THE EASTERN SHORE.

"HAPPY IS THE LAND WHICH HAS NO HISTORY."

What this Favored Region Has and What It Has Not—Literally "a Land Flowing with Milk and Honey."

HAPPY is the land which has no history. That division of Maryland which is known as the "Eastern Shore," says Calvin Dill Wilson, in Lippincott's Magazine for January, "contains no vast extent of territory and it is peopled by no immense multitudes; no great historical event has occured there; it has not had the fierce light of publicity turned upon every happening within its borders; it is not a State; it is not an empire; it has no gold, or silver or coal mines, neither has it any oil or gas wells, and it has no imperial possibilities. It is not the centre of the world; no large metropolis exists upon it, and none ever will exist there.

"Nevertheless it is a famous region; its local name is known to most of the intelligent citizens of the United States, and the place indicated by the title is at once understood. It has a greatness of its own, and has claims upon public attention. Its situation is interesting; its population has a marked character; its products are valuable and are in demand everywhere in this land, and in many places outside America, and its fame is great, because of the sensations it provides for the palates of men. No district in the ancient world was more justly celebrated f r pleasing the epicure than this tertory, which is sometimes thought of as a mere sandbar. The grapes of Ephraim or the onions and garlic of Egypt were not more famous among the Jews, nor the wheat fields of Egypt among the Romans, nor the eel and mullet ponds of Lucullus, nor the wines of Falernia among the same people, than some of the products of this region are among moderns."

What does a land which can raise oysters want with coal mines? What need is there ot gold mines where diamond-backs bring eighty dollars a dozen? Abana and Pharpar may be better than all the waters of Israel but what are they when compared with rivers out of which thou mayst dig soft crabs? A land that can produce sweet potatoes and canvas-back ducks, peaches and ortolans, watermelons and sliders has no need of imperial possibilities or a metropolis. Oysters to make glad the heart of man and terrapin to make him of a cheerful countenance are more to be disired than fatories and furnaces. And as to fame, the Eastern Shore has that in abundance. There is scarcely a factory chimney from Rising Sun to Tobacco Stick through the whole length and breadth of the land. There are no great centres of industry, no marts of trade, no great population. And yet the fame of the Eastern Shore has reached all lands. It is loved and revered where the names of some of our great manufacturing cities and industrial centres are unknown. Wherever people know what is good for food and pleasant to the eye, the Eastern Snore is beloved. To think of it when away from her rivers and creeks, whose waters run in one direction one part of the day and in another direction another part of the day, is as if a hungry man should sleep and dream that he eateth and awake and behold his soul is empty. All hail to the Eastern Shore! All hail to the terrapin and the oyster and to the departed grandeur of the Eastern Shore law!—*Sun.*

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Ia., who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; for sale by H. Roberts, Easton, Md.

COL. WILLIAM F. CODY.

The Wonderful Adventures of "Buffalo Bill" as Told in London.

An Englishman cannot see where the laugh comes in, in American jokes and humor. This, for instance from a London paper, has the laugh all over it when we consider that by the mass of English readers, it will be treated as a *bona fide* record of Buffalo Bill's career: "The cablegrams annouce that Colonel Cody, who will be well remembered in London, has been returned as Mayor of Nebraska. No better selection could have been made. Colonel Cody was the friend of a man named Boone, who discovered Kentucky in 1869. After marrying the grand daughter of a distinguished gentleman known as Sitting Bull Frog, Cody was twice Governor of Chicago, and at one time was made Mayor of the Arkansas Legislature. He also served in the Confederate Army under Ben Butler, who so gallantly defended New Orleans against General Longstreet. The province of Detroit rewarded him for his military service by sending him to Congress, where he introduced a bill for the relief of Buffalo. It was in this that he got his name "Buffalo Bill." While Mr. Cody has a large ranch in St. Louis he finds time for literature, and writes for the Atlantic Monthly, a newspaper edited by Mark Twain and Uncle Thomas Cabin, a gentleman who made fame by his negro dialect sketches."

Wedding Announcements.

Thaddeus Herring Swank and Miss Sadie Belle Pippin, the former of Baltimore, will be married in Ebenezer Church, Easton, on January 12th.

The wedding of William H. Cannon and Miss Lizzie Curry will take place at Greensboro next Wednesday.

C. Norman Robinson and Miss Rosa Emma Collins will be married near Greensboro next Wednesday.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENTS

A ROUND OF PLEASURE IN EASTON THIS WEEK.

Sunday School Children's Christmas Festivities—Epworth League Social—A Reception at the Rectory.

THE children of Christ P. E. Sunday School on Christmas Eve assembled at the room known as Mason's Hall, on Market Space, and there saw a real Kris come down the chimney. There had been erected in the room a splendid imitation of a chimney, with large, open fireplace, and after the happy little throng had assembled and Miss May Bartlett had nicely recited "The Night before Christmas," and Master Edmund Bray had worked the young hearts up to the highest degree of expectancy by telling more of this wonderful Santa Claus, down the chimney bounced a real Kris. The exclamations of wonder escaped from each little child, who could scarcely believe its own eyes. But the kindly smile of Kris, as he distributed imitation bricks filled with candy to each child, calling them by name, soon made them composed. One of the amusing blunders of Old Kris on this occasion was to call out "Rosalie *Vacation*," instead of Rosalie Hollyday—but the little girl forgave him as she took the gift. The surplus cash collected for this treat will be used for the S. S. building fund.

On Tuesday evening last the members and children of Calvary M. P. Church met in the lecture room of the church and had the usual Christmas treat. A pleasant little impromptu program was given, consisting of songs and readings. Prof. Edward Reisler told of the various names applied to "Old Kris," and Rev. Mr. Poisal and Mr. Charles H. Hughes made themselves, as usual, particularly entertaining to the children. A feast and social time was indulged in.

The Sunday School children of Trinity Cathedral, together with a number of invited guests, had a most enjoyable time at Armory Hall on Tuesday last. The children, both young and old, engaged in merry games, dipped into the mysterious grab-bag, and partook of ice cream, cake and fruit to their entire satisfaction. The evening, which everyone present voted a great success, closed with a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed large boxes of candy to the children and sent them home well pleased with their Christmas feast.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church gave a very hospitable reception to invited guests at the lecture room of the church last Wednesday evening. An hour was devoted to an entertaining program consisting of select readings and music. Miss Ida M. Cox, of Baltimore, late of Easton, rendered several selections in a highly finished style, showing remarkable talent for elocutionary training. The exhibition of the phonograph, with many fine selections, was not the least interesting feature. After this the evening was devoted to the passing of refreshments and to social intercourse.

On the previous evening, at the same place, the children of the Sunday School had distributed to them many packages of good things, greatly to their enjoyment.

The Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Baldwin gave a delightful tea at Christ Church Rectory on Wednesday evening. There were present, and enjoying the hospitality of the genial hostess, the Misses Wallace and Blake, of Boston, the Rev. John B. Gray and wife, the Rev. Dr. E. M. Hardcastle and Miss Alice Hardcastle, Mr. Davenport, of the Nautical Academy, and the Rev. Edward R. Rich, Mrs. Rich being unavoidably absent on account of sickness.

Mrs. Dr. E. R. Trippe and daughters entertained the Young Ladies' Euchre Club on Wednesday night last, at regular Wednesday night meeting. An elegant supper was served, consisting of every variety of refreshments; including several kinds of ices and creams. The first prize was won by Miss Neva Parlett, which consisted of a silver puff and powder arrangement; the second prize was won by Miss Addie Trippe, and was a beautiful ornamental piece containing a tape-measure, while it represented a luscious apple; the third prize was that of a silver pin-tray and silver wish-bone upon it, which was won by Mrs. N. F. Aldridge. Besides those mentioned, there were present Mrs. Charles W. Adams (Chicago,) Mrs. Dr. Counsell, Mrs. H. Skipwith Gordon, Mrs. Frank Adkins, Misses Nannie and Amy Hambleton, Ethel Gray, Virginia Rich, Fannie and Susie Hollyday, Edith Hardcastle, Louise Adams, Madge Goldsborough, Nannie and Margaret Robinson and Anna Taylor, besides Mrs. Henry Hollyday and Miss Freda Trippe, the charming hostesses. Next Wednesday night the party will be entertained by Miss Elizabeth Wright and Miss Anna Taylor at the home of Miss Taylor, on Washington street.

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Louden Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a num- of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by H. Roberts, Easton, Md.

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TALBOT'S OYSTER BUSINESS.

Tongmen Suffer Severely from Trespassing Scrapers.

OXFORD, MD., Dec. 28, 1897.

MR. EDITOR:—May I ask the kindly use of your columns in defence of the so-called weaker class of oystermen? As the time approaches for convening the Legislature the oyster business, as usual, becomes the general topic of discussion in this section of the county, but it seems there are those among us who, from selfish motives, desire as little agitation of the oyster business as possible. They do not want the light of truth reflected upon it, nor do they want the expensive violations of the scrapers exposed to the public. The oyster business as now being conducted is a source of much revenue to a few at the expense and labor of an overwhelming majority of a good class of citizens in this community as well as the county at large. How many are there that are not engaged in the oyster business that understand the meaning of violations of the oyster law in its ordinary sense? Let us have a little light on the matter. There are several ways of violating the oyster law, but the most numerous and expensive way is by the scrapers trespassing upon a small portion of grounds or bars legally excluded from scraping and set apart for the tongers' use. This character of violations has cost the taxpayers of Talbot county thousands upon thousands of dollars for which they, the taxpayers, have not nor ever will receive one cent benefit, direct or indirect.

If there can be anything done (without too much expense) to prevent trespass by the scrapers upon the grounds of the tongers, then we have not a word to say against scraping, but just as long as the expensive and disgusting farce of protection is continued as now, just that long will the voice of a down-trodden people be heard appealing for relief. We have stationed in our waters two po lice boats, one State and one local, the commanders and crews draw their salaries and render but little or no service, the violations go on day and night, and, shameful to say, the Sabbath day not excepted, robbing the tongers of what our law-makers so kindly set apart for their support and that of their wives and little ones.

Mr. Editor, I do not wish to weary you longer, but let me assure you, this is only a faint shadow of the gross misconduct and injustice that is being carried on in Talbot's oyster business. TONGERS' FRIEND.

Perhaps the Ledger publishes what it Considers not "of Public Interest."

From the Easton Ledger.

"The Ledger Never Said So.

From the Easton Gazette.

The *Ledger's* recent declaration to print no communication except over the signature of the writer seems to have been forgotten or allowed to become obsolete."

THIS IS WHAT IT SAID.

"In issue of Nov. 4th, 1897, Vol. XXII, No, 50, after refusing to print anonymous communications and editorially stating why, concludes:

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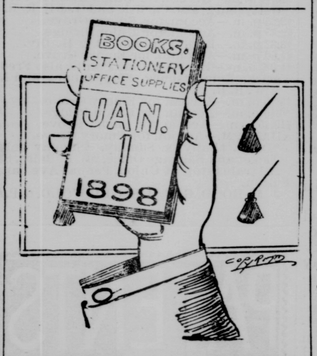
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