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Arrived and ready for action is young Eighteen Ninety-Eight. Old Father Time has safely landed him from the now deserted ship of the Past. He is a healthy, promising youngster, and the trade winds of activity fan his brow. May his advent be to us all his fair countenance portends, and as the surging billows of life's fitful sea roll upon the shores of that haven where "Time shall be no more," may we all find a landing with countenances as bright and foot-holds as sure. To the readers of the GAZETTE, one and all, this youngster sends greetings.

A VERY SHOCKING CRIME.

DRUNKEN FATHER CAUSES HIS SON'S DEATH.

One of the Saddest Occurrences in Talbot for a Long Time—A Little Colored Boy in Bay Hundred Frozen.

SELDOM has the quiet neighborhood of McDaniel been the scene of so sad and tragic an occurrence as that transpiring last Saturday, when Howard Wilson met his death, owing to the negligence of his father, John Wilson. It seems that the elder Wilson, who is a colored man living on the farm of John Dulin, went to the house of Samuel Adams, where his (Wilson's) wife is sick, on Friday night. On leaving, he took his little son, who was only about five years old.

Wilson was very drunk, and the night was very cold. All present entreated him not to take the child with him, but, inflamed with liquor, he was deaf to reason. On his homeward way he stopped at Sophia Sanders' and Tom Allen's, at both of which places he was begged to leave his son, but in vain. On the way Howard was separated from his father, but the latter did not find it out until he got home. He then took a lantern and started in search of him. He failed to find him, but next morning he was discovered in Mr. Joseph O. Kemp's field, frozen stiff.

The body was taken to Samuel Adams', and a jury of inquest was summoned by Esquire Wm. E. Lowe, who has long carried the scales of justice in that section. The panel was: Albert Lowe, John T. Lowe, Frank T. Lowe, G. A. Wrightson, John C. McDaniel, Theodore Ehrhardt, W. L. Hopkins, Joseph Lowe, Ira K. Caulk, Frank Miller, William Wells and John H. Webb. They rendered a verdict that "Howard Wilson came to his death from exposure, through the negligence of his father, John Wilson."

CONSTABLES APPOINTED.

County Commissioners Appoint Guardians of the Peace for Two Years.

On Tuesday the county commissioners made a number of appointments, among them the constables for the ensuing two years. For Easton District these re-appointments were made: Joseph T. White, Wm. G. Stoops, Robert M. Coulby; for St. Michaels District, Benj. M. Blades; for Chapel District, S. Romanzo Randall and William S. Elben.

Robert West was made janitor of the Court House.

Receipts were $1071 and expenditures $380.61.

TO CURE COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. 10-30-6m

JUDGE EDWARD A. POWELL.

Will Succeed Hon. Edward Woodall on the Orphans' Court Bench.

Hon. Edward Woodall has resigned the position of Judge of the Orphans' Court, which he has filled with great ability for the past two years. Mr. Edward A. Powell, of Trappe, is the unanimous choice of the Republicans of Talbot for his successor, and there is little doubt of his appointment.

Mr. Powell is a native of this county. At one time he was accountant in the wholesale establishment of Wm. T. Dixon & Bro., of Baltimore, and since then has held many trusteeships and other places of responsibility. Returning to Talbot, he took up farming, and on the death of Hon. I. D. Clark, in 1888, succeeded him in the mercantile business. He was appointed Treasurer of the Almshouse to succeed W. P. Chaffinch. He was candidate for county commissioner last year. Mr. Powell has won well merited success in life, and his appointment will give universal satisfaction.

MR. ADAMS ACCEPTS.

The Presiding Elder Will Again Become Pastor of the M. E. Church.

Rev. R. H. Adams, who six years ago was minister of Ebenezer M. E. Church, it is said will return to Easton, beginning with the next conference year. Mr. Adams is now Presiding Elder of Dover District, and has been since he left Easton. He recently received a call from the trustees of the M. E. Church, and it is said a reply has been received accepting the invitation.

The public in general and the members of the church here are to be congratulated on having such a successor to their present very able minister, Rev. Charles A. Hill, who goes to Smyrna.

The Fair Officers.

The Directors of the Talbot County Fair Association met on Tuesday and elected Dr. Lowndes president; Capt. Hedge Thompson, vice-president, and Joseph B. Harrington, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Harrington, who was president, takes the place of Mr. M. M. Higgins, who declined a re-election,

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3,1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, cold and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by H. Roberts, Easton, Md.

Go to Muller on Markert Space for harness and blankets, oil, etc. t12-31

DEATH OF A HOODOO DOCTOR.

Wm. H. Allen Expires at Centreville—His Connection with the Rash Murder Trial.

Wm. H. Allen, colored, died suddenly of heart disease Sunday night, in Centerville. He went into the office at the jail and requested to be allowed to warm himself, and as he had been in the habit of doing chores about the premises, his request was granted. In a few minutes after lying on the floor it was noticed that he was ill, and Dr. Troy was summoned, but no relief could be given, and he soon died. Justice Bryan summoned a jury of inquest and a verdict in accordance with above facts was rendered. Allen, or "Doctor" Allen, as he was generally called, is a well known personage in Easton and was a "hoodoo" doctor, and previous to the murder of Samuel Rash had lived in the upper part of the county, where he had quite a potent influence among those of his own color, as well as some whites, from the belief that he possessed the power of charming away diseases and ill-luck, as well as the ability to "hoodoo" those who were his enemies. Shortly after the murder of Rash he was placed in jail and detained as an important witness for the State. His testimony, however, was only circumstantial, and after the trial of Thomas Brown, who was accused of the crime, Allen was released, and since that time has lived in Centreville. It was alleged that some time previous to the murder of Rash a man had consulted Allen as to the best way in which to dispose of a mortal enemy, and that the latter recommended that a picture of the enemy be nailed to a tree and riddled with shot, and that the death of the person so treated would result, and in pursuance of this advice the man had practiced target-shooting at a picture of Rash.

Election of Officers.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 106, Knights of Pythias, held its semi-annual election last Monday evening when these officers were elected, Chancellor Commander—N. E. Clark Vice Chancellor—S. Elliott Shannahan, Prelate—Joseph T. White, Master of Finance—L. R. Hooper, Master of Exchequer—Chas. H. Leonard, Keeper of Records and Seals—Wm. J. Benny, Master at Arms—Henry Hollyday Jr., Master of Work—Geo. T. Robinson, Trustee—T. H. Hollingsworth, Grand Representative—F. A. White.

The officers will be installed next Monday evening.

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. tr

RIGHT MAN IN RIGHT PLACE

HON. MARTIN M. HIGGINS, SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.

Consternation among the Delegates, Who Expected Him again to be Chief Clerk of that Body.

MR. Martin M. Higgins of Easton, who last week, was chosen by a caucus of Republican Senators to be Secretary of the State Senate, says he was greatly surprised by his selection as he had not been a candidate and had no intimation that he would be chosen.

It was not until he was telegraphed from St. Michaels by Senator Dodson on the evening of the day he was selected, that he knew anything at all about the appointment.

Mr. Higgins' selection will leave the House of Delegates without any one of experience to place in the Chief Clerical position, says the Baltimore *News*, and unless that body should choose a Democrat, for no Republicans who are ready to serve have ever held such places at Annapolis. Members of the House are much disappointed by the Senate selecting Mr. Higgins for secretary, as they had expected to have him in his old place as chief clerk in the House and they are uncertain as to whom they shall get for the place unless, indeed, Mr. H. B. Joyce, who was chief engrossing clerk of the last House, can be induced to accept the place.

The chief clerkship is the most arduous and important position in the gift of the House, and requires a great amount of skill and knowledge on the part of the incumbent. The duties are of such a character that they cannot be delegated to a subordinate, but, under the law, must be performed by the chief clerk in person.

He is responsible for the safekeeping of all bills introduced, has charge of the files, makes the proper indorsements on the bills, and delivers them to the Governor when passed by both houses. He also carries all messages to the Senate and receives all brought from that body, and has general charge of all the great amount of important clerical work done under the direction of the House.

It will, therefore, be easily seen how important it is that the chief clerk should be not only a man of experience, but also a man of high character. In the hands of an inefficient or corrupt man great confusion would result, and the work of the entire session would be greatly hampered, the evil continuing in the confusion about the laws passed even after the close of the session.

LITTLE NEWS NOTES.

Snap Shots by the Gazette's Reportorial Kodak.

Watch out or you will write it 1897.

Christmas day was cold and clear, but a muddy week has followed.

The Nickerson Fertilizer Company are sending out a large quantity of handsome calendars to their customers.

Business seems active along the streets of Easton, judging from the many vehicles always to be seen.

The employees of the steam laundry of Easton have presented Mr. William B. Patterson with a gold ring, ruby setting and appropriately engraved, as a Christmas remembrance.

Mr. Wilfred Bateman has moved to his recently purchased dwelling on South Washington street, where he also has his law offices. The property is the Hayward house, and has been greatly improved by Mr. Bateman.

Contractor Trax has finished rebuilding Miles River bridge. The south end has been entirely rebuilt, and a portion of it is made of earth and shells instead of planking. This makes the bridge proper about fifteen feet shorter.

John N. Marquette has served a mechanic's lien notice on the Queen Anne's Railroad against its elevator property at Queenstown. The amount claimed is $1,165.99.

William Carey, the "old Kriss," was burned at a Sunday-school entertainment at Smithville, Md., Christmas eve. His coudition is extremely critical, and he is not expected to recover.

Miss Hennie Goldsborough, of Centreville, who has relatives in Talbot, sued a Baltimore street railway for damages. The matter was compromised, the company having paid her $1000.

Mr. Wm. T. Carpenter has removed his business to the Minnick property, opposite the Easton National Bank, where he has opened a Farmers' Hotel and Restaurant, giving the best of accommodations at liberal rates. His counter and tables are well supplied with the best of the market at all times. See his advertisement in this paper.

Here is an item of interest to our bicyclists, of whom Easton has the largest number of any town on the Eastern Shore: M. K. Saulsbury, of Ridgely, it is reported, rode over to Denton last week on his wheel. On arriving there he could not keep any air in his tire. Mr. Saulsbury bought a quart of oats and, after putting them in the tire, added a little water and soon went on his way without any further trouble.

The people of the Grangers Fire Insurance Company can feel confident in the management of its officers, as the success of the past year and the past 22 years shows the wisdom of this plan. While the expenses of other companies are increasing, they have been able to pay all losses during 1897 with an assessment of 2¾ per cent. on Premium notes or about two dollars per $1000, insured.

OF PERSONAL INTEREST.

Visitors to Easton and Talbot—What Our People Are Doing.



Mrs. F. A Small agent for the P. W. Zelger and Co of New York is spending a few days in Easton.

Look out for the interesting recital of Six Months Residence in that famous Bastile Fort Delaware to be delivered by lhe Rev. Mr. Rich sometime during January.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dixon of Baltimore entertained the Dixon family to an elaborate Christmas dinner last Saturday. There were thirty-seven present consisting of Robt. B. Dixon, wife and family, Wm. T. Dixon, wife and family, Caleb Moore and wife, J. Kemp Bartlett, Jr., and family, Wm. Crawford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Brock and Mrs Martha Norris. During the evening and to tea the entire party were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Dixon, and the following day with two or three exceptions they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Robt. B. Dixon

Mrs. Lyttleton B. Purnell gave a tea Wednesday from 4 to 6 o'clock at her country home, "Woodlawn," on the Liberty road, in honor of Mrs. E. R. L. Gould, of New York, Mrs. Claredon I. T. Gould and Miss Helen Denison. Mrs. Purnell was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. Wm. T. Dixon, Mrs. Helen Denison, Mrs. Edwin Warfield and Mrs. E. E. Jackson. The house was decorated with potted plants and ferns and Becker's Orchestra played. About two hundred guests left cards.—Balto. *Sun.*

Mrs. Rachel Handy, a most popular and esteemed colored lady of Easton, has issued invitations to the marriage of her son, Howard L. Handy, to Miss Kattie Johnson, also of Easton. The wedding, which will be a swell affair, will take place in Bethel A. M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, 1898. Mr. Handy has been for some time in the service of Dr. H. R. Barton, and is held as a shining light in Easton's most exclusive African set.

Miss S. Anna Pinyon of the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, who was one of Mrs. Carlton D. Harris' nurses during her recent illness at that institution, was the guest of Col. and Mrs. J. C. Norris, at Hotel Avon, Christmas day, and the Sunday following. Mrs. Harris is unstinted in her praises of the "Maryland General," and Professor David B. Street who was her special physician.

The last Methodist Protestant says of Gen. Richard Thomas: General Thomas is one of the most generous and intelligent of our laymen. He has always lived in Easton, Md., and joined the Methodist Protestant Church in 1829. He is probably the only person now living who joined the Church at the beginning and he has maintained a faithful and consistent relation with it from that day to this. He is now eighty-two years of age.

Baltimore *News:* Mrs. Mary Hooper. Bartlett and her young daughter. Nannie Howard Bartlett, of Sunnyside, Talbot county, are guests at Glengyle, the country home of Mrs. Robt. Magruder of Baltimore county Miss Alice Brent Bartlett will not return home from All Saints' School for the holidays, but will pass them in Philadelphia.

Col. Prentiss Ingraham is busy on literary work filling orders from publishers. He is also fast completing "Legendary Lore" a story of Romance and Reality along the shores of the Chesapeake. Persons who know of incidents worthy the book are requested to communicate with the author at an early date, Address, Easton, Md,

Mr. William C. Smith will leave Easton on Monday for New York, which he will make his future home. Mr. Smith is one of our most popular young men, and has the best wishes of all, while his departure is much regretted.

Mr. James N. Todd of the Denton bar has returned to his home from the hospiatl where for some months he has been in a critical condition. He will resume practice when he regains his strength sufficiently.

Mr. S. Pippin guessed 5208 pills in the sealed bottle in Dr. Councell's window and thereby won the box of cigars, The exact number, according to the official count, was 5208.

Miss Willie May Valliant who wrote the prize story published in this issue, is a young lady of Baltimore formerly a school teacher in this county.

Mrs. B. H. Brenneman has gone to Philadelphia to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harry H. Stewart, and thence to Lancaster and Millersville, Lancaster county, Pa., to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. William Reddie of Easton has presented to St. Paul's Church Trappe, a Bible in memory of his father and mother.

Miss Ella Williams, a teacher in the High School at Asbury Park, N. J., spent the Christmas holidays with her mother.

Judge Adams of Chicapo has been on a visit of a few days to his brother the Rt. Rev. Wm. Forbes Adams.

Miss Madge Moore, of Cheswold, Del., is visiting her aunt Mrs. N. E. Clark at Easton, Md.—*Smyrna Times*

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Coney, of Wilmington, have been guests at the residence of Mr Coney's parents this week on Harrison Street.

Mr. James Nichols of Oxford will take a three month course of Theology at Western Maryland College.

Miss Ethel Ross leaves town on Monday for the continuance of her musical course at the Peabody.

John Hartnett, of Philadelphia, was in Easton for Christmas. He says he is doing well in Philadelphia.

Miss Pauline Adams is spending some time in Chicago with the family of her uncle, Judge Francis Adams.

Mrs. E. V. White and Miss Edna White, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Chas. H. Hughes.

Miss Virgie Kirk has returned home from a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Baltimore.

Miss Annie O'Brien of Baltimore, has returned to her home after a very pleasant visit among friends in town.

Mr. A. Hughes has again resumed his duties after a siege of two weeks with severe tonsilitis.

Mr. C. Jehu Butler is visiting his sister Mrs. Harvey S. Morganthall, Waynesboro.

Mrs. B. P. Cox and Miss Ida Mason Cox, of Baltimore are spending a week in Easton.

Thanks to Dixon Bartlett & Co., of Baltimore for handsome Calender received.

Miss Luln C. Roberts has been visiting Miss Margaret Reed, of Cumberland.

Mrs. Chas. W. Adams of Chicago is visiting her mother Mrs. Ella A. Robinson.

Mrs. Mary Walker and Miss Berry, of Kenton, Del, are visiting in Easton.

Miss Evelyn Littleton of Dover, is the guest of Mrs. William C. Littleton.

Miss Christine Philips of Cambridge is visiting Miss Helen Covey.

Henry P. Turner, of St. Johns College has been home for the holidays.

Mr. Wm. L. Hull spent part of the Christmas holidays in Waynesboro.

Miss Lizzie Hall of Cambridge, was in Easton a few days this week.

Miss Nellie R. Wrightson is visiting Miss Adah Jarrell in Smyrna, Del.

Miss Maud Collins is visiting Mrs. Charles Clayborne, in Baltimore.

Mrs. Edward R. Rich has recovered from her late sickness.

Mrs. Edward Roberts and son Edward are in Baltimore.

T. Hughlett Henry is spending a week in Philadelphia.

Miss Caroline Burnite was in Baltimore last Thursday.

E. McNeal Shannahan is visiting in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Jennie Williams was in Baltimore this week.

Miss Pauline De W. Bartlett it visiting in Baltimore.

Mrs. William C. Bray is visiting in Baltimore.

Dr. Norman Smithers continues to improve.

THE HOUSES FOR WORSHIP.

What the Churches in and Near Easton Are Doing.

Trinity Cathedral and Ebenezer M. E. Church gave Christmas treats to their members on Tuesday evening, which were greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Rev. F. B. Adkins, of Quantico, assisted in the services at Trinity Cathedral on Sunday and Tuesday and preached Sunday night.

The Christmas entertainment given by Calvary M. P. Sunday School last Sunday evening was a success. The recitations and singing by the children were excellent. Prof. Morris directed the orchestra, which was a valuable addition to the music. The choir rendered a most beautiful anthem. The decorations were exceedingly pretty. W. W. Spence directed the choir. Prof. Harmon was at the organ. Miss Beulah Gilbert gave two recitations that were highly appreciated by the audience, and Miss Nellie Weston gave an excellent reading.

A Child Burned to Death.

Howard, the three-year old son of Capt Ross Taylor, was burned to death at the Taylor home, on Pleasant street, Cambridge, Wednesday morning. The child's mother left it in a room by a hot stove, and went to a neighbor's near by for a short time. In her absence the little fellow's clothing was ignited from the stove, and when found by a lad whom the mother had sent to see if he was safe he was lying on the floor, burned to a crisp, the room being full of smoke. Mrs. Taylor is nearly distracted with grief.

Tilghman's Typhoid Cases.

Health Officer, Dr. Councell has returned from Tilghman's Island and reports the condition of things there greatly exaggerated. There are about twenty-five cases of typhoid on the Island, but not serious. The causes have been observed and being removed and no further alarm need be anticipated. The Dr. will inspect the ground again next week.

An editor in a neighboring town sarcastically remarks that he wants to buy a sack of flour, a pair of shoes, and a felt hat and he is prepared to receive the lowest bids for the same. He says that some of his own. townpeople treat him that way when they want printing to the amount of $2 or $3 done.