# The Easton Gazette.

Easton, Maryland, June 26, 1897.

### B. & O.'S WATERMELON PRIZE.

**$25 to Be Given the Grower of the Largest Melon in the South.**

Last season the Baltimore and Ohio made an offer of $5 each for the largest two watermelons grown in Georgia, to be presented to the Presidential candidates, the Hon. Wm. McKinley and Hon. W. J. Bryan, with the understanding that this season the successful candidate would be presented the largest melon grown in the South. The melons were secured and presented.

This season the company will give to the grower $25 for the largest melon grown in the South, to be presented at the White House, in Washington, to President McKinley. All B. & O. patrons shipping melons via the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are entitled to compete for this prize under the following conditions:

On the 15th of July any melon grower who has an unusually large watermellon can take it to the depot from which he makes his shipments; the agent at the depot will weigh and certify the weight, telegraphing it to his general freight agent, when the latter will telegraph to Commercial Agent Mitchell at Atlanta the weight of the largest watermelon grown on his line. A check be sent at once in payment for the largest watermelon grown in the South.

### Death of Mrs. Coates.

After a long and patient illness, Mrs. Sarah D. Coates departed this life at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Henry Shreve, Easton, on Monday last. At the hour of her death she was attended by all her daughters except one who resides in Oklahoma. For years she had made her home with Mrs. Shreve, who with her sister sacrificed every comfort to the attention of their aged and afflicted mother after she became confined to her room and bed.

Mrs. Coates was the widow of the late Edwin H. Coates, a prominent Philadelphian a few years ago, a man of great breadth of thought, writer, traveller, orator, philanthropist who made his impress upon the world at large.

Interment was at Germantown on Thursday. The remains were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Shreve, Mrs. Thompson *nee* Coates, Miss Lou Coates, Miss Bessie Coates and Mr Forrest Shreve, from Easton.

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Did you call at the Lynch Building and examine cooking on a vapor stove? If not, we will invite you to do so at once, and be convinced that you can cook at a cost of three cents per day without HEATING YOUR ROOM.

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Dr. D. R. Rothrock, of New Berlin Pa., does not hesitate to recommend Chamberlain's medicines. He says: I have handled them for a year or more in my pharmacy and find them safe and reliable. My customers praise them very highly." No one who is troubled with rheumatism can use Chamberlain's Pain Balm without praising it. The quick relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by H. Roberts, Easton; P. M. Pastorfield, Royal Oak; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

### Maryland's Opportunities.

There never was a time in the history of any state when opportunities were so numerous and so attractive as they are in Maryland today. The depression of the past three—now going on four—years has brought values to the lowest figures they can ever reach. There are splendid farms to be bought for prices that are less than one-half what they were ten years ago. There is a plenty of fine land, as cheap as in the far-off Western states, and there is no part of Maryland that is not in daily reach of the best markets of the country.

### Farm to Rent.

Eighty-acre farm to rent, within three miles of Easton. Address GAZETTE office. 2t

### W. C. T. U. Business.

The executive meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held to-day at their headquarters at 2 o'clock Mrs. Mary R. Haslup, State President will be present. A full attendance is requested.

On Tuesday 29th, at 4 p. m. a mother's meeting will be held at the W. C. T. U rooms on Goldsborough St. which will be attended by Mrs. Haslup, and in the evening a Gospel Temperance meeting will be held in Trinity M. E. Church, which will be addressed by Mrs. Haslup. A good attendance particularly desired.

### County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, all present.

The following were appointed vaccine physicans, one for each election district: Drs James B. Merritt, Easton; Robt. A. Dodson, St. Michaels; Joseph A. Ross, Trappe; C. A Stelle, Chapel; A. B. Glascock, Bay Hundred

Accounts amounting to $559.06 were paid.

Percival Mullikin, collector for 1896, paid $400.

### Beneath the Veil.

There is a veil o'er everything,
And so we muffled walk till death,
Unless some heart shall sob or sing
And lift it with a sudden breath.

Then do we see in vision plain
The radiance desired and clear,
And when the veil has dropped again
We walk but absent-minded here.

—*Alice Archer Sewall, in Harper's for July.*

### For Rent.

Large room with bay window, first floor. No board. MISS S. D. ROBERTS.

### An Error.

In last week's GAZETTE the error was made in speaking of the excellent appointment of Mrs. Nannie Meiere as the "Boys Mother" at the Nautical Academy, of referring to her distinguished father, Admiral Buchannan as James—the christian name of President Buchannon, instead of giving him his name of Franklin Buchanan.

Bicycles reduced at M. B. Nichols slaughter bicycle sale. Call to-day.

### Enjoy Your 4th July on B. & O.

The B. & O. R. R. will sell excursion tickets, between all points east of the Ohio River, for all trains July 2nd, 3d, 4th and 5th, valid for return passage until July 6th at GREATLY REDUCED RATES.

# LOVED JENNY LIND.

A MAN WHOSE LIFE WAS RUINED BY A PRACTICAL JOKE.

**A Thrifty Carpenter Turned Into a Lunatic by the Cruel Jest of Some Briefless Young Lawyers—Made to Believe the Great Singer Loved Him.**

Jenny Lind is dead, but in a filthy hovel on the road from Glasco, Ulster county, to the Hudson river, at Ulster Landing, lives a lasting remembrance of her in a poor mad hermit, who lost his mind through a practical joke, which aroused in him a violent love for the great singer. The man's history is full of such incidents as your true practical joker can enjoy. He has done no end of grotesque things. He has suffered unmeasured ridicule and injury. Rare indeed is the joke that can compare with this one in the quality and extent of the real human misery resulting from it.

Early in the fifties, when Jenny Lind was creating a mad furor here by her wonderful singing, there lived in Kingston, N. Y., a young carpenter named Tobias Van Steenberg. He never had a very strong mind, but was a good and steady workman, thrifty and prosperous. He had accumulated several hundred dollars in the savings bank and had built himself a good house. He was not the sort of man to make an enemy, but he was as good a mark for a practical joke as a jester could hope to find. Several young lawyers in Kingston had noted Van Steenberg's peculiarities and made him the butt of their jests. As most of them were briefless, they had plenty of leisure to devote to the young carpenter, to whom they gave the nickname of "Boot."

One day he was seen looking earnestly at a cheap cut of Jenny Lind in one of the shop windows, and the young lawyers saw an opportunity for another practical joke, so they began to talk to him about Jenny Lind, and soon made him think she was in love with him. They afterward managed to have letters sent to him from New York inviting him to visit the great singer in the city. He at once drew his money from the bank and, disposing of his property, started for New York.

The joke was certainly progressing very well, but it would seem as if some one might have had prudence enough to call a halt before Van Steenberg had quite ruined himself. In those days not so much was known as now about the effect of suggestion and "the fixed idea," especially upon a weak mind, yet plain common sense would have served well in this contingency. Nobody but the jokers could do anything with Van Steenberg. His friends and relatives were powerless, for he had passed into that strange mental state where only one spring of action can be touched, where only one impulse rules the conduct.

As soon as he reached the city poor "Boot" began to haunt the hall where the famous singer was appearing and to follow her carriage in the street. At one of her public receptions at the Revere hotel he declared his love before the crowd present and said he had come to New York to marry her and ended by groveling on the floor at her feet. She had never seen the man before and, of course, had him ejected from her apartments.

He then began to haunt the hotel lobby and to attempt to speak to her as she passed out of the hotel until the proprietors of the house had him put into the street. His next move was to place himself where he could watch the singer's windows, and he would not move from his post for hours at a time. Later on he seems to have got an idea that Miss Lind would love him better if he was a musician, and then he appeared in front of the hotel with a hand organ, which he would grind for hours at a time. He soon became a public nuisance and was arrested and taken to the Tombs. His friends in Kingston were notified to come and get him.

"Boot" was brought back to Kingston, but his mind was destroyed, and he would do nothing but wander about town grinding his hand organ. He soon became such a plague to his native town and to his own family that one of his brothers smashed the machine. He then settled down into a state of harmless lunacy until the war broke out, when he became imbued with the idea that he was a general and began to organize the boys of the town into a company of soldiers. He made his headquarters at the state camp grounds and gave orders to both officers and men, which they good naturedly pretended to obey. He then took on a new phase of lunacy by gathering everywhere he could brass buttons, which he sewed on his cap and clothing until he fairly bent under their weight.

He became such a walking show that his parents finally quietly destroyed his button bedecked suit.

All through the war he paid no attention to anything but military matters, making incoherent stump speeches whenever he could get any one to listen to him. After the war was over and the troops had disappeared he began to show signs of violence and was turned over by his relatives to the poor master, who sent him to jail, and finally to the madhouse attached to the county poorhouse. He was released from there a few months, and instead of returning home he went into one of the country towns and built himself a shanty, where he has continued to live.—New York Journal.

### The True Test.

Bess—You could hardly call her a social success.

Jess—Why, she seems to have plenty of admirers.

Bess—Oh, yes, if you look at it that way, but I don't believe she's on friendly terms with a single man she ever rejected.—Chicago Journal.

The Sanskrit language is said to have about 500 root words.


## WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 21, 1897.

### Continent Bicycles, $33

It was the 26th of last August when the Continent Bicycle was first given to Philadelphia. It is a $75 wheel under its maker's nameplate—was being sold at that price in other cities within the past few days, and presumably is being so sold today. We have sold the Continents at $37.50—sold more than three thousand during the few months they have been here. Now we change the price to $33.

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**John Wanamaker**


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Notice is hereby given that the subscriber hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Talbot County, in the State of Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of

ROBERT H. RAUM,

late of Talbot county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same properly authenticated to the subscriber, on or before the

12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1897,

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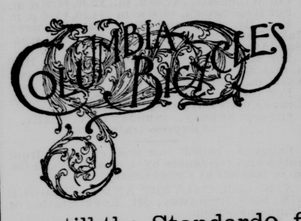
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