THEY WERE THE MURDERERS

TOM JOHNS CONFESSES ALL

Says He and Wright Killed Columbus Nichols.

LYDIA MILLS IS IMPLICATED

The Murder Committed On A Tuesday Night And Not Wednesday.—Geo. Wrights Wife Is Innocent.

Last Sunday the report was circulated that the State had secured an important witness in the trial of George Wright and the testimony would be all sufficient to prove that Wright and Johns killed Columbus Nichols. Who the important witness was could not be learned and the officers refused to divulge any name.

The mystery surrounding the murder of Columbus Nichols, has now been cleared and by a confession of one of the suspected parties. The trial of Thomas Johns last week for the murder ended Saturday night when the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the second degree.

The sheriff at once went to the jail to tell Johns who met him with the inquiry. "Well, am I going to hang?" When the nature of the verdict was explained to him he said to the sheriff that he had something to say about the murder, and in the presence of Charles Carrington one of his lawyers, State's Attorney Stewart and several officers, he told the sheriff that he and Wright killed Nichols and gave complete details of the murder, when it occurred and how.

The facts of the confession were kept as a secret, and was known by no one outside of the officers and lawyers interested, and it was agreed to keep the matter secret until the trial of George Wright came up next Tuesday when Johns would be put on the stand as a State's witness.

Johns told Sheriff Dukes that he and Geo. Wright killed Nichols, and it will be remembered that in his trial Johns readily accounted for his actions on Wednesday, the day the murder was supposed to have been committed and in his confession Saturday night he said that the murder was committed on Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

Nichols was sitting in a chair in Wrights house when Wright came up behind him and struck him on the head with an ax, which knocked him senseless, and that Johns pulled his drawers down and cut him in the left groin, which accounts for the drawers not being cut over the wound, and further said that Lydia Mills, who was standing near, rushed up to Nichols as he fell and threw her clothes over his head to smother his groans.

Wright made the cut with the razor, and Johns rushed out of the room and got an oil skin coat and wrapped around the body of Nichols to keep the blood from getting on the floor. They also got a piece of an old coat and wadded it into the groin wound to stop the bleeding.

Wright's wife was lying sick in the adjoining room and when she heard Nichols fall heavily on the floor followed by smothered groans, she tried to get up and called out what the matter was, but her husband threatened her and commanded her not to come in the room. Johns said that Wrights wife had no part in the murder at all, but that he and Wright and Lydia Mills were the guilty parties.

After Nichols was dead they carried him out and buried him in a huge snow bank, and Johns said that he cut one of the sleeves out of the oil skin coat and put it on Nichols arm to carry him out without getting blood on himself.

He told the Sheriff and States Attorney where the coat was hid and on Sunday they went to Trappe and in the exact spot designated by Johns it was found smeared with blood on the inside and outside and with one sleeve cut out.

The coat is now in the possession of the States Attorney who will put it on evidence in the forthcoming trial on Tuesday. Johns further said that the body of Nichols staid in the snow bank for a number of weeks and that the day before the body was discovered they took it out of the snow, at night, and tied a rope to one of his legs, then got in a boat and rowed up the river about two miles dragging the body after them and then took the rope off and came home.

The body was found the next day about a mile and a half from Wright's house, having drifted a half mile. The condition of Nichols' clothing was wholly due to the rough treatment of the men and part of it was cut off him and destroyed. The reason for the murder it appears from the confession is because of some hard feeling between Nichols and the two men over the girl Lydia Mills who was merely visiting Wright's wife at the time, and the murder was committed on that account and not for the thirty dollars.

The confession of Johns is almost exactly the same as that made by Lydia Mills before the coroners' jury, and after denied by her, but it gives more complete details, and brings in many things that the girl did not tell.

Literary Entertainment.

The Literary Society of the Mercantile Library held its usual weekly meeting Thursday night from 8 to 10 o'clock, the time set for the summer months. A large number of guests were present besides the members. Mr. Norris opened with an original paper on History which was very much appreciated. Mrs. Betts then read an article on the woman question by Marian Harland from the North American Review. This was listened to very attentively. Mr. Tylor then entertained the audience with a short talk on the Solar system and other astronomical features, and with a water hammer and explained some natural phenomena. The next meeting will be on next Thursday.

The Garden Party.

The Avon Cycle Club held its annual garden party in the market house on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The market was very prettily decorated and presented a creditable appearance. The decorative bicycle parade was by no means as elaborate as it has been on former occasions, mainly because of the threatening weather all day, the boys did not dress their wheels. It is well they did not as the thunder shower of Wednesday evening would have ruined them. Considering the bad weather the club netted considerable cash.

The Town Streets.

The town commissioners have been making a number of much of needed improvements in the town streets. A badly needed culvert has been laid at the northern corner of Dover and Aurora streets, and a brick crossing has been put at Harrison street and Church alley. In other parts of the town culverts have been put in and gutters have been laid. and many of the streets have been improved with shells and dirt. The work will continues as long as needed.

It Worked Successfully.

On Tuesday of this week Mr. Chas. T. Wrightson planted five acres around his canning house in tomato plants, using for the first time in Talbot county a machine to do the work. The machine which is drawn by two horses, marks off the ground, drops the fertilizer, puts in the plants, waters them and banks the dirt around them. The operation was perfect, and the plants, even in this hot weather. stood erect and strong.

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THE SENATOR WANTED TO KNOW WHY.

And Captain Haddaway Told Him.—An Interesting Scene On The Street Tuesday

There was a lively tilt on the streets of Easton Tuesday morning between United States Senator Charles H. Gibson and Capt. William Henry Haddaway and Preston B. Spring, two of the most prominent movers in the anti-Gorman movement in Talbot county.

The Senator started out early to do some missionary work among the "antis." Walking down Washington street, Mr. Gibson espied Captain Haddaway.

In former years the Senator and the captain have worked together in Democratic politics in Talbot. The captain has twice been a member of the county board, and once its president, as a regular, but the time when he would accept an office at the hands of the regulars is no more.

He was offered a commissionership this year, but declined. He is one of the leaders in Trappe district, but his bolting will not have much effect. Senator Gibson was curious to know the cause of Captain Haddaway's displeasure.

Walking up to that gentleman, he said: "Why should you fight me in this way? What is the cause of it?"

Captain Haddaway replied: "I do not approve of your action in the Senate, Mr. Gibson, and I am opposed to your re-election. That is why I am fighting you. I do not think you have properly represented the people of Maryland, and more particularly the Democratic party."

It was evident that Senator Gibson was getting angry. He began to wave his arms and gesticulate wildly. Finally he said: "It is not fair for you to fight me."

"I am entitled to my opinion just as much as you are to yours," replied the "anti" leader, "and I am not afraid to express my opinion to your face. I am not afraid to fight you, even if you are a United States Senator."

Then Mr. Gibson's wrath greatly increased. Mr. Spring, who was standing near by, was also included in the discussion. By this time quite a concourse of interested listeners had gathered round, and the Senator walked away.

PRICE'S DEATH WARRANT.

The Murderer of Sallie Dean Listens To Sheriff Berry Read The Document Which Says He Must Hang.

Sheriff Berry, of Caroline County, arrived in Baltimore Wednesday morning, and went to the Jail where he read the death warrant to Marshall E. Price, the condemned murderer of Sallie E. Dean. Price will be hanged at Denton July 5.

When Sheriff Berry entered the jail he went to Warden Constantine's office and said he was ready to read the death warrant to Price. The young murderer was sent for and when he entered the office Sheriff Berry read the document to him in the presence of the Warden and his deputies. During the reading Price did not seem to be affected. He stood calmly alongside the Sheriff while the paper was read to him. When Sheriff Berry finished Price said:

"I have nothing to say to you. I suppose you will carry out the law."

Sheriff Berry nodded his head and the ordeal was at an end. After Price was locked in his cell the death watch was put on him. Deputy Warden Sanner was detailed to watch the prisoner during the day. Warden Constantine has engaged a man to watch Price until the end.

He will be allowed to take exercise after the other prisoners are locked up, and his meals will be served from a restaurant.

Price has a good appetite, but he occasionally gets into despondent modes and refuses to talk with his attendant. Mrs. Joseph H. Price, the mother of the prisoner, is in Baltimore and visits him every day.

Sheriff Berry said that he did not know exactly when Price would be taken to Denton, but arrangements would be made to move him a few days before the date set for the execution.

TRIED TO DROWN HIM.

An Oyster Boat Captain Maltreats one Of His Crew. Fined $2.50 and Costs.

Otuel Fisher worked on a small oyster boat of which Frank Page was captain. Fisher stole $300 from Capt. Page and was tried before the court on Monday. While on the stand, Fisher told of how he had been maltreated by the captain. Said he had been knocked overboard numerous times and the captain had tried to drown him under a canoe.

The court was surprised at the man's story and said that Captain Page should be arrested. Although a prisoner himself, Fisher, accompanied by Deputy McHale, secured a warrant and had Page arrested. He was taken before Squire Nichols on Monday, and there Fisher would not tell the same story he did in court, but other witnesses testified that he had been brutally treated by the captain, who, they said had tried to drown him under a canoe.

Page admitted that he had struck Fisher in the face once, but denied the other statements. The Squire fined him $2.50 and costs which were paid.

Fisher was found guilty of stealing the $300 and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. A petetion is now being circulated for signatures which will be presented to the court, asking that Fisher's sentence be revoked.

CHURCH CHIMES.

Interesting Items Concerning Our Different Churches.

There will be no services at the Catholic Church tomorrow, owing Father Waldron's absence, on his monthly mission in Dorchester county.

Presiding Elder Alfred Smith will hold quarterly conference at Ebenezer M. E. Church on June 14th at 7.30, and will preach Sunday morning, June 16th.

The members of Calvary Church have authorized the board of trustees to have the necessary repairs made to the roof and ceiling of the church edifice. The frescoing on the ceiling of this church is about the handsomest piece of work to be found on the shore, and the bad condition of the roof has injured this to some extent. It is thought that $1,000 will be required to do the work.

The Fourth In Easton.

The Fourth of July in Easton will not pass this year without some festivities. The Fair association are making arrangements whereby all day attractions will be found at Idlewild Park.

There will be a shooting match between individuals or clubs. Probably the Easton and St. Michaels gun clubs will contest. A purse of something like $25 will be offered, and some of the best marksmen in the State will participate. There will also be a baseball game between Easton and some other club for purse of $10.

The managers have also arranged for three races, of which one will be for Talbot county road horses, hitched to road carts and driven by non-professionals.

An admission fee of 25 cents all round will be charged, with no charge for children under 10 years and no charge for vehicles. The dining room will be thrown open for the accommodation of basket parties.

Children's Day Services Tomorrow.

Children's Day will be observed at Ebenezer M. E. Church tomorrow. The auditorium will be beautifully trimmed with cut and potted flowers, evergreens, etc. Rev. J. P. Otis, St. Michaels, will preach an appropriate sermon in the morning, and in the evening the Sunday School will give a pleasant little entertainment, in which there will be much singing and reciting. The public is cordially invited. No one will be admitted into the auditorium before twenty minutes to eight o'clock.

At Calvary M. P. Church Children's Day services will also be held. The church will be trimmed in the usual tasty manner that characterizes such occasions, and the little ones will take active part in the grogram. Solos, duets, choruses, recitations and responsive readings will render the evening a pleasant one. The public is invited to attend.

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Have Been In Darkness.

The electric lights went out Saturday night all over town and left us in complete darkness, and for the greater part of this week. Some portion of the machinery got damaged and a special electrician from Pittsburg had to be sent for to repair the damage.

THE DEMOCRACY IN TALBOT.

Why There Is A Party Revolt In The Ranks.

THE PRIMARIES ARE TO-DAY

It Seems Impossible To Make Any Reasonable Estimate Of What The Result Of The Primaries Will Be.—Something About The Attitude Of Colonel Edward Lloyd.—The Primaries.

The democratic political pot will boil fiercely today in Talbot county, and from the indications now shown, it is liable to boil over and burn someone. Who that someone will be is the question.

The relative strength of the two factions—Gibson and anti-Gibson—will also be settled today.

The State Central committee called the primaries for today, and the county convention on next Tuesday, the 11. This convention will nominate delegates to the State democratic convention and at the same time nominate a county ticket.

If Senator Gibson fails at the primaries, or if being successful at the primaries the legislative ticket is defeated at the polls, in either event it is understood that his career in the Senate will end with his present term. Perhaps it will end anyhow.

The Baltimore Sun has this to say of the political situation in Talbot and the cause of the great division in the democratic ranks.

"That a county ticket in a small county should be nominated five months before the election and delegates to the State convention should be chosed about two months before the convention has excited some comment. One of the Gibson leaders frankly avowed the reason for this early call. The anti-Gorman organization in the county is getting stronger day by day, and the central committee which is entirely in Mr. Gibsons interest, made the early call so that the growth would be stopped short.

GOT IT BY THE NECK.

The County Convention.

"The county convention is composed of twenty-five members—five from each of the five election districts. The primaries are conducted on the old style, and there seems to be no fear of fraud. If two factions are represented at the meeting, each faction selects a judge, and those two agree upon the third. There is no appointment of judges by the committees, and this method of selecting them may interfere with one of the most hopeful plans of the Gibson side, as will be explained further on.

"The only concern that people outside of the county have in the contest which is now going on is in the selection of delegates to the State convention and of the members of the Legislature. If the Gibson side succeeds the delegation to Baltimore will, of course, support the managers. If the anti-Gorman side wins the delegation will go in opposition to boss-rule. No Senator is elected this fall in Talbot county, the present Senator, Mr. Oswald Tilghman, holding over through the next session. Hence Mr. Gorman has no direct personal interest in these primaries as he has in Queen Anne's, where a Senator is to be elected for four years.

To Pledge the Voters.

The Gibson plan of campaign, as it now formulated, is to require every voter who presents himself at the primaries to pledge himself in advance blindly to vote for the ticket which shall be nominated. They hope that the Cleveland democrats will refuse to make this pledge, and so leave the Gibson democrats in possession. There are several difficulties in the way of this plan. As has been explained, these people do not have the selection exclusively of the judges at the primaries, and the judges may decline to put the pledge when they see what serious consequences may result. One gentleman said that the people of Talbot county had known him as a democrat through a long life, and for him to be required to make a pledge before being permitted to vote at a democratic primary he would regard as an impertinence and resent it as such.

The Ticket May Be Defeated.

If the Gibson men should succeed in driving the Cleveland democrats away from the primaries it would unquestionably, it is asserted, result in the defeat of the ticket at the polls. One gentleman, who is under political obligations to Mr. Gibson, said that his side was not considering the possibility of defeat. Mr. Gibson's fortunes depended on success, and the delegate ticket must and will be elected. It is probable that, counting all the negroes as republicans, there are more republicans on the registration lists in the county than there are democrats.

At the last election the county went republican by about 300 majority, and it is always close. Of course, if the Cleveland democrats should decline to vote the ticket it could only be elected by getting the votes of a large number of negroes. One man said that when the negroes were tagged on election day with anti-slavery badges and taught by a number of outsiders that if they voted for Cleveland or the democratic party they would have to return to slavery, it made white people vote the democratic ticket. They could not afford, he said, to put the taxing power of the county into the hands non-taxpaying negroes. It is true, was added, that intelligent people might vote for the county ticket and defeat the legislative ticket.

One of the most important and honorable citizens of Talbot county, who has been a lifelong democrat, said today that he was amazed at the people of Maryland in submitting to the vassalage of boss rule and he could not tell why they do not assert themselves. Three-fourths of the democrats in Talbot county, he declared, disapprove the course of both Gorman and Gibson. They do not consider the two Senators democrats.

"Some of Mr. Gibson's warmest personal friends," said this gentleman, "are opposing him upon principle, and I believe every district in the county will go against him. As to having democrats pledged in advance to vote any ticket that may be nominated, that is nonsense. These ring people want to bind everybody and leave themselves free to cut the ticket as much as they please, and they do it, too."

Col. Edward Lloyd.

Great pressure has been brought to bear upon Col. Edward Lloyd to get him to permit the use of his name for Governor. Col. Lloyd said he would under no circumstances permit his name to be used as a dummy candidate and that he has no desire to be Governor. But if his county presents his name at the State convention and the nomination should be offered to him, it is not believed he would feel himself at liberty to refuse it. It is felt here that as Col. Lloyd is a member of an old Maryland family, a man of the nicest sense of honor, who has always been loyal and true to the best interests of his State, that he would be an unexceptionally strong candidate. He is a farmer and one who has the interests of agriculture at heart, and his nomination would, it is urged, be exceptionally gratifying to the agricultural people as well as to the others.

Colonel Lloyd's friends are somewhat nettled at the persistent assertions of Mr. Gibson's appointees and other friends that Col. Lloyd's opposition to Mr. Gibson grow out of his personal disappointment in failing to receive the office of collector of the port of Baltimore. A close friend of Mr. Lloyd said today that the surprise in Talbot is that he has said so little when so much might be said. So particular has Mr. Lloyd been to avoid any cause for such talk, his friend added, that he refused to accept the presidency of the association which is opposing Mr. Gibson's re-election. Mr. Lloyd's opposition to Mr. Gibson, he said, is due to the same cause which has aroused the opposition of other democrats, namely, his desertion of democratic principles.

AS TO THOMAS JOHNS' TRIAL.

What The Baltimore Herald Has To Say of the Trial and Jury's Verdict,

The verdict of the Jury in the trial of Thomas Johns, together with the testimony given in the trial has received considerable reference from the Baltimore press. The Morning Herald says:

The result of the first trial in the Nichols murder case in Easton suggests a few reflections upon trial by jury as represented in that cause celebre. As the testimony clearly showed, conviction rested upon circumstantial evidence, and some of the links in the chain were weak. An acquittal or disagreement would have elicted no comment, but the "compromise verdict" by which Thomas Johns was convicted of murder in the second degree is quite another matter.

A portion of the jury was for acquittal, another part for murder in the first degree and a third part for murder in the second degree. After several ballots had been taken and some discussion had followed, the jury came to an agreement on the guilt of less degree, and so formulated their verdict. In other words, it was a decision reached by majority vote and compromise. The result was formally and legally correct, but wrong on the supposition that trial by jury should end in the conviction of each juror "beyond reasonable doubt" that the accused is guilty. In passing a verdict of murder in the second degree, some of the Easton jurors went contrary to their convictions, and hence were not sincere.

The compromise verdict is a thing not recognized in the theory upon which the jury system is based. It is reaching a common agreement by methods borrowed from the political convention or the legislative body. It is something which ought, perhaps, to be recognized in law, but is not. The verdict in Easton carries with it violated conviction and a solemn avowal to the court of something which was not true of several of the jurors. A compromise or majority verdict would not be objectionable if it revealed in some form the exact findings of the jurors; but when an unanimous avowal is made of a proposition accepted in the fear of disagreement or of longer duress in the jury box, it is something to be deplored.

The result reached in Easton in illustrative of the growing difficulties which beset trial by jury in our day. That the ancient institution needs to be reformed is evident, and that new tests besides the unanimous vote of twelve men need to be inaugurated if jury trials are not to fall into contempt.

New Officers For Company F.

The members of Company F. First Regiment, Maryland National Guard, met last week and elected Col. James C. Mullikin captain to succeed Charles W. Adams, resigned, and William G. Denny first lieutenant, to succeed Henry Hollyday Jr., resigned. Captain Adam's resignation was occasioned by his removal to Chicago. Colonel Mullikin, his successor is a republican politician and a Grand Army man. Mr. Denny, who succeeds Lieutenant Holliday, is teller of the Farmers and Merchants' National Bank. He was connected with the company when it was organized a number of years ago as the Talbot Guards, with Col. Edward Roberts, captain.

June Weather.

Hick's, the weather prophet, says this month will be marked by severe storms. From about the 5th to the 7th look for a very warm wave, ending in severe storms. The 10th to the 13th is another storm period, which will result in high temperature, with hard local rains. The 15th and 16th call for renewed storms. From the 21st to 24th is a marked storm period. Expect one of the hottest spells of the summer, ending in active thunder storms about these days with a change to cooler following. The 27th to 29th, constitute a reactionary period in which warmer weather will end in summer storms.

Prospects Now Favorable.

Corn is growing fast, but many late plowed fields show the work of the cutworm. The grain prospects are now favorable. Wheat is in head and looks excellent. with the exception of a little smut. A report from Dorchester county states that the "fly" has done some damage. Grass will not yield so heavily as expected. Early potatoes are looking well. Strawberries are rapidly ripening, and the season is over in the southern section. A report states that peaches are holding on, but nothing is certain before the June drop. Cherries and apples have not done very well Plenty of fresh vegetables are in market.

Will Close The Stores Early.

The merchants of Easton for the past few years have been accustomed to close their places of business early in the evening, during the summer months. This season will be no exception, and the following circular has been issued:

"We, the merchants and business men of Easton, do hereby agree to close our respective places of business, beginning Monday, June 10, and continue until August 31, 1895, at the hour of 7.30 p. m., Saturday nights excepted."

In Due Time They Multiplied.

An exchange says: "In the beginning God created heaven and earth and all things therein. He then created man and woman, and left loafers on the corner. And in due time they multiplied and spread into the depot, postoffice and stores. By and by they were plentifully supplied with cheap chewing tobacco, and they spit seas of nasty slobber, through which they safely guide the ship of state and teach lessons of incalculable value to the statesman of the land."

Has Received The Medals.

Some time ago School Commissioner M. B. Nichols, announced to the graduating classes of the four high sbhools that he would present a gold medal to the scholar having the highest average at the close of the term. This has been a means of promoting hard study on the part of the scholars, and the race for the medal, we understand, will be close. Mr. Nichols placed his order for the medals with Sturmer, the jeweler, who will have the names of the winners engraved on them respectively.

Annual Yacht Races.

The annual regatta of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club will take place July 11 and 12, and at either Oxford, Tilghman or Claiborne, as may be selected by the regatta committee composed of Capt. J. G. Morris, Zenus Burns, and Capt. Hedge Thompson. This was fixed at the stated meeting of the yacht club Monday, when an arrangement committee, consisting of Col. F. H. Johnson, Colonel Edw. Lloyd and P. F. Dimpfel were also appointed.

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Not Largely Endorsed.

The petetion in circulation in Caroline county, referred to in The GAZETTE last week asking Governor Brown to appoint a lunacy commission to examine Marshall E. Price, the murderer of Sallie E. Dean, is not being numerously signed. The reason given for withholding their signatures is that an opportunity was offered Price to make insanity a plea in the trial. His counsel were then unwilling to make such a defense, and it is the opinion of most people that it is too late to undertake anything of the kind now.

BIG BLAZE IN ST. MICHAELS.

Three Houses On Talbot Street Consumed.

M. E. CHURCH DAMAGED.

The Blaze Originated On The Second Floor Of D. A. Shockley's Building. Mrs. Morris' Residence And "The Ark" Burned.—Five Thousand Dollars In Ashes.—Discovered In Early Morn.

The largest fire that has visited St. Michaels this county, for many years, raged there from one o'clock Wednesday morning until about seven. The burned section is on the main street, and formed part of the business centre.

The buildings here were among the best in the town and the fire would have swept the entire street but for the cemetery of the M. E. Church. The fire caught about 1 o'clock Wednesday Morning in a large frame building, in the portion used as a billiard room, and had been burning some time before it was discovered. The town was alarmed by the ringing of the church bell, but the people could do but little, there being no fire apparatus other than a small force pump situated about three hundred yards from the fire.

M. E. CHURCH, ST. MICHAELS,
Which sustained considerable damage from the fire, and where the blaze stopped.

The fire soon worked to another building situated just behind the billiard room, and from there swept over considerable space to a frame residence that had been completed but a few weeks, and belonging to Mrs. Mary J. Morris,

The three houses were by this time all ablaze and nothing could be done even to save surrounding property, and the inhabitants began to take out their furniture. Adjoining this house of Mrs. Morris was a barber shop which also caught, and from there the fire swept to a large frame building, unoccupied, and known as the Ark.

It was but a short time before this building was in a blaze. The adjoining building to the Ark was the Methodist Episcopal Church and all thought that it would go, and the parsonage which adjoins the church. The wind which had been blowing stiff from the east, veered at this time, which drove the sparks partially away from the church, and over the cemetery in the rear.

The cornish of the church, the shutters and part of the new addition just built were greatly damaged and many of the stained glass windows broken. The entire loss will amount to about $6.000, with only about $2,500 insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known. The room in which it started is used by a number of young men who gather there at evenings and pass the time socially. They were there until a late hour Tuesday night, and it is presumed that a lighted cigar-stump carlessly thrown away did the damage.

SOMEWHAT PERSONAL.

The Names of Visitors Here and at Other Points.

Miss Sallie Stevens, of Denton, is visiting Mrs. Charles O'Day, South Washington St.

Miss Elizabeth K. Scott, of Galena, Md., visited Miss Mary Jump on Railroad Avenue last week.

Mrs. Chas Shepherd, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eliza Fountain, on Railroad Avenue.

Mrs. John Strauhn, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. E. Amelia Wright. Mr. Straughn was in town on Sunday.

U. S. Internal Revenue Collector James Marion Wooters, stationed in Virginia, is in Talbot for a brief visit.

Miss Ella Garrison, of Cape May, N. J., is visiting her brother, Dr. Jos. S. Garrison, Dover street, Easton.

Miss Mary H. Goldsborough and Miss Clara G. Earle are spending the week at Richard Hollyday's, Queen Anne's county.

Rev. Father Waldron officiated at the Forty Hours' Devotion at St. Peter's Cathedral, Wilmington, the early part of the week.

Dean Sutton, of Trinity Cathedral, and Mrs. Sutton and S. E. Whitman, attended the Episcopal Convention at Berlin, this week.

Frank A. Shannahan was in the city last on business pertaining to the bicycle department of Shannahan & Wrightson Hdw. Co.

Dr. Walter E. Avery, pastor, Ebenezer M. E. Church, attended the commencement exercises at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Penn., this week.

Miss Sina Trippe will give a garden party at her home in Easton on Wed. evening, June 12, for the benefit of Christ Church Sunday School building fund.

The GAZETTE returns the J. Dukes Wooters for an invitation to attend the final ball of the Virginia Military Institute on Thursday evening, June 27th.

Frank Bateman, one of our foremost lawyers, has gone on a trip to the north-west, extending as far as St. Paul. He will return the latter part of next week.

Miss Anna Lambert, of Chestertown, Misses Otis and Clara Benson and O. H. Benson, of St. Michaels, were in Easton Sunday evening and attended the M. E. Church.

Miss Fannie H. Hollyday, daughter of Henry Hollyday, Esq., of Easton, took the third year gold class medal at Maryland Institute, Baltimore, this week. Miss Hollyday ranks high in her art studies.

Trappe Items.

Mrs. Emily Bowdle, widow of the late Alex Bowdle, died at her home in Trappe on Friday evening after a long illness. She was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Easton, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Roe left Monday morning for a visit to friends in Maryland and Delaware. On the 13th she will attend the commencement exercises at the Conference Academy at Dover, where her son is a graduate.

At the election for town commissioners last Saturday, the old board with the exception of Isaac Brian, were reelected. Quite a spirited contest took place as opposition developed to several of the old board. The new board is composed of E. A. Powell, W. S. Merrick, George M. Jenkins, W. A. Kirby, and W. T. Simpson.

"The daughters of the King," of the P. E. Church, held a strawberry and ice cream festival this week, commencing Wednesday and continuing Thursday. The ladies of the Landing M. E. Church held one on the same evening.

Miss Lulu Ross, who is a student at a training school for nurses in Providence, R. I., and Joseph Ross, a student at the Maryland University, are spending the week at home.

The Children's Day services at the M. E. Church last Sunday passed off in a very creditable manner. The selections of music were excellent and well rendered and the recitations by the little ones were up to the usual standard. The M. E. Church South have postponed their Children's services to the last Sunday in June.

The democratic primary election to be held here today promises to be a rather tame affair. The anti-G. movement has few openly avowed supporters. The republicans, while not making much noise, are not idle, as the returns probably will show.

The conviction of Thomas Johns for murder in the second degree for killing Columbus Nicols gives general satisfaction here. While many had hoped for a conviction in the first degree they are not displeased with the action of the jury. The reported confession of Johns lends additional interest to the case and leads to the belief that the participants in this cold-blooded tragedy will receive their just deserts.

Rev. P. J. Gray, rector of Whitemarsh Parish, and Mr. Wm. Collins, delegate, are attending the Episcopal Convention at Berlin this week.

Anti-Gorman Mass Meeting.

The Anti-Gorman faction held a mass meeting in Oxford Tuesday evening, and it was attended by some from principal and by others from curiosity. T. G. Reynolds was made chairman of the meeting. The speakers were P. B. Spring and Wm. Goldsborough There were many ladies present and the Oxford Band furnished music. The speakers dwelt especially upon what they termed the treachery of our U. S. Senators and the outrage perpetrated upon the principles and promises of the Chicago platform.

TALBOT TRADERS' LICENSES.

The Merchants in Talbot who Have Secured Licenses to do Business During 1895.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county has issued to the following persons, licenses to transact mercantile business in this county for the year ending May 1, 1896. The list is complete, as follows:

Easton—N. Tuthill & Son, E. H. Furness & Co., Garrison R. Collins, John Mason & Co., Oscar F. Sturmer, H. Lay Beaven, Joseph Miller, Oliver H. Henry, W. J. H. Wooters, Michael Hartnett, Thos. H. Hollingsworth, Aaron Cohen, William T. Williams, Harry Roberts, Nevius & Frampton, Joshua J. Wright, Dawson & Jenkins, George E. Warrington, D. Siegel & Co., James L. Walker, S. Lee Tucker, John T. Brady, John C. Henry, R. B. Dixon & Co., Garey Bros., James T. Robinson, Georgeanna Elben, Edgell & Co., Barney Abrams, Annie E. Rathell & Co. Limited, John T. Rathell, Charles P. Warrington, Michael B. Nichols, Samuel Norris, Robson Bros., Edward T. Nicols, Mrs. Emily J. Henry, William G Stoops, Alfred D. Cook, William P. Chaffinch, Charles H. Leonard, Walter C. Hughes, J. Edward Shannahan, Martin M. Wright, William J. Hartnett, Alvin A. Miller, J. C. Godwin Co., Charlie C. Nichols, John S. Griffith, Shannahan and Wrightson Hardware Co., Samuel Patchett & Son.

St. Michaels—Samuel E. Marshall, Mrs. Emily F. Meeds, James L. Ridgaway, Clifton Hope, Nicholas Banning, Douglas Miller, Thomas H. Sewell, Robert T. Higgins, William J. Fairbank, William R. Young, Oliver T. Fairbank, Barnett Benneman, E. N. Dodson & Son, A. Douglas Harrison, Solomon Coplan, Peter D. Hunt, Philip W. Harrison, John Valliant, Daniel Chaney, agent, George M. Tarr, Denny Williams, Levin L. Jones, Thomas E. Carey & Sons, John W. Baker, H. C. Dodson & Son

Oxford—Herman Bringman, N. Naiman & Bro., J. S. Crockett & Co., John Bates, George H. Schroeter, William W. Webb, William H. Seth, manager Oxford Ice Co., William M Bergman, Edward T. Parsons, Baer & Hoffman, Sidney J. Cooper, H. Spencer Matthews, John White, William T. Hassinger, John Rumbold, jr., William E. Mitchell, William Nichols.

Trappe—Edward A. Powell, Robert T. Mullikin, Joseph S. Dawson, Clark & Kirby, M. Sophia Kemp, Henry A. Towers, Harvey Leonard, Marcellus Fletcher, William Bartlett, Hart & Simpson, Merrick & Kemp, William A. Kirby,

Royal Oak—William T. Pastorfield, William R. Diamond, P. M. Pastorfield, George A Seymour, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson.

Tilghman—Robert H. Cooper, Sarah C. Cummings, Jacob H. Gibson, William S. Covington, Wm. F. May & Co.

Wittman—Lewis C. Harrison, Mary E. Godwin, Joseph B. Wrightson, Harry D. Nutz, Perry M. Jones.

Cordova—Samuel J. Hopkins, Callahan & Reed, Spencer W. Calloway, Joseph S. Sisk.

Bozman—James H. Sutton, Theodore T. Jones, Jones & Neavitt, Reuben McQuay.

Wye Mills—William E. Rowens, John W. Anthony, James Ahern.

Sherwood—William T. Rowlenson, Hugh B. Valliant, Stephen L. Hussey.

Neavitt—Joseph O. Camper, John H. T. Harrison, Henry C. Neavitt.

Bruceville—St. Clair Watts, William T. Cryer, Townsend & Price.

Tunis Mills—W. J. Alvater, Tunis Mills Mercantile Co.

Hambleton—Stephen E. Merrick, William M. Elliott.

Matthews—Samuel E. Jump, Parrott & Parker.

Skipton—William H. Warner, Seneca Sinnickson.

Hillsboro—John M. Beaven, John A. Morgan, agent.

McDaniel—Robert Lowe, Frank T. Lowe.

Miscellaneous—Easton Point, Thomas H. Evans; Unionville, Edward Boulden; Kirkham, Robert H. Raum; Belle Vue, Wm. H. Valliant & Bro.; Woodland, Francis Stewart; Chapel, Samuel T. Rhodes; Longwood, Henry M. Ziegler; Lewistown, William A. Walls; Dundee, Wilda E. Todd; Lambdin's Corner, William M. Elliott; Fairbank, William J. Jackson; Claiborne, James H. Passwater.

The following female traders' licenses have been issued:

Easton—Julia E. Stoops, Rosa V. Leonard, Annie Chapman, Harriet Woolford, Sarah J. Legates, Annie Taylor, Alice A. Myers, Hettie V. Patchett, Hester A. Hubbard, Caroline Camper, Sallie E. Willis.

Oxford—Kate J. Dawson, Eva J. Crosby, Kathleen McKenzie, Julia E. Harris, Dorothy E. Anthony, Mary E. Crockett, Mary E. Culbreth (2), Mary S. Delahay, Sophia G. Hudson.

St. Michaels—Lillie M. Willoughby, Estella Smithman, Belle Dodson, Susanna Harrison, Mary C. Conner, Sarah V. Sperry, Lydia Burns, Martha V. Jackson, Cora D. Benson.

Trappe—Carrie Pastorfield, E. H. Kemp & Co., Sallie Merrick, Annie Symonds, Sarah J. Lloyd.

Royal Oak—Mollie Green, Henrietta Warrington, Sue Cox.

Tilghman—Rebecca A. Lee, Anna E. Haddaway, Maggie E. Bromwell.

Miscellaneous—Queen Anne, Carrie S. Mason; Bruceville, Daisy E. Hart; Easton Point, Mamie R. Price; Manassas, Mary A. Grundy; Wittman, Elizabeth P. Horney.

Retail liquor licenses have been granted as follows:

S. T. Rhodes, Chapel; W. A. Walls, Lewistown; W. T. Callahan, Cordeva; Spencer W. Callaway, Cordova; H. M. Zeigler, Longwood; George W. Parrott, near Matthews; John W. Anthony, Wye Mills; William H. Warner, Skipton; James Ahern, Wye Mills; John A. Morgan, near Hillsboro.

CAMBRIDGE, AUGUST 15.

Place And Time For Holding Republican State Convention Fixed.

The date for holding the Republican State Convention of Maryland was fixed Wednesday at a meeting of the State central committee in Baltimore for Thursday, August 15. Cambridge was selected as the place of the convention.

Dr. I. A. Barber and George Trax represent Talbot county.

A committee of one from each legislative district of Baltimore city and from each county of the State was selected to name the date and place for the State convention. This committee organized by electing Henry Stockbridge chairman and Thomas Parran secretary. It submitted a report in the form of resolutions, which were adopted on motion of Sydney E. Mudd, of Charles county, seconded by Dennis Claude, of Anne Arundel.

After fixing the date and place of the convention, the resolutions empowered the members of the State central committee in each county to select the dates and places for holding the county conventions and the primaries for electing delegates. Similar powers were given the members of the committee from the legislative districts of Baltimore city.

A resolution presented by Mr. Stockbridge was adopted providing for the opening of State headquarters in Baltimare. Harry M. Clabaugh, Jr., H. Clay Naill and Noble H. Creager were appointed a committee for this purpose.

The republican gubernatorial nomination was much discussed among the members of the committee and Messrs. Wm. T. Malster, of Baltimore city, Lloyd Lowndes, of Allegheny county, and Charles T. Westcott, of Kent county, found many supporters. It was said that a rapid growing sentiment was developing on the Eastern Shore for Mr Westcott. The friends of Messrs. Malster and Lowndes declared that their respective sections of the State were united on these candidates.

The Hours Changed.

School hours at the Easton High School, which have heretofore been from 9 a. m. to 12.45 p. m., and 1.45 p. m. to 4 p. m., were ceanged, beginning on Monday and ending Sune 14th, to these hours: 8.30 a. m. to 12.15 p m., and 1.15 p. m. to 3.30 p. m.

JOHNS WAS FOUND GUILTY.

And Murder In The Second Degree Is The Verdict.

THE JURY COMPROMISED.

IT Was Only After Ten Ballots Had Been Taken That An Agreement Was Reached.—Geo. Wright's Trial To Come Up On Tuesday.—Rumors Of Convicting Testimony.—Court Notes.

Court adjourned on Tuesday, until next Tuesday when the cases of George Wright for the murder of Columbus Nichols, and Lydia Mills and Florence Wright, as accessories, will be taken up. The state has received an important witness, who it is said, can prove that Nichols was killed by Johns and Wright, while lying on a bed upstairs in Wright's house, and that the bed was afterwards burned up. This accounts for there being no blood found around the house. The whole week will likely be consumed in trying the three cases.

The Circuit Court was engaged from Wednesday noon of last week to last Saturday night trying the case of Tom Johns, indicted for murdering Columbus Nichols. Major Stewart, with his characteristic ability represented the State, while Senator Charles H. Gibson and Charles S. Carrington, two of the ablest lawyers at the Easton bar, appeared for the defense.

Alga Smith was foreman of the Jury. The Jury was composed of twelve as intelligent men as Talbot county affords. There were a great many witnesses, most of them from Trappe and vicinity, then there were several experts, and altogether there was great diversity of opinion, and no little amount of conflict in the testimony, all of which was told in detail in our last issue.

There were those who stuck to the theory that Nichols had fallen through the ice and was drowned and after he disappeared that the body was struck by a steamer and denuded of its clothing.

Then there were others who were convinced that the man was murdered in the house of Geo. Wright, who lived on the farm of Alex. Seymour near Trappe.

This case which has attracted so much attention, was given to the Jury, after able arguments by both the prosecution and defense, about nine o'clock Saturday night, and after being out about an hour they came in with a verdict of murder in the second degree.

On Monday morning the criminal docket was taken up and entirely cleared.

State vs. Thomas Hensley, colored, indicted for breaking into and stealing goods from the storehouse of J. F. Sisk, at Cordova plead guilty and sentenced to penitentiary for three years; Stewart for State; Carrington for defense.

State vs. W. H. Draper, colored. presented for stealing $20. Plead guilty and sentenced to penitentiary for two years; Stewart for State, Carrington for defense.

State vs. James Morgan, presented for stealing watch and revolver from Z. West. Plead guilty and sentenced to penitentiary for three years; Stewart for State, Carrington for defense.

State vs. Otto Fisher, presented for stealing money from the captain of a dredge boat on which he worked; tried before the court; verdict guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years; Stewart for State, Carrington for defense.

State vs. Emma Green, colored, presented for selling whiskey at Bellevue. Tried before the court; verdict, guilty and sentenced to House of Correction for 3 months; Stewart for State, Martin for defense.

State vs. Alex. Warner, col'd., presented for stealing watch; jury trial; verdict, guilty, and sentenced to the House of Correction for six months; Stewart for State, Martin and Carrington for defense.

State vs. Georgeanna Williams, col., presented in three cases for selling whiskey; jury trial, Stewart for State, Carrington for defense.

For Rent or Sale.

The dwelling now occupied by Wm. Shehan on Harrison Street and Brooklet Ave. is for Sale or Rent. Apply to WM. SHEHAN.

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Notice of Abatements.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Easton will meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 26, 27 and 28, 1895, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock P. M., to make abatements, transfers and alterations in the assessable property of the town; after which the levy for the year will be made.

By order of the Board of Town Commissioners.
DAN'L. R. COX, Clerk.
June 7, 1895. S. 6-8-3t.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company's Summer Excursion Route Book.

The Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, on June 1st, publish its annual Summer Excursion Route Book. This work which is compiled with the utmost care and exactness, is designed to provide the public with short descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the routes for reaching them and the rates of fare. There are over four hundred resorts in the book, to which rates are quoted, and over fifteen hundred different ways of reaching them, or combinations of routes are set out in detail. The book is the most complete and comprehensive hand book of Summer travel ever offered to the public.

Its 210 pages are inclosed in a handsome and striking cover, in colors. Several maps presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold, are bound in the book. It is also profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad and elsewhere.

Any doubt as to where the summer should be passed will be dispelled after a careful examination of the contents of this publication

On and after June 1st it may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or, upon application to the general office, Broad Street Station, by mail 20 cents.