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THE TALBOT COUNTY FAIR.

A VERY CREDITABLE EXPOSITION LAST WEEK.

An Institution of Great Benefit to the Community Whose Value Our People Do Not Fully Appreciate.

IT is becoming a serious question whether the good people of Talbot, and especially of Easton, "know a good thing when they see it." This is forcibly suggested by the fact that, though the Fair of '98 was fairly well patronized, it by no means received the generous support it deserved and should have had.

Granted that the Fair Association was not altogether founded as a work of love, that money was expected to be made out of it, and its stockholders thought of large dividends to come in, yet it was assuredly a move to greatly advance the interests of Talbot county and let the outside world know who we are, what we could do and what our soil could produce in the way of vegetables, fruits and other things. From the first the managers of the Association have tried hard to make the Talbot Fair a success from every standpoint, and this year a most decided move was made to better it in every particular.

Its direct management, Dr. Charles Lowndes, president, and Hon. J. B. Harrington, secretary and treasurer, ably seconded by their assistants, have done everything to start the complex machinery that goes to make up an undertaking of this kind, in perfect running order and keep it so to the end. Liberal premiums were offered for displays of all kinds, from machinery, manufactures, wagons, carriages and sleighs to art displays, embroideries, preserves, cakes, candies, as well as for the best horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry. The displays were well worth far more than the price of admission, and the time spent in visiting all there was to see.

Then there were races than which none better were seen on a half-mile track, with numerous other attractions to amuse, interest and instruct. From first to last the exhibition went like clockwork, and every credit is due Dr. Lowndes, Mr. Harrington and the other manipulators.

But did Talbot countians, especially Eastonians, do their whole duty toward this valuable institution in our midst? Easton has an alleged population of 4500 souls, and how many of this number did their part by a purchase of season tickets, and how many more bought daily tickets to see all there was to see, and lend their aid by their little mite and encouragement by their presence? The county has a goodly population, and did it turn out generously to support that which does so much in its interests?

It is a small sum to the individual to give once a year, and he gets his money's worth; but the pennies make the dimes, the dimes the dollars, and it is the aggregate that makes the profit to the Fair Association. If these things are thought of, taken to heart by our people, ever ready to lend a helping hand, we are sure the Talbot County Fair can be made a fixture, an assured success, and its value to the county and Easton become all that its promoters hope for it.

A Subscriber Says:

"I enclose one dollar to pay for another year's subscription to the GAZETTE. Its weekly visits are a source of real pleasure to me." Is it a wonder the weary editor appreciates such expressions?

Advertising in the Gazette.

As an example of what judicious advertising will do the case of S. A. Meintzer & Son may be taken as fair argument. Mr. Meintzer has begun a series of catchy advertisemants in the GAZETTE, which he changes every week, and backing up all the statatements made by just the kind of goods they advertised, they have in a short time more than doubled their trade and are frequently compelled to refuse orders owing to a continued rush.

Their creams have become a favorite relish, and with the many dainty flavors, and the finest of ingredients, they well deserve the reputation gained.

It only goes to show what honest but catchy advertising will do. s.

Oppose Prize Fights at Fairs.

The Balto. *News* seconds the GAZETTE of last week in the following words: "We notice, that at one of the fairs this week a prize fight was featured as one of the special attractions. It is difficult to conceive the relationship of a prize fight to a county fair, even as a feature of attraction, and we are sure that the better class of people who attend these fairs and the farmers upon whom their success largely depends would gladly vote to eliminate fistic encounters altogether from the annual shows. A county fair to be a permanent success must be what its name implies. It has no business to mix up prize fights and pool selling with its innocent and healthy features of amusement and attraction."

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads and that sickly billious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, Satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c. 50c. 11-13

BEST IN MARYLAND.

Dr. Preston Says Talbot's Alms House Leads All.

Dr. Geo. J. Preston, Secretary of the Lunacy Commission of Maryland, was in Easton this week for the purpose of examining the Talbot County Alms House. Accompanied by Dr. Councell, he made a thorough inspection of that institution, and declared that this is the best and cleanest alms house in Maryland.

It is his especial duty to visit all such institutions throughout the State, and it is gratifying that Talbot should be accredited with having a model alms house.

Dr. Preston was not only pleased with the system governing the home, but remarked on the cleanliness of all the premises and buildings, and was particularly pleased at the kind attention given the unfortunate inmates.

Dr. John S. Fulton, Secretary State Board of Health was in Easton on Tuesday at the request of Dr. Councell for the purpose of examining the long culvert under Railroad Avenue near Trinity Cathedral. Complaints have been made to the local board about the culvert and Dr. Fulton condemned it as a nuisance to the health of residents around it and at his suggestion the commissioners have decided to close it up.

While he was about it Dr. Fulton should have condemned the malaria breeding, boggy meadow lands on the north of the town.

HIRAM S. HALL DEAD.

One of Nature's Noblemen Passed Away after a Short Illness.

Hiram S. Hall, a prominent Republican politician, died Tuesday morning at his residence near Wittman, Bay Hundred district, after a brief illness, aged 69 years. Until about two weeks ago he was apparently in good health, when he was attacked with stomach trouble.

Mr. Hall was one of the most prominent Republicans in Talbot. He was twice elected to the Legislature from this county, in 1895 and 1897, and had served as road superintendent in his district and other minor offices.

Mr. Hall was one of those stalwart characters, straightforward and honest in all his dealings, and in all respects a man among many, loved and respected for those sterling qualities which were his characteristics. The county and the Republican party lose one of their best citizens and supporters.

Mr. Hall was born in Columbia county, N. Y., in March, 1829, where most of his youth was passed. He learned his trade as a carpenter and from 1851 to 1854 was employed by the Government at West Point, N. Y., after which he bought and operated a large woodenware factory in Jamestown, N. Y. While a resident of this town he was a town commissioner. He was also a town trustee, and had the honor of acting as an alderman on the first board who incorporated it as a city. In 1886 he moved to Talbot, where he bought the old Lowe farm, of 50 acres. He was a member of Ellicott's Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 221, of Jamestown, N. Y. He was also a member of the Royal Temperance Society of that town.

Delightful Outing.

Through the courtiesy of Mr. Murdoch, the General Passenger Agent of the B. C. & A. Railroad Co., the children of the "Home for Friendless Children" in Easton were given their usual trip to Ocean City on the 1st inst. This outing is always prolific of much pleasure to all the children, as well as to the Matrons, making a little rift of brightness in their monotonous Institution life.

They make their headquarters at the Eastern Shore House, under the proprietorshsp of Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs, who always stow away their luncheon boxes until after their bath, when they are ready to devour the good things prepared for them by Miss Dryden.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs always extend to them every courtesy and kindness in their power; giving them the use of the "cafe" in which to take luncheon, and even lending plates which added much to their comfort.

"Hobbs and Libby" the proprietors of the merry-go.rounds gave each child several rides upon them.

Many kindnesses were extended to them by persons unknown to the Matrons, and when on their return home a gentleman presented each child with a water-lily.

No doubt for the next six months they will live over the enjoyment of that day, and during the remaining six months will begin to anticipate another day and dip in old Ocean.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at Dr. Councell's Drug Store Regular size 50 cts. and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure 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

TOWN CLOCK FOR EASTON.

THE ENTERPRISE NOW AN ASSURED SUCCESS.

The County Commissioners Subscribe Liberally, and the Town Fathers are Expected to Do Likewise.

THE renewed interest in the town clock project is very gratifying, and it is now practically assured that Easton will have the finest town clock on the Peninsula. The list for contributions has not been circulated as yet, but will be in a day or so. The object in withholding it is to give the County Commissioners and the Town Commissioners a chance to head the list. On Tuesday the county Board subscribed $100, and the town Board will act on the matter at a special meeting to be held in a day or so.

The committee in charge of raising the necessary amount, about $700, are Messrs. Leander R. Hooper, M. B. Nichols and O. F. Sturmer, and these gentlemen are actively at work. A large number of citizens have signified their pleasure of subscribing to the clock as soon as the list is presented to them. The money is not to be paid until the order for the clock is placed, when the committee will call again upon the signers for their subscriptions.

The sentiment of the people generally is enthusiastic in favor of the clock, and the gentlemen in charge have no fears but that the required amount will be raised in a few weeks. Contributions of any amount will be gladly accepted, and all subscribers, with amounts given, will be published in the GAZETTE, and if the committee do not happen to call on you, they will be pleased to have you call on them.

The demand now seems to be to have a fire alarm in connection with the clock and have eight or ten alarm boxes scattered throughout the town connected by electric wires with the striking bell of the clock. This will afford greater fire protection as it will permit a much quicker response to fires.

DEPARTURE OF THE "FIRST."

Our Soldiers Moving into Their New Camp.

A letter from Fortress Monroe dated on Tuesday gives an interesting account of the departure preparations of the First Regiment for their new camp:

"This morning the quarter-master called for a large detail to do extra duty in his department. Twenty-five men were selected to assist in loading ten cars which were on a barge at the quartermaster's wharf in the rear of the Chamberiln hotel.

"Though the day has been oppressively hot, the men have worked faithfully to perform the tasks required of them. All day long wagons of foodstuff and baggage have been carried to the point for loading. An order was issued today to put the camp in readiness for departure. Immediately the men began striking their tents. All of the tents of the First Batallion up to the beach have been pulled down and are on the way to the cars.

"For three weeks the men have been kept in bounds—not allowed to leave the reservation without a special pass—and while many have had these privileges and others have run the blokade successfully, the majority have been penned up at Old Point for the period. A Company K man dressed up as a woman tonight and, with an escort, paraded through the Second Batallion camp. Revelle will occur at 4:30 in the morning, one hour earlier than usual, to give time to pack up everything. Hundreds of knapsacks are already packed, a regular fortress of them lying in the street of Company F. Everything must be in readiness by 10:30 in the morning. The departure is expected to begin promptly at 12.

"An order was issued today stating that paymaster Baird would be here tomorrow and pay off the troops, both volunteers and regulars. The Maryland soldiers will be paid first. This may delay the departure of the First a few hours. The companies will be loaded on cars or barges to be carried to Cape Charles. Each company will be allowed three cars, and no passing from one car to another will be allowed."

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. tf

A Record of Births.

Health Officer Councell reports that there were 11 births—9 white and 2 colored—in Talbot county during August. There were 13 deaths—11 white and 2 colored—from the following causes: Cerebrospinal meningitis, 4; consumption, diphtheria, dysentery, heart failure, typho-malarial fever, cholera infantum, apoplexy, peritonitis and uraemia, one each.

It pays to use the Best Fertilizer. Our Climax cannot fail to please the careful buyer.

LEANDER R. HOOPER.
8-20-tf. Manufacturers' Agent.

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

NEVIUS & FRAMPTON.

LITTLE NEWS NOTES.

Snap Shots by the Gazette's Reportorial Kodak.

A party gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Matthews, on Dover street, last Thursday evening, and a merry time they enjoyed. Vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with refreshments, were enjoyed by all present, who were: Misses May Jones and Mina Hill, of Harrington, Del.; Maud Rigby, of Baltimore; Mabel Buckmaster, of Wilmington, Del.; Emma and Annie Fairbank, Lilian Buckmaster, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garey, Louis Hawkins, Wm. L. Hull.

Tom Stewart an employe of Capt. C. R. Leonard yesterday morning found a copper coin in the soil where he was working. It was in a most perfect state of preservation and bore on one side the inscription "Hibernia" over the relief of harp and crown and the date 1775. On the reverse side was the inscription GEORGIVS III REX and the relief of George III. The coin is not a perfect disc, but resembles an old time copper cent.

The board of pension examiners at Easton reorganized on Wednesday by electing Dr. Charles M. Stelle, of Cordova, president, and Dr. Thomas A. Councell, of Easton, secretary. The other member of the board is Dr. F. M. Eccles, of Oxford, who succeeds Dr. James B. Merritt.

The public schools of Talbot county open on Monday and with every prospect of a large attendance of scholars. During the vacation term a number of new schools have been built, others enlarged and repaired and every facility for a large number of scholars provided.

The trustees of Ebenezer M. E. Church have decided to further improve the church building by putting in a metal ceiling and plastic walls, and a new brussells carpet for the auditorium. Work will begin at once on the ceiling. The exterior has already been painted from the spire down.

Sparks' circus was well patronized at both exhibitions in Easton last Saturday. The attendance was much larger than at its appearance a year ago, and the crowds agreed that it was the best 25-cent show they had ever seen.

The *Ledger* is in error when it says that Talbot county has entertained nine of the "fresh air" children of Baltimore. Talbot has entertained eighteen poor children, most of them through the labors of M. B. Nichols.

A stiff wind from the west swept over this section about 4 P. M. last Wednesday, and the temperature, which had been very high, fell about 10° in a few minutes. The weather has been much pleasanter ever since.

One of the largest sales of cattle ever held in Easton took place Tuesday, when Mr. Geo. G. Waddington sold twenty-seven head of Shorthorns. The stock was high grade and commanded good prices.

Mr. M. B. Nichols on Monday gave the last of his famous moonlight excursions to Ocean City. He carried eleven car loads, and a perfect day and good bathing made it a very enjoyable excursion.

Attention is called to the delinquent tax payers notice elsewhere in this issue. Collector Walker stated that taxes must be paid by December 10, or the usual penalty prescribed by law will be done.

The brick flour mill on Point Road is being torn down and will be rebuilt in Easton where Dr. Barber's present mill stands. It is his purpose to double the capacity of his mill.

Fields and Hanson's minstrels performed to a large audience Tuesday night. This is an excellent troupe, in fact a competent judge declared it the best that ever exhibited here.

M. Luther Wright, of Baltimore, and Thomas A. Chadwick, of Philadelphia, captured seventy-five fish at Dover Bridge last Tuesday. [Philadelphia papers please copy.]

The Nickerson Fertilizer company are receiving heavy shipments of South Carolina Rock for their fertilizers. Several vessels have arrived already with more to follow.

The Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men will meet in Indianapolis, Ind., next week. Mr. Jacob N. Delahay, of Oxford, is one of the representatives.

Mr. Willis Corkran, formerly of Easton, who invented a can labeling machine, has them in operation at Woodland and Ridgely.

Mr. Chas. S. Sewell will go into the junk business in Easton with his father-in-law, Mr. Poor, of Millington.—*Trappe Times.*

The meeting of the County Convention of the W. C. T. U. at Bozman has been postponed from next Tuesday to September 20th.

The school conducted by Miss Sadie Nicols will reopen on Monday, Sept. 12, at the same place in Southern M. E. Church.

Work on the Court House is being pushed rapidly. This week new rafters are being put up to support the roof.

The salary of Mr. Caleb Griffin, of the Baltimore Custom House, has been increased from $720 to $840 per year.

Doves are said to be quite plentiful and furnish lots of sport for gunners.

Hubbard's Standard and Climax Fertilizers always give the best results for wheat. Prices and terms right, LEANDER R. HOOPER.
8-20-tf Manufacturers' Agent.

MAJOR STEWART BOLTS COL. J. W. SMITH.

HE DECLARES THAT HE IS IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH "TRUE DEMOCRACY."

The Ocean City Convention Repudiated the Chicago Platform and Binds No One.

MAJOR STEWART has issued a letter to the Democratic National and Congressional Committees in which he gives in strong language the attitude of the silver hosts in Talbot county. He says:

A member of the Maryland democratic state convention, June, 1896, convened for the purpose of sending delegates to the national convention, I was on the committee on resolutions and had the honor of presenting the minority report instructing our delegates to vote for the reinstatement of the law approved by Andrew Jackson and favored by every statesman of America, (which said law directed the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of sixteen to one), which had in 1873 been fradulently repealed by a republican congress.

July, 1896, the democratic national convention composed of more than a thousand leading democrats, adopted the Chicago platform by more than a two-thirds vote. The wisdom and patriotism of this great chart by which we steer was demonstrated by more than six million five hundred thousand votes in the United States, and one hundred and twenty thousand in the state of Maryland.

Within the past few months sixteen state democratic and enough congressional conventions to ratify it at the next national convention have already reaffirmed the Chicago platform—Maryland to the contrary notwithstanding.

A few days ago the secretary of the democratic congressional committee was asked: "Will the silver question again come to the front?" He replied: "It is to the front and will remain there. The democratic party is true to the Chicago platform, and the necessity of that platform was never so clearly seen as today."

Hon. Wm. J. Stone, ex governor of Missouri, an acknowledged leader of democracy, and who will be the next chairman of the democratic national committee, predicted last week Bryan's nomination in 1900, and said that silver will again be the predominant issue.

Democratic leaders agree that Col. Bryan will be nominated in 1900 and that silver will be the issue. Following are some of the expressions of democratic national committeemen: Senator Pasco, of Florida: "The sentiment favoring Bryan is strong and earnest." Daniels, of North Carolina: "If New York repudiates Bryan it will have less standing in the 1900 convention than it had in 1896." Ainslee, of Idaho: "I concur with Stone; no gold standard man is a democrat." Shanklin, of Indiana: "The nomination of a gold standard man for governor of New York will place the New York democracy outside the pale of participation in the affairs of the national democracy." Governor Stephens of Missouri: "Col. Bryan will be nominated by acclamation."

Talbot County Democratic Convention.

The democrats of this county selected five true democrats from each district to meet in convention at Easton on the 23d of August. Our county convention selected four delegates to the congressional convention and passed unanimously resolutions indorsing the Chicago platform and instructed these delegates "to vote for a candidate for congress who is thoroughly committed to the principles embodied in the Chicago platform."

Congressional Convention.

The congressional convention met in Ocean City August 25. It ignored the Chicago platform and nominated Col. John Walter Smith, an advocate of the gold standard, president of a national bank and vice president of a bankers' association, unanimously and by acclamation for congress. The delegation from this county, heedless of instructions, joining the procession, voted with the others.

Maryland Banker's Association.

July 22, a month prior to the congressional convention, the Maryland Banker's Association was in session at the same Ocean City. Prominent bankers and gold standard advocates plainly stated the purposes and objects of the association. The work to be done and what was expected to result from the banker's meeting at Indianpolis. One of the speakers said: "The representatives at Indianapolis discussed and determined what legislation was needed to carry out the wishes of the people in the matter of financial reform as expressed by the election of President McKinley, and how to secure what was needed at Washington." Another said: "It is confidently hoped that the next congress will adopt such measures as are deemed necessary to protect financial interests." Still another banker said: "There is a bill now before the House, and while all efforts to pass it during the past session, it is believed that a similar one will be adopted by the House at the next session."

The convention unanimously "Resolved, that we are unalterably opposed to the free coinage of silver, and that the true interests of the country will be best served by rigid adherence to the gold standard."

Chicago Platform.

The Chicago platform says: "We invite attention to the fact that the federal constitution names silver and gold together as the money metals of the United States. We declare the act of 1873, demonetizing silver, without the knowledge or approval of the American people, has resulted in the appreciation of gold, the enrichment of the money-lending classes and the impoverishment of the people. We are, therefore, unalterably opposed to monometallism, and demand the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver."

It is significant that in this congressional district Bryan and bimettallism received more than 17,000 votes, Palmer, Buckner, Monometallism & Co., 190 votes.

Oil and Vinegar.

Be it remembered that the vice-president of the Bankers' Association, an association that unanimously adopted the gold standard in diametrical and deliberate opposition to the Chicago platform, is also the nominee by acclamation of this congressional convention.

Logically, therefore, a vote sustaining the action of this congressional convention must be a repudiation of the Democratic National Platform.

Certainly a cunningly devised scheme, by which every voter *eo facto* becomes a gold monometallist and virtually acknowledges that it was undemocratic to have voted for Bryan. The gold standard advocates thus become the proper exponents and leaders of democracy. If we vote for a gold-standard man for Congress, the day after the election we are all gold-standard men; we all then become mugwumps. There is then, so far as the money question is concerned, no difference between Col. Lloyd, Palmer and Buckner elector, and John W. Gibson, the learned school master; between Preston B. Spring and James M. Leonard, nor between the Hon. William Goldsborough and your humble servant.

What Democrats Want to Know.

Has a Congressional Convention that has openly defied and repudiated its party fealty the right to attempt, by appeals to our party fealty, to force us to ignore and repudiate the cardinal principles of our National Platform and vote for a gold-standard man?

Every thinking man realizes that the pre-eminent question in the coming Congress is the currency question, under the false pretense of "taking the government out of the banking business." The banking business strives to despoil the goxernment of its sovereign constitutional right to "coin money and regulate the value thereof," and in casting our votes for the convention's nominee we knowingly grind the axe that will cut off our own heads.

Suppose for a *quid pro quo* some so called Democratic Convention should indorse the Republican Platform—a supposition by no means alarming in the light of our late experience wherein we beheld a Congressional Convention ignore its National Platform at a national election (for there is no State ticket), would a democrat thus be compelled to vote the ticket?

Suppose further in a Congressional district containing seventeen thousand democrats, four thousand purchasable voters (every one of whom richly merits disfranchisement) and a hundred and ninety very affable bankers and capitalists pledged to the gold standard, yet graciously willing to furnish the boodle wherewith to purchase the marketable contingent necessary to victory, provided only the 17,000 regulars will prostitute their principles and party fealty, and dance to Mugwump music—consent to become mere cogs in the machine's wheel, the 190 buyers controlling the election—between such an odious Mugwump Oligarchy and Republican Plutocracy where's the odds? There is no choice in those biscuits for me!

If the Democrats in the First Congressional District should call another convention and indorse the Chicago Platform and nominate a man who stands squarely on that platform, would not this be the true bona fide democratic ticket? and would not the next Democratic National Convention admit the delegation sent by those men and turn down a delegation who had supported a gold-standard man on a platform which ignored the National Democratic Platform?

For more than thirty years I have been a loyal supporter of the Democratic Party, and without a scratch have voted the straight ticket, yet now, as never before, am I and thousands of consistent democrats forced to face a pitiable and seemingly impossible complication. We were and we are firm believers and supporters of the Chicago Platform, and I had the honor of canvassing the State for Bryan. We can neither ignore nor change our principles for policy's sake—the golden harvest of success! the right and title of a gold-standard Representative in Congress!!

Out of the depths of this miserable environment we orthodox democrats of the First Congressional District appeal to Democratic Authority—our National Platform—for guidance and respectfully submit the foregoing questions and further ask, Has a Congressional Convention in a national election, wholly devoid of State issues, the right to ignore and repudiate its National Platform? and are orthodox democrats standing unflinchingly on the Democratic National Platform compelled to recognize the action of a Congressional Convention in direct insubordination and opposition to the Chicago Platform and vote for a gold-standard advocate?

I am, with sentiments of high respect, gentlemen, your most obedient servant, W. E. STEWART.