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ELECTION DRAWING NEAR.

TOWN COMMISSIONER LEONARD'S TERM EXPIRES IN MAY.

Sketch of the Present Board of Town Commissioners—Former Incumbents—But Two Republicans.

Just one month from to-day, May 3, an election will be held for one Town Commissioner of Easton, to succeed Mr. Charles H. Leonard.

Mr. Leonard states that he does not desire a re-election. If he retire at the expiration of his term, the Board will be without a Leonard, for the first time, save a few weeks in 1894, for almost twenty years.

Capt. C. R. Leonard was in the Board from about 1879 to May, 1894, when he declined again to be a candidate, being an aspirant for the more lucrative position of Postmaster of Easton, which he now fills.

The other members of the Board are Messrs. John C. Henry and Nehemiah E. Clark. Mr. Clark's term expires May 2, 1898, and Mr. Henry's on May 1, 1899. In politics Messrs. Henry and Leonard are Democrats, and Mr. Clark is a Prohibitionist.

Mr. Henry is the oldest member of the Board. He was first elected May 2, 1887, over Alexis A. Pascault and James H. McNeal. Mr. Pascault was a candidate for re-election, and Mr. McNeal was sprung late in the day as the Republican nominee. The vote stood: Henry, 259; McNeal, 170; Pascault, 106.

On May 5, 1890, Mr. Henry was re-elected without opposition, except one scattering vote for Mr. B. F. Parlett. On May 1, 1893, he defeated Mr. M. P. Flowers by a vote of 324 to 146. On May 4, 1896, he was elected over Mr. William G. Denny by 349 to 241. This last election was one of the most hotly contested ever held in the town.

Mr. Clark was elected on May 6, 1895, over Mr. Alexis A. Pascault, the poll standing: Clark, 367; Pascault, 192. The campaign had been a very warm one, and the excitement on election day was almost unprecedented. The town was full of campaign dodgers, a few remains of which are still to be seen.

Mr. Leonard was elected without opposition at a special election held May 25, 1894, receiving 133 votes. The election was called to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Mr. Edward H. Roe to qualify. Mr. Roe defeated Mr. John Mason at the regular election on May 7th by a vote of 261 to 179. A question arose as to Mr. Roe's eligibility, he being Register of Wills, whereupon he declined to take the oath of office.

A number of former Town Commissioners are still residents of Easton, among them Building Inspector Edward Roberts, Hon. Jerome B. Bennett, Messrs. Alexis A. Pascault, Robert F. Walker and Benjamin F. Parlett. Messrs. Walker and Parlett are the only Republicans that ever held this office.

Sanitation in the Schools.

Dr. Thomas A. Councell, health officer of Talbot county, did some very plain talking before the Teachers' Association at its meeting Saturday. He urged upon the teachers the great necessity for constant vigilance to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in the public schools of the county, and requested that all cases of suspected contagion be immediately reported to the health officials of the county. While a thorough disinfection of every text-book used in the school may not be practicable at all times, the doctor said if teachers would encourage pupils to refrain from borrowing such things as pencils, rules, &c., and insist upon habits of cleanliness with more persistency, the liability to the spread of disease would be mitigated.

The example of W. W. Brewer, justice of the peace and a prominent citizen of Mt. Jewett, Pa., is worthy of emulation. He says: "I never leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, and always recommend it to my friends. It is the best I ever used, and never fails to give immediate relief." For sale by Harry Roberts, Eastcn; P. M. Pastorfield, Royal Oak; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

Friends' School Sold.

Mr. William H. Withgott has purchased the Friends' School building on Bay street for $1400 and will remodel it into a machine shop about the first of next year. The building was built in 1874 and has always been used as a school until two years ago, when it was rented by the Baptists of Easton for a chapel. Miss Nicols conducts a private school in the smaller room at present.

MR. REGESTER LEAVES EASTON.

The Popular Minister of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Sent to Leesburg.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adjourned Monday, after a week's session at Staunton, Va. The appointments were somewhat of a surprise in some cases. Rev. E. V. Regester, who has so acceptably served the church in Easton, was sent to Leesburg, Virginia, and in his stead Rev. H. P. Wirgman comes here.

Mr. Regester has made many friends while stationed in Easton, and his departure is sincerely regretted. His new charge is a fine one and one of the choice appointments in the conference.

Rev. H. P. Wirgman is a young man of ability and is regarded as a very impressive preacher. Rev. C. W. Mark goes to Trappe and Rev. L. G. Martin to Royal Oak.

A Horrible Death.

Dave Richards, a well-known colored man, met with a terrible death Wednesday morning.

He and Josiah Smallwood, also colored, were at work taking the bricks from an old well on the premises of G. M. Wilson, of the Phoenix Mills. Richards went down the well, and Smallwood held a windlass to take the bricks out.

Richards had been warned that his task was a very dangerous one, but he disregarded the warning. After being at work for a short time, the well caved in. After much difficulty the body was recovered. Richards had been smothered. The unfortunate man was unmarried.

Presented Him with a Wheel.

The members of the M. E. Church of Easton gave the Rev. A. Hill and his wife, a donation party on Thursday evening. During the evening Mr. Walter H. Thompson made a pretty little speech in which he told Mr. Hill of the love and esteem in which he is held by his people, and their appreciation of his good work in their behalf, and begged the acceptance of a new 1897 Rambler Bicycle as a token. To Mrs. Hill the ladies presented a check for $20.00. Both the worthy pastor and his wife were deeply appreciative.

Will Speak in Easton.

Conway W. Sams, Chief Consul of the Maryland Division of the League of American Wheelman will address a good roads meeting in the Court House next Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Sams desires all wheelmen, farmers and others interested in good roads to be present. It is possible that the Talbot county Road League will co-operate. Wednesday evening an organization will be effected of all the League members in the county The meeting will be held in the Avon Cycle Club rooms.

Visitors to Easton.

Messrs. W. E. Walsh and Joseph B. Finan, of Cumberland, visited Easton on Sunday last. It was their first visit to the town. Mr. Walsh is a son of the late Congressman Wm. Walsh, of Allegany. He is interested in public library matters in Cumberland, and having read an account of the Talbot Mercantile Library, desired to visit it and its reading rooms and get full information about it. Mr. Finan is the editor of the Cumberland *Independent*.

Fire in Town.

A house on East street, below South, owned by Robert F. Walker and occupied by Charles Trueman, caught fire from a defective flue about 5.30 Monday afternoon. The fire department responded promptly, and the flames were extinguished in about half an hour. The upper part of the house was burned out, and all the furniture on that floor was destroyed.

In a letter to the manufacturers, Messrs. Davis & Buzzard of West Monterey, Pa., say "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has cured people whom our physicians could do nothing for. We persuaded them to try a bottle of it and they now recommend it, as do the rest of us." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Harry Roberts, Easton; P. M. Pastorfield, Royal Oak; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

Piano for Sale.

A good piano will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply at the
2-6-tf GAZETTE OFFICE.

A first-class baker with Baltimore and Washington experience is now employed in my bakery. Try my bread. Walter Garey, E. Dover St.

For truck, use Hubbard's Farmers' I. X. L. Apply to Leander R. Hooper, Manufacturer's Agent.

Get your Spring lamb today of Norris.

TALBOT'S TAXABLE BASIS.

A SHRINKAGE OF ALMOST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

Falling Off in the Value of Real Estate in Every District except Chapel—Two Causes Given for the Shrinkage.

The new assessment has been finished in Talbot. As had been anticipated, the taxable basis of the county has shrunk largely.

The assessors began work on June 9th and concluded their labors in February. There are two assessors-at-large and one for each election district.

In round numbers, the valuation of all real and personal property will be $8,200,000, against $8,650,000 last year. The Board of Control and Review has finished reviewing the assessment of every district except Easton, which it is now reviewing. In the following table, showing the valuation of each district, the Easton figures are those returned by the assessors, those for the other districts, those revised by the Board of Control and Review:

Easton District	$2,792,000
Easton Dist., Trappe Coll. Dist	165,500
St. Michaels District	1,251,000
Trappe District	1,833,000
Chapel District	1,583,000
Bay Hundred District	578,000
Total	$8,202,500

Last year the stocks, bonds, etc., in the county were assessed at $444,000. This item will show a large decrease this year, as under the new law stocks, etc., are only listed for purposes of taxation at from 25 to 50 per cent. of their face value. It is true that the new assessment taxes mortgages, but the only mortgages from which the county will realize any revenue are those executed since the passage of the law.

The exact valuation of real and personal property last year was $8,656,000, the shrinkage this year being $454,000. This decrease is accounted for in two ways, the lower valuation of real property and the exemption of farm implements from taxation. This latter item makes a decrease of about $75,000, and every district shows a falling off in the valuation of real property except Chapel, which shows an increase of $75,000.

While the decrease in the county's valuation seems rather disappointing, it should not be surprising. The last assessment was in 1876, three years before the resumption of specie payments, when values were inflated. We are now just emerging from the most severe panic ever known, and values are at rock bottom. The wonder, therefore, is not that the reduction is so much, but that it is so little.

COL. R. S. DODSON'S WILL.

The Bulk of His Estate Left to His Widow and Children.

The will of the late Col. Richard S. Dodson, admitted to probate in the Orphans' Court Tuesday, contains the following bequests to churches in St. Michaels, Talbot county, Md.: Sardis Chapel, a claim of $200 against the St. Michaels Cemetery Company and $300 cash; Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michaels, and the Methdist Episcopal Church of St. Michaels, $500, the income in each case to go toward paying the salary of the minister; and the African Methodist Episcopal Church of St. Michaels, $500, the income to be used for the benefit of the church.

Emma W. Dodson, widow of the testator, is bequeathed her husband's holding of the capital slock of the Citizens' Bank and the City National Bank of Norfolk. She is also left house and lot 22 East Huntingdon avenue, Baltimore. The bequest to Mrs. Dodson is for life or until she remarries.

The residue of the estate is left in trust to the ten children of Mr. Dodson, who are to receive the principal equality when the youngest of them reaches the age of twenty-one years.

It is provided in the will that in the distribution of the estate the Atlantic Hotel property shall be allotted at an appraised valuation to the son or sons conducting it if they so desire.

Mr. Dodson was born in Talbot county, near St. Michaels. He was a well-known hotel manager. He died in Baltimore on March 22. His will was executed January 30, 1895. It is estimated that his estate is valued at $700,000.

Don't buy your Spring Fertilizer until sou see Leander R. Hooper. He will give you good goods at bottom prices.

Home made caramels at Garey's Bakery and Confectionery store.

WANTED.

A good milch cow, fresh. Apply at
3-27-tf THIS OFFICE.

News of The Week ... Told in Brief.

The year 1897 was one-fourth gone at 6 A. M. yesterday.

Mr. Charles S. Dunham, we are glad to note, is recovering from his long and severe attack of illness.

A special meeting of ex-Confederate soldiers is called at the rooms of Col. Oswald Tilghman for Tuesday, April 13th, at 12 M.

Mr. J. Havry Covington is one of the crack shots of Easton and made a good record at the Long Branch meeting of dead shots last week.

The program for the next Teachers' Meeting is in hand and will be published in time for general information. Thanks to the Secretary for copy of same.

Easton can turn out to a fire, night or day, more people to the square inch than can Greater New York on occasions of the same kind. If there was a house in town not represented at Monday's fire, the fact was not observable.

Secretary Wesley Webb makes the following cheering report: March reports of vice presidents of Peninsula Horticultural Society indicate a large peach crop on this peninsula, nearly every county reporting present conditions as 100. Apples, pears, plums and small fruits are also in excellent condition.

At the beginning of the year the New Departure Bell Co. of Bristol, Conn., inaugurated the practice of presenting, each day in the year, one of their high-grade nickel-plated bicycle bells to the person sending the greatest number of clipped advertisements in which the name of that company appeared. On March 26th the winner was E. Percival Jump.

The Current Events Club will meet at the residence of Bishop Adams at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The discussion will be upon electricity, and a resume of the work of the century will be noticed, together with some exhibits showing the beauty of its effects and adaptability to the uses of man. The telephone will be dissected, the electric motor analyzed and shown, the famous Geissler tubes from which the Roentgen ray is emitted will be seen, and in more ways than one will the members be shocked.

G. A. R. Notice.

The regular meeting of Hicks Post No. 24, G. A. R., to be held on Tuesday evening next, the 6th inst., should have a full attendance as matters of interest to every comrade will claim attention. Memorial day will soon be here, and it is necessary that we should commence our preparations for its observance. We hope this year to make it the most successful and impressive of any we have ever held, and to do this we must have the cordial support of all members of the Post. Other matters will also claim attention of Tuesday next, and we urge a full attendance. The Post will meet at 7.30 o'clock at the Post room in Easton.

THOS. H. COBURN, Commander.

County Commissioners Meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday.

Privilege was granted Conway W. Sams of L. A. W. to occupy Court Room April 7, 1897 to hold a good roads meeting. Six months interest was paid on the Railroad Redemption Loan, also on School Bonds due April 1st 1897. Total amount $975.

Accounts amounting to $1637.55 were paid, Receipts were:

A. McC. Moore, collector	1896,	$250.00
R. F. Walker;	" 1996,	300.00
J. Hary Radcliff,	" 1895,	200.00
Col. Ed. Lloyd, bridge lumber		3.00
		$753.00

Rainbow Baazar and Supper.

A grand Baazar and suppers will be the interesting feature of the week beginning April 19th in the Hardcastle building on Dover street. The room will be handsomely decorated and presided over by some of the prettiest and most attractive ladies in Easton, and a concert will be given each evening by Bowman's orchestra and the male quartette. Admission free.

DIED.

BENNETT—On Friday morning April 2d, 1897 at her late residence, in Easton, Mrs. Jerome B. Bennett. The funeral will be from Calvary M. P. Church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon April 4th. Interment in Spring Hill Cemetery.

T. H. Hollingsworth & Co.'s millinery opening next Saturday.

IN THE OLD WORLD

FATHER BARTLETT WRITES OF HIS TOUR ABROAD.

Then Near the Seat of War—Just Returned from Egypt—A Journey through the Great Desert—Bound for Italy.

Under date of February 22nd Rev. Wm. E. Bartlett, of Baltimore, writes to his sister in Easton relative to his European tour. The following extracts are taken from his letter for the benefit of his many relatives and friends in this county, who may not enjoy a personal correspondence.

"We are now on the Mediterannian Sea, passing among the Ionian islands, near the coast of Greece, and hope to reach Brindiso, in Italy, tomorrow morning. We shall take train there for Naples, and after a day or so, proceed on to Rome. Lizzie [his sister] is reclining in a steamer chair on deck, reading a novel of Conan Doyle's, and I am in the saloon trying to write a letter. The weather has been delightful since we left Alexandria, day before yesterday, clear as a bell and no roll of the sea. Our last stay of eight days at Cairo was quite pleasant. We had no idea of ever seeing the Egyptian capitol again, when we left it for Jarusalem, but on our return I thought it advisable to land and go on to Cairo. There we had to stay until the next steamer, which is this one we are now on.

During our rest in Cairo, we made a trip to the Sahara, where Memphis once stood and were now there are several pyramids. We went down into several ancient tombs, where we saw the stone coffins, in which mummies of men, and even bulls, were preserved. Over the walls were inscribed thousands of hieroglyphics of the most interesting character. There were, for instance, pictures carved on the walls, representing all the actions of home and public life; men feeding geese and fattening animals; criminals being forced in long processions to go to prison; battles, and a hundred other curious details of ancient Egyptian life. We had to ride on donkeys over seven miles on the desert, and don't say we were not awfully sore and tired when we got back to our boat. I forgot to say that we were of a party of twelve and took a steam launch up the Nile, for about thirty miles, and then disembarked and took donkeys.

Lizzie had a good donkey, and she made good time with her donkey boy running behind prodding the animal with a long stick. Through dirty mud villages, out of which still dirtier Arab children ran out begging "backsheesh," soon desert sandy wastes, with the sand drifted, just like winter snow after a heavy wind, up and down we went, till we reached a deserted looking frame house where we lunched. We had a basket, carried by an Arab, and in it was a bottle of wine, another of water, some meat sandwiches, three or four oranges and a desert, with two little pinched paper parcels of salt and pepper. We relished our lunch very much, for the ride had sharpened our appetites, and then gave the relics to the donkey boys, who had run all the way behind us. We rested well when we reached the hotel and turned in for the night.

A Valuable Publication.

A most readable, instructive and valuable contribution to libraries is the work of Miss Lorine Manly entitled "Southern Literature from 1579 to 1895." B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va. Miss Manly says of her book:

"The primary object of this book is to furnish our children with material for becoming acquainted with the development of American life and history as found in the works of Southern writers."

This tells the story, and the story is well told by its author, though it has been a Herculean task, yet a labor of love, I should say.

The work should be in the library of every Southern home, and as a reference of value in public and school libraries as well. I.

FRIENDS.

He is my truest friend who comes
And tells me of my faults, that I
May throw them off, and thus have less
To hinder me from mounting high.

BUT

The friend whose words I cherish most
And whom I love the best is he
That praises everything I do,
And never sees a fault in me!

—*Cleveland Leader.*

Fresh soda, fruit and oyster crackers at Walter Garey's Bakery.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Mr. Will Hull was in Baltimore yesterday.

Mrs. Charles H. Gibson is at Mrs. Bateman's on a visit.

Hon. Isaac A. Barber paid a flying visit to Easton on Monday.

J. E. Tylor, of Baltimore spent a few days in town this week.

Miss Maud Patchett of Easton is visiting friends in Ridgely.

Miss Freda Trippe has returned from Baltimore where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. T. G. Randally and son Randolph, of Chicago Ill. are guests of Mrs. A. T. Bush.

Miss L. Curtis Roberts is home this week unable from sickness to be at her duties in St. Michaels.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Phillips of Newport News, Va., are visiting Mrs. Phillips' mother, Mrs. D. R. Cox.

Misses Edna Speakman, Laura Shinns and Fannibel Walker are home from school on their Spring vacation.

Admiral J. C. Febiger has had as his guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Johnson, of Washington D. C.

Miss Madge Goldsborough, Miss Nannie Taylor, Mrs. Henry Hollyday, Jr., Miss Nina Warfield, Miss Josephine Warfield, Miss Margaret Stewart and Miss Freda Trippe, with Mr. Ed. Trippe, all expect to go to Baltimore to see Sothern next week.

IN OUR CHURCH CIRCLES.

Items Of Interest Of The Doings In Our Churches.

Rev. W. Y. Beaven, rector of All Saints' parish, preached at Trinity Cathedral Tuesday night. Mr. Beaven was formerly second assistant minister at the Cathedral, and his former flock, together with many others, gave him a hearty welcome.

There was no service in SS. Peter and Paul's Church last night and will be none to-day and to-morrow, Rev. Father Waldron being in Dorchester.

The usual preaching services will be held at the Baptist mission tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. and at Longwoods at 3 p. m. A special meeting of the members will be held after these services for the purpose of selecting a pastor.

The annual missionary service of Calvary M. P. Sunday School Sunday evening was a great success. The pulpit was flanked by groups of fine house plants. The recitations were excellent, and the chorus all that could be desired. The orchestra, under the direction of Prof. E. K. Morris, well sustained its high reputation. Among the noteworthy features of the occasion were the singing of Edith and Sarah Miller and Bennett Graseley and addresses of Mary Hughes and Johnnie Mason. The mandolin and guitar sextette rendered two selections, and the choir rendered invaluable aid in singing. The people are loud in their praises of Rev. Wm. M. Poisal, the pastor, Mr. Charles H. Hughes, the Sunday School superintendent, Judge J. B. Bennett, chorister, Prof. Harmon, who had charge of the music, and all others that aided in making the entertainment a success. The conference year of this church has been marked with a degree of prosperity and unanimity highly satisfactory to the entire congregation, and Mr. Poisal's return by the Conference, which meets next week, will please the entire church.

Baltimore Markets.

The following quotations are from the last sales made yesterday:

Oats	@18
Corn	27½
Wheat	89
Pork, dressed	5½
Chickens, dressed	8@9

Grand Millinery Opening at T. H. Hollingsworth & Co.'s next Saturday. Most beautiful display of millinery ever seen in Easton.

Notice to Wheelmen.

Conway W. Sams, Esq., Chief Consul Md. Div., L. A. W., will address a Good Roads meeting on next Wednesday, April 7th, at 2 o'clock in the Court House. All wheelmen are especially invited to be present.

FRANK A. WHITE,
Local Consul for Easton.

How To Cure All Skin Diseases.

Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required. Cures tetters eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands nose, etc., leaving the skin clear white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy Ask your druggist for Swayne's Ointment.'
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