Easton Gazette.

Saturday, April 7. 1894.

—Base balls are in demand.

—The sun rose at 5.38 this morning.

—The sun sets about 6.30 this week.

—100 Boys Suits going at less than cost. B. P. Cox.

—On the Alps vinegar is made of milk whey.

—London's one thatched cottage is to be demolished

—Whatever you want try B. P. Cox first and save money.

—The dredging season terminated Saturday last.

—More goods for $1.00 at B. P. Cox's than anywhere else.

—All ready for Easter at Annie E. Rathell & Co.'s limited.

—The height of the atmosphere is between 45 and 50 miles.

—Men and boys' suits all going at less than cost at B. P. Cox's.

—Eton College, England, has just celebrated its 452d anniversary.

—An Aegean piece of the year 700 B. C. is the oldest coin in the world.

—When it comes to conversation the barber has the edge on us.

—The United States sent abroad furs to the value of $1,000,000 last year.

—The Spring term of the Circuit Court of this county will begin May 15th.

—China is furnishing a chain of forts along her seacoast with Krupp guns.

—Attend the opening of Annie E. Rathell & Co. Lim'td. April 3rd and 7th.

—A large canning house is in building on the E. A. Powell, Trappe Landing.

—"1 inch of rain" means a gallon of water spread over a surface of 2 square feet.

—Talbot county has 5,116 registered voters. There has been a decrease of 182 since '91.

—Joseph Miller can give you Collars from 75cts upward and other goods in porpotion. tf

—Joseph Miller carries the largest stock of Harness and Saddlery goods in Easton. tf

Don't miss the Spring Openings at Annie E. Rathell & Co.'s limited. April 3rd and 7th

—Early vegetables such as lettuce, spring onions and early cabbage are a drug on our market.

—Twilight is caused by the reflection of the sun's rays from the upper strata of the atmosphere.

—Annie E. Rathell & Co. limited now keep in stock, Shirt Waists for children, Misses and Ladies.

—Among the people who stall a town are those who think business can be done without advertising.

—Sunday was Low Sunday, and is so called because it is Celebrated as a feast but of lower degree than Easter.

—Laces of the choicest patterns for Dress Trimmings and other purposes at Annie E. Rathell & Co. Lim'td.

—Be sure to attend the grand Spring openings of Millinery, etc. April 3rd and 7th at Annie E. Rathell & Co.'s Limited.

—"The rich," said a Tueton, explaining his liking for mutton, "eat venison because it ish deer. I eat mutton because it ish sheep."

—At Ebenezer M. E. Church, Class meeting tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor.

No further necessity to go to the city to get a fashionable Spring Hat, but go to Annie E. Rathell & Co.'s lim'td.

—Joseph Miller manufactures a great many of his goods consequently you can always get the best at the lowest prices. tf

—Joseph Miller has a repairing department attatched to his establishment and a full stock of repairs always on hand. tf

—Annie E. Rathell & Co. Lim'td. are determined to sell goods this spring at a profit if they can, but without a profit if they can't do otherwise.

—Rice is the principal food of about 800,000,000 persons, or 54 per cent of the 1,500,000,000 people who inhabit the earth. There is no other vegetable product so widely consumed.

—If you want to get some points that will pay look out for Bicycles and Binder Twine, and other goods in the new advertisement of Shannahan & Wrightson Hardware Co.

—Bishop W. F. Adams, of the Diocese of Easton, was in this city yesterday. Last evening he preached in St. Mary's Church and administered the rite of confirmation.—Pocomoke Ledger.

—The Democrat of last week contained a item of news concerning the methods practiced by a certain swindler. The GAZETTE first published the item about three weeks ago. Credit should be given.

—Fruit culture is more profitable to the farmer now than his other crops. Brown Bros. Co., the most extensive nursery house in the U. S., have a vacancy in this section. Write them at Rochester N. Y., for their terms. 24 mar 3m

—Yates Thompson, known as the most energetic man in England when he controlled the Pall Mall Gazette, now wants to enlarge Westminister Abbey and has offered to subscribe £200,000 for an additional chapel.

—England is to have no poet laureate, not, at least, until one arises of sufficient distinction to be worthy to succeed Wordsworth and Tennyson. Gladstone thinks that there is no such man in England at the present time.

—The French Government has made formal claim upon the World's Fair authorities, through the State Department, for $70,000 on behalf of the French exhibitors whose goods were damaged by the burning of the Manufactures Building.

—Let Arbor Day have a fitting celebration this year in every schoolhouse and family in Talbot county. Protection to the trees is a sentiment which ought to be instilled into every childish mind.

—Louisiana leads every Southern State in the matter of foreign immigration, because, her large foreign population naturally attracts Europeans. Florida and Texas stands next, because they are the only two Southern States that systematically advertise their resources.

—The choir of the Easton P. E. Church, were listened to very attentively by a large audience at the St. Michaels P.E.Church Easter Sunday. The congregation was delighted with the music rendered and pronounce them worthy of their wonderful reputation. St. Michaels Argus.

—White Caps have made their appeaeance on Kent Island. On Friday night last Mr. Jacob Wicket, when about to retire, noticed seven men standing in his yard dressed in women's clothing. He seized his gun and ordered them off his premises, and made an effort to shoot, his gun refusing to fire until the party reached the boat, when the load of shot landed in the side of the boat.

—A crucade has been started against chewing gum in the Middletown public school. One of the lady teachers flogged twenty of her pupils for chewing gum during school hours. In the principal's room two male and three female pupils were compelled to kneel on the floor and chew gum for half an hour.

—The German emigrants who settled in Dorchester county last summer are much pleased with their surroundings and prospects. They have received a large number of letters from friends they left behind who are anxious to join them, and if lands can be obtained at satisfactory prices there will in all probability be a large addition to the Dorchester colony this summer.

—People who have been worried over the evils of local government and who have sighed in vain for a political utopia, had better cast their eyes on the town of North Bergin, Hudson county, N. J., which is within sight almost of misruled New York city. The the town clerk of that delightful place has just informed its citizens that no money will need to be raised this year through local taxes, sufficient funds being on hand to run the local government for twelve months.

—As the result of a five-year-old boy playing with matches, the barn and stable, together with a quanity of provender, were destroyed by fire on Saturday morning, on the "Riverside" farm of Mr. Benjiman N. Smith, of Quaker Neck. The building was old and though the only structure on the farm uninsured, the loss will scarcely amount to several hundred dollars. The child was not known to have matches, and no apprehension was felt in allowing the little boy to play in and around the buildings on the place. This should serve as a timely warning against allowing children to play with matches under any and all circumstances.

SEVENTY-THREE YEARS' SERVICE.

SOMETHING OF EASTON ACADEMY

A Brief History of the old School.—Built in 1820 with Money Furnished by the General Assembly.—The Corner Stone of the new School to be laid to-day.

About the most important public building erected during the early part of the present century in Easton, was the old High School building. It was several years building and was not completed until late in the year 1820. The county was financially unable to build the school, and the need of such an institution so badly felt that an appeal was made to the General Assembly for an appropriation to build the school. This being assured, work on the building commenced. The Legislature also granted an annual appropriation of $600 for the use of the school. In the law passed entitled "An Act to establish an Academy at Easton in Talbot County," conditions were imposed as to the use of the appropriation.—The law, portions of which are published below, also contains the first trustees of the school, how vacancies in the board shall be filled, that the board shall meet four times a year, and that the proceedings of the board be reported to the General Assembly. The law contains other sections as to the government of the school, the studies to be pursued, etc. In the Fall of 1820 the building was completeted and opened, since which time it has been constantly used for school purposes for more advanced scholars. When the school was first built the second story was gained by a stairway on the outside on the North end. Many alterations were made from time to time, and modern school paraphernalia put in. While the old building was being torn down the weakness of the walls was remarked upon, and when the joists of the second floor were removed, the walls immediately caved in. Below is a portion of the law passed over seventy-three years ago:

Whereas the legislature, from a conviction that the establishment and promotion of literary institutions for the liberal education of youth in different parts of this state would have beneficial effects, in training up and continuing a succession of able and virtuous characters for discharging the various offices and duties of public and private life, were pleased, at the last session of assembly, to grant an annual donation of eight hundred dollars for the use of an academy to be established in Talbot county; and in order to promote the benevolent designs of the legislature, it is necessary to establish the academy, and to incorporate the trustees thereof, with sufficient powers to apply the donation to the purposes intended, and to direct, manage and perpetuate the institution; therefore,

2. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there be erected, and hereby is erected and established, in the town of Easton, in Talbot county, in this state, an academy for the liberal education of youth in the vernacular and learned languages, and such sciences and branches of learning as the trustees and professors thereof shall from time to time think it useful and expedient to promote, for the benefit and advancement of the institution; and the said academy shall be regulated under the management, direction and government, of twelve trustees, and be perpetuated in the manner herein after mentioned.

3. And be it enacted, That John Edmondson, Nicholas Hammond, Samuel Chamberlaine, Thomas James Bullitt, William Hayward, Ennalls Martin, Stephen Theodore Johnson, Perry Benson, John Roberts, Owen Kennard, John Coats and Hugh Sherwood, be and they are hereby appointed the first trustees of the said academy; and the said trustees and their successors, to be elected in the manner herein after mentioned, shall be and they are hereby erected, established and declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic, with perpetual succession, in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes connected with the said institution, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Academy at Easton, in Talbot county, by which name and title they, the said trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable, at law and in equity, to take and to hold to themselves, and their successors, for the use of the said academy, any estate in any messuages, lands and tenements, goods, chattels, monies or effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, devise or bequest, of any person or persons whatsoever, provided the same do not exceed in the whole the clear yearly value of five thousand dollars, and the same messuages, lands and tenements, and other estate, real or personal, to grant again, bargain, sell, convey, assure, demise and to farm let, and put out on interest, or otherwise to dispose of, for the use of the said academy, in such manner as to them, or a majority of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest of the same, and to apply the emoluments thereof to the proper use and advancement of the said academy.

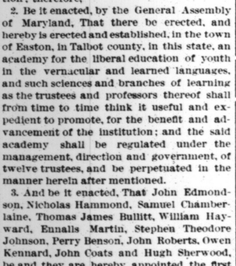
THE TABLET STONE LAID TODAY.

J. Frank Bateman to deliver the Oration.—A Plan of the School.

The tablet-stone of the new high school will be laid this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. J. Frank Bateman, a promifient member of the Easton bar will deliver the oration. At 2.30 o'clock the exercises will begin in Music Hall. The musical program is as follows: "Amore," "Gloria," by Mozart; "A way in Early Day," by C. E. Leslie, and "Bethany," a church hymn. The music is in charge of Judge J. B. Bennett, with Prof. Karl Adam at the piano and Mr. Wm. C. Meintzer cornetist. The singers are as follows: Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Patchett, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Grasely, Mrs. Tucker, Misses Ida and Helen Covey, Sadie Tarbutton, Emma Thompson, Hallie Webster and Eugie Cook; Messrs. Wm. Spence, Jas. Spence, Wm. Hull, John Thompson, Harry Patchett. Among the speakers will be Walter H. Thompson, George E. Haddaway and possibly others. After the exercises in Music Hall the persons present will march to the site of the new school building on Hanson street.

A plan of the new building is presented below which has been brought down to exact proportions from the original plans. A few minor changes will be noticed in this plan when compared with the one published some months ago.

HANSON STREET.



The above is the plan of the ground floor, but the second floor is about similar. The assembly rooms will be used to assemble the scholars for morning exercises before beginning the day's study, public entertainments and commencements. At any time, should it be so desired, a partition can be thrown across the two assembly rooms, making four additional class rooms of 27x37 feet. Both the first and second floors will have a wide hallway running the entire length of the building. Special attention will be paid to ventilation. The assembly room on the second floor will also be used for a drawing and calesthentics room. The basement will consist of three large rooms, in one of which the heating apparatus will be placed. It has not been decided as yet what kind of heating apparatus will be used, but steam will likely be chosed. The other rooms of the basement will be taken up by the manual training department, should it be decided to continue this feature. The school library will be located in a small room at the western end of the hallway on the second floor. Additions will be made to the library which already contains many old and rare volumes. The blackboards will be set in the walls, and will be of smooth plaster. The school furniture will be entirely new and of most improved patterns. Water and gas fixtures will be put in throughout the building. Brick with Seneca stone trimmings will be used. The front will be of pressed brick. At the north-west corner a graceful tower seventy-five feet in height will add to the beauty of the building.

Convocations.

The Southern Convocation of the Diocese of Easton was held at Princess Anne on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The Middle Convocation will be in session at Greensboro on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

MASONRY IN EASTON.

Short Sketches of Coats' Lodge and Miller Lodge I. O. O. F.

The most ancient charitable organization in Easton is that of the Masons. It is probable that a lodge existed in this town as far back as the year 1764. Here in 1781, was instituted the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the old Court House, and for six years continued to hold its sessions in that building, since which time this Lodge has met in Baltimore. It was in 1802, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 37, was chartered. This Lodge secured the old market house building on Harrison street, in the rear of W. P. Chaffinch's store, and held its meetings in the second story or loft. This building continued to be used by the several lodges for Masonic purposes until 1857. St. Thomas Lodge went down in 1806, and Masonry was not revived in Easton until 1823, at which time Lodge No. 76 was organized and adopted the name "Coats' Lodge, in honor of the first Grand Master of Maryland, and an Eastonian by adoption. This Lodge did not remain in existence long. In 1855, on the 12th of May, in the loft on Harrison street, the present Lodge was instituted. It likewise assumed the name of "Coats" and was numbered 192. In 1860, when the building on the southeast corner of Washington and Dover streets was erected, Coats' Lodge furnished a proportionate part of the building fund, and thereby secured far more comfortable quarters in the third story of the building.—Here this Lodge continued to meet until 1880, when the handsome Temple on North Washington street was erected. This is said to be the handsomest Masonic Temple on the Peninsula.

Miller Lodge, I. O. O. F. has remained intact the greatest length of time of any beneficial organization in Easton. It also contains the largest membership and represents the greatest wealth. It was instituted in 1833, with forty-three charter members. The original meeting place was a building known as the "Washington Hall" that stood on Washington street nearly opposite the Point Road. In 1839 a building that stood on the corner of Washington street and Market space, originally intended for a hotel, but never completed, was procured. Here the third story was fitted up for the purposes of the order, and in 1853 meetings were first held here. On Sunday, the 4th of March, 1855, a terrible conflagration laid this property and that in its immediate neighborhood in ruins, the burning shingles being blown to other portions of the town and destroying several houses. Miller Lodge replaced the burnt building with an excellent structure in the following year. In 1878, on the morning of Oct. 1st, this property was destroyed by the fire which swept the entire length of Market space, taking in its course the Market House and Town Hall. With characteristic energy the members of the order immediately proceeded to erect another building, which was dedicated Sept. 25, 1878. This last building claims to be the handsomest Odd Fellows' Hall in the State outside of Baltimore.

A Chocolate Drop.

Thomas Perry, and old colored man residing just outside of Easton, fell from his cart on Wednesday and seriously hurt himself.—He was driving along Miles River road and a sudden jolt of the cart threw him out.

First Game of the Season.

Last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Easton Base Ball Club defeated the Chapel Club 36 to 11. They played on the base ball grounds on North street near the P. W. & B. R. R. The Easton Club goes to Chapel today to play a return game, and if they play as good a game as they did last Saturday, no doubt the victory will be theirs.

Interrment of Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. W. W. Davis, who died in Cambridge on Wednesday was brought to Easton for interrment on Friday. She was 71 years of age and was a long resident of this county. Her first husband was the late John Rowins who was considered one of the most prominent business men of this town fifty years ago, and he is remembered by our older citizens as a man of great ability and character.

The Cat Came Back.

Early Thursday morning a beautiful cat, which was sent here for Belle Boyd, the rebel spy, who lectured here some nights ago, escaped from the Adams Express office and gave the agents quite a chase to capture it. The cat ran under the GAZETTE office and after considerable throwing of bricks and stones ran out and gained the roof. Here it was caught and "the cat came back," with much scratching and yelling. Belle Boyd left Easton on Monday and her address not being known the cat could not be forwarded to her.

Flower Thieves in Easton.

A number of complaints have been circulated that several handsome flower beds on Goldsborough street were completely ruined on Thursday evening of this week. Some vagabond, not satisfied with the blooming hyacinths also pulled up every plant in the beds and scattered them about the yards.—This piece of malaciousness was done possibly by the same person as every bed was treated alike. If this is allowed to continue people will be afraid to keep their plants out at all.

Asparagus will be Grown.

Asparagus raising used to receive considerable attention from Talbot truck growers and farmers, but, although considerable money and time was expended, presumably without any decided success, as for eight or ten years but very little has been shipped from this county to the northern markets. There is about to be a renewal of the culture with the hope of profiting from past experience, and the advantages that are offered in improved varieties.

A Beautiful Phenomenon.

On Friday night the whole northern heavens from the east point to the west point and even to the magnetic meridian, were variously colored with transient mellow lights. With a wavering-like motion as if undecided what form to take next, this Aurora Borealis, in nimble coruscation, would send up colunar streams of light as often as if shivering with the intensity of the electricity, form itself into an arch as perfect as the rainbow. Shifting in ever changing forms from east to west it finally died away. There have been several displays of Northern Lights within the last month or so owing to the great electric perturbances. This phenomenon also occurs at the south pole, but is only seen in the far south.

Music Hall's New Curtain.

The new curtain of the Easton Opera House arrived last week and has been hung, together with new draperies for the wings. The curtain represents a large picture of a scene on the Gulf of Venice with heavy dark draperies, caught up and drawn aside by gilt chains, revealing the picture which is painted in light colors, and makes it all the more beautiful in contrast with the dark draperies. The curtain is very light in weight and is raised and lowered from the stage, instead of the stage gallery. A few pieces of scenery are yet to arrive. Mr. Milton C. Stemmer, scene painter for Holliday street's theatre, Baltimore is the painter of the curtain.

Mr. Harris Goes to Baltimore.

Rev. Carlton D. Harris, the faithful and much loved pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, South, for the past four years, has been sent by conference to Calvary Church, Baltimore. Every effort was made to have Mr. Harris sent to this charge for another year, but all to no purpose. He will be greatly missed, not only by his congregation, but by every one in Easton. His work here has been a grand work and will never be forgotten. Rev. J. R. Andrew has been appointed pastor of the Easton Church, and will preach his first sermon here Sunday week. He is highly recommended and will doubtless prove a blessing to this charge. Rev. C. W. Moore is his assistant pastor.

The Death Visitant.

W. Cowles Starr, son of the late Robert Starr, died at 4.30 p. m. on Monday after an illness of twenty four hours at the early age of 35. Mr. Starr had been suffering from liver trouble for some time, and Sunday evening after supper was attacked by nausea. This was followed by one hemorrhage of the stomach after another, and all medical skill failed to assauge the flow of blood. Consequently he grew weaker with the great loss of blood, and died on Monday afternoon. Drs. Trippe and Johnson were in attendance. The funeral took place at Trinity Cathedral at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Starr's death was a sad shock to the community and many mourn his loss.

Mrs. Dora Tinley, wife of Dr. Tinley, died at her residence in Long Island this week. Funeral today at 10 a. m. Interment in Spring Hill Cemetery. John Mason & Co. funeral directors.

PRESENTS A BUSY APPEARANCE.

GAZETTE OFFICE ON PRESS DAY.

Many Visitors Drop in to see Their Favorite Paper go to press.—The Gas Engine Attracts a great Deal of Attention.—Other Items of Local Interest.

The mechanical department of the GAZETTE office presents a scene of industry and thrift at all times, and to one unfamiliar with the printing business it is a very pleasing sight. The old proverb "cleanliness is a virtue" is exemplified in the appearance of the offices; from ye editor's sanctum to the stationery vault and the composing room and job department, everything will be found neat and clean. Every essential to turning out neat and quick work has a separate place and can always be found at once. The machinery is kept in nice order, always clean and bright. Besides the large Campbell newspaper press, on which the GAZETTE is printed, are two job presses, one for printing small jobs, such as note heads, circulars, envelopes, dodgers, etc. and the large job press is used for color work, non-mutilation work, and large circular and book work. The three presses are all connected by shafts and pulleys to the engine. The GAZETTE has, up to some weeks ago, used steam power, but the steam engine has been done away with, and in its place the latest and most improved gas engine has been put in. A word of explanation may be in order. This engine is small in size, occupies about 2x3 feet floor room and is about two feet high. It works by exploding small jets of gas in the cylinder, by means of an electric spark. The engine is so made that it regulates its own speed and an explosion of gas is only made except when needed or in other words to keep up its power. It is three horse power and carries all the presses at one time with perfect ease. It can be started in a few seconds and without any preparation. It costs about 25 cents a day to run it, and is not only the cheapest power, but there is no dirt or dust about to it. The stereotyping outfit is a valuable and useful adjunct to the business, and is frequently used. To describe the many and various other appliances to the mechanical department would require to much time and space. It is sufficient to say, however, that the GAZETTE is the best equipped office on the shore.

On Friday evenings the paper is "put to press." This requires a great deal of careful work, and to do it as it should be done a skilful and experienced foreman is required.—The type which has been proofed and corrected is "run in" the "forms" with care, each item in its proper place. When the forms are "made up" the foreman looks them over to see that they are all correct. This done, they are then "locked up," and put on the press.—While the forms are being made up, the press is being rubbed up and oiled, the mailing lists are being prepared, folding tables arranged, many other essentials attended to. By the time the forms are on the press and locked up everything is in readiness. The engine is started and the big press rapidly prints the edition. The printed papers are taken from the press and placed on the folding tables where three men rapidly fold them. They then are taken to the mailing tables where two men stick the printed address on them, and wrap them up and place them in the mail bags and taken to the postoffice. This done the edition of the GAZETTE is "off." The forms are then taken from the press and washed and placed on the stone. All this is an interesting sight to many, and frequently visitors are present. A cordial and polite reception awaits any and all friends who desire to see their favorite paper, THE GAZETTE "put to press."

Worthy of Public Patronage.

An appreciative subscriber sends us a check and remarks: "I hope you will have a profitable year, and that your subscription may be doubled, for your paper is worthy of public patronage." Thanks for the kind words. It is pleasant to feel that a subscription is cheerfully paid.

$30 for $10.

A new Anderson's Short hand Type writer can be had right now for only $10. Capacity of 240 words per minute. Prints a word at a stroke. If you wish to learn short-hand quick, now is your chance. Apply to the GAZETTE office.

A Delightful Song Service.

As anticipated in last issue, the Song Service at the M. E. Church came off last Sunday evening and was greatly enjoyed by a crowded house. The music rendered by the choir was of a character seldom rendered outside of large churches with professional and salaried singers. Mrs. Harry Patchett presided on the pipe organ and Mr. Jas. A. Spence led the singing. The beautiful Scripture Cantata, The King of Zion, was rendered for the first time, the text interlocuted by Miss Mary Jump and Mr. Alfred Mason whose voices were clear, strong and impressive. This occupied about 40 minutes, each moment of which was particularly edifying, it outlined the life of Christ while in the flesh. The choir of the M. E. Church would do credit to a much larger town than Easton.

Convention Committees Appointed.

At a meeting of the Easton Chapter of the Epworth League, M. E. Church, on Tuesday evening, plans for the coming district convention were discussed and the following committees appointed to provide homes, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Tuthill, Miss Mary Jump; Reception Committee, L. R. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Spence, S. E. Shannahan Jr., Miss Nora Walker, Miss May Hubbard. Committee on Programme and Badges, Mr. Avery, chairman, with the privilege of calling in any he may need. Mr. Avery who is president of the Easton District has been in correspondence with every chapter in the district, and he states that present indications are for a grand convention, over one hundred delegates are expected. The dates for the convention are not decided but will most likely be early in June.

Mind Reading.

Prof. Goshaun of world's fame gave interesting mind tests to intelligent persons in the Hall on Thursday and Friday nights of this week. The audiences were far to small for the quality of the entertainment. But such men as Walter H. Thompson, M. M. Higgins, Dr. Barber, Dr. Trippe, J. F. Turner and a score of others can testify that the Prof. went through the severest test of pure mind reading without the possibility of collusion or prearranged communication. The entertainment varies with the minds of selected to "think" of something for the Prof. to do. For instance, a man from the audience will desire the mind reader to distribute various articles previously collected from promiscuous individuals. He will take the articles one at a time as straight as though he had himself collected them. He performs entirely blindfolded and never makes a mistake either in walking or selecting, so long as the guiding mind does not waver from its fixed purpose. The citizens who have seen him simply say "wonderful" as the sum total of expressions.

The Bicycle Fever in Easton.

With the advent of Spring, open air recreation is eagerly sought. Base ball, foot ball, tennis and even boating parties have been enjoyed this week, but that which is attracting the most attention is the bicycle. Most everybody who owns, can hire or borrow a bicycle in Easton, has been on the streets this week. Everybody has the craze, from the dignified business man down to the sportive coon. It is getting to its fever heat, and to such an extent that even the ladies, if they are not talking about "my Spring dress," are talking "bicycle." On Thursday as many as seventeen wheels were seen on Washington street in the space of half-hour, and as late as eleven o'clock at night the tinkling of the bells can be heard. A gentlemen from Washington was heard to remark a few days ago that Easton had some of the most graceful riders he had ever seen. Young men who have been used to lying in bed until late hours can be seen riding swiftly along the smooth roads by six o'clock, and even the ladies are out early getting a peep at the beautiful landscapes radiant with early morning beauty.—The fever is here, and it is contagious, and there is no doubt but that everybody in our town will catch it before it can be checked.

Ensilage for Sale.

Call at the Farmers Canning House and get a ton of Ensilage. Price $2.00 per ton, 50 lbs. 5 cents worth, will feed a cow a day. Get some and try it. House open every Saturday from 8 to 12 A. M.

3 10-4t FARMERS PACKING CO.

Wanted.

Industrious, sober, reliable men to sell nursery stock and seed potatoes. A new special varieties controlled by us. Commission or salary paid weekly, and guaranteed promptly; exclusive and choice of territory given; outfit free. Don't delay, apply at once for terms. ALLEN NURSERY & CO.,

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PRESENTED A SILK FLAG.

Frank A. White Presents the Avon Cycle Club with a set of Colors.

On Tuesday evening of this week the first annual meeting of the Avon Cycle Club was held in the Club's headquarters. At this meeting Frank A. White, president, presented the club a magnificent silk flag. The flag is of orange and black in color and about a yard long, by two feet wide. It is edged with gold fringe and has in gilt letters "Avon Cycle Club, of Easton, Md.," on it. It is attached to a polished walnut pole, and is a very beautiful banner. It was a genuine surprise to the club, no one knowing of it, until Mr. White rose to his feet, and in a graceful little address presented the flag to the club. His generosity elicited a storm of applause. Mr. Harry Mason accepted the flag on the part of the club in a few well chosen words, and expressed to Mr. White exactly the sentiment of every member present. This being the annual meeting, the reports of the officers of the club were read and an election of officers for the ensuing year took place. Mr. Frank A. White was re-elected president, Mr. O. F. Sturmer, captain; Mr. Samuel E. Shannahan, secretary; Mr. Walter C. Hughes, treasurer; Mr. Walter Garey, 1st lieutenant, Mr. Howard Norris, 2nd lieutenant; Mr. Wm. Hull, bugler; Mr. Louis Whitehouse, color bearer. The club has been in existence over a year, and when it was first organized a speedy death was predicted, but it now stands firmer than ever, beginning on its membership roll some of Easton's most influential business men. Besides the cycling feature the club has a very fine gymnasium for use of members.

Items of Personal Mention.

Miss Clara Conaway, of Trappe, has been the guest of friends in Denton this week.

Messrs Harry Price and Robert Mackenzie, spent Sunday in Easton.

Miss Bertha Chamberlaine is the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Hayward, Dover street.

Miss Claude B. Dawson, has returned home after spending the winter in Philadelphia.

Rev. and Mrs. Franklin B. Adkins have returned from Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Coe and E. B. Coe, Baltimore, are visiting at George E. Haddaway's.

Capt. N. E. Nichols and Dr. T. J. Smithers of Easton attended Conference in Fredericksburg, Va.

Mrs. Bradford Merrick returned home Wednesday night after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Wright, Baltimore.

Rev. and Mrs. George C. Sutton left last night for Petersburg, Va., to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Sutton's sister. On account of the Dean's absence, the services at the Cathedral will be conducted by the Bishop tomorrow.

Dr. Norman R. Smithers is home, and will be in the Dental rooms with his father, Dr. T. J. Smithers, during the summer. Then will return to College to graduate in medicine. He was the capturer of the only gold medal given, the J. H. Marchant, for bridge work, which is the best and most important work in dentistry.

Political Notes.

Senator John Walter Smith's free school book bill passed the House of Delegates on Thursday night of last week.—Times.

Summer will be here and straw hats will be ripe before the Wilson bill becomes a law.—*American*.

President Cleveland has vetoed the Bland bill providing for silver seignioarge coinage.—Maryland Republican.

South Carolina has the honor of getting up a rum war. That section seems to believe as ardently in free whisky as it does in free trade.—Item.

It is too early yet for a comprehensive and intelligent review of the Legislative session just ended, but we feel justified in pronouncing it as above the average of its predecessors.—News.

Criticism of the changes made in the tariff bill by the Senate committee has been so unsparing that a widespread impression has been produced that the bill in its present shape surrenders a very large part of the reductions made in the House bill.—News.

"There are five parties in the House" said Representative Robertson, of Louisiana. "They are the Sugar party, the Silver party, the Democratic party, the Republican party, and the Populist party.—Item.

Neighboring Happenings

The public schools of Caroline will close on May 4.

Somerset oystermen are going to work in New Jersey waters.

Mrs. Sylvie Dill, of Greensboro, died Monday afternoon, aged about twenty six years.

Rev. D. L. Greenfield, of Chestertown, has accepted a call to a Pittsburgh church.

A. G. Toadvine, ex Mayor of Salisbury, died at Ocean City, aged 62 years.

Miss Sarah E. Dennison has been appointed postmistress of Bank, Cecil county.

A Kent county farmer has sold $8000 worth of onion setts this spring.

Kent county farmers are earnestly considering the desirability and profit of truck farming.

Mr. Joseph H. Bernard, of Greensboro, is erecting an extensive annex to the east end of his cannery.

Mrs. James F. Lee died at her home, near Hall's Cross roads, Centreville, on Sunday, age about forty years.

Mr. Nathan Everitt, a well known citizen of Queen Anne County, died at his home near Barclay.

There was no observance of Easter holidays at Queenstown as the custom is gradually dying out there, more's the pity.

Mrs. Mary Elliott of Centreville, has received information that she is one of the five heirs to a fortune said to amount to $25,000.

Rev. George Coulson, pastor of the Perryville Presbyterian Church, tendered his resignation to that church, but it was not accepted by the congregation.

A destructive forest fire is raging in the woods at Bacon Hill, along the line of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, three miles south of Elkton.

Books for subscription to the stock of the Queen Anne's Railroad were opened in Centreville and $50,000 of stock was taken. This was sufficient to complete the corporation.

T. Dawson Larrimore, who has conducted the "Midway" clothing store in Greensboro has sold his business to Mr. B. Messick, of Middletown, Del.

The schooner Mary Alice, commanded by Captain Thomas Whitby, was sunk just above Dover Bridge on Thursday night of last week No lives were lost.

The absorbing question of the Kent County treasurership, which has for some time been the leading topic among Democrats, was settled Monday by the appointment of Mr. Garrett Foxwell of the Second district.

Frederick Thomas (colored) while working in the saw-mill of Brigden & Day, at Ridgely dropped a piece of lumber, which came in contract with a saw that was running rapidly. The saw sent the wood with great force against him, crushing his skull.

The spring of the Circuit Court begins in some of the adjoining counties as follows: Kent county, April 16th; Queen Anne's county, May 1st, and began in Caroline county last Monday, April 2nd.

The Last Buccaneer.

The wind was yelling, the waves were swelling
The sky was black and drear,
When the crew with eyes of flame brought
ship without a name
Alongside the last Buccaneer.

"Whence flies your ship full sail before
fierce a gale,
When all others drive bare on the seas?
Say, come ye from the shore of the holy Salvador,
Or the gulf of the rich Caribbees?"

"From a shore no search hath found, from a
gulf no line can sound,
Without rudder or need e we steer,
Above, below, our bark die the sea fowl and
the shark,
As we fly by the last Buccaneer.

"Tonight shall ye heard on the rocks of Cape
de Verde
A loud crash and a louder roar,
And tomorrow sound the deep with a heavy
moaning, sweep
The corpses and wreck to the shore."

The stately ship of Clyde securely now may
ride
In the breath of the citron shades,
And Sevorn's towering mast securely now flies
fast
Through the sea of the balmy trades.

From St. Jago's wealthy port, from Havana's
royal fort,
The seaman goes forth without fear,
For since that stormy night not a mortal hath
had a sight
Of the flag of the last Buccaneer.

—MACAULAY.

CAPTAIN DODSON WAS ELECTED.

TOWN ELECTION AT ST. MICHAELS

The new Methodist Preacher Arrived This week and will Preach Tomorrow.—Interesting Letter From Royal Oak.—Other Items of Local Interest.

Charlie Hambleton left here last Tuesday for Philadelphia.

William Wittman of Pocomoke City was in town last Monday.

Mrs. William S. Burns of Baltimore spent part of this week with friends in town.

Miss Belle Dodson with her niece, Miss Millie Benson, is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

John W. Baker is attending conference of the M. P. Church being held at Washington.

Daniel Cook and M. P. Henry of Easton were the guests of Daniel Cox, Esq., the early part of this week.

Rev. W. S. Phillips of the M. P. Church left here last Tuesday for Conference that met at Washington, D. C.

E. N. Kirby, professor in Boston University of Boston, Mass., spent this week with his father, Thos. H. Kirby, Esq.

Col. R. S. Dodson of Baltimore and Adolphus Dodson of Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk, Va., were in town this week.

Dr. Joseph A. Robinson of Royal Oak will fill the pulpit of the M. P. Church tomorrow morning and evening.

Thomas E. Burns, our popular Mulberry street merchant is furnishing this people with fresh shad just from Dover Bridge.

Squire Gibson issued a warrant for Charles Lawrence for beating Mrs. Amanda Murray, but Charles is not.

Rev. Mr. MacKenzie of Bay Hundred preached the morning sermon, and Rev. E. N. Kirby, of Boston, the evening sermon at the M. E. Church last Sunday.

Belle Boyd, the Rebel spy and Mr. Nat La Rue gave an entertainment at Harrison's Hall last Monday eve. Hall crowded and everybod satisfied.

Oyster market is better than at any time during the winter for planting, but the oystermen complain of the scarcity of that juicy bivalve. Oyster houses are closed. No orders.

A festival tonight at Harrison's Hall. It seems strange that with the hard times, the scarcity of money, that everyone bawls in your ear, there have been more entertainments and other contraptions this winter that take money than any winter since the war of 1812.

Two years ago next month John W. Dean, our clerk of the town, mailed a letter from this post office to Easton. He never heard anything from it 'till last Monday night, and the great cyclone that visited our town that afternoon brought that same identical letter back to him. It had been around the Horn.

Election day last Monday. More votes were cast that day than at any previous town election. Three candidates for Commissioner in the field. Result as follows: Capt. E. N. Dodson, 149; Clifton Hope, 38; Oliver Fairbanks, 23. Mrs. Rosanna Perry, a colored lady wished to exercise the right of suffrage, but the commissioners were hard-hearted men and refused to accept the ticket she handed through the window.

Lots of drunken men perambulate our streets creating disturbances. The question that naturally comes to the mind, where do these men get the stuff, why do so many men addicted to that habit walk up Talbot street then turn and walk a short way on Stemphext Ave., stop and are ill from where when seen again are staggering? These are two questions that the people of St. Michael's should have answered and answered P. D. Q.

Yesterday week Bailiff Jones arrested Jesse Marshall for fast and reckless driving through the streets of our Sainted town. Squire Sparks tried the case and put a fine on Mr. Marshall, and that gentleman being short of the root of all evil at that time was in rather a bad fix. Several gentlemen, through sympathy, paid the fine imposed. Mr. Marshall left our town a sadder and just a little bit a sberer than when he entered its pearly gates.

Rev. Mr. Otis and family arrived last Thursday afternoon, as per program. They were met at the train by several members of the Reverend's church, and escorted to the parsonage, where they were welcomed by several ladies. The Parson's pantry had been filled with everything good. "I wish I was a Parson." I am not able to say what our new preacher will talk about tomorrow as I've not been introduced yet, but next week I'll hang onto him and let him know that the GAZETTE always feels interested in what a minister is to talk of on Sundays and to let the public know.

Town Commissioners met at the ranch last Tuesday eve. Capt. E. N. Dodson took the precinct or did something that conveyed the idea to those present that he would be true blue the next three years. Meeting opened with songs of praise—there wasn't anybody there to pray except Bailiff Jones, and he was too busy with the poker and the stove to do anything else, so they let the prayer slide till next time and got down to biz. Mr. Harris was made president. Just watch him veto'ing, he'll beat Frank Brown. Mr. Dodson, treasurer, that's a good job, he handles the boodle. Mr. Dean was made clerk. That's not such a nice job, but there's a bit of salary and cusses attached to it, the town pays the salary and throws in the cussing gratis. Several applications for bailiff ship,