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Talbot County's Thirteenth Annual Fair began Tuesday in Easton. The auspices under which the initial program was opened was of the most favorable character. The weather was of that true summer warmth and clearness well calculated to attract a crowd, at the same time there was sufficient breeze stirring to prevent the weather from being oppressive. This breeze, however, though delightful to the spectators was more or less disagreeable on the track. The surface of the oval course was exceedingly dry; as a result when ever it was swept by the breeze, after the scurrying horses had passed, a blinding cloud of dust followed in the wake.

The attendance, while not very large was very encouraging for the first day. The opening date is usually the one least conspicious for special features. Hence, the comparative difference in the number of those present. However all the successive days show a marked increase, culminating on Thursday with the most numerous and enthusiastic throng.

The Fair is an important event on the Eastern Shore. After its introduction has been effected it is sure to wax in interest because of various influential causes. Aside from the attractions of the exhibition centres there are other attendant magnates which always bring large gatherings together. This year will find attractions doubly accentuated. Since the society of Talbot and anjacent counties always takes interest in the progress of affairs the presence of the ladies with their unmistakable charms will be largely in evidence this year. Then again the partial relief just at this period from the pressure of agricultural labors enables a goodly concourse of the prosperous and pleasure-loving farmers to meet together for an interchange of experiences. But another yet more alluring power is the prospective discussion of matters political. The Easton Fair is an important rendezvous for the lovers of politics. Especially true is this when the approaching campaign is of an intercounty character. For that reason the latter days of the present Fair were visited not only by a large percentage of the different county leaders, but those especially who are most intimately interested in the results of the campaign are expected to be counted in the list of those here. On Thursday Col. John Walter Smith was present at the Fair, where he was received by his demoeratic brethren.

The exhibition department of the Fair contained all the usual lines of attraction common to such enterprises. Samples to the various types of domestic skill, specimens of the farmers' care and diligence in agriculture, all kinds and characters of mechanical inventions, and an excellent assortment of finely bred cattle and animal flesh, are listed and examined with much pleasure.

The central exhibition building holds all the work of feminine nonscript, housewivery and culinary art. It likewise contained a fair sprinkling of fine floral cultivations. All the balance of the exhibits are scattered over the various parts of the ground or else assigned to the stalls especially erected for the purpose.

Among the horses and mules were sixteen entries in Class 1, Standard or Trotting bred horses, of which Dr. I. A. Barber took first premium on stallion 4 years, stallion 1 year, mare 1 year, spring colt and brood mare with foal at her foot. Wilfred Bateman first on 4-year-old and Joseph B. Harrington first on 3-year-old. John S. Martin, Royal Oak, took first premium on draught horse 4 years. Under General Utility class, Mr. Samuel A. Harper. St. Michaels, first for stallion 4 years, and W. W. Davis, Easton, first on 4-year-old mare or gelding, spring colt, brood mare and foal. A. J. Stewart, of Easton, first on 1-year old. Crittenden Harper, of St. Michaels, and Pratt Taylor and Louis W. Trail, of Easton, took second premiums in this class. A large number of entries were made in Miscellaneous class of horses and mules, and first premiums were won by Louis W. Trail, Easton, F. B. Long, Easton, F. P. Covey, Federalsburg, G. F. Kinnamon, Easton, Maria F. Martin, Easton, (saddle pony), C. E. Henderson, Jr., driving pony; John S. Martin, Royal Oak, best pair mules, also best single mule.

The exhibit of cattle was not so full as has been usual with this fair. First premiums were awarded to C. E. Henderson, Sr., who took three under Aberdeens; John K. Caulk took five 1st and four 2d under Jerseys; A. J. Wilson, Easton, 1st on Jersey bull under 2 years, and Wm. R. Dulin, Royal Oak, best Jersey heifer. A. J. Wilson took the *News* premium for best grade cow; John K. Caulk took *Times* and *Country Gentleman* premiums on best cows, and A. E. Thawley, Centreville, took *Country Gentleman* premium on best bull. A. J. Wilson took three 1st premiums among Jersey cows, and John S. Martin took one 1st premium in same class.

Among the sheep F. E. Towers took five 1st premiums among the Southdowns and three 1st among the grades. C. E. Henderson, Sr., took three 1st premiums on Shropshire Downs, and A. J. Stewart 1st for best grade ram. Of this last there were nine in competition.

Among the swine H. W. Warner, Cordova, took three 1st and two 2d premiums on Berkshires. F. E. Towers 1st among the Poland China, John S. Martin 1st among Cheshire, J. Graham Johnson 1st among Small Yorkshire. With reference to the first premiums the above divisions are complete.

The principal item of interest the first day was the races, of which there were three. While the heavy dust somewhat interfered with the easy movement of the horses, there was, despite those disadvantages, a closeness in the contests which kept the interest of the spectators deeply absorbed in every heat. There were several finishes of a spirited character, such as brought the entire list of entries under the wire in a pretty bunch. The races were under the direction of Col. Robert Hough, chief judge; Thomas A. Dudley and Wilfred Bateman, associates; A. G. Pascault, time clerk, and J. T. Price, distance judge. Col. Hough in his instructions to drivers informed them that the best efforts to win would be expected of them. The fair, he said, is not being run in the interest of the book-makers, but for the pleasure of the spectators. "All palpable cases of failure to meet these expectations," he exclaimed, "will be dealt with accordingly."

The Exhibits.

Of the stock there were about two hundred entries of the finest horses cattle, sheep and swine by some of our best farmers. The showing in this division was particularly gratifying.

There were about 200 entries in the poultry department, many of them being exhibited by breeders outside of the county. They included nearly all known breeds and was truly a fine display.

The machinery department was not so interesting this year as it has been, the exhibits being confined almost entirely to heavy machinery, such as traction engines and threshing machinery. The Shannahan and Wrightson Hardware company had the largest exhibit in machinery, but it was small compared to the immense displays made by them in former years. Continued rush of business and lack of time to arrange it is said to be the cause of limited display this year.

In the departments of farm and garden products, fruits and flowers there were fully 450 entries which formed a display worthy of one of the finest farming sections of the world.

In the household department, ladies fancy work and fine arts departments there were 800 entries forming in themselves a most interesting display of household thrift and skill.

The special premiums were numerous and well arranged.

Carriages were but little displayed but one exhibitor being represented. The usual interesting collection of fine carriages entered by Jas. A. Spence were missed and the special wagons entered by Shannahan & Wrightson Hardware Company in former years were absent this year.

Nevius & Frampton were represented by a fine collection of improved machinery which proved to be attractive.

Fair Notes.

Miss Nellie Wrightson had on exhibition at the Fair a crayon sketch entitled "The Echo," and its artistic execution won much praise and enthusiasm for the young artist, all of which was richly deserved. Miss Wrightson shows decided talent in her drawings, and it is to be hoped that she will be influenced to enter upon color work.

Miss Estelle Reed, of Philadelphia, won a prize on a bit of water color work, a group of forget-me-nots, that was greatly admired.

It is seldom that ladies turn to sculpturing in art, as they generally prefer the brush, the pencil or the nude, not to speak of artistically prepared edibles for the sweet tooth of epicures. But it seems that Miss Helen Pratt's peculiar talent runs to making clay models, for on the shelves of the Exhibition building at the Fair were a dozen specimens of her genius and handicraft in that line. They were in medalion form, one a *bas* relief of the Medici, another of a Grecian head, and several that were doubtless likenesses. In her execution of these studies Miss Pratt has shown most clever handling of her subject, added to a genius far above the average, and with close study and application in this bold style of art her success is assured.

There were works of art in embroideries, "dreams" in confections, cakes good enough for angels' food, preserves to delight a housewife, the finest of bread, rolls and biscuit, homemade pickles and many other good things, not forgetting the "national pie," all to be seen in Exhibition Hall at the Fair. Some took first prize, others second, and those that took no premiums were just almost as good as those that did.

A TAX RATE TABLE.

Comparison of the Tax Rates of the Maryland Counties.

It is interesting to note a comparison of the tax rate of the different counties of Maryland, and to those who think Talbot is inflicted with a heavy rate it will show that we are fortunate in comparison with others.

It shows that with but few exceptions that in all the counties the rate is higher than last year, while Talbot's increase is much less than the increase in others counties.

Counties and city.	Rate 1898.	1897.	Clerks of County Comrs.
Allegany	.87	.86	Wm. J. Miller.
An Arun*	1.01	.96	A. K. Starlings.
Balto city	2.25	2.00	Lewis Cassard, Jr.
Balto co.	.80	.63	C. Harris Collings
Balto anx.	.60	.60	
Calvert	.96	1.16	B. B. D. Bond.
Caroline	1.12½	.97	Chas. H. Whitby.
Carroll*	.45	.45	J. E. Massenheimer
Cecil	.90	.80	John Banks.
Charles	1.07	1.10	F. D. Mudd.
Dorchester	1.02½	1.02½	Jas. M. Robertson
Frederick	.84	.82	C. C. Ansherman.
Garrett	.85	.78	A. G. Ross.
Harford	.88	.85	Geo. J. Finney.
Howard	.75	.75	W. J. Robinson
Kent	.95	.90	T. Waters Russell
Montgmy	.88½	.88	W. W. Welsh.
Pr George	.90	.92	John T. Fisher.
Qn Anne	1.00	.90	Jos. M. Purvis.
Somerset	1.12½	1.08	Chas. W. Long.
St. Mary's	.86	1.10	Jos. H. Ching.
Talbot	.99	.92	Chas. F. Stewart.
Washington	.70	.70	M. F. Smith.
Wicomico	.80½	.82½	Dr. H. Laird Todd
Worcester	.85	.92	Dr. G. W. Bishop.

*Corporations.

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LITTLE NEWS NOTES.

Snap Shots by the Gazette's Reportorial Kodak.

Mr. N. Price Turner, of Salisbury, a former principal of the Oxford High School, has been elected principal of the Chamberlin-Hunt Academy, Port Gibson, Miss., and has accepted. The people of Port Gibson are to be congratulated upon their selection, as Mr. Turner is thoroughly equipped for that work and will, we feel sure, give perfect satisfaction.

On Sunday Theodore Peck stabbed Mary Hill in the back, with a knife making a deep wound. The affair occurred on the Point road in Easton. The woman lived with Peck. She wanted to go to camp-meeting. He did not want her to go and the cutting grew out of the quarrel that followed. Dr. Thomas A. Councell dressed the wound.

John T. Trax in doing some carpentering work at the Fair grounds Monday evening had the misfortune to drive the head of a large nail clear through his finger making a severe wound which caused him great pain. Dr. Merritt dressed it and it is not likely that it will have to be amputated.

The School Commissioners have awarded the contract for books for the ensuing year to the W. J. C. Dulaney Company at 20 per cent discount from list price. J. H. Medairy & Co. also bid at 19½ cents off list price. A number of contracts with teachers were ratified.

Examinations of teachers and applicants for the Western Maryland College scholarship were held at the High School building the latter part of this week, conducted by Prof. Chaplain, assisted by Mr. Wilson M. Tylor.

Last Friday evening, Aug. 26, was the 26th, anneversary of the marriage of Esquire and Mrs. Thomas H. Coburn. A number of friends called during the evening and wished them many more years of happiness.

Major James C. Mullikin commissary of subsistence, who has been on duty at Chicamauga for the past two or three months, has been ordered to camp at Anniston Ala.

September opened with a scorcher, the thermometer rising to 93° in the shade. A pleasant breeze and small humidity, however, made the heat much more bearable.

Positively your last chance to see the moon rise on the ocean will be to go on Mr. M. B. Nichols' excursion on Monday.

The Nickerson Fertilizer Company is receiving large quantities of South Carolina rock at its factory, near Easton Point.

Mass will be said at SS. Peter and Paul's Church to-morrow at 8 and 11 A. M., and sermon and benediction at 7.30 P. M.

County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met in the Moreland Building, add were present Messrs. Geo. H. Trax, President, Frank M. Willis.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

Wilson M. Tylor's proposition to print the Court House Bonds was accepted.

Accounts amounting to $826.47 were paid.

Receipts

R. F. Walker, Collector for		1896,	$275.
W. S. Covington	" "	1896,	400.
"	" "	1897,	510.
"	" "	1898,	1000.
Percival Mullikin	" "	1896,	250.
"	" "	1897	400.
"	" "	1898	2000.
A. M. C. Moore	" "	1897	375.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, could meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles, it cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Dr. Councells Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

Patent Wheat Fan.

For cleaning seed wheat, it has no equal. Call and see it work and place your order for one. It will make you fine sample seed wheat out of your present crops. For sale only by Shannahan & Wrightson Hdw. Co. 3t

For Sale.

My residence on Railroad Ave. If not sold by Nov. 1st., will be for rent. Possession given at once. Apply to 8-20 4t. SAMUEL NORRIS.

POSTMASTER WHITE NOW.

SUCCEEDED CAPTAIN LEONARD ON THURSDAY.

A Very Popular and Satisfactory Appointment—Sketch of Easton Postoffice, the Largest on the Shore.

JOSEPH H. WHITE, the newly appointed postmaster of Easton, has qualified and on Thursday, 1st inst., assumed control of the office. The transfer of the office was made the evening before. Mr. White has appointed as his assistants W. Harry White and John E. Ball. Mr. Ball has had experience as postmaster at Bellevue.

The appointment of Mr. White is undoubtedly as popular and satisfactory as could be made, receiving as he did the endorsement of the entire Republican party and the patrons of the office.

Easton postoffice is a very busy place, it being a sort of mail center for the Eastern Shore. At any time one goes to the office window to call for his mail, one or the other of the assistant postmasters may be seen busy assorting and tying up mail matter. As soon as one mail is dispatched another is received, which keeps the office force constantly busy.

Easton postoffice has the distinction of being the most highly rated on the Eastern Shore and stands sixth in Maryland in amount of business done. Mail from all parts of the world to many of the smaller towns of this section must first come to Easton, be reassorted and dispatched to its destination. As early as 5.30 A.M. one of the assistants arrives and begins the daily routine, which continues until 10 o'clock at night.

The principal mails are received on the south-bound D. & C. Rwy. and B., C. & A Rwy. trains, which consist of two letter pouches and eleven sacks of papers. The distribution of this requires about three-quarters of an hour. Another important mail arrives from Baltimore on the steamer in the morning.

The receipt and dispatching of the mails at all hours of the day is in itself no easy task for two men, no matter how expert they are, but in addition to this, one man must be in constant attendance at the delivery window, giving out the mail as it is called for, selling stamps, postals, etc. The money order and registered letter business also has to be attended to. Considerably over 3,000 letters are dispatched every day, and on Monday the number often reaches 4,000. This is because no mail except that from Baltimore is received on Sunday, and the accumulation of one day is very great. The money order business is a large one, as much as $1550 has been received and as much paid out by this department in less than one month. The sale of stamps, postals, etc., amounts to an average of $560 per month. This does not include the stamped envelopes. The office receives from the sale of stamps, etc., over $6,700 a year.

In addition to the letters, etc., that are sent from this office, the Easton newspapers have to be attended to, which requires a great deal of work. On Tuesday morning the *Star Democrat* is received, on Thursday the *Ledger* and on Saturday the GAZETTE. All of these papers have to be weighed, assorted and dispatched. The newspapers have second class mail privileges, which is one cent per pound.

Hicks for September.

Dr. Irl R. Hicks makes the following predictions for this month:

"The first September storm period runs from the 3d to 7th, being central on the 4th. An equinox of Mercury is also central on the 3d, extending as far as the 10th with its disturbing influence. About the 4th, 5th and 6th look for some well developed storms of rain and wind. Many sections suffering with drought and heat will get relief at this time. Cooler weather will follow about the 5th to 9th. From the 10th to 13th is a reactionary period, in which storms of much energy are liable. The autumnal equinox will be in force at this time, adding to other causes its storm-producing power. The same is especially true during the regular storm period that covers the 15th to 18th. West India hurricanes are very probable on the seas and along our southern coasts all this part of September. Temperature and barometer will show how far the storms will reach inland. The 21st to 24th is the center of the earth's equinox, with reactionary storms due. The 27th to 30th is the last September storm period. Look for wicked storms on sea and land on and near the 28th and 29th. Would add special reasons and warnings if space allowed."

Fields and Hanson's Minstrels.

Next Tuesday evening, Fields and Hanson's Minstrels will appear at Opera House and will present which is announced as a refreshing programme of refined form of entertainment, "Minstrelsy." The ensemble are artists of recognized ability, consisting of comedians, vocalists, and musicians of the highest order. In Fields and Hanson's performance the programme in its entirety is new, novel and pleasing, embracing as it does a succession of timely features and special numbers never before presented in minstrel programme, and as patrons of amusements are ever anxious to witness something new. It is safe to predict a big house for Fields and Hanson, and would advise our readers to secure reserved seats at once and avoid the rush at night.

150° Coal Oil at our old price. Do not be fooled with the 115° at our price. NEVIUS & FRAMPTON.

EASTON TOWN CLOCK AGAIN.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR THIS LATEST IMPROVEMENT.

Our Enterprising Citizens Appreciate the Fact that the Eastern Shore Metropolis Must Keep "Up to Time."

NOW that the Court House is being remodeled and such a project being favorable, the town clock agitation has again been raised, and it now looks as if we shall have a town clock after all.

It will be recalled that when the new High School was being built, about the required amount of money was promised through the solicitations of Messrs. M. B. Nichols and Leander R. Hooper, but it was found that the tower of the school was too low to admit of placing an expensive clock there. Efforts were made to have it placed on the Moreland Building, Odd Fellows' Hall and the Court House, but nothing came of it, the latter place being too weak in the tower to put the clock.

So the matter rested till this time, when it is proposed again to bring the matter before the public. Messrs. Nichols and Hooper have been requested to take up the work again, and it is understood that some money has already been subscribed. All contributions will be published in the GAZETTE, and it is hoped the citizens will respond liberally and thus have our new Court House tower adorned with a handsome large clock.

The clock which it was proposed to buy three years ago was to cost between $600 and $800, and will have forty-inch dials. It will strike the hours, halves and quarters, and at night the dials will be illuminated by electric lights within the clock. It is also proposed that an electric fire alarm be used in connection with the clock. With alarm boxes in different parts of the town an alarm can be quickly sent in, the clock striking loud and long.

At the time the matter was dropped three years ago the following had subscribed:

Walter H. Thompson	$10 00
M. B. Nichols	10 00
Leander R. Hooper	5 00
J. S. Griffith	5 00
Wilson M. Tylor	5 00
W. T. H. Lee	5 00
Dr. J. S. Garrison	5 00
Wilfred Bateman	5 00
J. Frank Bateman	5 00
Frederick P. Dimpfel	5 00
W. L. Hubbard	5 00
Nichols & Bro	5 00
J. E. Hubbard	5 00
Prof. Alexander Chaplain	10 00
O. F. Sturmer	30 00
Samuel Patchett & Son	5 00
Dr. J. B Merritt	5 00
Wm. J. Hartnett	5 00
Robson Bros	5 00
Dawson & Jenkins	5 00
Wm. J. Dukes	5 00
G. M. Wingard	5 00
Robert B. Dixon	20 00
Shannahan & Wrightson Hdw. Co	5 00
Dr. Bateman	5 00
Willis Flowers	5 00
J. E. Shannahan	5 00
John Mason & Co	5 00
W. C. Hughes	5 00
Harry Roberts	5 00
E. T. Nicols	5 00
Wm H. Adkins	5 00
J. B. Bennett	5 00
[illegible] Chamberlaine	5 00
W. R. Martin	5 00
Charles S. Carrington	5 00
W. P. Chaffinch	5 00
Alexander Fountain	5 00
J. J. Wright	5 00

Death of Mrs. Mason.

Mrs. Adeline Mason, wife of Mr. John Mason, died suddenly Monday afternoon at their home on Dover street.

Mrs. Mason's death is deeply regretted and coming as it does but a few days after the death of her grand daughter is all the more pathetic. Mrs. Mason was one of the best loved and most esteemed ladies in Easton having closely associated herself with church and charitable work. She was a sister of Mrs. Walter H. Thompson.

Her death came suddenly. She had retired to her room after dinner to rest and died so quietly that her daughter Mrs. B. P. Cox did not know she had died until she had questioned her, and receiving no answer approached the bedside to find her mother dead.

The funeral services were on Thurs day and interment in Spring Hill cemetery.

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Treganowan—Fish.

At Christ Church Thursday morning at 6.30 Miss Mary Fish, niece of Mr. and Mrs Willis Flowers, was married to Mr. John R. Treganowan by the Rev. L. B. Baldwin. The bride was dressed in a handsome costume of blue and white silk with liberty silk trimmings and carried white flowers. Miss Pauline Adams as maid of honor was dressed the same. O. F. Sturmer was best man, and Messrs. Martin M. Wright, Clayland Mullikin, Geo. Wilson and J. W. Wheatley were ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Treganowan left on the 7.20 train for New York and Springfield, Mass.

We have a lot of Screen Windows and Doors to be closed out at cost. NEVIUS & FRAMPTON.