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TALBOT'S "WET" DISTRICT.

THE CHAPEL LIQUOR DEALERS WILL NOT GIVE UP THE FIGHT.

The Local Option Law Will Stand, But The May Grand Jury Might Be Given Power to Recommend Licenses.

Senator Tilghman will shortly introduce a bill in the Senate, which if passed, will vest the grand juries of both the May and November Courts with power to recommend liquor licenses in Chapel District. As the law now stands only the November jury can act on applications. If the bill passes the May jury might make recommendations on those refused by the November jury.

During the discussion in the Senate last week on the amendment to the local veto bill, Senator Tilghman arose and said he hoped the amendment would be adopted. He was in a county where local option had been in force for some years, and it is a gigantic failure. There is more whiskey sold there than ever. And as it is being sold, the State should derive some revenue from it. He would favor the bill if it could be made practical and do any good.

The Baltimore *Herald* said on Monday regarding the local option law in Talbot:

"It is quite certain now that a movement will not be made at this session of the General Assembly to reneal the present liquor license law of Talbot county, known as the local option law, by which the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors is inhibited in four of the five election districts of the county. In the other—the fourth, or Chapel district—the largest district in area in the county, the clerk of the Circuit Court is authorized to issue liquor licenses to such residents of that district who come to him in May with a recommendation for license from the Grand Jury at the previous November term.

"In other words, it has been considered ever since the county, by act of Legislature, adopted local option. Talbot had four "dry" and one "wet" district. In Chapel, the "wet" district, there are the towns and villages of Cordova, Matthews, Lewistown, Chapel, Woodland, Longwoods, Skipton, Wye Mills, and Tuckahoe Bridge, and in most, if not all of these places there have been one or more licensed venders of liquors under the provisions of the local option law.

The grand jury at the last November term refused to recommend anyone in the "wet" district for licenses, hence, for a year from next May at least, Chapel district, where the people have twice voted for license, will go dry.

The same grand jury, after examining over 200 witnesses and taking nearly a week to do it, found a number of indictments for violating the liquor license law. All but three were [illegible] ied and in every case a verdict of no[illegible] was rendered by a petit jury of th[illegible] esentative citizens of the county. [illegible]ts have impressed many of the [illegible]perance people that the present [illegible] very defective.

Mr. Gibson a Railroad President.

A dispatch to the Baltimore *Sun* says: Senator Charles H. Gibson has been elected president of the Viginia, Fredericksburg and Western Railrord Company, a corporation chartered by the State of Virginia to build and operate a railroad from tidewater, on the Chesapeake, to the coal fields of West Virginia The route will extend from Millenbeck, on the lower Rappahannock, to Davis, in Tucker county, West Virginia. Senator Gibson proposes to devote all his energies to the furtherance of the enterprise, which, it is said, has the promise of abundant capital. Included in the directory are prominent men of Virginia, New York and New England. The proposed route will extend through the fertile counties of the Northern Neck of Virginia and the rich coal regions of West Virginia, and it is understood will be in position to make close connection with important existing railway systems and water lines.

A Good Minstrel Show.

Easton people are very fond of minstrel shows, and never have they been so well suited as they were on Wednesday evening when Guy Brothers' Minstrels appeared at the Opera House. In the company there were twenty four performers, and the program presented was entirely new and most amusing. No old specialties were given, but every feature was new and up to date. The audience was kept in a continual roar of laughter, and it was with genuine regret that they saw the curtain drop on the last item of the program. Without doubt it was the best show of its kind ever in Easton, and they will gladly welcome it again.

How Could They Leave.

A certain young lady and gentleman, residing not many miles from Easton, who are very much smitten on each other, to such an extent that they don't know what they are doing half their time, recently they had their horse attached to a vehicle with the intention of taking a drive, and after getting into the carriage and tucking the robe comfortably around them and were ready to start when they discovered they could not on account of forgetting to unhitch the horse. Bad indeed.

A New Lodge Building.

As told exclusively in this paper some weeks ago the star of the East Lodge Kinights of Pythias, have decided to erect a castle Hall to cost about $7000. The site for the building has not yet been decided on, but it is thought that the lot whereon the old GAZETTE building stood will be the one selected.

The new hall will be of brick, three stories high, with offices and stores in the two first stories.

They Dropped the Plate, Not the Nickels

At a church service held in Easton a few nights ago, and when the collection plate was being passed around for the collection of alms, a couple of young ladies in the audience let it slip out of their hands and emptied the contents into their laps. It was rather embarrassing to them to delay the service on account of picking up the "split coins."

Artist Work.

Mr. Clark Marshall has completed some highly creditable portraits and landscape, also marine views. Call see him at his studio and leave an order for some of his superior work. 3-7-3t

SOMEWHAT OF A PERSONAL NATURE

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

E.T.Nicols spent last Sunday in Cambridge.

Chamberlain Hayward spenf Sunday at home.

Mr. Tom Ford was the guest of his mother last week.

Miss Daisy Grace left Easton Wednesday for Baltimore.

Mrs. Laura V. Dittus has returned from a visit to Baltimore.

Miss Bessie Coates is on a visit to Washton for a few weeks.

Miss Virgie Kirk was the guest of the Misses Montague last week.

Addison Wilson spent a few days at Bishop Adam's this week.

Miss Georgia Boone visited Miss Mattie MacDonald this week.

Wm. E. Trenchard, Church Hill, visited A. F. Haddaway this week.

Mrs. Ada Porter, of Bayside, has been visiting at ex-Sheriff Fairbanks'.

S. E. Shannahan, of the GAZETTE, was in Asbury Park, N. J., last week.

Mr. T. Walton Montague, of Philadelphia, spent last week with his parents.

The friends of Miss Marian Avery gave her a surprise party last Friday night.

Mrs. Sarah A. Todd and Joseph W. Todd are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

M. M. Higgins, Chief Clerk of House of Delegates, spent Sunday with his wife.

Mrs. Mary Walker, of Kenton, Del., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. E. Clark.

Miss Nannie Hambleton has been visiting Mrs. Milton Campbell, Piladelphia.

Mrs. Valliant, of St. Michaels, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ida Thompson.

The Misses Lowndes, near Easton, spent last month with friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. John Y. Todd has returned from a two weeks' visit to friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Alexander Fountain has been in Baltimore this week looking after business interests.

The Easton Dancing School gave a large dance last night at their place on Dover street.

C.S. Henry, formerly of this town, will soon engage in the grocery business at Cambridge.

Miss Ira Trippe returned this week from a visit to Miss Mary I. Martin, Maryland Ave., Baltimore.

Mrs. N. Tuthill returned last week from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ross, Philadelphia.

Reese Sullivan, of Philadelphia, is spending a few weeks with relatives and friends in Talbot.

Mrs. James A. Spence and Mr. and Mrs David Swing are visiting relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed the social held at Mrs. John Wilson's, Wednesday evening.

James B. Clarke and wife, of Hartly, Del. spent last week with his brother, Commissioner N. E. Clark.

William H. Davidson, a compositor on the Cambridge *Democrat and News*, spent Sunday and Monday in Easton.

Miss Anna O. Henry, of Easton, spent part of last week as the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Slaughter, at Manassas.

Miss Mattie A. Perkins, of Cambridge, spent a few days of this week with Miss Marie Butler, cor. Aurora and South Streets.

Miss Laura Beauchamp, of Denton, returned home Tuesday morning after spending a few days with Mrs. Alpheus Short.

Wesley Kirby, who has a position in a railroad office in Baltimore City, spent part of last week with his parents in Easton.

Elmer Sinclair and John Beauchamp, of Woodland, spent Thursday last at St. Michaels, as the guest of Miss Daisy S. Wooters.

Miss Katie M. Holland, who has been spending several weeks with friends in Miles River Neck, returned to her home in St. Michaels Monday.

Mrs. R. Chambers Hardin, who has been spending several weeks at "Federal Hill" as the guest of Charles Hardin, returned to her home in Baltimore last week.

Buckler H. Thomas, who has been spending several weeks with the family of Charles Hardin, near Easton, returned to his home in Baltimore Monday night.

Walter Councell, a salesman in the large clothing house of John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, spent last week as the guest of his mother, Mrs. E. V. Councell.

Mr. John Y. Todd, who is a member of a New York advertising agency, and who has been spending the past two weeks in Baltimore, spent Sunday in Easton.

Thomas O. Cook, who has been conducting a livery stable in Easton for several years, has sold out to Mr. John W. Seemer and will shortly leave for the South, where he will engage in Business.

Miss Maude Harris, of near Royal Oak, gave a leap year dance to her many friends on Saturday night last. Miss Harris charmingly entertained her guests, and at 10.30 o'clock refreshments were served.

Dr. J. T. Jacobs, a prominent physician of East Newmarket, died suddenly at his home there Wednesday night of last week, aged about seventy years. He leaves a widow and four children, one of whom is the wife of Prof. E. D. Murdaugh, who is at present president of a college in Oklahoma Territory.—Balto. *Sun*.

Mrs. Charles Gibson, wife of Senator Gibson, is at the Shoreham, Washington, and will remain until the latter part of March, when she leaves for Louisville, Ky., to visit her married daughter. Senator Gibson will enter a Washington law firm at the end of his senatorial term, and the family will make Washington their winter home.—Baltimore *Sun*.

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OUR MODEL STOCK FARM.

MAJOR DICKINSON'S NEW STABLES AND BLOODED STOCK.

A Gazette Representative Visits "Crosiadore" And Writes Up Its Attractions.—Trappe News Notes.

TRAPPE, March 6th, 1896.

Major S. T. Dickinson, of New York, who has gained quite a reputation as the owner of several fast horses, recently erected a large stable on the old homestead, "Crosiadore," in which are quartered several promising youngsters. The stable is in charge of Mr. Kemball Patterson, an experienced trainer from Terra Haute, Ind. Mr. Patterson was in New York attending a horse sale when your reporter drove down to "Crosiadore," a few days ago. Mr. Wm. H. Kemp, however, took us in charge and courteously conducted us through the building, explaining the good qualities of the equine occupants and many other things of interest.

The stable is, beyond a doubt, one of the finest on the shore. It is 44x80 feet, two stories high, and constructed of the very best material. A wide passageway runs the entire length of the building, and on either side are five large box stalls, tightly ceiled, making them warm and comfortable. Each stall has an outside door, serving as a quick means of egress in case of fire. Beyond the stalls on one side are an office and harness room, on the other a space for the racing carts. Going up stairs we find a number of bins for food, a large tank from which the horses are watered and a room for the stable boys, the balance of the space being used for stowing hay.

In the field adjoining a track has been laid off on which to exercise the horses.

And now for a sketch of the horses: Ed Aiman, a pacer with a record of 2.16, heads the list in point of age. He has won many dollars for his owner, and is now retired and spending his remaining days in ease. Next comes Sallie Simmons, with a trotting record of 2.13¼, and Ella B. 2.16.

Among the undeveloped colts are the following two year olds: El. Trippe, by Geo. Pattison; Flora, by Florida; Dickens, by Eagle Bird; Constant, by Constantine; yearlings, Little Alix and Hot Rags, by Direct, bought in California; Silverette, Sadie H. and Margaret C., by Silverman; and Dunwalton, by Direct.

Mr. Patterson returned from New York this week with a yearling by Direct which he purchased at the above mentioned sale. He was offered nearly double his purchase price, but refused it. She is a pacer and Mr. Patterson expects great things of her. He will return to New York about the first of April.

Judging from the two following items that appeared in the *Times* of this week, Brother Highley is beginning to see things as others have seen them for some time:

The Democratic party never was so demoralized as it is now. It has nothing but broken pledges upon which to make the campaign.

Out of respect for decency, if for no other reason, the Democratic party ought to consent to allow itself to be buried without the usual post-mortem ceremonies.

Mattie, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. Rufus Frampton, was frightfully burned on Monday afternoon, and died early Tuesday morning. She was alone in the kitchen, and came into the house with her clothes in flames. Her father, in attempting to extinguish the flames, was frightfully burned. She was buried Thursday afternoon.

Mr. George C. Graham will represent Washington College in a joint debate with Baltimore City College on April 7.

The young people of the town are preparing for an entertainment to be given directly after Easter in the town hall for the benefit of the M. E. Church, South.

Daniel Mackey, colored, had his head badly cut in a rather peculiar way this week. He was standing beside his dayton when a boy passed on horseback. The stirrup which was hanging loose hooked in the wheel of the dayton, overturning it. Daniel in attempting to catch it was struck and badly cut in two places on the head. Dr. Chaplain rendered surgical aid.

The Court House Bell.

The fire alarm bell will most likely be moved from the court house belfry to the cupola of the fire department house on Harrison street. The cupola is too small for the big bell, and will have to be made larger and higher.

The bell was hung in the belfry of the court house in 1823, John Fleming being the first bellman. It was purchased by subscription by the people of Easton. The ringing of the bell on the Sabbath served as a church bell. Mrs. Margaret Valliant was the last to hold the office of bell ringer, prior to the duties of this position being united with those of the bailiff.

The first intention was to have a new alarm bell for the engine house, but after consideration it was decided that the court house bell would be moved, as it is really the property of Easton, and would answer the purpose fully.

Wheeler Line at The Point.

The competition between the B. C. & A. Railway Co., and the Wheeler Transportation Company seems to have reached a higher point. It is reported now, on good authority, that the latter company will extend its route to Easton Point, and will then be able to fight the B. C. & A. Company on the entire Choptank and Third Haven rivers. Report has it that a wharf will be built on the lands of Admiral Febiger and the Wheeler boats will stop there. If this be true the river will have to be dredged out, as the channel extends only as far as Hubbard's factory.

Orphans' Court.

The court met on Tuesday.

Samuel S. Yeo, administrator of Joseph E. Millis, deceased, presented account of administration; passed and ordered to be recorded.

Bond of J. Q. Dennis, guardian of Thomas Johnson, was examined and approved.

Order was passed directing Edward A. Powell to sell two shares of Baltimore and Ohio second preferred stock.

County Commissioners.

Public business was very dull at the court house Tuesday. The cold March wind kept the people from the country at home. The county commissioners had very few visitors. They appointed John Arnold Fairbank road supervisor for Bay Hundred district.

IN OUR CHURCH CIRCLES.

Items Of Interest Of The Doings In Our Churches.

The pastor of Calvary M. P. Church will take for his subject next Sunday morning "A Lawyer without Law," and in the evening "A Ruler without Love," On last Sunday twenty-one probationers were received into full membership. At the annual meeting of the members, Mr. L. S. Fleckenstein was elected delegate to the Maryland Conference to sit April 1st and was unanimously instructed to ask for the return of the present pastor. The Christian Endeavor Society of this cnurch will have a "Clipping Party" entertainmet on the 17 and 18 of March, and the Sabbath School will have an Missionary Anniversary on the evening of the 29th.

The missionary anniversary of the Ebenezer M. E. Sunday School was held last Sunday evening. A very entertaining program was presented consisting of the usual recitations and music. A new feature that was greatly appreciated was the Sunday School orchestra which played several pleasing selections. The collections for the day were very gratifying and the total amount raised during the year, as shown by the report of the secretary, amounted to over $300. The evening's entertainment was one of the best ever given by this shool, and was greatly enjoyed by a large congregation.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Wye Mills M. E. church will hold a "Kaffee Klotch" at the Grange Hall, Friday and Saturday evenings, March 6 and 7, and in addition will serve oysters in every style together with all the delicacies of the season. Musical entertainment each evening free. Come one, come all, and encourage us with your presence and enjoy the good things which we will have for you. Proceeds for benefit of Church.

Regular services in the Baptist Mission Room: Bible School 10 a. m., Preaching 11 a. m., B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m., followed by a short service by the pastor. Subject for the morning's service tomorrow is "Obedience," in the evening "The Sabbath."

The Rev. Willaim Forbes Adams, D. C. L., Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, will make his annual visitation to All Hallows' Parish, Snow Hill, Wednesday, March 11. The Bishop will preach at 7.30 p. m. and confirm a large classs.

At Ebenezer M. E. Church tomorrow, class meeting at 10 a. m.; Preaching at 11 a. m.; Subject: "A Christian". Sabbath School at 2.30 p. m.; Epworth League 6.30 p. m.; Preacning 7.30 p. m.; Subject; "The Present Life."

Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, Bishop of Easton, gave service in Christ Church, Denton, Sunday morning with sermon and holy communion, and in the evening service with sermon.

There will be no services at SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church tomorrow, owing to the pastor's absence on his monthly mission in Dorchester county.

The Baptist literary entertainment at Longwoods will be repeated on next Friday night, the 13th. Admission 15 cents.

Biggest Turkey on the Eastern Shore.

Capt. Hedge Thompson entertained last week at his country home, "Forest Landing," a number of gentlemen at an 8 o'clock dinner. His guests were Col. Richard T. Starr, of Salem, N. J., Zenas Burns, O. T. Earle, Dr. F. C. Fenhagen, J. Frank Bateman Alfred Lee Tharp, J. Harry Covington, Thomas Quimby, Thomas J. Rowens, R. R. Walker and Major Armstrong, of Philadelphia. The menu was a typical Eastern Shore one of wild ducks, terrapin, turkey and concomitants. The turkey was the biggest one, it is said, ever served on the Eastern Shore. Dressed it weighed thirty-five pounds, without giblets., pinions or drumsticks. Capt. Thompson ten years ago brought to his farm in Talbot wild turkeys from Pennsylvania, and the great bird he had last evening was a cross between the native and the wild specfes.

They Voted "No."

Under suspension of rules, on Tuesday the joint resolutions introduced in the House requesting the Governor to issue to George L. Wellington a commission as United States Senator were passed—yeas 55, nays 17. The Republicans voting against the resolutions were Messrs. Cheston. Barber, Dodson, Hopkins, Bradley, White, Ganter and Birnie. In voting "No," Mr. Dodson said that he did so because he could not ask another man to do what he could not conscientiously do himself.

Police Notes.

Constable Stoops arrested John Smith, Hayes Bailey, Wm. Mason, Lewis Chase and Thos. Hicks, all colored, last Monday for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, on a writ sworn out by Mr. Emmett Kirkman, near Easton. The boys stopped at his gate on their way from Chapel where they had been to "soak up," and began their abuse and threats. They were tried before Justice Nicols, but were discharged for want of testimony, the chief witness not appearing.

In Winter.

In winter: It snows and it blows and it stings your nose—makes all creation shiver; it bites your toes, increases your woes, and freezes up the river. The frost nips all, both great and small, this dismal dreary winter; it freezes type, it bursts the pipe, and vexes sore the printer. So let her roll—we mean the coal—it takes the cash to winter; now please be kind and make up your mind to settle with the printer—at Easton Saturday.

Populist Club.

The Populists of the county have organized a club and now propose to get down to active work. The club will meet again tonight at Grand Army hall, when the officers will be elected. Capt. Sam'l Griffin was elected a member of the State Central Committee. The membership is about forty.

Meeting at the Library Rooms.

The Philokalian Society will meet today at 2 o'clock. The program is in charge of the committee on Current Events will be as follows:

A discussion of the silver question by Mess. J. Frank Turner and Preston B. Spring, and recitation by Miss Mary Hardcastle.

Snow Hill Again Under Flame.

On Thursday night last a fire broke out in Snow Hill destroying a lumber yard and several stores. Report says ten or more buildings were burned.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

THE ANNUAL MEE ING AT DOVER ON MARCH 18.

It Will be a Session of Unusual Interest Many Changes in The Pastorates. Other Items of Interest.

The annual meeting of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, which comprises the churches of that denomination in Delaware, Eastern Shore of Maryland and a part of Virginia, will be held at Dover on March 18 and will be of unusual interest. Bishop B. C. Warren will preside. The conference will elect four ministerial delegates to the General Conference, which meets in Cleveland, Ohio, in May. Ministerial delegates are chosen on the basis of one for every 45 ministers. The electoral conference will meet on March 26 and choose 2 lay delegates to the General Conference.

Rev. Mr. Terry will retire from the pastorate of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, and will be succeeded in all probability by Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D. of Dover. Mr. Terry will probably go to Laurel, the congregation there having asked for his appointment. Rev. Wilmer Jaggard will leave Silverbrood Church and expects to go to Bethel, and it is understood that Rev. W. O. Hurst, of Clayton, will succeed Mr. Jaggard, at Silverbrook. Rev. J. B. Quigg, who will leave Bethel, will take a supernumerary relation and will remove to Wilmington. Rev. J. E. Amos will leave Deleware City, but who will succeed him is not known. Rev. W. J. Du-Hadaway, who has been at Newark and Wesley, will not return. Rev. Walter E. Avery, who is completing a five-year pastorate at Easton, Md., has received a call to become pastor of Dover Church, and has accepted. His church at Easton will probably be occupied by Rev. Charles A. Hill, who is now serving a full term at Salisbury. Rev. C. W. Prettyman, of Seaford, is likely to succeed Mr. Hill. No selection has been made for Seaford. Rev. G. W. Bourke will remove from Millington, Md.

The Rev. F. C. McSorley will relinquish the Cambridge charge, and the succession will probably be left with the presiding elder. Rev. T. S. Williams will remove from Cannon's, and will probably go to Magnolia, which will be vacated by Rev. W. F. Dawson, The Rev. H. S. Thompson may remove from Felton, but where he will be sent is not yet known.

Georgetown asks for the return of its pastor. Rev. C. A. Grise, who is now serving his four years at that place, Rev. S. C. Baker will remove from Salisbury. Rev. G. W Bounds, who is now at Cape Charles City, will probably go to Deal's Island, succeeding Rev. C. T. Watts. Rev. R. K. Stephenson expects to remove from Crisfield, and it is not known where he will locate. Rev. E. C. MacNichol expects to leave Pocomoke City.

Rising Sun will ask for its present pastor, Rev. W. G. Koons, who was appointed by Presiding Elder L. E. Barrett to succeed the late Rev. J. E. Bryan. Elkton will keep Rev. A. S. Mowbray, and North East has asked for the return of Rev. W. A. Wise, Perryville for Rev. H. G. Budd, Hopewell for Rev. Greenfield, Chesapeake City for H. A. G. Westerfield and Port Deposit for Rev. W. H. Ewing. Rev. J. P. Smith will remain at Cherry Hill.

Homes on the Water Front.

The Chestertown correspondent of Baltimore *American* says: "A party from New York was in Chestertown this week looking for a suitable location on Chester river upon which to erect a country residence. These sites are in demand and thus far the New Yorker has been unable to secure one. Another party consisting of Mr. Ashmund, of Richmond, Va., Mr. George and Mr. Shaw, of New York, were guests of Mr. Cecil Adkinson last week, having also in view the purchase of water fronts below the bridge and the erection of handsome residences."

Should these gentlemen fail to be suited in Kent they can be suited in Talbot, which has more salt water coast than any county of the State and many very desirable residences on estates situate on salt water can be purchased for half their real and former value. Dr. Nickerson has a number of choice and desirable tracts which he will dispose of at very low rates.

East End Notes.

Arthur Baker will retire from the grocery business.

The train on the P. W. & B. Railroad due at Easton 7.15 p. m., did not arrive here until after nine o'clock Saturday evening last, owing to the wreck on the main line.

The good town commissioners have added improvements on East street in the shape of two new board walks.

The town commissioners have not yet said that we must have railroad gates, nor will they consent to station themselves one at each crossing and warn the many who have to cross these places.

G. M. Wingard continues to make improvements. He is doing a big business and anticipates several extensive changes in the Spring.

Not Numbers but Quality.

One of our Cambridge exchanges attempts to make fun of Easton for not building more houses during 1895. We say in response that Easton does not boast on the number of houses it builds but rather on the size and quality of its houses. Cambridge enjoyed a very long sleep before she started on her present road of developement and it will take years for Cambridge at her present pace before she can catch up with Easton in its Hotel accomodations, its elegant stores and general business appearance. We also suggest that they take another census of their population after the oyster season is over, and the five hundred are more oystermen leave for their rightful homes. The figures will then not be so inflated.

All last winter Mr. George A. Mills, of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. At times it was so severe that he could not stand up straight, but was drawn over on one side. "I tried different remedies without receiving relief," he says, "until about six months ago I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using it for three days my rheumatism was gone and has not returned since." For sale by H. Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

LITTLE NEWS NOTES.

The News of a Week Told in Brief Form. Local News Field.

Pension day, Wednesday.

Miles River Neck has one "full grown" populist.

On account of low tide due to the high wind, persons could pick up all the oysters they wanted along the river shores.

The B. C. & A. Steamboat Co., are running passengers from some of our wharves along the river to Baltimore for 25 cents.

Delegate Dodson has introduced a bill in the Legislature to regulate the sale of cider in the second district of Talbot county.

Spurgeon S. Beckins, of, Miles River neck, foreman on the farm of Dr. Charles H. Tilghman, has about 68 cattle penned up fattening for market.

James Manders, of Oxford, raised a hen, that when killed on account of not laying, had a liver that weighed 9 ounces, was 4 inches long and 3½ inches wide. The heart was below the normal size.

The public school at Lednum's corner, near woodland station was burned to the ground on Monday afternoon. How the fire originated is unknown but it is suspected to be incendiausm. Miss Georgia Boone is the teacher. The School Board will take steps at once to have the shool rebuilt.

The people of Matthews, seven miles from Easton, are very much aroused at what they call unjust discrimination on the part of the postoffice department. Postmaster Jump, of that place, was in Washington to see about the matter and solicited Senator Gibson's aid, but word has been received that the decision of the department is final. This new order of things will go hard with the good people there, as they will have to drive all the way from five to twelve miles to get their mail.

OPPOSE THE SCRAPE LAW.

A Largely Attended Meeting of Talbot Tongmen.

About two hundred tongmen met in Harrison's Hall, St. Michaels, last Thursday night for the purpose of urging upon the General Assembly the the importance of repealing the local scrape law for Talbot county. Spencer Bates and John Dobson, representing the tongmen of Oxford, spoke, stating that the oyster beds of the Choptank river had been ruined by Dorchester, as well as Talbot scrapers. James H. Sutton, representing the Broad Creek Neck tongmen, said the bars in that part of of the country were almost bare.

W. D. J. Morris, representing the Miles River tongmen, showed now the value of the property in the town of St. Michaels had depreciated as a result of depletion of oyster beds by scrapers. Mr. Morris produced statistics from the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court showing that there were 949 licensed tongmen in the county and only 101 scrapers; that the tongmen had paid for licenses $3,558.75 into the county treasury, and the scrapers only $1,606.14.

A permanent organization was effected, Richard E. Ford being elected president; Charles L. Tarr and William J. Keithley, vice presidents; William G. Jones and William J. Keith ey, committee on by-laws; James B. Watkins, treasurer; Nicholas Mc. Lecompte secretary. The following were appointed a committee to wait upon the legislative committees on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries to urge the repeal of the local scrape law: William J. Keithley, Lewis F. Larrimore, George R. Caulk, Richard F. Ford and J. Marcy Shockley.

Chips From the Talbot Times.

If debt was a crime and poverty a disgrace many people would be in an awful bad fix.

The Eastern Sho' didn't get a United States Senator in the person of our friend and former townsman, Col. J. C. Mullikin, but it was offered a Directorship in an Insane Asylum, but as the Asylum is not yet built it was not accepted.

An item copied by a number of our exchanges from the Easton papers to the effect that the canners at Trappe Landing have agreed to meet the farmers and pay $6 a ton for tomatoes is pronounced by Messrs. Jenkins & Kirby as utterly false. No one had the authority from our canners to make such a statement.

Mattie, the 12 year old twin daughter of Rufus Frampton, accidentally caught fire, while alone in the kitchen Monday afternoon, and went to the adjoining room with her clothes in a blaze, where her father in attempting to put the fire out was considerably burned about the hands. The clothes of the unfortunate child were burned almost entirely off. Little Mattie lingered until an early hour Monday morning, when death relieved her of her sufferings.

Leap Year Party.

Miss Maude S. Harriss gave a delightful Leap Year Party to a few of her many friends at her home (Ashford) in Ferry Neck on Saturday evening last. Dancing and games were the sports of the evening. At midnight refreshments were served. Among those present were Misses Cora Price, Bessie Bartlett, Nannie Brinsfield, Virginia Bartlett, Alice Price, Katie Newnam, Bessie Valliant, Anna Benson, Theresa Bartlett and Daisy Price; Messrs. Albert Price, George Brinsfield, Ernest Townsend, Walter Benson Carroll Brinsfield, Spry Newnam and Alfred Newnam. At a late hour the guests departed with many kind wishes for their young and genial hostess. Music was rendered for the occasion by Prof. Todd.

Our Second Anniversary.

On behalf of the pastor and people of Trinity M. E. Church, South, we desire to return thanks to Prof. Bowman and the Orchestra of Ebenezer M. E. Church, who by their presence and well rendered music added to the enjoyment of our Anniversary occasion; also to the friends who so kindly encouraged us.

Respectfully,
THE COMMITTEE.

The Monthly Illustrator and Home and Country, New York, for March, is resplendent with illustrations. But art aside, the table of contenis of the current number is very attractive. The subjects discussed are numerous and the text matter is exceptionally good. There is a feast for reason as well as to the sense of sight which will be appreciated to the full. And the soul will echo, Amen.