well as local boards and improvement committees. When farmers have the same amount of local pride that some suburban villagers have, they will make the roads along their farms harmonize with the appearance of their well cultivated fields.

There is a lack of interest in the matter when we see thrifty barnyards, buildings, fields and fences, but wretchedly bad roads. And yet this is the case in many parts of the country. The great essential thing is to devote more attention to one part of the road until it is finished, and not spread out the work over several miles, doing no part any particular good. The labor is then generally lost, for the first winter will destroy all of the improvements. If every farmer would take a piece of road 100 yards in length in front of his house and fix it up into the right shape, finishing it completely before turning his attention to anything else, he would do a lasting benefit to his country. The following year it will need some slight repairs, and then another 100 yards can be finished. In the course of a few years we would have the finest roads in the rural districts that can be found in any part of the country.—American Cultivator.

Rum and Roads.

The question of the right of county courts to appropriate and expend two thirds of the tax derived from the sale of dramshop licenses for the improvement of county roads was brought from Jackson county, Mo., to the supreme court at Jefferson City.

Kansas City wanted to retain the moneys thus arising from the sale of licenses for the use of the city and petitioned for a writ restraining the county court from so using the said moneys. But the superior court holds that the law making this provision was good, and that the county courts were empowered to appropriate and expend money thus raised for the improvement of county roads. This settles a much vexed question, as several cities of that state have held that the revenues arising from the sale of licenses should be used only for the benefit of the city wherein were located the dramshops.—Exchange.

Harvesting Rice—Bulls Wearing Sandals. Feeding Sacred Animals.

We see on all hands the evidences of human occupation and labor for a thousand years and of a civilization complete and accomplished as far as it goes. For instance, alongside this road ran and babbled a clear mountain stream such as one finds in the mountain regions of New England. Every few rods it drops over a little fall. Here all these falls are carefully and handsomely paved with stone, so that the brook itself has a sort of civilized look which does not in the least detract from its beauty and freedom. Bridges and culverts are substantial and ornamental structures. Nothing is left unfinished or incomplete. Somebody attended to all these things long ago. The guideboards are deeply incised stone posts, which will last for 10,000 years.

We saw similar scenes on the road to Otsu—the harvesting of rice on the plain, then the swarm of people with carts, bringing in country produce. We saw more bulls used to help haul the loads. The bull is harnessed singly, and is guided by a rope hitched into a ring into his nose. He seems to be very docile and obedient. Two farmers, each with a cart, go shares in a bull. Each man guides and balances his cart, and the bull does the most of the pulling for both. The bull steps rather daintily. He is [illegible] broad straw sandals, similar to those [illegible] wear. We also met troops of people, men and women, evidently in holiday attire, and carrying their personal effects in small baskets, balanced on poles over their shoulders or hanging down their backs, held in place by a kerchief passing over the chest. They were on their way to Kioto to celebrate some religious festival. Some are merrily trudging along the road, and others are refreshing themselves in the frequent teahouses. They add to the picturesqueness of the road and increase the pleasure of the traveler. The defile is bounded by grand mountain slopes, beautifully wooded with pines, hinoki, cryptomeria, bamboo and occasional maples. We never get through admiring the foliage.

The temple grounds at Nara are enlivened by hundreds of deer, so tame that they gather round you and eat out of your fingers. I should judge that quite a number of families get a living by supplying small doughballs to visitors with which to feed the deer. That is their regular business, and that reminds me that the traveler in Japan has great opportunities to feed sacred animals. Nearly every temple has its sacred horse, generally an albino, with a voracious appetite for beans, which are supplied by an old woman, a very small plateful for a penny. Then there are sacred pigeons to be treated. In every pond are carp and goldfish, and there are always people about with little cakes for sale to be fed to the fish. Considerable ingenuity is shown in making a light hollow spherical cake, which floats on the surface of the water and obliges the fish to make an exhibition of themselves if they would get it. A large carp opens his suckerlike mouth as wide as he can and scoops it in. The Japanese people are very fond of such amusements, and there is always an interested audience about a fishpond.

But, to return from this digression, the deer are sacred at Nara, because the founder of the first temple came there riding on a deer. In another place dogs are sacred and the only animal permitted to enter the temple grounds, because a god once appeared there accompanied by his dogs. It seems as though these people "make believe" very hard to keep up the observance of such traditions so long. I am told that many parts of the temple ceremonials are no longer interpreted, the cause of their origin having been forgotten. The common people are tenacious of the old fables, as they are in all countries, and at many a shrine one sees their paper prayers tied on by the thousand to every projecting corner. The beings to whom these prayers are addressed range all the way from Amida, the highest Buddha, and Kwannon, the gentle goddess of mercy, to the last desperate fellow who took his life in his hands to avenge his lord.—Boston

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