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The News In Brief.

The Happenings Of A Week Here And Elsewhere.

SOME LEGISLATIVE ITEMS.

Dr. Barber Introduces A Resolution —Talbot Well Represented On The Committees.—Notes.

Intermediate examinations at the Easton High School will begin Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Mr. A. L. Tharp, of Easton, is a candidate for State Librarian. No better one could be named.

When completed and everything in shape the GAZETTE office will be one of the finest on the Peninsula.

The ice is breaking up in the rivers, and all immediate danger of stoppage of traffic from that source is now at an end.

Mr. B. F. Parlett was unanimously re-elected president of the Peninsula Mutual Relief Association at the annual meeting last week.

A Caroline county man is at work on a scheme of crossing the milkweed with the strawberry, for the purpose of raising strawberries and cream.

It is reported that Robson Bros'. store is soon to be enlarged by tearing away the partition of the store adjoining and making one big store room.

The recent cold weather has been profitable to the plumbers of Easton if to no one else, as many water pipes were frozen and had to be replaced.

A colored boy shot a very large grey eagle on Wednesday near the paper mill pond and exhibited it on the streets. It was one of the largest ever seen in Easton.

The lobby of the Court House, the Court Room and the chair of the lamented Judge Robinson have been draped in black. The Clerk's office was also closed yesterday.

Governor Lowndes has given notice that in the appointment of office holders he will begin with local offices in the counties, and he will receive applications for these jobs until Jan. 21.

The ladies of Calvary M. P. Church served a most delicious supper for 25 cents on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings after this week at the church. These ladies are well acquainted with the art.

The pair of Happy Russell horses belonging to Rev. W. J. Scott, which were raffled off Saturday week for the benefit of the Centreville Roman Catholic Church were won by Mr. J. F. Bateman.

John L. Price, who recently sued two prominent Democrats of Easton for $50, which he said was due by them for services at the late election, has withdrawn the suit. The case was to come up for trial last week.

The Peninsula Horticultural Society began a three days' meeting in Denton on Wednesday. Much interest was manifested in the proceedings and the attendance was good. Sas. L. Banding, of Talbot, reported on peaches.

These days such is often said about what a newspaper should do for the town or the people; but precious little is said about what the town or people should do for a newspaper. It's a poor rule that will not work both ways.

Clarence Devoe, charged with forging Frank G. Wrightson's name to a check for $18.50, particulars of which were published in this paper last week, waived a hearing before Justice Nicols on Saturday and was held to court in $500 bail.

The Class of '96 of the Easton High School received their class pins last Thursday. They are in the shape of flags, sterling silver enameled in the class colors, crimson and silver, and bear the letters "E. H. S. '96." They are very handsome.

At eight dollars a pair, canvas back ducks are flying so high that the average man can not look at them for fear of consequences to his eye-sight. And yet people of other states think Maryland raises fat canvas backs and diamond back terrapins three times a day.

On Monday Dr. Barber presented in the House of Delegates petitions of members of the bars of Cecil, Queen Anne's, Kent and Talbot counties, for the passage of a joint resolution extending the time of Joseph A. Wickes as associate judge of the second judicial circuit.

Skating still continues good on the paper-mill pond and hundreds have enjoyed the sport more than once. Mr. Samuel Nor[illegible] company have [illegible] stored the [illegible] six inches.

The Delaware [illegible] decided that the [illegible] need more than one man to attend to the business there, and consequently Mr. Clark will have to do without his assistants. This action was taken with all stations on the road where the agents had assistants.

J. C. Miller, of the Baltimore American, was in Easton this week on business for his paper and called at this office. The American expects to get out a handsome publication descriptive of a large number of the large towns of the State, their leading citizens, business concerns, industries, etc., and Mr. Miller is making the arrangements.

Talbot's delegates to the Legislature were appointed on the following committees by Speaker Mudd: Dodson on Ways and Means; Barber on Revisal, Revolution and Reassessment; Hall on Federal Relations; Dodson on Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries; and Dodson as chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills; Hall on Agriculture and also on Manufactures; Barber on Public Hygiene.

SUED FOR FIFTY DOLLARS.

Mr. Price Wants Money Which He Says Is Owed Him For Election Services.

Says the Baltimore News:

Citizen Price, of Talbot, is suing Messrs. Wm. Reddie and J. B. Bennett, prominent Democratic office-holders prior to the late election for the payment of $50, promised him for voting certain colored men in Trappe and Easton on November 5. The defendants claim that "the goods were not delivered," in the Gorman-Rasin vernacular, while Mr. Price asserts that they were. As a professed politician, Mr. Price ought to remember that ante-election promises are not considered binding after a party defeat; nor, in fact, after a party victory. A shrewder man than Mr. Price would not have trusted to the honor of the "managing politicians," but would have insisted upon payment or a guarantee at the time the bargain was made. However, the suit is a timely commentary on the methods used in Talbot, as well as in other sections of the State, to carry elections. As Price is said to have received $15 on election day for his own vote, the question should have some result tending to show that election crimes in Maryland are to be regarded in the serious light contemplated in the Code.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowis, of Hollands, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had la grippe which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Harry Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

Named "The Easton."

The Easton, a new steamer, which is being built by Charles Reeder & Sons for the Wheeler Transportation Company, is progressing finely. The framework is up and work has begun on plating the vessel. The work on the machinery is also well under way. The builders expect to deliver the vessel to the owners about June 1. The Easton will cost $60,000 and will be fitted up with modern improvements. She will be used to run from Baltimore to the Choptank river as a night passenger boat.

Many merchants are aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by H. Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

For Rent.

The commodious store ware-rooms and shop above now occupied by Nichols & Bro., from and after Dec. 31st, 1895, located on Dover St., near Washington St.

Apply to A. B. HARDCASTLE,
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Man Wanted.

Wanted at once a competent man to work on farm. Good tenant house. Address P. O. Box 57, Easton or call at this office. 2t-pd

Yacht Club Reception.

The social event of the season in Talbot county was the ladies' day reception of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club last Saturday afternoon. This is a new departure of the club and it promises to be a popular one.

The club rooms were decorated with the flags and ensigns of the club and with holly. During the afternoon the Four Hundred of the county called and were received with punch, salad, wafers and other delicacies. These ladies assisted the board of governors in receiving: Mrs. J. M. H. Bateman, Mrs. J. G. Morris, Mrs. Hedge Thompson, Mrs. A. L. Tharp, Mrs. E. R. Trippe, Mrs. F. C. Goldsborough, Mrs. H. H. Balch, Mrs. F. P. Dimpfel and Mrs. E. M. Grace. Mr. A. L. Tharp had charge of the house arrangements.

Among the callers were many from Baltimore, Delaware and other out of the county points.

Its Opinion of Trappe.

The Baltimore World has this to say of Trappe, which is quite true, but if the writer had taken the trouble to more fully investigate the town, he could have said much more to its credit.

Trappe, on the Eastern Shore, is a quiet little place, but its picturesque location and the quaintness of its surroundings give it an interest not generally found in villages of a like nature. It is a pretty place and the girls are as pretty as the place, so that visitors have much to interest them. In the summer months very many city folks find their way to the rural settlement and spend weeks at a time recuperating. It is an ideal spot in which to lounge away the time, and the people are just as agreeable as they can be.

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SENATOR TILGHMAN TAKES A HAND.

Lively Scenes At The Meeting Of The Democratic Senators—Tilghman Calls Bruce Down.

One of the liveliest and most exciting gatherings of Democrats in the history of legislative affairs in Maryland occurred Tuesday morning when the Senate and House members of the minority party held a conference in the consultation room of the Court of Appeals to consider the question of nominating a candidate for United States Senator, and in which Senator Tilghman, of Talbot, took quite an active part. In fact the Senator's part of the controversy excited considerable interest. It was supposed when Mr. Bruce was elected President of the Senate that factional differences among the Democrats were to be a thing of the past, but on Tuesday they broke forth again in undiminished vigor, with the result that considerable feeling was displayed, and the half hour's conference was the scene of some vigorous expressions of opinion. The atmosphere of the department was charged with the spicy debate, which continued during the greater part of the morning.

There were some warm exchanges, and not a few of those present appeared in the legislative halls in a decidedly agitated state of mind.

The excitement started by Senator Bruce saying that he was of opinion that no man recognized as representative of any special element of the party should at any time be honored by the nomination for United States Senator. He did not think that either Ex-Governor Jackson, Col. John Walter Smith or himself should be nominated.

It is understood that he again took occasion to refer to what he considered "Gorman influence."

Colonel Smith waxed wroth. He replied that he considered Mr. Bruce's words as personal. No nomination had been put before the meeting, and the remarks were uncalled for.

Mr. Bruce must not assume that all the virtue is to be found among the Independents.

Senator Bruce answered that he considered himself a gentleman and that he intended no personal affront.

Col. Tilghman Takes a Hand.

Talbot county's Senator, Col. Oswald Tilghman, addressing Mr. Bruce directly, said he thought the latter's course a very selfish one.

Did he propose to occupy the whole time of the meeting by a statement of what he considered the proper thing to do? Some of the others present should have opportunity to speak, and he, for one, proposed to exercise his right.

Senator Tilghman then nominated Senator John Walter Smith as the party candidate for United States Senator in a telling speech and the nomination was seconded by Delegate Lewis, of Caroline county. A ballot at once showed that Colonel Smith had a decided majority of those present.

Deep interest was manifested in the proceedings by all, as there was a general sympathy with the sentiment expressed by the Senator from Talbot, that the nomination should be done with just as much seriousness as if the Democrats expected to elect their man.

THE INCREASED INSURANCE RATES.

Easton Fares Much Better Than Sister Towns With Regard To Rates.

As told in the GAZETTE of last week, the representative of The Underwriters' Association, of which all reliable stock companies are members, have recently re-examined the towns on the Eastern Shore and re-adjusted the rates, which has largely increased the cost of insurance in many cases. This action has been caused by heavy losses sustained by the companies in recent years in Peninsula towns.

Easton has enjoyed a happy immunity from conflagration in the past, but the same system of rating, under the rules of the Association, applies here as to other and less fortunate towns. This increase is a misfortune to property holders, especially at this time, but it cannot be helped, as the companies claim they cannot give proper protection unless they receive rates fairly commensurate with the risk they run throughout the whole territory.

Mutual companies have also raised their rates, even higher proportionately than stock companies, and in many cases have cancelled the policies they have been carrying. The re-rating was done, we understand, by the rating committee of the Association at Philadelphia upon the basis of surveys made by its examiners, and the new rates were made without the knowledge of the local agents, so they have no power to raise or lower rates but are compelled to accept those fixed by the Association.

We have seen the rating of other towns on the shore and find that Easton, because of its efficient fire department and good water works, has secured much cheaper rates than many of its sister towns less fortunate and not so well equipped.

SOMEWHAT OF A PERSONAL NATURE.

Items of Interest About The Doings Of You And Your Relatives And Friends.

Miss Hannah Gale has returned home.

Miss Freda Trippe returned this week from a visit in Baltimore.

Miss Annie Oveday has returned home from Danville, Kentucky.

Miss Leila Wooters returned this week from a visit to Philadelphia.

Miss Minnie Benny is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ed. Roberts, Railroad Ave.

Miss Sallie Barton spent Sunday with friends at Easton.—Centreville Record.

Mrs. George Easton and children, of St. Michaels, are visiting at Wm. J. Shannahan's.

Mrs. Warfield and Miss Warfield have gone to Detroit, Mich., for an extended visit to Mrs. Warfield's married son.

Mrs. Joseph Ross and daughter of Philadelphia returned home this morning after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Tuthill.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, who have been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Warfield, have returned to their home in New York.

Messrs. Wm. R. Martin and Wm. H. Adkins of the Easton bar attended the funeral of the late Judge Robinson at Annapolis on Thursday.

Wilson M. Tylor and wife left Easton on Thursday morning for St. Augustine, Florida, where the annual convention of the National Editorial Association will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 21st.

IN OUR CHURCH CIRCLES.

Interesting News Items of The Work Now Going On.—Services Las t Sunday And Tomorrow.

The Presiding Elders of the Wilmington Conference met in Clayton last Tuesday and among other things discussed the different changes which would take place among the preachers at the next Conference which meets in Dover in March. Complete minutes of what they said would no doubt prove very interesting reading.

Protracted services will commence at Calvary M. P. Church Sunday night. The Rev. W. H. Phillips, of St. Michaels, will preach every night next week in the main auditorium. Friday evening the Rev. E. B. Taylor of Trappe, will preach.

The Subjects of the Rev. W. M. Poisal's discourses at Calvary M. P. Church Sunday will be as follows; 11 a. m., "An Exuberant Heart;" 7.30 p. m., "A Man's Life Coming Back on Him."

At Ebenezer M. E. Church tomorrow; Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject; "The Personal Love of Christ" Evening Subject; "Restoration;" Evening Sermon followed by revival service.

Revival meetings have been in progress at Ebenezer M. E. Church during the past two weeks, and great interest is being shown.

Fire Department Meeting.

The Easton Fire Department met at headquarters Monday night, much business of importance was attended to, principally the decision to try to secure the cooperation of the insurance companies and owners of property in the town. These officers were re-elected for another year.

President—Dr. E. R. Trippe.
Vice President—J. Harry Covington.
Secretary—W. J. H. Wooters.
Treasurer—Clayland Mullikin.

For a pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders, will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by H. Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

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It May Be A Deadlock.

No United States Senator Yet Chosen.

MULLIKIN'S HARD FIGHT.

Robert B. Dixon, of Easton, Seems To Have A Boom.—The Vote In Detail Up to Going to Press

The Senatorial fight is on.

On Tuesday at noon the Senate and House balloted for a Senator to succeed Hon. Chas. B. Gibson. The vote was as follows:

Col. Mullikin—7.
R. B. Dixon—1.
Geo. L. Wellington—25.
Chas. T. Westcott—18.
Phil. L. Goldsborough—14.
A. L. Dryden—7.
Speaker Mudd—1.
John Walter Smith—21.
Daniel M. Henry—9.

On Wednesday the Senate and House met in joint convention and proceeded to again ballot. The roll of Senators was called by Secretary McSherry and that of the Delegates by Chief Clerk Higgins. The total votes cast for the several candidates were as follows:

J. C. Mullikin—8.
R. B. Dixon—1.
George L. Wellington—28.
Phillips L. Goldsborough—17.
John Walter Smith—21.
Charles T. Westcott—16.
Henry Page—9.
A. Lincoln Dryden—8.
Sydney E. Mudd—1.

The vote on Thursday was as follows:

Colonel Mullikin—7.
Robert B. Dixon—2.
George L. Wellington—26.
Charles T. Westcott—18.
Phillips L. Goldsborough—19.
A. Lincoln Dryden—4.
John Walter Smith—24.
Henry Page—9.

Special Dispatch to The Gazette yesterday from Annapolis gives the vote as follows:

Mullikin—8.
Dixon—1.
Wellington—30.
Westcott—15.
Goldsborough—22.
Mudd—1.
Smith—1.
Wirt—1.
Page—1.

Wm. Cabell voted for Mullikin and Norwood for Dixon.

The Baltimore Herald of Thursday says in speaking of the boom of R. B. Dixon of Easton:

"Some unusually observant politicians are beginning to think that there is more in this Dixon boom, which has begun so quietly and unostentatiously, than appeared at first blush. It is evident that Mr. Dixon's friends are not idle, and several of them have been sounding members of the Legislature, especially Eastern Shoremen, with a view to discovering with how much favor the Eastern Banker would be received as a compromise candidate.

"'Mr. Dixon's friends,' said one of them to a Herald correspondent, 'are in earnest. He will accept the nomination if it is tendered to him, but he will not enter into any scramble for the honor. It is clear that none of the present Eastern Shore candidates can unite the votes of that section, and, if we are not to loose the Senator from our side of the bay, we must concentrate on some new man around whom all can rally. Robert B. Dixon is the man. I know that the Talbot delegation is pledged to Col. Mullikin, but certainly if they see that their first choice can not win they will gladly support Mr. Dixon.

The Herald also says this of Col. Mullikin's fight:

In addition to the Talbot delegation's work in his behalf, his friend, Benjamin F. Parlett, is doing yeoman's service in his behalf.

"The use of Mr. Dixon's name," said Mr. Parlett tonight, "can't scare us a little bit. Mr. Dixon isn't in it. We are with Colonel Mullikin to win, and we are going to win."

Colonel Mullikin himself said: I can only repeat what I said last night. My vote is a [illegible] vote. It will stick to me." Westcott vote is not sincere." Senator of Howar[illegible], who is Mr. Gary's friend, added to us that he is for Westcott because he is the weakest Eastern Shoreman, and their policy is to keep us all in the field, hopeless lly divided, with the expectation that we will finally give up the case and flock to Gary. Wellington's votes are all sincere, and most of Goldsborough's likewise.

THE BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

The Annual Meeting of The Easton National And Farmers And Merchants Banks Held.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Easton National Bank on Tuesday, the 14th, the old Board of directors was unanimously re-elected as follows: Robert B. Dixon, Gen. E. L. F. Hardcastle, Wm. R. Martin, Wm. H. Adkins, Dr. James Seth, Charles C. Nickerson, George M. Adkins. On Wednesday the directors met and organized by re-electing the old Board of officers as follows:

President—Robert B. Dixon.
Vice President—Gen. E. L. F. Hardcastle.
Cashier—Gen. Richard Thomas.
Asst. Cashier—Henry Hollyday.
Teller—Chas. H. Hughes.
Gen Book Keeper—Thos. M. Bartlett.
First Personal Book-keeper—Col. A. B. Hardcastle.
Second Personal Book-keeper and Discount Clerk—Wm. S. Grace.
Collection Clerk—Phil. K. Wright.

The stockholders' meeting of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank was held on Tuesday, when the following directors were elected: Isaac A. Barber, John Mason, F. G. Wrightson, Denny Williams, B. F. Parlett, J. E. Hubbard, Nananiel Tuthill, W. P. Chaffinch, Eugene Douglass. The Board is now composed of nine members, while last year it was composed of thirteen. The directors met at once at the adjournment of the stock holders' meeting and re-elected the following officers:

President—Dr. I. A. Barber.
Vice President—John Mason.
Cashier—Harry M. Mason.
Book-keepers—W. G. Denny and M. H. Wooters.

Orphans Court.

Orphans' Court men on Tuesday and following are the proceedings:

John Mason guardian to John and Lucy C. Mason, presented his 4th account with each of his said wards; passed.

Releases from Thomas H. and James W. Burrows to D. D. Burrows and Wm. E. Shanahan admtrs. of Henry Burrows, dec'd were filed and ordered recorded upon application the Court passed an order authorizing Edward S. Neavitt, executor of Emily Neavitt dec'd to sell his decedents real estate.

M. Sophia Kemp, extrx. of Robert H. Kemp dec'd, presented a second dividend, distributing to general creditors at the rate of 11c. on the dollar.

Walter H. Thompson, guardian to Alfred B. Mason, presented his 3rd account of guardianship: passed.

County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, at which meeting all were present. Receipts were:

Jos. B. Wrightson, 1894,	$ 400 00
J. H. Radcliffe, 1894,	500 00
R. J. Dawson, 1895.	1 000 00
W. T. H. Lee, 1893, in full,	94 88
W. T. H. Lee, 1894,	200 00
	$ 2 194 88
The disbursements were	$ 2 264 17

The New Hotel for Ocean City.

A company has been formed in Washington to erect a 100-room hotel at Ocean City. The proposed site is on the beach a half mile south of the Atlantic Hotel. Several new cottages are being built and plans have been prepared for others. At the annual stock holders' meeting Tuesday of the Sinepuxent Beach Company Messrs. Robert Rennert, James W. Bates and Samuel Maddox were elected directors to fill vacancies. Mr. Charles Goldsborough was re-elected president.

Will Have an Oyster Supper.

The Avon Cycle Club met on Tuesday evening for the first time in its new quarters, over J. E. Shannahan's store. It was decided to tender the members of the club, the pulpit and the press an oyster supper on Tuesday evening, the 28th. An interesting program will be prepared.

Best English Walnuts—10 cts. per lb. at Wrights. 2t

JUDGE ROBINSON'S SUCCESSOR.

Col. Mullikin and A. L. Tharp of Easton, Mentioned For The Place By The Baltimore News.

In reviewing the eligible Republican lawyers of the Circuit to succeed Judge Robinson the Baltimore News says the following:

There is much speculation as to the effect the death of Chief Judge Robinson will have on the Senatorship fight. The circuit from which Judge Robinson comes comprises the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot. From these counties there are now three Senatorial aspirants, who are also lawyers and eligible for appointment as Judge of the Court of Appeals. They are Col. J. Clay Mullikin of Talbot, Mr. Charles T. Westcott of Kent and Col. George M. Russum of Caroline. Of these Col. Russum has not so far secured any votes.

There are very few Republican lawyers in the circuit who would be considered as eligible in point of age for a place on the Bench of the Court of Appeals. The big and influential county of Queen Anne's has not a single Republican lawyer within its confines. For years the Republican party there has allowed the nomination for the State's Attorneyship to go by the board for want of someone to take it. In Kent county there are only two Republican lawyers—Mr. Westcott and John D. Urie, who was recently elected State's Attorney of the county. Mr. Urie, however, is only a recent comer in the Republican party. In Caroline county the only other Republican lawyer, in addition to Colonel Russum, is Mr. Robert J. Jump, ex-State's Attorney of the county. In Talbot Col. Mullikin and Alfred Lee Tharp, although rather a young man for the post, might be considered eligible. In Cecil county the man who would be most suitable for the place is Mr. L. M. Haines.

Sifting down the candidates, however, and considering Mr. Westcott's already expressed decision that he does not want the vacant seat, the best posted men there think that there are probably three men who will be considered by the Governor in making the appointment, and these are Col. Mullikin, Mr. Russum and Mr. Haines.

The Governor will also have the responsibility of designating the Chief Judge of the Court. He can either designate one of the present Judges as chief or else he can elevate the Republican whom he names to succeed Judge Robinson as Chief. It is thought likely the Governor will appoint one of the Judges now occupying the bench as Chief. Judge William Shepard Bryan of Baltimore city is looked upon as the probable appointee although Judge McSherry of Frederick and Judge Roberts of Carroll are also mentioned.

STATE FARMERS MEET.

Agriculturists From Various Sections Of Maryland in Session At Annapolis.

Farmers from every county in Maryland met at Annapolis on Tuesday. Three sessions were held during the day. Papers were read and suggestions made and the sessions throughout were of great interest.

Prof. Pattison, of the Maryland Agricultural College, said among other things:

"The Maryland farmer finds himself confronted with very different conditions from those which existed ten or twenty years ago, and in consequence finds that it is necessary to so modify his methods of farming so as to meet these conditions. I am not here to say that dairying is the panacea for the farmer's ills, but yet in many sections dairy farming will do much to aid the farmer and bring many dollars to the farm that now either go to waste or never are produced. Dairy farming will allow a farmer to market his produce cheaper in a compact form. For instance, $60 worth of dairy products costs no more freight than $5 worth of flour or $2.50 worth of corn. Again, corn fodder that how stands in the fields and is entire waste can be converted into a valuable product. Gilt edge butter is the most standard article in point of value that is produced on the farm and is the only farm product that has held its own with the gold dollar during the past few years. The ideal of dairy section is one that possesses a mild and humid climate, one warm but not hot, one damp but not wet, a soil which is deep, loamy and moderately retentive of moisture, rolling and undulating land. Shelter for dairy herds is essential, and it is just as essential to give summer shelter during the heat of the day as to give winter shelter from the bitter blasts."

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Royal Oak Items.

Everything frozen up. Oystermen are unable to work. Roads dusty and wells very low.

Friday evening the Christian endeavor Society gave a bubble party at Mr. Charles Fairbanks'.

Revival services are now in progress in the M. E. Church.

A surprise party was given Monday evening to Mrs. Jas. Cox and her guests, Misses Mary, Kate and Susan Nelms, of Roanoke, Va.

Miss Mary Keyster is visiting her sister, Mrs. Millican.

A masked party visited Mrs. Joseph and Miss Katie Newman on Wednesday night.

Some of our fisherman have been cutting fish out of the ice.

Mrs. Eliza Newnam has returned from an extended visit to Baltimore friends.

Miss Daisy Shadrack, who has been Miss Mollie Denny's guest since before the holidays has returned home.

Literary Note.

With the January number of Volume X, the "Social Economist" of New York is continued and enlarged under the new title of "Gunton's Magazine of American Economics and Political Science." This magazine will continue the work of the "Social Economist" in promoting a strictly American School of Social Economics in the United States, as distinguished from the English (Manchester) and other foreign schools. In its new form it will discuss a wider range of public questions bearing on American industrial and social progress. Its statements and statistics will be found to be accurate and invaluable for reference. Its economic policies are in advance of political parties and this feature will interest practical politicians. It will be indispensible to men in public life, and particularly to young men wishing to become public speakers and writers.

Professor George Gunton will continue to edit and direct the policies of the magazine.

Andrew B. Humphrey, for eight years Secretary of the National Republican League, will be the General Manager. Price $2.00 per year. Address Political Science Pub. Co., 34 Union Square, N. Y.

Judge Robinson Dead.

Chief Judge John M. Robinson, of the Court of Appeals, died of heart disease at Annapolis on Tuesday about 1 o'clock p. m. He had been sick but three days and his death was most unexpected. Judge Robinson was one of the most gifted men who ever graced the appelate court of Maryland. His loss will be greatly felt and his memory will be a precious legacy to the legal profession.

Weather Report.

Observer Henry Shreve hands in the following table showing the temperature from January 9 to 15:

Jan.	Max.	Min.	Jan.	Max.	Min.
9	33°	18°	13	42°	28°
10	38°	30°	14	35°	25°
11	38°	28°	15	35°	21°
12	45°	21°			

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Ancient Seats Of Justice.

History Of Talbot's Courts And Court Houses.

RECORD OF TWO CENTURIES

Four Court Houses Have Been Erected For Talbot County.—Some Of The Cases Tried.

The historical sketches of the early days, and the founding of Easton, published in the GAZETTE during the past two years have excited so much interest among our readers and there were so many calls for extra copies of the papers containing the sketches, that it was thought the following history of the Court Houses of Talbot would prove of equal interest. As the present court house is the fourth one in Talbot and it is one of the very oldest in the State, if not the oldest and the records for several centuries are still in the clerk's vaults, the history cannot but fail to be of interest. The sketches, the first of which appears below, were written by the late Dr. Samuel Harrison over twenty years ago, and that honorable gentleman's knowledge of the history of Talbot, being perhaps greater than anyone else's, the sketches will be found entirely correct with regard to data, etc.

This is not the first court house that has existed in this county, nor the first on the same spot. The present edifice may be considered the fourth erected for the accommodation of the courts, counting that one which is said to have been built upon Kent Island, before the separate organization of Talbot county. In this article, therefore, it is proposed to give an account of these several court houses, so far as we have any authentic information respecting them.

The first settlement upon the Eastern Shore of the State was made by Claiborne under the Virginia charter, upon Kent Island, and this settlement was at one time represented in the House of Burgesses of that State by Nicholas Martin, whose descendants still survive in Talbot. But Claiborne's title was disputed by Lord Baltimore, and he was dispossessed. It does not appear that he or the Virginians established any court of justice, his settlement being but a trading post.

There is no doubt, as will subsequently appear, in the very earliest years after the organization of our county, courts were held in private houses, and, it may be, the very first courts upon the Eastern Shore were held at the houses of the Commander, as that officer was called who was chief in command under the Governor of the province. There can be no question that courts leet and court baron were held, for the writer has seen some of the records of these feudal tribunals. It is not unlikely, therefore, that the very first courts ever held on Kent Island, were of this kind and held at Kent Fort Manor, near Kent Point, so that the first judicature for the Eastern Shore and what was at one time a part of Talbot, was with medieval forms, and under Lords of the Manor.

By an act of assembly of the province of Maryland of the year 1638 provision was made for the administration of justice in the Isle of Kent, which is recognized not as a distinct county, but as simply an Hundred of St. Mary's. Although considered only an Hundred, a court of record designated as the "Hundred Court of Kent" was erected upon the Island, and the Commander, as the principal officer was called, was made the judge or justice. This court had jurisdiction in certain cases defined by the act, and from it appeal was had to the county court upon the Western Shore. Besides this court, occasionally the supreme or provincial court held sessions upon the Island. For the accommodation of these courts a house is said to have been erected, somewhere upon the eastern side of the Island, but its location is not certainly known, nor is there any information of its size or character. This declaration of the existence of a Court house upon Kent Island is made upon the authority of Mr. L. L. Davis. In an article published in the GAZETTE of May 7, 1853, this gentleman says: "The first indication of a Court House upon the Island—the first also upon the Eastern Shore of Maryland—occurs in the shape of a short memorandum, without date. But appearing with other entries during the [illegible] it is from the records now in the Kent County court house. * * * John McConkin, it is said, 'hath this day assigned over the patent of the land, and what thereon remaineth belonging thereto, with all privileges to the inhabitants of Kent where the court is now kept.' * * * 'There is recorded evidence that the courts of Kent county were usually held upon the southern part of the Island from 1647 to 1654, while there is none, at least now extant, that they were held anywhere but on the Island for many years afterwards. * * * Mr. McConkin held several tracts upon the same [eastern] side of the Island, including one on Eloy Alley Creek, called "George's Codd," sixty acres of which are now [1853] in the possession of Mr. Wm. O. Lowery. Upon that part of the tract it is highly probable the Court House stood. Nor is there any doubt that a court house was erected on the Island at an early period: for upon the record about sixteen years later the deed [above mentioned] we find the following order: "Likewise, the Commissioners of the county have made choice of the old court house upon the Island, to be the county court house; but do order that the court shall be kept at the house of John Darby, in the Eastern Neck, as it hath been formerly." * * * About 1680 a court house was built upon Grey's Inn Creek, an arm of the Chester, and there a town was founded by one of the early Ringgolds of Kent—a town which bore the name of New Yarmouth, and which, for many years, remained the seat of justice for Kent county." This account seems to show very clearly that there was a court house on Kent Island before the time of the organization of Talbot, which court house was the first used by the inhabitants of the territory now within our limits, but then belonging to Kent Island Hundred of St. Mary's county, or to Kent county.

We have no distinct record of the date when Talbot was laid off from Kent, as a separate jurisdiction. It is first mentioned in the council records in 1660-1. Nor are the original boundaries clearly defined. But it seems that from 1661 to 1695 it embraced all the territory from Kent narrows and South of Kent Island to the Delaware line and Choptank river. In the last named year, 1695, by an act of assembly, Kent Island was attached to Talbot, and Corsica Creek was made apparently the northern limit of the county, having Kent county on the north. In 1707 (act of assembly 1706, chap. 11L) the county Queen Anne was laid off from Talbot, and perhaps from Kent, and embraced its present territory with a part of Caroline, which was taken in 1773 from Q. Anne and Dorchester counties, with its present limits. For many years after the separate organization