Trappe.

The schooner Teal, recently purchased by Messrs. Merrick, Kemp and Kirby of C. E. Bowdle, is now at Trappe Landing, where ten carpenters are employed in making extensive alterations and repairs.

Mr. Marcellus Fletcher, a highly esteemed and well-known business man of our town, has been painfully ill for the past two weeks.

Master Bowdle Highley, who was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday with malarial ever, is reported better.

H. W. Sessoms, of North Carolina, who has for several years been with Clark & Kirby, will leave for home in the near future. Edgar Hubbard, a well known and popular young man of our town, will take his place in the store.

H. A. Towers contemplates extensive changes, including a glass front in his store house.

Mr. Robert McCrackin and Miss Grace Coleman, who were married by Rev. B. S. Highley on Tuesday evening, were cerenaded by their friends on their return to their home in Bruceville.

Rev. M. Daugherty, the new pastor of the M. P. Church, arrived in town Thursday morning.

The general impression is that the recent cold snap has not entirely destroyed the fruit crop.

A forest fire destroyed a large area of undergrowth and some good timber in the almshouse woods on Wednesday.

Tilghman.

Oystermen of Talbot County—The efforts of Milliard R. Creighton, of Baltimore, to secure a title to the seven hundred acres of land and water, mostly water now, said to have been contained in the original grants of Sharp's Island, is only another form of turning a part of the public oyster grounds into private holdings. His title to the oyster bottoms surrounding that Island once established, every person owning land on the water front may, and without doubt will claim the original survey, and many of our best and most productive oyster grounds will become private property as the shore lines of two hundred years ago will certainly take them in. Now is the time for the oystermen to get together and fight this projected grab of oyster beds to the end, whether in the courts or in the Legislature.

The oyster season ends to-day, and a most unsatisfactory season it has been for oystermen of all classes. Prices have ruled very low, and the catch is very much below that of last year.

The hard times form the principal topic of conversation here, and yet to look around this Island a stranger would say that hard times had not reached us yet. Mr. W. C. Nichols has nearly completed his store, which will be stocked with drugs, toilet and fancy articles. Edward Brumwell's new store has been open a short time. J. H. Cooper and Son are pushing the work on W. F. May's store and J. H. Covey's house, both are nearing completion, and there is more or less activity in other branches of mechanical work.

Isaac A. Harrison has gone to Rock Hall to sink artesian wells, and Mr. Rude is to go to Kent Island shortly on the same business.

Many of our oystermen are making preparations to engage in the crabbing business. This is getting to be a very important industry and brings a great deal of money to the Island during the summer, when many of our people would otherwise be unemployed. There is a strong probability of one, and possibly two of our resident oyster packers opening crab picking houses shortly, should they do so it will make a home market that many crabbers will avail themselves of.

A member of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Corps visited Tilghman on Monday last. He pitched his little blue and white striped tent in B. B. Sinclair's vacant lot, set up his tripods and became the centre of attraction for men and boys of every kind, age and degree. Many were the gueses as to his business, his intentions, his employers, how long he was going to stay, whether a peculiar leather covered case contained dynamite, whether he was tryihg to locate Milliard Creighton's Sharp's Island oyster grounds by triangulation, and what in thunder was he doing here anyhow? And behold! he was only trying to determine the variation of the Magnetic Needle. After having drawn a true N and S line in the Court House yard at Cambridge, for the Surveyors of Dorchester to connect their compasses by, he had come to our green shores to do our surveyors a like favor.

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

MARRIED.

McCRACKEN—COLEMAN--At the residence of the officiating minister, Trappe, on Tuesday evening, April 20, 1897, by Rev. Burton S. Highley, Mr. Robert McCracken and Miss Grace Coleman of Bruceville.

TELEPHONE TATTLINGS.

Central is Kept Busy Connecting for Our Prosperous Business Men.

Shannahan & Wrightson Hardware Co., are daily filling orders over the wire. They keep all kinds of bicycle repairs, harware of ten thousand kinds of vehicles and machinery. Order of them every thing but a silk dress or a pair of corsets, and if among those articles go to one of the telephone merchants.

M. B. Nichols keeps more stuff to entertain the ladies with than any merchant in Easton except the confectioner, and his prices are as low as his goods are superior. New tan and black Oxford ties rednced from $3.00 to $2.19.

S. A. Meintzer's superb cake and confectionery, daily fresh, is attracting much attention over the wire leading to his restaurant and bakery. Strawberry cream on tap when the weather is suggestive of such.

M. M. Wright has so much in his grocery that is called for over the telephone that he is strongly thinking of placing in another phone. Have you tried his fresh cereals and other fancy table goods?

W. P. Chaffinch is making a specialty of carpets and clothing, and while you can get prices over the wire you cannot actually see the goods. He is going to place an Edison improved Lookescope in as soon as he can see through his store by going to the phone.

J. S. Griffith has the goods to attract the attention of those who want the best of everything that goes in the dining-room in the shape of dishes, or in the form of basket goods, or if you prefer, the greatest canned delicacies on the market.

J. J. Wright only regrets that he cannot fit shoes by wire and by the same source send them to his customers. He is working on a device to accomplish that end. The orders that come to him suggest some way of facilitating matters.

But the latest thing now is the electrical device for butchering and Norris is so expert that he is electricity himself and does not need the machine so much as he needs a boy to go by electricity to deliver the parcels he supplies from his Provision Depot.

Garey & Bro. have sent shad fresh from the river over the phone to their customers and are arranging to send any goods ordered. Try them, their number is 43 and you will see how beautifully their scheme works.

St. Michaels Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Craig, Jr., Miss Alice Mowbray, and Miss Ella Rolland of Philadelphia, who have been the guests of Mrs. G. K. Benson, have returned home.

Raymond Jones, Nicholas Orem and Nicholas Willis have returned to their college work.

Miss Virgie Williams returned on Wednesday to Western Maryland College.

Miss Helen Dodson spent the Easter holidays with her friend, Miss L. Curtis Roberts, in Easton.

Miss Adelia Jones spent the holidays with her parents, on Mulberry street.

Mr. Percy Pettit, of Norfolk, spent the holidays with Miss Ethel Harper, Riverside.

Joseph B. Seth and Robert S. Dodson, of the Maryland University, are at home for a few days.

Miss Corinne Burns Willey entertained a few friends on Friday evening at her home on Willow street.

Misses Sadie Thompson and Ethel Ross, of Easton, spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. Edward Lambert, of Easton, was in town on Monday.

The Mite Society of the M. E. Church gave a festival on Wednesday and Thursday nights in the lecture room of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, with their sons Leslie and Paul, have left for their home in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Burke spent the Easter holidays with her sister, Mrs. Edward Lambert, on Railroad Ave., Easton.

Curtis B. Sewell spent Sunday in Easton.

Miss Nita B. Valliant is spending some time with her uncle in Church Hill.

Nice new Nobby Suits latest style spring Hats, Shoes built on the newest lasts are being spread all over the County by the polite clerks of W. P. Chaffinch.

G. A. R. Notice.

A special meeting of Hicks Post, No. 24, G. A. R., will be held at the Post Room in Easton on Tuesday evening next, the 27th inst., at 8 o'clock. Business in which every Comrade should take an interest will claim the attention of the Post, and a full attendance is earnestly requested.

THOS. H. COBURN, Commander.

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.

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rather, it was a quick grasping of opportunities that were well turned to your advantage. From the short-sighted immediate dollar-and-cents standpoint we'd be gainers to sell at full values—for the percentage for store-keeping counts fastest on large prices. But that would put us in the old-fogy line. Every merchandise advantage we get is for Our Public's sharing.

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950 rolls, 19 patterns, small figured, jointed China matting at $7.

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Upholstery News TAMBOURED MUSLIN is in great and growing favor for summer curtains, but the veriest lover of dainty stuffs hasn't had such a group to choose from as are on show today. Fifty-six styles in the latest importation. $1.15 to $6 a pair.

Of many styles we have brought over SASH CURTAINS to match. $1 to $3 a pair.

Women's Black Shoes THERE will be flaws in the trade winds that are to waft us on to permanent good times—and the shrewd manufacturer is he who covers losses by losing profits—if by so doing he can keep his men busy and his organization intact.

That sort of a move led one maker of good shoes to sacrifice profits and a slice more on Four Thousand two hundred and twenty-eight pairs of Women's Shoes—

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On the $1.50 shoes you save fifty cents; on the $2 shoes you save one dollar, and the $2.50 shoes would regularly cost you five dollars.

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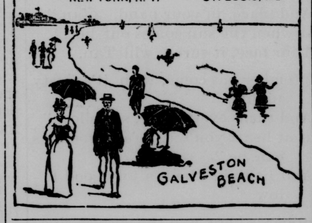
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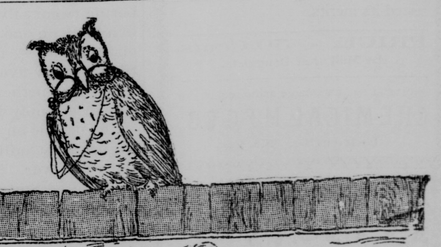
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