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TALBOT'S SCHOOL AFFAIRS

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER CHAPLAIN.

Large Increase in Attendance, Especially of Colored Scholars—Two New School Houses and Five More Teachers.

THE School Commissioners met on Monday, and Mr. Michael B. Nichols, President of the Board, Dr. Robert A. Dodson and Miss Flavia A. Welby were chosen delegates to the Maryland Public Health Association, which will meet in Baltimore next week.

The teachers and scholars were gladdened by the action of the Board in making Friday, 26th inst., a holiday, being the day after Thanksgiving. The monthly meeting of the Teachers' Association was deferred one week, to Dec. 4, and the colored teachers will meet on the 26th inst.

John E. Friend was transferred from the colored school in Oxford Neck to the new colored school in Oxford, and Bertha S. Webb was appointed in his place.

Examiner Chaplain's annual report was ordered published and will be found in another column. It is very interesting and deserves a careful perusal.

The expenditure for free text books was $4477.17, with a balance on hand of $413.88.

New school houses were built at Manassas and Oxford, both colored, at a cost of $2400.03.

The indebtedness of the Board is $17,051.34, and receipts have decreased $2,321.74 compared with the preceding year. There has been expended out of the current fund for free text books $1463.13.

There is $13,961.06 due the Board from tax collectors, of which $1064 has been due since 1894.

The increase in attendance is very gratifying, being 372 in excess of last year. The gain in colored pupils is phenomenal, being 256, or an increase of 16 per cent., while the whites gained 116, or 4 per cent. One of the greatest disadvantages of the colored race is its comparative ignorance, and the members of the present generation are to be congratulated for their appreciation of the liberal educational facilities that they enjoy. The number of white scholars is 2934, of whom 405 are in high schools; the colored scholars number 1747. Five new teachers were employed during the year.

The State appropriation for colored schools is now far from sufficient for their needs, but it is earnestly hoped that the large increase in the amount now realized from State taxation will result in increased appropriations for this laudable cause.

The disbursements were $42,869.72, of which $6383.83 was on account of colored schools. The appropriation from the current fund for these latter was $1088.71 greater than ever before.

The Teachers' Associations received $120, equally divided between white and colored. The State Association received $10.

Chrysanthemums Galore.

Our popular next member of the Legislature, Capt. Levin H. Tull, of Oxford, is a devoted lover and skilled cultivator of flowers and has at his beautiful home in that town one of the largest and best collections in the county. The GAZETTE thanks him for a box of chrysanthemums containing one hundred varieties of the finest and most beautiful of his collection. Captain Tull has in his garden now in the full bloom of their beauty about two thousand varieties, and it is well worth a trip to Oxford to see them and enjoy the owner's genuine delight and hospitality while escorting you through his grounds and showing them to you. He sells them (any varieties) at ten cents apiece, and it gives a rare opportunity for lovers of that flower to supply themselves, as they can now select by their bloom the most desirable and favorite kinds.

A Profitable Talbot Industry.

People in the eastern section of the county are now preparing to ship evergreen. The heaviest shipments will be made at Christmas, and good prices are expected. Last season the sale of evergreen was not up to the standard on account of the hard times. The business is profitable, and in good times considerable money is made by shippers. Also in some parts of Caroline County, notably around Federalsburg, many people have found this a profitable industry.

More Holland Settlers.

Several Western Hollanders, through the efforts of Col. Oswald Tilghman, real estate agent, of Easton, have recently made tours of inspection through Talbot and also on the line of Q. A. Railroad, from Willoughby, in Queen Anne's county, to Downes' Station, in Caroline county, inclusive. These people are wide awake as to the quality of land best adapted to their needs, are cultured and intelligent, and put a high estimate on good citizenship.

"The worst cold I ever had in my life was cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes W. H. Norton, of Sutter Creek, Cal. "This cold left me with a cough, and I was expectorating all the time. The Remedy cured me, and I want all of my friends when troubled with a cough or cold to use it, for it will do them good." Sold by Harry Roberts, Druggist.

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REV. DR. AVERY RESIGNS

As Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, Wilmington M. E. Conference.

Rev. Dr. Walter E. Avery has resigned as presiding elder of the Salisbury district of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference. The resignation was presented to Bishop John P. Newman, who is assigned to preside at the next session of the Wilmington Conference, at Lewes. It is not known whether Dr. Avery will withdrow from the conference or accept another position in the ministry, but the general opinion is that he will be assigned to the pastorate of some church on the peninsula. Dr. Avery took this step on account of ill health, and much to his regret.

Among those who have been mentioned in connection with the vacancy caused by the resignation are: Revs. C. S. Baker, of Fairmount; C. W. Prettyman, of Salisbury; Dr. E. C. McNichol, of Pocomoke City, and S. M. Morgan, of Snow Hill. It is generally believed that Mr. Baker will be appointed, and that Dr. Avery may be assigned to the charge at Fairmount, as his father lives there.

The doctor's many friends here deeply regret his failing health and hope his retirement from the eldership will prove beneficial.

GIVEN TO THEIR FATHER.

Mr. John O. Small Awarded the Custody of His Children.

It required force Saturday to carry out the order of Judge Wright in Baltimore awarding to John O. Small the custody of his two children. Mr. Small, who lives at Trappe, Talbot county, came to Baltimore early last September with his wife, Mrs. Florence O. Small, and two children. They opened a boarding house, but Mr. Small soon returned to Talbot county. Recently Mr. Small came back to Baltimore again, and when his wife refused to return to Talbot county he obtained a writ of habeas corpus for the children.

The entire family was before Judge Wright Saturday when the case was heard. The children, a girl and a boy about five and six years old, respectively, and named after their parents wanted to go with their mother, and fought against being separated from her. Mr. Small took the boy in his arms and carried him screaming from the courtroom, while leading the girl by the hand. He took them to the sheriff's office, and it was some time before he could pacify them sufficiently to leave. Mrs. Small left the courtroom weeping. She was accompanied by a friend, with whom she is living on North Eutaw street. —*Sun.*

Young Friends' Association Meeting.

The winter meetings of the young Friends' Association opened last Monday night, and a goodly number of members was present. The officers selected for the ensuing term are W. Harry White, President; Samuel D. Yeo, Vice President, and Miss Laura Shinn, Secretary.

The program was one of the most interesting the Association has ever had, and was somewhat of a deviation from former ones.

Probably the most entertaining parts were the discussions, and as they brought out some original thought upon the topics of religion, spirituality and metaphysics, it is hoped they were no less profitale than entertaining.

W. C. T. U. Business.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Talbot County are gratified to be able to have with them and their cause the noted lecturer Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, of McMinnville, Oregon, national organizer and lecturer of the W. C. T. U., who has arranged to deliver two W. C. T. U. lectures in Talbot county. She will speak at Trappe next Wednesday, Nov. 17, and at Oxford on Thursday, Nov. 18. Mrs. Unruh's reputation as a speaker is great, and her recommendations for wit, humor and elo quence are many.

Mrs. M. J. Bartlett and Mrs. Moore have just returned from Canada, where the World's W. C. T. U. Convention was held. They bring home glowing accounts of the magnitude and work of the organization.

He Has Snakes.

Mr. Leander R. Hooper the fertilizer man who is breaking the record in selling reserved seat tickets to the Hall on Thanksgiving night, is also showing symptoms of seeing snakes, for he has in his office some queer reptiles of the vegetable kingdom in the shape of sweet potatoes, or else some very queer sweet potatoes, in the shape of reptiles, that were grown by Mr. Peter T. Hubbard near Easton. They look very snaky and they measure 20 and 26 inches respectively, while the largest part of the larger one measures but 7 inches in circumference.

The Nautical News.

This office is preparing for press an illustrated paper edited at the Nautical Military Academy by the students. It will be run off several thousand strong and will be a good medium for advertisers who wish to have their wares mentioned. But a small space is reserved for this purpose.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists. 11-13-tf

Carpenter, on Dover Street, has the reputation of selling the best oysters in Easton.

Rouss bargains arrive daily. Lots of goods at half price. Don't miss them. Everything. J. E. SHANNAHAN.

"THE GREATEST OF THESE."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNION DORCAS SOCIETY.

Sixty-Two Years of Intelligent Charity. Nearly Three Hundred Dollars Given Last Year—Appeal for Aid.

THE officers and managers of the Union Dorcas Society again present their annual report. Sixty-two years have elapsed since the organization of this Society and it continues to exist. We hope it has done much good. Many of the suffering poor have been relieved through its instrumentality. The most of our pensioners are aged females, who require as much assistance in warm as in cold weather, excepting food and clothing. Our funds have been so limited we could only assist them once a month in summer. In winter we visit them twice a month, oftener when sick. In November we assisted 10 persons; in December, 15 persons; in January, 16 persons; in February, 17 persons; in March, 18 persons; in April, 9 persons; in May, 8 persons; in June, 9 persons; in July, 9 persons; in August, 8 persons; in September, 8 persons; in October, 8 persons. In April one of our pensioners, an aged colored man (Abraham Johnson), died.

We return our thanks to our friends for giving us the means to help these needy ones, and hope they will continue to give to us according to their ability. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and will give unto us as we have given unto others. He has said, "Whatsoever we do unto His brethren we do unto Him." Many of the poor are His disciples. We who are more highly favored with the riches of this world should do what we can to lessen their sorrows and increase their happiness.

From our treasurer's report it will be seen our treasury is empty. We fear we will have a cold and long winter. You who have comfortable homes, will you not give something towards lessening the sorrows of the poor? When the mantle of winter covers the earth and the shrill blast whistles over the land, will not your own happiness be greatly increased if you have given to the poor the means of protecting them from cold and hunger? The poor shall never cease out of the land. It is our duty to care for them.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury Dec. 1, 1896	$106 24
Received from Donation Committee	72 60
Received from Subscription Committee	33 56
Received Interest on Wall Legacy	6 03
Received Fines	1 40
Received	$219 81
Expended as per Checks	219 81

The following contributions were also received and dispersed:

Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes, etc	$ 43 95
Medicine	35 00
	$ 78 95
Cash	219 81
Total Receipts	$298 79

The officers and managers of the Union Dorcas Society are as follows:

President—Mrs. T. J. Smithers.
Vice-President—Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese.
Secretary—Miss Mary Jenkins.
Treasurer—Miss Sadie C. Nichols.
Managers—Mrs. William H. Councell, Mrs. J. C. mullikin, Mrs. John S. Griffith, Mrs. Thomas H. Jenkins, Mrs. Kate Massey, Mrs. A. A. Miller, Mrs. Charles A. Hill, Mrs. Robert L. Kemp. Mrs. Harry G. Councell, Mrs. Henry Hollyday, jr., Miss Mary Jump Miss Josie P. Dawson.

INVITATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

To Attend Two Interesting Conventions in Baltimore.

The GAZETTE acknowledges the receipt of special invitation to be present at the Semi-Annual meeting of the Maryland Public Health Association to be held in Baltimore at the Hall of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, No. 847 N. Eutaw Street on Nov. 18th. and 19th.

The Program is an elaborate one, and embraces everything pertaining to public health and sanitary conditions. The papers and discussions will be from Doctors, Professors and Heads of Departments.

Also, the invitation to be present at the Conference of Charities and Correction to be held at the John's Hopkins University, Nov. 22nd. and 23rd. is acknowledged. All persons interested in these public questions should lend their influence, for it is by united and intelligent work only that good can come to the people at large.

Amusement Notes.

Prof. Morris has engaged Music Hall for Christmas Night and will give a Musical entertainment, assisted by local talent. Music lovers of Easton will be glad to know that the Profesror has undertaken the task.

Star of the East Lodge, Knights of Pythias expect to secure the Cecilia Musical Club for Christmas week. This company was the closing feature of the Acme Course last season, and was regarded as one of the very finest of its kind in Easton.

Gorton's Ministrels will be in Easton early in December for one nighht only.

Some Fine Celery.

Thanks to Mr. H. E, Aldrich for a bunch of fine celery, grown by his father in Delaware. He has a quantity of this celery at his Dover street store. It is the first to arrive in the Easton market and as sampled by the editor and his frmily was pronounced exceedingly fine, crisp and highly flavored.

Get your oysters of Carpenter, 301 Dover Street. 9-25-tf

DELIGHTED HIS AUDIENCE.

Impressions Made by Ralph Bingham at Music Hall.

After a period of nearly thirteen years absence from our town, Mr. Ralph Bingham gave one of his charming entertainments at Music Hall October 27th. It requires the ability of genius for one person to entertain an audience for a period of three hours, and this, Mr. Bingham accomplishes with ease.

The late Professor Hermann (Magician) was considered a marvel in this respect, as well as many others, but when approached by a friend and congratulated, after one of his extraordinary exhibitions, upon his ability as a "single handed entertainer," rather astonished the enthusiast by remarking: "I assure Monsieur of many thanks, but Monsieur remembairs not ze one hundred and feefty in ze wing."

Mr. Bingham does not require "one hundred and fifty in the wing." He is a monologist, humorist, violinist, and a pianist of great ability. From the beginning of the performance to the end his audience is "with him." A natural actor, his spontaneous expressions are brimming with wit, and no one is liable to suffer from *ennui* while he has the stage.

For nearly three hours he held the audience, at times convulsed with laughter, again moved to a deep quiet by the pathos of a selection, or silenced by the charm of music drawn from his violin. By his versality he was able to keep the interest up to the highest pitch and the encores were frequent and graciously responded to by Mr. Bingham. One very clever short comic monologue, written for him by James Whitcomb Reily, was generaly voted a gem. His violin work was fine, especially "The Poet and Peasant," and "The Intermezzo Cavalleria Rusticana," by Mascagni.

Miss Jessie Vivien Kerr, a student from Boston Conservatory, rendered some fine selections on the piano. Her technique may be classed as perfect, and her compositions have received most flattering attention from composers and critics in the musical world. This was her first appearance before an Easton audience. She undoubtedly received their approval, a no mean compliment.

As a special favor to the promoter of the entertainment, and as a compliment to Mr. Bingham, Mr. E. Ashton Plummer took charge of the stage arrangement, and the audience expressed their approval of his dainty drawingroom effect, by their applause upon the rise of the curtain. Pillowed couched, divans draped with Turkish curtains, paintings upon the walls and palms arranged in an octagon shaped room, was indeed restful and refreshing to the habitue of Music Hall.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Bingham may soon favor Easton with another visit, and be received by a crowded house; that Miss Kerr will again delight everybody with her music; and that Mr. Plummer may exercise his genius in arranging a charming scenic effect as he alone knows how to do.

THEY KNOW HIS WORTH.

Professor Murdaugh's Ability Recognized in Oklahoma.

The Guthrie Daily *Leader* of Oklahoma, and also the *Capital* of the same city in recent editions gave more than a column of eulogistic talk regarding their Territorial Normal School, of which Prof. E. D. Murdaugh, late of the Easton High School is President. This, no doubt will gratify the many friends the Professor in this part of the world who were not slow to appreciate his worth, but who were glad to see him take an advanced position in the educational fields of the country.

The *Capital* says:

"President Murdaugh is constantly growing in popularity. His splendid management of the school from a mere weakling as he found it two years ago to a strong, well proportioned institution with the largest attendance of any similar institution in the territory, judging by the figures claimed by the other schools, is admirable. Our school now stands at the head, not only numerically but in thoroughness of organization, discipline and quality of work done; and our people are not afraid of the future of this school so long as a man of such eminent professional ability as the present incumbent stands at head of the institution.

THE HOUSES FOR WORSHIP.

What the Churches in and Near Easton Are Doing.

Mr. William Goldsborough, of the Maryland Nautical Academy, delivered a most excellent address before the Cathedral Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on Friday evening. Mr. Goldsborough was the delegate from this Chapter to the International Convention of the Brotherhood held in Buffalo, and his description of the scenes of the Convention was greatly enjoyed by all who heard him.

Dean Rich has assumed the editorial responsibilities of the Diocesan publication known as CHURCH AFFAIRS and will bring out an issue of that paper this month. The removal of Dr. Sutton from Easton left the paper without an Editor until Mr. Rich consented to take charge.

Revival Meetings every night except Saturday at the Baptist Church. Rev. Wayne Smith will preach next week—Come—Welcome t oall.

Rev. B. S. Highley of Trappe is announced to preach for Rev. W. M. Poisal of the M. P. Church next Sunday morning and night.

A Sure Thing for You.

A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic, are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free. All druggists. tf

HE KEPT THE TRUCKS.

BOUGHT VS. BORROW AND BOUGHT WON THE SUIT.

Novel Suit of Mr. Wrightson vs. Mr. Hubbard—Perplexity of a Witness—Decided He Purchased Them.

There are times when the best business men and most honest business intentions become entangled in differences that have to be settled by law. That this should be so, especially by men so well known in the community as Mr. Chas T. Wrightson and Mr. William L. Hubbard, both engaged in mammoth enterprises of packing fruit and vegetables, is no doubt a cause of regret to both of these gentlemen.

However, the difference was settled by Esquire Coburn on Wednesday afternoon last and Mr. Hubbard will be required to keep the trucks he thought he borrowed of Mr. Wrightson and pay him for them, which, with the costs will be $48.48.

It appears that some time last summer Mr. Hubbard had a mishap to his "carreris" and sought Mr. Wrightson to know the address of the manufacturers, that repairs could be ordered. Mr. Wrightson sent him word that they had stopped making the particular parts—had changed their patterns, and as he, Mr. Wrightson, had some on hand not in use, he would be willing to sell them at half price, etc. Mr. Hubbard sent his colored man to "borrow" the necessary quantity in order to test the efficacy, and used them for some days. Mr. Wrightson then rendered a bill. The goods were returned immediately and Mr. Wrightson refused to receive them, because he did not understand that that they were loaned, but bought. The evidence showed that the case hinged on the testimony of the colored witness. The one side saying the witness was sent to "borrow" while the other side did not understand it that way. The witness did not know exactly which he was sent to do but thought as the carriers or trucks "helped Mr. Hubbard outen a hole, he ought to pay fur them." So thought the Magistrate.

Will Be Better than Ever.

That excellent religious monthly, *Church Affairs*, has resumed publication, and the November number will be issued shortly. Dean Rich and Rev. James A. Mitchell, of Centreville, are editors. They are determined to make it better than ever before, and all persons interested in the welfare of the Diocese will find it invaluable.

Don't Dodge.

You can't get away from the responsibility to educate your children and to make home as cheerful and attractive as possible. J. W. Wheatley, of Easton, Md., will furnish you a piano that will always give satisfaction. You can get it at a reasonable price and on easy terms. See him or write to him for particulars.

Congressman Howard will deliver his great lecture, "Lights and Shadows of Real Life," Thanksgiving night in Music Hall. Don't miss it.

POLITICAL HASH.

Gossip Among Democratic Officeholders With Apologies to Arthur.

Speculation has been rife as to the probable successor of Mr. William G. Stoops, deputy sheriff. Several names are spoken of as probabilities. Mr. Isaac Pippin is prominently mentioned, but a strong pull is going to be made upon Sheriff McKnett to bring with him Mr. Charles B. Lloyd who has warm personal friends of both parties in Easton, who want him appointed.

The office of Deputy Clerk to the Court, as well as the Recording Clerk's position are demanded by the friends of some clever aspirants to the desk occupied by Mr. Henry Hollyday, Jr., and Mr. William Wilson. If Mason Shehan does not get the former and "Bob" Kirby the latter, good democratic prognosticators are failing in their surmises.

Henry G. Pascault will, in all probability, succeed himself, that is, if Bob Kirby is fixed in the Clerk's office; otherwise Mr. Pascault will have strong opposition.

It is conceded that Geo. W. Mobray will be crier to the Court—or at least he is said to have Judge Martin's support in that respect.

Bailiffs to the Court will be numerous so far as application is concerned. Mr Tom Lockerman and Mr. John McHale seem to stand the best show now of appointment.

For a New Road.

The commission recently named by the County Commissioners for the purpose of looking into the advisability of opening a new road in Easton District, begining at J. C. Perry's farm and running into the road from Easton to Dover Bridge, reported on Tuesday.

William Willis and James W. Hopkins, two members of the commission appointed reported to the County Commissioners that the public convenience requires the opening of the new road. George M. Jenkins, the third member of the commission, was not present and has not signed the report. The proposed road is to shorten the distance from the lands through which it runs to Dover Bridge. Mr. Wm. H. Adkins, attorney for Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, through whose farm the road would run, objects to its opening, on the ground that it would cut off the entire water front of that part of the farm and otherwise damage the property. The report proposes that Mrs. Reese be allowed $75 per acre for the land cut off, but no damages.

Postpone the Work.

The residents of Tunis Mills and Miles River Neck, together with several Easton Merchants petitioned the Board of County Commissioners not to begin work on Miles River Bridge until April 1, as the work now would cause the bridge to be closed for some time at the busiest season of the year. No action was taken in the matter by the Board.

Only Partially Democratic.

Who ever thought old Talbot would go democratic without turning Lincoln's nose around? Not even the prohibs.—*Queenstown News.*

The Men Who Lose.

Here's to the men who lose!
What though their work be e'er so nobly planned,
And watched with zealous care,
No glorious hallo crown their efforts grand;
Contempt is failure's share.

Here's to the men who lose!
If triumph's easy smile our struggles greet,
Courage is easy then;
The king is he who, after fierce defeat,
Can up and fight again.

Here's to the men who lose!
The ready plaudits of a fawning world
Ring sweet in victor's ears;
The vanquished banners never are unfurled—
For them there sounds no cheers.

Here's to the men who lose!
The touchstone of true worth is not success,
There is a higher test—
Though fate may darkly frown, onward to press,
And bravely do one's best.

Here's to the men who lose!
It is the vanquished's praises that I sing,
And this is the toast I choose:
"A hard-fought failure is a notable thing;
Here's to the men who lose." Boston Traveler.