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RUMORS OF PEACE

It is reported, on what seems to be good authority, that both the American and Spanish armies have been informed that Washington and Madrid are negotiating for peace.

Newspapers throughout Europe advise Spain to submit to the inevitable now and ask for terms of peace, and it is believed that some of the European powers are exerting pressure on Spain. The Spanish Cabinet has held a secret meeting at which the terms of peace were said to be alone considered.

This news is of far different tenor from that received yesterday, most of which indicated another attack on Santiago. The white flag still flies on the Santiago lines.

PEACH CROP A FAILURE.

The Railroad Estimate Only 311,344 Baskets and the Peaches are Still Dropping.

I. N. Mills, special agent of the P. W. & B. R. R., has completed the 1898 peach estimate of the Delaware Railroad and its branches, and it only foots up to 311,434 baskets and the "drop" still continues. By the time for the marketing of the fruit arrives there may not be any peaches left.

The fruit culture should give our farmers more concern. It has been a source of considerable revenue in the past and no doubt would still continue to be a very renumerative crop if the proper attention were paid to it. With potatoes the farmers use paris green to kill bugs and spraying the grapes and cherry and pear trees destroys the insects which are a menace to their bearing, but with the peach which has brought to the farmer much money, it is left alone to take care of itself, with the result that while the trees blossom and bring forth fruit, it is killed by the curculio before the fruit is matured. Mr. Mills has spent considerable time in studying this little insect whose work has caused the loss of millions of dollars' worth of fruit. It lays its eggs in the peach which it stings. The fruit is allowed to remain on the ground and decay, and in the spring the curculio is hatched out to begin again the work of destroying the fruit. This insect is a native of the Hawaiian Islands and first appeared in this country in California several years ago. Its visits there were marked by the same results experienced by the fruit growers of this Peninsula. After considerable time and expense in experimenting, the California people gathered up the fruit which fell from the trees and burned it, with the result that the curculio is now a thing of the past as far as California is concerned. Mr. Mills advised the farmers of Delaware to do the same thing, but they are apparently unconcerned about the matter and seem to think that Mr. Mills does not know anything about it. They forget that the railroad company is as much interested in the peach crop as they are, as it brings them considerable revenue in freight. Mr. Mills' estimate is as follows:

Delaware R. R.	92,780
Q. A. & K. R. R.	46,150
D. & C. Ry.	48,725
B. & D. B. R. R.	21,250
C. & S. R. R.	12,880
D., M. & V. R. R. (upper division)	64,387
D., M. & V. R. R. (lower division)	25,262
Total	311,434

Our baby has been continually troubled with colic and cholera infantum since his birth, and all that we could do for him did not seem to give more than temporary relief until we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Since giving that remedy he has not been troubled. We want to give you this testimonial as an evidence of our gratitude, not that you need it to advertise your meritorious remedy.—G. M. LAW, Keokuk, Iowa. For sale by Harry Roberts, Easton, Md.

Orphans' Court.

The following business was transacted on Tuesday:

Mrs. Emma Willis, guardian of Grace M. and Lewis A. Willis, presented third account with each, final as to Grace M.; passed and ordered to be recorded.

H. H. Langsdale, administrator of Henry Parker, deceased, presented account of sale of personal estate; passed and ordered to be recorded.

Benjamin F. Ford, executor of Wm. A. Ford, deceased, presented release from James M. Ford.

Edward J. Porter, administrator of Sarah A. Porter, deceased, presented approved bond for $150.

Henry G. Pascault, guardian of Phyllis M. deW. Stitchberry and Katharine T. Stitchberry, presented first and final account.

In the case of Potts vs. Potts the Court decided that the answer by way of estoppel is not sufficient, and that the respondents are required to file a full answer to the petition for caveat.

THE WEATHER AND CROPS.

Report of the Maryland State Weather Service.

The weather and crop report of the Maryland State Weather Bureau for week ending July 5, cites that the week has been very hot with much bright sunshine. On Tuesday afternoon and evening heavy local thundershowers occurred, which revived all growing crops. The rains gave farmers a good chance to set out tomatoes and late cabbage. Wheat is in shock, and threshing has begun. The yield is turning out much below that of last year in all localities. Oats are ripening in fair condition. Corn, tomatoes, and potatoes are now growing nicely. Hay is being saved in fine condition; the crop is large. Pastures and gardens still need rain. Early peaches and apples are ripe but scarce.

Hicks' Forecast for July.

About the 3rd and 4th will center a very warm wave, low barometer, and many storms. From the 7th to 11th falls a regular storm period. During this period another very warm wave will pass over the land, and numerous blustering electrical storms will occur. As a rule cooler weather will follow the storms of each period, and fair weather with increasing warmth will open the periods. Govern your business plans accordingly and you will be the gainer. Reactionary disturbances will be central about the 14th to 16th. The 19th to 23d constitutes a marked regular storm period, central on the 20th. Storms as a rule form in the west during the first half of the period and make their transit across the country eastward during the last half. On or next to the 26th and 27th look for warmer, low barometer and reactionary disturbances. A regular storm period is central on the 31st. The combined Venus and Mercury periods in July will intensify the natural tendency to great heat.

Death of ex-Judge Stewart.

Hon. Samuel Stewart died at the residence of his son-in-law, ex-County Commissioner Solomon S. Thompson, at Royal Oak, on Sunday, aged almost 86, having been born in Oxford in August, 1812. All his active life was spent in farming. About twelve years ago he retired and spent the remainder of his days with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. He had been for many years a Republican. He was elected Judge of the Orphans' Court in 1875, his colleagues being John C. Bartlett and I. Davis Clark. Mr. Stewart was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a man of high character and unblemished integrity. Mr. Stewart is survived by one son, Wm. T. Stewart, and three daughters, Mrs. E. T. Benson and Mrs. S. S. Thompson, of Royal Oak, and Mrs. Annie Hoffecker, wife of the Rev. E. L. Hoffecker, now stationed at Kingston, N. Y. The funeral was from Royal Oak M. E. Church on Wednesday, and interment in Spring Hill Cemetery, Easton.

A little boy asked for a bottle o 'get up in the morning as fast as you 'an," the druggist recognized a housecold word and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, sick headache, liver and stomach troubles. Harry Roberts.

"Lee's Lice Killer" is the best in the world for cleaning your poultry. Guaranteed to exterminate the little pests, for sale by NEVIUS & FRAMPTON.

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OBSERVANCE OF THE 4TH.

OUR NATION WAS 122 YEARS OLD ON MONDAY.

How the Day Was Celebrated in the Town and County—Great Enthusiasm over the News from the Seat of War.

THE Fourth of July in Easton this year was the quietest the town has known in a long while, and in a decided contrast to the celebrations in adjoining towns. This, however, is not because the people of Easton are not patriotic.

The only evidence at all that we were celebrating the 122nd anniversary of our independence was in the display of flags and bunting and the "young America" with his shooting cracker.

There was some little bustle in the early morning caused by the Easton Band marching through town to the depot on its way to Preston, playing "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Many of our noted speakers, and Easton has a number of them, were invited to adjoining towns to deliver orations and there were none left for the Easton celebration had it been held.

Major Stewart was at Preston, Geo. E. Haddaway and J. Frank Turner at New Chapel, Major Mullikin at Chickamauga looking after an army corps there and Tom Collins and Charlie Schuyler were at Fortress Monroe.

Ocean City was liberally patronized by our citizens, and a number of family picnics were held in the groves in the vicinity of Easton. It was the county people mainly who took advantage of the excursions.

The Fourth was more of a home gathering than is usually the case. It being a holiday, many absent members found the opportunity to reunite in family ties, and to spend the day quietly about the house or on the lawn, rather than indulge in the excitement of hot weather pleasures.

But notwithstanding the lassitude from the heat, it was a day of rejoicing because of the news that came with the day, of the success attending our army and navy in the conflict with Spain.

In this was the news that the ships of the Spanish squadron that had been bottled up in the harbor of Santiago had been destroyed to the last ship, with the loss of only one life on the American side, and the Spanish Admiral, Cervera, himself captured; that the city of Santiago was certain to fall when Gen. Shafter made the assault; that the first expedition to the Philippine Islands under Gen. Anderson had reached Manila after stopping on the way to take the Ladrone Islands; that Dewey would now demand the surrender or bombardment of that city; that Admiral Watson would soon start to capture the remaining fleet under Camara, or bombard the Spanish towns, etc. It was not only in Washington where joy was felt, but a thrill sent through the nation and astonishment throughout the world.

OF RELIGIOUS INTEREST.

Notes of the Churches in Our Town and County.

Work on the parish building of Christ Church is progressing rapidly. The building when completed will be one of the handsomest in town.

Rev. C. A. Hill preached a sermon to Stars and Stripes Council, No. 26, Jr. O. U. A. M., last Sunday morning. The church was crowded to hear the sermon of the eloquent divine. It was on patriotism and seen to thrill the congregation. It was heartily enjoyed by every one present. During the service Miss Forde, who is visiting the parsonage sang a very sweet solo.

Charles E. Nicols Appointed.

The contest over the appointment of a town tax collector, which has been going on between some four or five applicants was decided on Tuesday when the Board appointed Chas. E. Nicols, collector for the ensuing year, in place of W. T. A. Lockerman.

Those who made application were A. G. Pascault, R. T. Savage and D. R. D. Chisholm. Mr. Nicols was elected on the first ballot, receiving two votes and A. G. Pascault one vote. Mr. Nicols was collector of town taxes in 1895.

Free Scholarships.

School Examiner Chaplain has been notified that Talbot County is entitled to the following free scholarships for the coming year.

One in Charlotte Hall Academy for three years, which is an entirely new one.

One in the Maryland Institute Schools of Art and Design.

One in St. John's College.

One, female, in Western Maryland College.

Candidates for these scholarships will be examined some time next month.

More New Houses.

Mr. J. J. Wright has given Earle's Addition an impetus in the building line. His three new houses are soon to be followed by another new house on Brookletts avenue, and Mr. Wright has purchased the lot which adjoins Mr. John Thompson's residence on Washington street and is contemplating building next year two new houses on the Washington street front and two on Brookletts avenue. It is said that others will build in the addition in the near future.

A large line of screen windows and doors always on hand at a very low figure. NEVIUS & FRAMPTON.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Gentlemen and Ladies That Go and Come from Day to Day.



Mr. and Mrs. Guion Miller and son of Washington, have been visiting in Easton this week.

Mrs. Peter Stevens and daughter, Eugenia, of Baltimore, and Miss Hallie Wilmer, of the same city, are guests of Mrs. Eugenia Councell, on Washington St.

Miss Flavia A. Welby, vice-principal of the Easton High School, has been the guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. Ware, at Massey's. Miss Welby will marry a gentleman of Chattanooga, Tenn., during the summer, and has resigned her position.—Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, of Chestertown, but vice-principal of the St. Michaels High School, is a candidate for the principalship of Easton Primary School. There is a big fight on among the trustees relative to the reappointment of the present principal, and should he be dropped Mr. Bowers is the man.—Chestertown *Transcript*.

Major William E. Stewart, the Free Silver warhorse, is one of the most interesting speakers of the State, and is peculiarly felicitous on Fourth of July or other patriotic occasions. In other words, he can make the American eagle scream with pride. Mr. Howard Turner invited Major Stewart to speak at Betterton on Monday but a previous engagement to speak at Preston, Caroline county, prevented his presence in Kent.—Chestertown *Transcript*.

Rev. W. C. Stoudemire, of Baltimore, Manager of the Maryland Prisoners' Aid Association, and Chaplain of the Maryland Penitentiary will preach tomorrow morning and night in Calvary M. P. Church. Dr. Stoudemire is a fine preacher, and will edify his hearers.

Prof. W. R. McDaniel, of the Faculty of Western Maryland College, and Rev. Edgar Read, pastor of Payson St. M. P. Church, Baltimore, were guests of Rev. Mr. Poisal, on Tuesday.

Miss Helen Verree Gillingham leaves Easton this week to return to her home in Chicago, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Edna Speakman, who will make an extended visit.

Miss Lulu C. Roberts spent a few days of this week in Baltimore with Miss Margaret Reed. Miss Reed will return with Miss Roberts on Saturday for several weeks' visit.

Miss Ethyl Moore, daughter of Mr. George C. Moore, has returned from Northfield Seminary, Mass. Miss Moore expects to return to the same institution in the fall.

Messrs. Philemon K. and James M. Wright, of Philadelphia, spent the Fourth with their mother, Mrs. Amelia Wright.

The Misses Lowndes gave a large dance at their home on Miles River last night. Iula's band furnished the music.

Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, who spent a fortnight with friends in Baltimore, returned to Easton on Thursday.

Miss Edna Roe White, of Baltimore, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Chas. H. Hughes, Goldsborough St.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ball and daughter Marguerite spent several days in Baltimore, this week.

H. Ormond Golt, of Baltimore, spent Sunday and Monday of this week with his parents.

Mrs. Allen Jennings, of "Cosy Point", will be "at home" on Thursdays during this month.

Mrs. H. M. Marvel and Mrs. S. V. Sherman, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. M. L. Marvel.

Mr. Harry W. Stine, of Baltimore, and Miss Bessie Coburn spent a few days with her parents.

Mrs. Nina F. Aldridge is visiting friends in Queen Annes County.—Centreville *Observer*.

Austin Cole of New York city spent a few days this week at Colonel Prentiss Ingraham's.

Miss Margaret Wright, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. I. A. Barber, South Washington St.

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Herring Swank, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Lon Nichols.

Mrs. Herbert Gadd and children are visiting Mrs. Gadd's sister, Mrs. Lon Nichols.

Miss Hilda Reisler is visiting her sister Mrs Orville Wright, Union Bridge, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Rich, of Baltimore, are visiting at the Deanery.

Mr. Wilmer Little of Baltimore, is visiting with Mrs. Eugenia Councell.

Miss Helen Austin, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. W. C. Littleton.

Frank Taylor, Baltimore, visited Bertram E. Whitman this week.

Mr. T. Roger Covey, of Baltimore, is visiting his parents in Easton.

C. Norman White has been spending two weeks in Baltimore.

Mr. B. L. Fleming, of Baltimore, was in Easton this week.

Miss Ivy Ingraham is home for two weeks from New York.

THE WHEAT CROP HERE.

IT WILL BE UNCOMMONLY SMALL THIS YEAR.

It Held Out a Fine Promise, but Proved Delusive—Farmers Greatly Disappointed—Cause Is Unknown.

WHAT promised to be a fruitful and bountiful harvest in Talbot county has come down to almost nothing. The farmers are greatly depressed over the yield and the quality of the wheat and are at a loss to account for this failure.

The acreage in wheat in the county is far more than last year, owing to the fact that at the time of the planting season wheat was bringing higher prices and promised to be higher than for many years. Some of the older farmers were even dreaming of "war time prices" when wheat brought $2.50 a bushel.

The complaint is general now that in spite of a large increase in the acreage, the yield is 40 per cent. less. The GAZETTE reporter conversing with a number of farmers, learns that such a condition is unprecedented.

Mr. R. B. Dixon, who has averaged in past years about 32 bushels on his "North Bend" farm says he must be content with 20 bushels to the acre this year.

Mr. Jacob W. Morgan, a prominent farmer in the northern section of the county, which has been considered a "crack" wheat growing section, reports that he only received 10 bushels to the acre this year, where heretofore he has averaged 25 bushels.

Ex-County Commissioner John W. Knotts has raised about 1200 bushels in former years on his farm and this harvest yielded him a little over 600 bushels.

W. G. Stoops got only 4 bushels to the acre and very poor wheat at that.

Owing to the wet and cold weather in May the planting of corn was delayed and it is now several weeks behind in development. This is a cause of considerable anxiety to farmers who say indications are that the corn yield will be about on a par with the wheat.

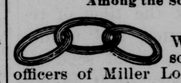
Tomatoes are disappointing and the canners will be lucky to pack even half quantity. The tomato crop is a failure more than it has ever been, and after this year it will not be surprising if many farmers refuse to grow them at all.

Mr. George C. Moore, ex-School Commissioner was in the GAZETTE office this week and he said that some weeks ago he had every prospect of having a fine crop of peaches, but that his orchard had been attacked by curculio or some other enemy and that now he did not expect any crop at all.

A Timely Warning.

Now that the wheat threshing season is at hand, a timely admonition to the owners of traction or portable engines is perhaps not out of place. Too much care can not be exercised in moving engines about the public roads to prevent the frightening of horses and consequent accidents. The law requires that an attendant must be considerable distance in advance of a moving engine, and that at the approach of a team the engine must be stopped until the team passes by. The non observance of this rule, and having only a boy as "advance guard" came near resulting in a serious accident in this county last week.

Among the Societies.



Grand Master Walter H. Thompson installed these officers of Miller Lodge. I. O. O. F. Tuesday evening.

Noble Grand—Chas. F. O'Day.
Vice Grand—John W. D. Jump.
Secretary—Chas. E. Nichols.
Conductor—Wm. J. Golt.
Inside. Guardian—S. Elliott Shannahan.

Captain Adams Popular.

A letter in the Salisbury *News* from Fortress Monroe has this to say of Company F.

All the Salisbury boys are in Co. F. Capt. Adams has refused the recruits from other points to get them, and I think they would desert if they had to serve under any one else. He is the most popular Captain in the Regiment with his men and they would follow him anywhere. Lieut. Carrington, our Second Lieutenant, is easily second, and on the whole Co. F. has a staff of officers that cannot be beaten in the regiment.

An Enterprising Druggist.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than Dr. Councell, who spares no pains to secure the best of everything in his line for his many customers. He now has the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, asthma, and all throat and lung diseases. Harry Roberts.

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PATRIOTIC SERVICES.

Inspiring Exercises at Calvary M. P. Church Sunday Evening.

The patriotic service in Calvary M. P. Church last Sunday evening was in every way a success and elicited many expressions complimentary to the management and the participants. The pulpit end of the auditorium was modestly though handsomely decorated with the "Stars and Stripes," and every part of the service was expressive of the patriotic spirit. Following the regular opening exercises, and the spirited singing by the whole audience of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," Miss Augusta Covey recited the beautiful poem of Joaquin Miller on "Columbus," which was followed by a prose recitation on "Our Country," by Master John Mason. These excellent and appropriate selections were well spoken, and were happily concluded by the beautiful anthem by the choir, "Our Native and Noble Land."

Brief addresses were made, first by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Poisal, on "The National Conflict," in which he traced the history and methods of the two governments now at war, showing that Spain's decline from her former national glory was to be accounted for in the two facts that she keeps her people in illiteracy, two-thirds of the inhabitants of Spain not being able to read or write; and that her methods of government with her own people are those of tyranny and oppression. The American government, on the contrary, stands for human rights, for freedom of conscience, for civil and religious liberty, succor to the oppressed, peace to the world and progress to man. Therefore, although so closely linked together in the beginning in a common interest and destiny, it was inevitable that two countries so widely different in their ideas and civilization as America and Spain would come into conflict, especially when the one persisted in her tyranny and oppression in a colony that lay at the very feet of the other.

Prof. Edward Reisler made a brief address upon "The National Outlook," in which he presented some very interesting points. He saw only triumph for America on ship or shore, and out of the conflict he predicted would come a strong alliance between the United States and England, the two greatest powers on the globe, a higher civilization for Cuba and the Philippines, and for Spain also, with an ultimate influence that may do much to christianize the world.

Mr. Charles H. Hughes gave an address upon "The National Banner," a very interesting history of the American flag from the making of the first flag in Betsy Ross's house to the culmination of the national ensign as we have it today. He followed the grand triumphs it has won with a recitation of Key's "Star-Spangled Banner."

These brief addresses were happily rounded up with the "Star-Spangled Banner" in a cornet solo by Mr. W. W. Spence, who is an artistic cornetter. The service concluded with "The Patriot's Hymn," sung by the congregation; "A Prayer for Peace," impressively spoken by Miss Lelia Reisler, and the benediction by the pastor

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

The President Recommends Praise to God for Victories.

President McKinley at 11.40 P. M. Wednesday issued the following proclamation:

"To the people of the United States of America:—

"At this time, when to the yet fresh remembrance of the unprecedented success which attended the operations of the United States fleet in the Bay of Manila on the first day of May last, are added the tidings of the no less glorious achievements of the naval and military arms of our beloved country at Santiago de Cuba, it is fitting that we should pause, and, staying the feeling of exultation that, too, naturally attends great deeds wrought by our countrymen in our country's cause, should reverently bow before the Throne of Divine Grace and give devout praise to God, who holdeth the nations in the hollow of His hands and worketh upon them the wonders of His high will, and who has thus far vouchsafed to us the light of His face and led our brave soldiers and seamen to victory.

"I therefore ask the people of the United States upon next assembling for divine worship in their respective places of meeting to offer thanksgiving to Almighty God, who, in His inscrutable ways, now leading our hosts upon the waters to unscathed triumph, now guiding them in a strange land through the dread shadows of death to success, even though at a fearful cost, now bearing them without accident or loss to far distant climes, has watched over our cause and brought nearer to success of the right and the attainment of just and honorable peace.

"With the nation's thanks let there be mingled the nation's prayers that our gallant sons may be shielded from harm alike on the battlefield and in the clash of fleets, and be spared the scourge of suffering and disease while they are striving to uphold their country's honor, and withal let the nation's heart be filled with awe at the thought of the noble men who have perished as heroes die, and be filled with compassionate sympathy for all those who suffer bereavement or endure sickness, wounds and bonds by reason of the awful struggle. And, above all, let us pray with earnest fervor that He, the dispenser of all good, may speedily remove from us the untold afflictions of war and bring to our dear land the blessings of restored peace and to call the domain now ravaged by the cruel strife the priceless boon of security and tranquility." WM. MCKINLEY.

Executive Mansion,
Washington, July 6, 1898.