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TALBOT ON A BOOM.

VALUABLE PROPERTY ON THE BAY CHANGES HANDS.

The Rich Neck Farm Purchased by Local Capitalists—A Stock Company Formed. Will Be a Fine Summer Resort.

By the purchase at public sale on Tuesday last, Mr. Robert B. Dixon *et al.* secured the property known as the Rich Neck Farm, lately owned by the Bay City Land and Development Company.

The property is not only valuable as a farm, but for various other reasons which can be readily understood.

It encircles the village of Claiborne, the bay terminus of the rail route of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Co., for there the steamers of this company connect with the trains to and from Ocean City, and that means rail communication with St. Michaels, Royal Oak and Easton.

A glance at the map that follows this article explains the locality perfectly, and shows just the site of the farm, with all its advantages of steamer and rail connections and its unsurpassed water situations. With the beautiful Chesapeake washing its shores for over a mile upon the one side, upon the other the picturesque St. Michaels beats upon its sandy beach for even a greater distance.

There are more than than three hundred acres of land in the tract, and no situation is more favored by nature, for the waters of the bay and river are salt and filled with the finest of oysters, an inexhaustible supply, in fact, the toothsome terrapin has his lair there, the soft crab and the hard-shell abound, fish are in abundance, trout, rock, shad, blue fish and other varieties, while in winter the waters adjacent are the feeding places of the canvasback, mallard, redhead and other water fowl.

The soil is good on the farm, and being a peninsula, averaging half a mile in width, a superb view of the Chesapeake and St. Michaels River is obtained from every point.

Then, too, there are bits of pine forest, and trees scattered here and there add to the fine land and marine views—in truth, Nature has done more than her share, and now it remains for man to do his to blend all into an unsurpassed summer and winter resort.

A fleet steamer can make the run down the Chesapeake to Claiborne in less than three hours, and there the train connects for Easton, Ocean City and other points, and the road is a well-equipped one in every respect. With balsamic breezes on the one hand, the ozone from the salt water on the other, no malaria, mosquitoes and other nuisances, this new resort will spring into popularity at a bound, for be the fact now known that a company has been formed to make it all that could be desired as a watering place.

The President of the new company is Mr. Robert B. Dixon, a man who has no such word as fail in his vocabulary, and whose enterprise, progressiveness and sterling worth are too well known to need comment here.

Mr. Walter H. Thompson, another of Easton's popular and respected citizens, is Vice President, while Mr. Joseph B. Harrington is Manager and Treasurer.

These three officers indicate success and insure that the Claiborne Land Company means business in every particular.

There are, besides the trio of gentlemen named, the following on the Board of Directors: Messrs. William E. Shannahan, Joseph B. Seth, William H. Haddaway, James M. Wooters, Robert F. Walker, Nathaniel Tuthill, William Reddie and J. Frank Turner.

The capital stock of the company will at once be put into improvements, and this new venture will soon boom, for Eastonians know well all that it can be made as a resort, and what booms any part of Talbot County booms Easton.

IN OUR CHURCH CIRCLES.

Items Of Interest Of The Doings In Our Churches.

The Epworth League inaugurated a series of home social entertainments for its members on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. Walter H. Thompson. Only members of the Society were invited. A short program was presented: Miss Dolly Murphy, of Asbury Park, N. J. recited, Prof Wheatley sang and a number of amusing games were enjoyed, after which refreshments were served. The League will hold several entertainments every month.

Rev. T. R. Fizer, Pastor-elect of the Baptist Churches at Longwoods and Easton, will preach at Easton on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. and at Longwoods at 3 P. M.

THE CROCODILES' OUTING.

They Make Their Annual Excursion to the "City by the Sea."

All of us have heard of "crocodile tears," and they are said to be just contrary to those of real grief, joy and sympathy, of a vintage in which deceit is the main ingredient; but there was no mistaking the quality and quantity of the tears shed by the Club of Saurians who hied themselves to Ocean City this week for a short rest by the cool sea waves.

The Saurians that comprise the Crocodile Club of Easton are of a species peculiarly their own. They are not scalybacks nor canvasbacks, yet they love the seaside for the ozone in the air and the good things in the special car that takes the party to the Atlantic.

They number all who can be trapped to make the jaunt, and they prepare for days before the start, so as to have the expedition a perfect success.

The start is made in a special car, with an icehouse in it, and in the ice sundry bottles of medicines, to be prepared against malaria and other ills that flesh is heir to. A steward is taken along to look after the wants of the inner Crocodile, and a band of Italians to furnish the music on the way down. The band never play on the way back—they just can't.

On the way the Crocodiles are met at the various stations with welcomes by the populace, and invitations to "come in and be put on ice" are freely given.

After a delightful sojourn of forty-eight hours at Ocean City, the Crocodiles start upon their return to the Everglades of Easton, to bide their time until another outing, for these are annual pic-nics only.

If you don't believe they have a good time on their outing, get an invitation next time and become a Crocodile.

COMBINED WITH DEMOCRATS.

Report That the Liquor Dealers of Baltimore have pledged support.

Prohibitionists are aroused over the report that a fusion has been made between the democratic party managers of Talbot and the liquor dealers combine of Baltimore, with the end in view of making Talbot a license county.

The report is that for a certain sum guaranteed by the liquor people towards the corruption fund, the managers will put up only such men for the Legislature as will pledge themselves to have the queston of local option or license again put before the people to decide.

This report is somewhat born out by the fact that but little is said in democratic circles about the nominees for the General Assembly, and it must also be remembered that efforts have been made more than once by democratic delegates to have liquor again sold throughout the county.

The Weather and Crop Report.

The weather during the week ending Monday, June 28, 1897, has been very favorable for the growth and development of all crops The temperature and rainfall were both below the normal, but one or two quite warm days and a few scattering showers caused a splendid advancement in all vegetation. The week was also perfect for harvesting and all other farm work. The harvesting of wheat is proceeding rapidly, and the crop is excellent; oats and rye are heading out finely; clover is being cut and the crop will be heavy and of fine quality; corn is improving in growth and color, and though late is a good stand. Grass is in fine condition; tomatoes are looking well and growing rapidly; gardens are flourishing, berries plentiful. Tobacco is growing rapidly and in general standing well. Apples and peaches are still dropping; while the apple crop will be below the average, the quality is promising. Few peaches remain on the trees.

Election of Officers.

Star of the East Lodge Knights of Pythias held its semi-annual election last Monday evening and these officers were elected for the ensuing six months. Chancelor Commander, Wm. H. Withgott; Vice Chancellor, Nehemiah E. Clark; Prelate, S. Elliott Shannahan; Master at Arms, Joseph T. White; Master of Work, Harry A. Towers.

Primaries To-day.

The primaries will be held to-day to select delegates to a County Convention which will in turn name the delegates to represent this county at the Judicial Convention to be held in Centreville. Let every Republican attend to-day.

MAP OF RICH NECK.

Showing location of Mansion, which is situated upon the meridian 76° 17′, W. from Greenwich and in the North Latitude 38°, 50′, 45″.



A DECREASED TAX RATE.

TALBOT'S COMMISSIONERS MAKE A FINE RECORD.

The Basis Has Shrunk Heavily, but Taxes Are Five Cents Less than Last Year. Some Interesting Figures.

THE County Commissioners on Tuesday made the tax rate for the next fiscal year, and have fixed the tax rate at 92 cents on each $100, which is a reduction over the levy of last year of 5½ cents. The reduction in the rate is somewhat of a surprise as it was generally expected, owing to the extra expense the county has been put to, that it would be about the same as last year.

The levy was made on an estimated basis, as the exact basis cannot be learned until the State Tax Commissioner has sent in the list of corporations and the proportion of rolling stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad subject to taxation.

The basis as it is estimated is $8,500,000. Had it not been for the decrease of over a half a million dollars in the taxable basis caused by the reassessment and falling off in values generally the levy would have been much less than 92 cents.

Another item which was not provided for in the levy of last year was $2000 which had to be spent on the Miles River bridge. This amount had to be expended because of the dangerous condition of the bridge where repairs were being made and one portion of it had to be entirely rebuilt.

A great deal of money had to be expended on the roads last year because of the unfavorable weather. An increase of $9000 for Court expenses over 1896, $250 for county jail and $275 for new road machines and $2200 for rebuilding damaged portion of Miles River bridge and draw are other items why the levy was not placed lower, but in spite of all the heavy items of necessary expenses the levy has been placed at an even lower figure than last year. The expenses of the county this year are expected to be about $78,860 which is $6000 less than they were last year. The levy in detail is given below:

ITEM	1897	DECREASE
Almshouse	$ 2,000	$ .....
Dover Bridge	500	.....
Miles River Bridge	1,050	.....
Tuckahoe Bridge	200	.....
County Bridges, including King's Creek and Leeds Creek	1,400	.....
Bridge Lumber and Pipe	1,500	.....
Constables	2,300	200
Court Expenses	15,000	.....
Court House & Grounds	400	.....
Commissioners' office	2,200	600
Commissioners to Collectors & Assessments	3,000	.....
Elections	2,200	300
Oxford Ferry	1,000	.....
Inquests	250	.....
Insolvents, Errors and Removals	400	350
County Jail	750	.....
Interest	3,285	.....
Magistrates	1,500	.....
Md. Hospital for Insane	1,800	.....
Orphans Court	800	.....
Out Pensioners	1,200	.....
Burial of Paupers	100	.....
Register of Wills' Office	250	.....
Commissioners of Easton	300	.....
Public Roads	8,500	1,500
New Roads and Culverts	400	.....
Printing	500	500
Vaccination	100	.....
Board of Health	200	.....
County Machinery	475	.....
Registration	900	600
Weights and Measures	50	.....
Sinking Fund	1,300	.....
School Bonds	1,000	.....
Public Schools	21,000	.....
Witnesses before Magistrates	75	.....
Contingent Fund	2,375	3,425
Total	$78,860	$7,475

WEARERS OF THE GRAY CONVENE.

Charles S. Winder Camp Represented by Col. Oswald Tilghman

Col. Oswald Tilghman, Commander of Chas. S. Winder camp, United Confederate Veterens, and special delegate of the camp to the grand reunion on June 22d, to 25th, at Nashville Penn., has returned home.

The Colonel describes his trip as a most happy one, speaks of the old veterans of the Gray as being still hearty and hale, and for the time being all were boys again. They lived over the desperate days of '61 to '65 with sad memories of their dead comrades, and with an abiding faith in their Government as it stood to-day.

There were fifty thousand Confederate Veterans there, a few of them verging on the forescore and ten limit, others being over seventy and many who had passed the half century threshold.

But the meeting of them all once more made them young again.

There were Generals, Colonels galore, Majors, Captains and a *few* Privates.

Many had won fame and fortune, and whatever they were as a man, they certainly were all veteran soldiers, had passed desperate dangers, hardships and stood under the galling fire of angry foes.

Those of the Blue who were there were well received, and the "dead-line" was no longer drawn between them.

Colonel Tilghman further spoke of the wonderful improvement in Nashville in the past few years, and says that there are now few handsomer cities in this country.

Again had Colonel Tilghman much to say regarding the Nashville Exposition, which he asserts in many particulars is superior to the one in Chicago, though not on so large a scale, while he found no extortion there in the charges.

Permanently Cured.

"For about two years I have suffered with diarrhoea. I used a number of remedies and was treated by physicians, but received no permanat relief. After taking a few dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoe Remedy, I believe that I am now permanently cured."—JOAB CRITES, Tanner, Gilmer county, W. Va. This remedy is sold by Harry Roberts, Druggist, Easton, Md.

Flies and Mosquitoes.

Keep them out. Shannahan and Wrightson Hdw. Co. have the largest stock of screen doors and windows of any house in town. Very lowest prices. 2t

Farm to Rent.

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

The Eastman Kodak.

Can take a picture of anything in a minute Its a novel thing, cheap. Come examine.

2t SHANNAHAN & WRIGHTSON HDW. CO.

Personal Prattle.



Dr. Norman R. Smithers has gone to Centreville to practice dentistry. The Doctor graduated at the Maryland University in 1894 with highest honors, being second in a class of 80, and receiving the gold medal for "crown and bridge" work. The Doctor has many friends in Easton, who regret his leaving them, but who know that he will be appreciated in Centreville, as he deserves to be.

Misses Maud Chaplain and Elma Fleming will go to Trappe to-day to visit relatives and friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason of Baltimore spent Sunday in Easton at the home of Mr. John Mason.

Mrs. Wm. T. Elbin and grandson Ben have returned from a visit to Smyrna, Del.

John W. D. Jump was in Caroline county last week on professional business.

Mrs. Dr. Bullett spent a few days with her daughter in Washington this week.

Mr. John Y. Todd, of Indianapolis, Ind., has been on a visit to Talbot.

Mrs. Jos. Ross and daughter, of Germantown, are visiting at N. Tuthill's.

Miss Helen Benson was the guest of Mrs. Wm. G. Denny this week.

John Hartnett, of Dover, Del., was in town this week.

Mrs. E. K. Morris visited Washington this week.

NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

Our Active Reporters Still on Deck—Their Interesting Budget.

The State Teachers' Association will meet at Blue Mountain House, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, on July 13, 14 and 15.

Cora E. Orrell has been appointed post mistress at Wye Mills, Talbot County and will enter upon her duties at once.

James H. Sutton has been appointed postmaster at Bozman to succeed Edw. S. Neavitt, and H. T. Seymour has been named postmaster at Trappe, in place of Geo. E. Hart.

Prof. Carroll Edgar, teacher of manual training at the Easton High School, has resigned that position, and accepted the chair of Mechanical Drawing at the Maryland Nautical Acapemy,

Annie E. Rathell & Co. will move in a short time from their present store, adjoining the M. E. Church, to the corner store-room at Washington and Dover streets, next door to M. B. Nichols.

Out of a basket of Norris Arcolala gooseberries, grown on the farm of Col. J. C. Norris, a number of them measured three and a half inches one way and three inches the other way, who can eqal them.

The first excursion of the season left Easton Thursdy morning for Tolchester via the B. C. & A. Railway to Clayborne and thence to Tolchester by steamer. Quite a large number of people went and spent a most enjoyable day. M. B. Nichols was the projector of the excursion.

Patriotism on the 4th of July has been at a low ebb in Easton for several years and this is no exception, The fourth falling on Sunday, the following day Monday will be observed and the stores will be closed during the day. Better do all your shopping tonight.

The Democratic Convention of the Second Judicial Circuit met at Denton Wednesday afternoon and nominated the following ticket on the first ballot: James Alfred Pearce, of Kent county, for Chief Judge, and William R. Martin, of Talbot, and Frederick Stump, of Cecil, for Associate Judges. Judges Stump, Wickes and Lynch of Frederick are now the only Judges in Maryland that were on the bench in 1867.

County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 29th.

The Prohibition party was given permission to occupy the court room on Tuesday, July 13th.

The Board fixed the levy for 1897 at 92c. on the $100, and decided to allow 4 per cent. discount on all taxes for the present fiscal year paid on or before Sept. 1st prox.

Drs. Merritt, Dodson, Ross, Stelle and Glascock, vaccine physicians, were in consultation with the Board.

Accounts amounting to $720.37 were paid.

Collectors for 1896 paid as follows: Wm. S. Covington, $233; A. McC. Moore, $130; John L. Fisher, $131; R. F. Walker, $200; total, $694.

Hon. C. B. Bush, president of the Gilmer County (W. Va.) Court, says that he has had three cases of flux in his family, during the past summer, which he cured in less than a week with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Mr. Bush also states, that in some instances there were twenty hemorrhages a day.—Glenville, W. Va. *Pathfinder.* This remedy has been used in nine epidemics of flux and one of cholera, with perfect succes. It can always be depended upon for bowel complaint, even in its most severe forms. Every family should keep it at hand. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Harry Roberts, Druggist, Easton, Md.

Fine Carriages.

New lot just received. They are the latest, splendidly finished, first class, and remarkably low in price. Call and see them.

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G. A. R. Notice.

The next regular meeting of Hicks Post, No. 24, G. A. R., will be held on Tuesday evening next, 6th inst., at 8 o'clock, at the Post Room in Easton. A full attendance is requested. THOS. H. COBURN, Commander.

Boot Polishing.

Latest artistic touches by a professional. At his old stand on Dover St.

5-8-tf WALTER GRAHAM.

MR. PARLETT IN LUCK.

WILL BE THE NEXT COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Will Have the Support of Senator Wellington and All the Representaves except Mr. Mudd—The Bankers' Choice.

PUBLISHED dispatches from Washington leave no doubt but that Mr. B. F. Parlett, of Easton, will in a day or so be appointed Collector of Internal Revenue.

The official indorsements of Mr. Parlett by Congressmen Barber of the First district, Baker of the Second and McDonald of the Sixth have already been filed with the Secretary of the Treasury, and Senator Wellington and Congressmen McIntire and Booze are expected by Mr. Parlett's friends to add their indorsements. Congressman Mudd has already indorsed Dr. Washington G. Tuck of Annapolis for the place.

Up to the present time the supposition has been that Senator Wellington would join Congressman Mudd and indorse Dr. Tuck for the place of Revenue Collector. But Mr. Parlett secured the indorsement of a majority of the bankers and financiers of Baltimore and also other influential business indorsements in the city and State. Some of the business men went so far as to protest against the appointment of a mere politician like Dr. Tuck to the place, and their protests were voiced before Secretary Gage at the Treasury Department. Some of Senator Wellington's business friends in Baltimore advised against Dr. Tuck's appointment, and when Congressman Barber secured the official sanction of his two colleagues in the House, Messrs. Baker and McDonold, Senator Wellington is said to have yielded and will ask the President to make the appointment this week, as Collector Vandiver desires to retire and has so notified the Department at Washington.

Congressman Barber was asked by a reporter as to the truth of the reports about Revenue Collectorship and replied:

"I am assured that Mr. Parlett will be made Collector of Internal Revenue, and I believe the appointment will be sent to the Senate this week."

Congressman McIntire, when asked about the matter, said that he could give no particulars, that he had indorsed no one "as yet," but intimated that he was "not unfriendly" to Mr. Parlett, and that he "would not be surprised" if the appointment was made this week.

The Yacht Race.

The yacht Race on July 19th, is expected to be a great success all round.

All the Club are praying for a fine day and a stiff breeze, and the prayer of the Righteous availith much, it is said, so we will see what we shall see.

The Miles River will present a beautiful spectacle with all the pretty crafts under sail and Easton will doubtless turn out a large crowd to view the race.

The prize of the beautiful "Anchorage Cup" given by Col. Charles A. Chipley, and the money prizes offered by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club for the first and second boats will doubtless cause a large number of fleet racers to contest.

The entries close at 10 a. m. sharp, and the race to start as soon after as possible, the course to be determined upon by the Regatta Committee acording to the direction of the wind.

The judges of the race will be announced next week and all other particulars given.

A Man of Genius.

Col. J. C. Norris of the Avon Hotel has had as a guest the past week, Mr. S. Hamburger, of Baltimore. Mr. Hamburger is not wholly unknown to Eastonians, and at the request of Col. Norris gave a few invited guests a musical treat that was a revelation in its way. Seldom is the equal of Mr. Hamburger met with as violinist, for though an amateur he played with all the skill, power and expression of a Professional.

He is a perfect master of his instrument, which in his hands has a power and beauty of tone which few men can bring from it as he does.

Such skill as Mr. Hamburgbr possesses, such true musical genius and manner of showing it, should not be hidden under the garb of an amateur, for before the public his violin would have made him famous.

Unique Excursion for Amateur Photographers.

The B. & O. R. R. has arranged a novel excursion for the benefit of Amateur Photographers to Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Hancock, Md., and Cumberland, Md.

This excursion will be in charge of an experienced, professional photographer. Special car will be provided with a dark room and chemicals for developing negatives. Baggage compartment for photographic outfits, etc.

Train will leave Mt. Royal Station, 10.18 a. m., Camden Station, 10.45 a. m., July 9th. Tickets valid to return until July 12th. This is a rare opportunity for Amateur Photographers to get studies from nature at these historic points.

Round trip rates to Harper's Ferry $2.45 Hancock, $2.75; Cumberland, $3.85. Stop overs allowed at Harper's Ferry and Hancock.

Further information can be had by applying to B. & O. agents, N. W. Cor. Baltimore and Calvert Streets, 230 S. Broadway, 827 E. Baltimore Street, Mount Royal and Camden Stations.

"July 18, 1896, our store, four dwelling houses and three barns were washed away by a flood. Soon after the community was visited by an epidemic of bloody flux. In a short time we sold ten dozen of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and in every case where it was used the results were all that could be desired; in fact our physicians admitted that it would do more toward bringing about a cure of flux than they could do."—BUSH & KNISLEY, Auburn, W. Va., Oct. 8, 1896. For sale by Harry Roberts, Druggist, Easton, Md.

Bicycles Reduced.

Great reduction in bicycles while our present large stock lasts. Great bargains and now is your chance. Don't fail to come and see us and save money.

2t SHANNAHAN & WRIGHTSON HDW. CO.

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

A DESERVED PROMOTION.

The Principal of Easton High School Goes to the Maryland Nautical Academy.

The man at the helm of the Maryland Nautical Academy, the head of the faculty, is Edward M. Harcastle, Jr., B. A., M. D.

In making this selection those holding control of this new but worthy Institution have shown good judgment and a full appreciation of the character and capabilities of the man for such a responsible, painstaking and honorable position, for it is within the power of one so placed to make or mar the future of the Academy.

Doctor Hardcastle is one who has stood under the Roentgen ray of the public eye in our community and stood the inspection well.

In brief his record reads that he was born Dec. 10, 1867, at Trappe, Talbot county, Maryland. Attended the public schools of the county until 1882, when he went to St. Johns College as the incumbent of the State Scholarship for Talbot county. After completing the entire college course, graduating as valedictorian in 1886 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The following year was spent as assistant teacher in the Easton High School. Deciding on a medical education, he attended the lectures at the University of Maryland, was resident student of Maryland University Hospital. Graduated fourth in a class of 120, being awarded, after competitive examination, the Tiffany Surgical prize. Post-graduate courses were then taken at hospitals in Philadelphia under private instructions. Settled in Abbingdon, Va., in 1891, and was for a time acting-instructor of French and German at Martha Washington College for girls. He married Miss Nannie Melere, grandaughter of Admiral Franklin Buchannan, the Confederate hero, who so bravely fought the Merrimac in Hampton Roads and later, on the Flagship Tennessee gave battle to the Federal fleet in Mobile Bay Admirl Buchanan also had much to do with the successful establishment of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and by a strange coincidence the Nautical Academy is in sight of the Buchanan homestead. Mrs. Hardcastle died in 1893, after which Dr. Hardcastle came to Easton and accepted a position as assistant teacher in the High School, of which he was made the Principal, holding the position until the close of the term last week, when he resigned to become the President of the Faculty of the Nautical Academy.

With parents and scholars Doctor Hardcastle has held his popularity, for his nature is that of one who wins to him those with whom he comes in contact, and outside of his school he is just as favorably thought of.

A man of versatile mind, a thorough scholar of the classics, with a genius for imparting his knowledge to others, and a genius as well for governing those under him, courtly, refined, he is a splendid type of the perfect gentleman. No better selection than Doctor Hardcastle for this position could have been made, and the GAZETTE congratulates him upon having been named for it, while the Nautical Academy is equally deserving of congratulations that he has been made its head.

Trappe Items.

Rev. B. S. Highley spent part of last week in Western Maryland, and Sunday at Royal Oak where he preached an acceptable sermon in the Southern Methodist Church.

Bicycles, my!—
Those now do ride who ne'er could ride before,
And those who always rode, now ride the more.

W. S. Merrich attended the Democratic Convention this week at Denton.

Miss Mary Kemp, the assistant teacher at Bozman, is spending her vacation in town with her mother.

Miss Mary E. Ford, the assistant teacher in the High School, is spending this week in Oxford.

Rev. B. S. Highley spent Sunday with Ex-commissioner James Cox, Royal Oak.

Miss Gertrude Westlake, teacher of music at Western Maryland College, is visiting Miss Mary Kemp.

Mr. Samuel Eggleston of Texas, is, with his family visiting his sisters, Mrs. Sophia Kemp and Mrs R. Martin.

Harvesting is over, the sound of the thresher is heard; grain is of good quality, and some has already been shipped to Baltimore.

A hotly contested base ball game was played here between the St. Michaels and Trappe teams. At the tenth inning they "agreed to to disagree" and closed the game.

Mr. Wm. T. Price, having the contract to carry the mail to and from Trappe station, began his work with an early drive on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Blanche Chelton, with two children from Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Emma Mullikin.

The Loyal Legion (Temperance) will give an entertainment on Monday, July 5, in the grove adjoining the M. P. Church, at 1.30 o'clock p. m.

Following that, the W. C. T. T. will hold a picnic on the same grounds. The afternoon will be pleasantly spent with varried exercises, songs, recitiations, addresses, and refreshments.

Oxford High School.

The Thirteenth Annual Commencement of the Oxford High School was held on Monday evening last, at the Assembly Hall school.

Miss Willow Jordan gave the Salutatory and Valedictory, she being the "class of '97." The other features of the program were attractive, confisting of recitations by other pupils and music by Bowman's Orchestra of Easton, with an address by Rev. T. R. Van dyke.

Half Rates to Toronto via Pennsylvania Railroad on account of Epworth League Convention.

For the Epworth League International Convention, to be held at Toronto, Canada, July 15 to 18, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special tickets from all points on its line to Toronto and return at rate of single fare for the round trip. These tickets will be sold and good going July 14 and 15 good to return, leaving Toronto not earlier than July 19 nor later than July 24, 1897, and will be good only for continuous passage from Toronto on date stamped.

For further information apply to ticket agents.