COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY.

Police Boat on Miles River—Report of Road Superintendent Fitzjarrell—Receipts and Disbursements.

The Board decided to place a guard boat on Miles River to protect the oyster beds from depredations, and appointed Capt. George W. Jefferson to command the same.

Chapel District Road Report.

N. C. Fitzjarrell, District Road Superintendent for Chapel District, presented his annual report for 1897, which is as follows:

To the Honorable Commissioners of Talbot County, Md.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith tender you my report of the condition of the public roads in the Fourth (Chapel) District, together with the expense of working the same, during the year 1897.

There is about 125 miles of public road in this district. They are in as good condition as could be expected, taking in consideration the unusually wet fall and winter. I never saw the time when clay and water being mixed together wouldn't make mud, and we surely have got a full supply now.

There have been twelve wooden bridges removed and replaced with terra cotta pipe, one bridge removed and replaced with a brick culvert, also two wooden bridges removed and filled up. There have also been two new frame bridges put in. The remaining bridges are in fair condition. I would suggest that a new frame bridge be put in on the road from Cordova to Garrett's Corner and the causeway raised and shelled.

Would also suggest the ditching of part of the road from Smith's Shops to Queen Anne's station, a distance of about a half-mile, commencing at the intersection of the Catholic Church road with said road. It is the only way the road can be drained; the water on said piece of road has no outlet whatever. Would also suggest putting in a trunk across the road at Wye Mills, running from Jno. Anthony's store to the east side of said road, and a ditch or drain cut on that side to take the water off. It is a bad piece of road to manage, the hill at that place was covered with shells last spring and has improved it very much. Still there is much to do there yet before it will be satisfactory to the traveling public.

There is also a very difficult piece of road to handle at the three bridge branch on the road from Skipton to Longwood, it should be thoroughly ditched and shelled. Would also suggest at least twelve hundred bushels of shells to be put on Covey's landing hill as it is now beginning to wash.

There has been about one fourth of the roads in this district worked exclusively with road machines. The working of the roads by the Supervisors including the Superintendent's salary will not exceed fourteen hundred dollars; or an average of eleven dollars per mile.

There has been between six and seven thousand feet of bridge lumber purchased for the use of said District but not all used, not including the lumber for lower King's Creek bridges.

The Supervisors in this district as a whole are very efficient, and have rendered very satisfactory service for all accounts presented to your Honorable body; All of which is most respectfully submitted.

N. C. FITZJARRELL, Supt.

Receipts were: Jno. L. Fisher, Collector for 1897, $1200. Percival Mullikin, Collector for 1897, $400. Total, $1600.

"M'CLURE'S" FOR FEBRUARY.

A Magazine That All Intelligent Persons Should Read.

Dr. Nansen discusses in the February McClure's the future of exploration in the direction of the North Pole. His conclusion is that the Pole "can be reached without too great difficulties," either "by a ship drifting with the ice across the Polar sea,' or "by help of dogs and sledges from the Greenland side." He enforces this conclusion with recitals from his own experience in getting 195 miles nearer the Pole than any other man has got (except Johansen, who accompanied Nansen), and the article is as interesting as it is valuable. It is illustrated with numerous pictures of people and scenes of the Far North drawn or photographed from life, some of them by Dr. Nansen himself.

This number of McClure's is particularly notable in its personal and biographical matter. There is a series of "Great Portraits of Lincoln,' showing him at the time he entered Congress, at the time when he was in the full heat of his great debate with Douglas, at the time of his first nomination to the Presidency, and at other historic moments in his life. An interesting article by Miss Tarbell gives the history of the several portraits. Mr. Dana's "Reminiscences" continue, and give his observations of Rosecrans, Thomas, and Garfield at the time of the battle of Chickamauga. They also give a very interesting view of Burnside at Knoxville. But of especial biographical value is the vivid detailed account of Washington's last illness and death, from the manuscript diary of his trusted private secretary and constant attendant, Tobias Lear. It is remarkable that so interesting a document should never have been published in full before, in a way to make it available to the general reading public.

The best story by Stephen Crane that we have seen, not excepting the famous "Red Badge of Courage," appears in this number of McClure's. There is also a charming humorous Irish story by Shan Bullock and an absorbing instalment of the Anthony Hope novel. But none of these in novel and thrilling incidents, surpasses Mr. E. Hamblen's record of his own real expeience in "Firing a Locomotive."

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THE SENATOR-ELECT.

HON. LOUIS E. M'COMAS TO SUCCEED SENATOR GORMAN.

His Long and Useful Career in the House of Representatives—Judge of the Supreme Court of the District.

JUDGE LOUIS E. McCOMAS was elected United States Senator on Tuesday on the tenth joint ballot, and great enthusiasm was shown when the Speaker announced the result of the vote. It was as follows; McComas 63, Gorman 47, Shaw 4, total 114. Necessary to a choice 58.

Monday evening a caucus was held with 56 members present and the fight was practically ended when McComas was selected as the republican favorite for Senator.

When the two bodies met in joint convention on Tuesday, the excitement was great, and many of the members took occasion to explain their vote and make a speech eulogizing their favorite. More surprises came when the roll was called and one by one the Republicans announced their vote for McComas. When Speaker Schaefer showed his independence by voting for McComas there was a burst of applause.

The four men who stuck to Shaw were Baldwin, Quast, Short and DeLacour.

Senator Dodson and the three Talbot delegates, Messrs. Woodall, Tull and Hall, voted for McComas.

The following sketch is taken from the Baltimore *News:*

Louis Emory McComas was born in Washington county on October 28, 1847. He was educated in the shools at Williamsport, at St. James' College, Hagerstown, and at Dickinson College, from which he graduated in 1866.

He studied law under the Hon. R. H. Alvey, now Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and in 1868 was admitted to the bar of Washington county.

Since 1876, when at the age of 29, he was the Republican candidate for the Forty-fifth Congress in the Sixth district, Mr. McComas has been prominently identified with the politics of the State. In that campaign he was defeated by the small majority of 14 votes by the Hon. William Walsh of Allegany county.

In his next campaign for the Forty-eigth Congress, Mr. McComas again the Republican candidate, defeated Montgomery Blair, then one of the ablest and most experienced Democratic leaders of the State, by a majority of about 700, just twice the majority, it is said, which Mr. Blair had confidently predicted for himself. Having once established himself in Congress, Mr. McComas became popular with his contemporaries and his constituents; distinguished himself for thorough good sense, good taste, industry and efficiency in his relations with his fellow members.

For four successive campaigns Mr. McComas fought successfully, retaining his seat in the House of Representatives from 1882 to 1890, though it was hardly contested for by Montgomery Blair, Frederick J. Nelson, L. Victor Baughman and Henry Kyd Douglas. The last contest, in 1890, like the first, in 1876, brought defeat. The passage of the McKinley Tariff and the agitation over the force bill were the forces which in that year projected a Democratic land-slide, beneath which Mr. McComas, with no lack of company was for the time being buried. General William McMahon McKaig was elected to his seat.

Mr. McComas, however, still stood high in the counsels of his party. A significant evidence of that was his being selected secretary of the National Republican Committee two years after his defeat in the Presidential campaign of 1892, in which capacity he proved eminently efficient.

On the bench of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia—to which he was appointed by President Harrison, shortly after the election of 1892—Mr. McComas has won universal commendation for his uprightness, ability and conscientious care. Politically, to-day Mr. McComas not only has the backing of an extensive and ardent constituency, but he was the choice of the Administration for the Maryland Senatorship. Socially he has a wide and influential acquaintance and is thoroughly liked and admired.

Easton Gas and Electric Light Co.

The Stockholders of the Easton Gas and Electric Light Co., met in the office of the W. P. B. & L. Association on Thursday night and held their annual meeting, for the Election of Directors and Officers. The following gentlemen were Directors of the Company:—Walter H. Thompson James H. McNeal, Gen. R'd Thomas, John T. Rathell, R. B. Dixon, Chas. T. Wrightson, Wm. E. Shannahan, Col. Os. Tilghman, J. Harry Covington.

At a subsequent meeting the Directors met and elected the following officers:

Walter H. Thompson, President;
John T. Rathell, Vice-President;
R. B. Dixon, Treasurer;
C. T. Wrightson, Sect. & Supt.

Pretty Wedding at Christ Church.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday night J. C. Eichner of Cumberland and Miss Sallie E. H. Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bray of Easton, were married at Christ P. E. Church by the Very Rev. Edward R. Rich. The bride wore white organdie and carried American Beauty roses. Her maid of honor was Miss Kate Reese of Hillsboro, who wore blue organdie and carried roses. The best man was William C. Bray, jr., the bride's brother; and the ushers were Joseph Raymond of Delaware, James Sewell of Queen Anne, and Marion H. Dawson and James A. Stewart of Easton. Mrs. Nina F. Aldridge was at the organ and played from the wedding marches of Mendelssohn and Lohengrin. The bride was given away by her father.

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STATEMENT

Showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Town of Easton from Jan. 1. 1897, to Dec. 31, 1897.

Total amount of assessable property in the town subject to taxation for the year $1,419,548

Amount receivable from a town tax of 37½c. on the $100, less 4% for col.-	$ 5323 30
Amount receivable from a water tax of 5c. on the $100, less 4% for coll'g-	709 77
Amount due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, Jan. 1st, 1897, on town tax for 1896, less expenses	2485 05
Amount due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, Jan. 1st, 1897, on water tax for 1896, less expenses	331 03
Amount due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, Jan. 1st, 1897, on town tax for 1895, less expenses	849 09
Amount due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, Jan 1st, 1897, on special tax for 1895, less expenses	226 08
Amount due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, Jan. 1st, 1897, on water tax for 1895, less expenses	113 58
Amount due by A. G. Pascault, Collector, Jan. 1st, 1897, on town tax for 1894, less expenses	320 16
Amount due by A. G. Pascault, Collector, Jan. 1st, 1897, on special tax for 1894, less expenses	228 93
Amount due by A. G. Pascault, Collector, Jan. 1st, 1897, on water tax for 1894, less expenses	114 72
	$10,701 71

Amount Received on Account of Taxes from Jan. 1st, 1897, to Dec. 31st, 1897.

From W.T. A. Lockerman, Collector, on account of town taxes for 1897	$ 2625 64
From W. T. A. Lockerman, Collector, on account of water tax for 1897	351 41
From C. E. Nicols, Collector, on account of town taxes for 1896	1137 03
From C. E. Nicols, Collector, on account of water tax for 1896	151 59
From C. E. Nicols, Collector, on account of town taxes for 1895	357 20
From C. E. Nicols, Collector, on account of special tax for 1895	95 17
From C. E. Nicols, Collector, on account of water tax for 1895	47 74
From A. G. Pascault, Collector, on account of town tax for 1894	77 66
From A. G. Pascault, Collector, on account of special tax for 1894	9 13
From A. G. Pascault, Collector, on account of water tax for 1894	4 56
	$ 4857 13
Amount of commissions to A. G. Pascault, Collector for 1894	320 36
Amount of delinquents	32 67
	$ 5210 16

Balance due by W. T. A. Lockerman, Collector, on town tax for 1897	$ 2697 66	
Balance due by W. T. A. Lockerman, Collector, on water tax for 1897	358 36	
Balance due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, on town tax for 1896, less expenses	1348 00	
Balance due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, on water tax for 1896, less expenses	179 44	
Balance due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, on town tax for 1895, less expenses	491 89	
Balance due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, on special tax for 1895, less expenses	130 86	
Balance due by C. E. Nicols, Collector, on water tax for 1895, less expenses	65 84	
Balance due by A. G. Pascault, Collector, on town tax for 1894, less expenses	186 57	
Balance due by A. G Pascault, Collector, on special tax for 1894, less expenses	21 94	
Balance due by A. G. Pascault, Collector, on water tax for 1894, less expenses	10 97	
		5491 65
		$10,701 71

Showing the Receipts of the Town from Jan. 1st, 1897, to Dec. 31st, '97.

Balance in bank Jan. 1, 1897	$ 1031 38
Received from taxes during year	4857 13
Received from note	500 00
Received from Talbot County Commissioners for levies 1895 and 1896	600 00
Received from licenses	36 50
Received from market stall rents	120 25
Received from lot rent	35 00
Received from building permits	9 00
Received from dog taxes	135 82
Received from Talbot County Commissioners, work on Court House Square	17 50
Received from M. L. Wroten for use of excavator	28 00
Received from interest on money invested	3 00
	$ 7373 58

Showing the Expenses of the Town from Jan. 1, 1897, to Dec. 31, 1897.

To Wm. Grace, Bailiff, salary	$ 600 00
To M. McHale, night watchman, salary	480 00
To John W. Straughn, carter, salary	360 00
To D. R. Cox, clerk, for salary for 5 months	60 00
To D. R. Cox, clerk, for issuing dog tags and cash advanced to Bailiff	7 30
To D. R. Cox, clerk, for cash paid for dog tags	4 10
To Wm. J. Benny, clerk, for salary	96 00
To Wm. J. Benny, clerk, for extra work	15 00
To Wm. J. Benny, clerk, for issuing 55 dog tags	5 50
To Wm. J. Benny, clerk, for postage, telegram, express charges	97
To Easton Gas & Electric Light Co. for the year	1455 05
To Easton Water Co., for water rent	1075 00
To C. H. Leonard, commissioner, for salary	44 00
To John C. Henry, commissioner, for salary	63 13
To N. E. Clark, commissioner, for salary	50 00
To Willis Flowers, commissioner, for salary	18 00
To Rebatement on Taxes	27 11
To J. Frank Bateman, for professional services	30 00
To Easton Gazette, for advertising	3 50
To Easton Ledger, for advertising	39 50
To Easton Star-Democrat, for advertising	30 75
To Willis Flowers, for work and material	8 23
To Geo. M. Wilson, for feed	29 14
To John T. Brady, for dog collars and repairs	7 55
To C. T. Wrightson Packing Co. and others, for shells	242 24
To Cash paid for street hands	334 50
To James Matthews and others for hauling	227 63
To Farmers & Merchants Bank to pay note	1000 00
To P. W. & B. R. R. Co., for freighting	39 11
To R. B. Dixon & Co., for freight, coal and lumber	34 86
To R. B. Dixon & Co., for insurance policy	10 00
To Jos. H. White & Son, for material and work for culverts and gutters	233 73
To Thos. H. Coburn & Son, for brick crossing	3 00
To N. M. Rittenhouse, for tile	51 23
To D. T. Holmes and others for new gutters and repairs	178 48
To S. F. Hayward & Co., for hose cart, &c	51 20
To W. J. H. Wooters, Secretary Fire Department, salary	25 00
To Shannahan & Wrightson Hardware Co., and others for mdse	31 82
To Special Water Fund	38 00
To D. R. Cox, clerk, for extra work	10 00
To J. C. Henry, for hay	27 80
To Farmers & Merchant's Bank, for discount	15 00
To T. S. Pattison, for posts	1 50
To J. C. Henry, for flagstone	6 00
To Samuel Norris and others for mdse	22 11
To Robson Bros., for stationery	2 45
To Steam Gauge and Lantern Co., for 1 street lamp	3 60
To Baumgartner & Co., for wagon plates	4 00
To T. R. Beale, for work on town lot	5 12
To election expenses	10 00
To C. R. Leonard, P. M., for stamped envelopes	21 80
To Simon Cooper, for blade fodder	2 32
To T. H. Coburn & Son, screened sand	1 25
To T. H. Coburn, J. P., magistrate's costs	2 00
To market sweeping and other small bills	31 92
To balance in Clerk's hands	56 55
To balance in bank	139 50
	$7,373 58

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Test: WM. J. BENNY, Clerk.



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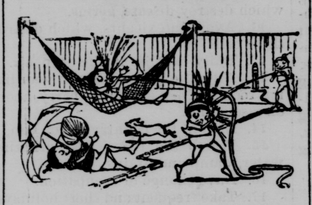
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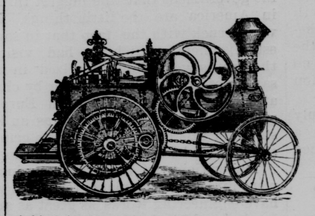
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