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THE D. & C. RAILWAY

Consolidated with Delaware Railroad

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE LAST WEEK

The Queen Anne's & Kent and Cambridge and Seaford Railroads also Merged into the Combination—The New Road Has a Length of 236 Miles.

The Delaware & Chesapeake Railway, the first ever to run through Talbot county, has been consolidated with other Peninsula roads through action taken by the stockholders at a meeting held in Easton last week.

The roads in the consolidation are the Delaware & Chesapeake, running from Clayton, Del., to Oxford, Md., a distance of 54 miles; the Cambridge & Seaford, running between Cambridge, Md., and Seaford, Del., 34 miles; the Queen Anne's & Kent, running from Townsend, Del. to Centreville, Md, 32 miles, and the Delaware Railroad which runs from Wilmington to Delaware and has a mileage of 116 miles.

The combination will be known as the Delaware Railroad and all told will have about 236 miles. All of these roads are now worked in conjunction with the P. W. & B. R. R. and each had its own corporation and officers, and while the officers were similar in a number of cases, it was thought that it would simplify the work to have all the roads in one company, with a view of more economical management and better prospect of paying dividends.

The question of merging has been under consideration by the several companies interested for some time, as told in the GAZETTE of Dec. 17, and the result has been that favorable action has been taken and a reunion of these companies has been effected.

There was considerable D. & C. stock held by Talbot countians, the [illegible] holding a controlling portion, and here the new deal has met with general satisfaction, and arrangements looking to a better service will be at once made.

Organization was perfected in Dover on Thursday, when these officers were elected:

President, H. F. Kenney; vice-president, E. T. Warner; secretary and treasurer, Manlove Hayes; directors, E. T. Warner, Wilmington; John P. Green, Philadelphia; George Gray, Wilmington; Manlove Hayes, Dover; James J. Ross, Seaford; Thomas Curry, Greenwood; Charles J. Harrington, Farmington; W. T. Records, Laurel; W. T. Porter, Wilmington; George V. Massey, Philadelphia; Jno. H. Hoffecker, Smyrna; William T. Watson, Milford; Samuel Rea, Wm. A. Patton and H. F. Kenney, Philadelphia. The capitalization of the new company is $2,987,000, this being $300,000 more than the previous capital of the Delaware Railroad Co.

Mr. Wilson's Gas Engine.

Mr. George M. Wilson has now in operation a new 40 horse power gas engine made by the Baccus Gas Engine Co., of Newark, N. J. The machine is the largest of its kind in Talbot county and is probably the most economical in running. It was started up on Thursday afternoon and ran the machinery of the flour mill with ease. In starting the engine compressed air is used, and it is only required to let the air into the explosion chamber to start the engine. It can use either gas or gasoline, and for so large a machine it makes little noise. A large number of spectators were present when it was started, and the easy motion was very pleasing. Wm. H. Withgott has in operation a seven-horse power gas engine made by the same company.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You are perhaps aware that pneumonia results from a cold or from an attack of la grippe. During the epidemic of la grippe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or la grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and la grippe. For sale at Councell's Drug Store.

Lost.

A gold and white enamel Odd Fellows' Encampment pin. Liberal reward if returned to this office.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.

What You and They Have Been and Are Doing.

Misses Anna and Lottie White entertained their friends with a Mother Goose Masquerade last Friday evening. Refreshments were served. Mr. W. B. Shannahan successfully took flash-light photographs "before and after" unmasking.

Mrs. J. A. Mackintosh, of Westminster, and Miss Jean Mackintosh spent several days last week with Mrs. V. M. Williams. Mrs. Mackintosh was formerly Miss Fannie Stevens, of Easton.

Miss Lily Todd and her niece, Sallie Dawson, who have been visiting Mrs. Margaret Councell, have returned to their home.

Rev. Edwin Burke of Philadelphia has been assisting Rev. R. H. Adams in conducting revival services at Ebenezer M. E. Church.

Postmaster Joseph H. White and wife are on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Trickle of Logansport, Indiana.

The Misses Shehan entertained some friends at their home on Goldsborough street last Monday evening.

Miss Margaret P. Robinson and Miss Louise Adams have been visiting Harford County friends this week.

Miss Georgie Hughes entertained a few friends Tuesday evening at her home on Railroad avenue.

State's Attorney and Mrs. Mullikin are housekeeping in the Mullikin house on Dover street.

Mr. George Dawson, Cambridge, visited his sister, Mrs. Maggie Dawson, this week.

Mrs. M. T. G. Earle is visiting her sister, Mrs. Milton Campbell, Philadelphia.

Miss Zoe Trail attended a dance of the Junior Cotillon of Baltimore last week.

Mr. Jack Wright spent a part of this week in Baltimore.

Miss Fannibel Walker is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Isaac R. Pippin was in Baltimore this week on a business trip.

Miss Ida Covey is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

81,160 Bushels Jysters at St. Michaels.

The report just completed by State Oyster Inspector Harvey Jones at St. Michaels shows that, beginning Sept. 1, 1898, and ending January 1, 1899, a period of only four months, there have been caught by tongers no less than 81,160 bushels of oysters, and the average price paid for them was 50 cents per bushel, or about twice as much as they averaged during the same period last year. This would make a total of $40,580 paid to the tongers alone. The five shucking houses there, it is estimated, have shipped 64,128 gallons, the price per gallon averaging 80 cents, or a total of $51,302,40 for the packers and a grand total of about $100,000,00 which have been received and put into circulation in that community during the last four months of last year. The latter figures are nearly double last year's for the same length of time.

To the 1899 Business Man.

The *Ledger* truthfully says: "I shall go to Baltimore to-morrow and make a few purchases, as things are selling so cheap," remarked an Easton woman a few days ago after laying aside the advertising pages of a Baltimore newspaper.

In those seventeen words that woman preached a sermon to every business man of Talbot county—a sermon which, if taken to heart, can but prove of great value to him. The seventeen words can be condensed to one:

Advertise.

It is no longer a question as to whether newspaper advertising pays. It is one of the very few of the hundreds of ways of advertising that do pay. The well-filled advertising columns of the daily and weekly press are evidence of that, and such evidence is corroborated by the success that almost invariably attends the merchant who advertises.

To the Public.

We are authorized to guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and if not satisfactory to refund the money to the purchaser. There is no better medicine made for a grippe, colds and whooping cough. Price, 25 and 50c. per bottle. Try it At Councell's Drug Store.

Lost.

Near the Avon Hotel on Tuesday night, a solitaire diamond ring. The finder will be rewarded by returning same to GAZETTE office.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

At Idlewild Park Tuesday Night.

ON THE SITE OF THE FIRST FIRE.

A Number of New Box Stalls Burned—An Insurance of $600 on the Property—An Important Clew to a Burglary Found in the Ruins.

The second fire at the grounds of the Fair Association was discovered at midnight Tuesday and an alarm sent in, but the distance from town was too great to allow using the water-works, and nothing could be done to stop the fire except to tear down a portion of the horse stalls. The fire started about in the same place as a year ago and burned the stables along the west side of the grounds up to a point opposite the poultry building. The buildings were entirely new having only recently been erected to take the place of those burned in 1897. There was an insurance of $600 on the buildings.

It was noticed by some of the spectators on Wednesday morning that a little pile of debris were burning until quite late in the morning and investigation showed a quantity of jewelry, watches, revolvers, etc., which had evidently been hid there. It was all burned and damaged and is worth nothing at all.

James Chapman, on Railroad Avenue, was robbed Tuesday night of nearly $300 worth of jewelry, watches, pistols, etc., and it is supposed that those discovered in the fire were the same.

The Fair Association will replace the burned stables and make a number of improvements to better accommodate the State Fair which will be held here this year.

According to the Maryland Manual there is a State Fire Marshal whose duty it is to investigate all fires occurring in the State to which his attention is called and who is especially charged with investigating incendiary fires and the prosecution of the guilty parties. It is not likely that half the fires in this county are of incendiary origin that are so reported, but it would be a good bit of satisfaction to the public if the State Fire Marshal would devote a little of his $2500-a-year time investigating them.

Orphans' Court.

In the Orphans' Court on Tuesday John T. Porter, executor of William T. Porter, presented release from Walter W. Porter.

Charles R. Wooters, administrator of James M. Wooters, presented release from M. Harvey Wooters.

Annie E. Cook (formerly Cooper), guardian of Helen F. Cooper, presented first and final account.

James A. Roe of Abner, guardian of Ernest W. and Thomas J. Sinclair, presented seventh account with each.

Ella B. Cox, guardian of Clarence A. Cox, presented fifteenth and sixteenth accounts.

Sibbell M. Brady, administratrix of Simeon Brady, presented inventory. She was authorized to sell personal estate and give notice to creditors.

Stamps on Extended Mortgages.

Collector of Internal Revenue Parlett is in receipt of an important decision from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue concerning stamps to be affixed to an agreement extending a mortgage for an additional term. The Commissioner rules that such an agreement, together with the original mortgage, becomes a new mortgage, and is subject to taxation as such. The old mortgage has expired and is renewed for an additional term, and the agreement, therefore, is subject to taxation.

Mrs. Enoch Covey Dead.

Mrs. Delia Covey, wife of Enoch Covey, died of cancer on Tuesday at her home. Her husband and five children survive her, viz: Mrs. E. C. Warner, Mrs. Harry A. Towers, Miss Alexine Covey, Samuel J. and Henry M. Covey. The funeral was held at Ebenezer M. E. Church at 2 P. M. on Thursday, interment in Spring Hill Cemetery.

State Fair at Easton.

The invitation of the Talbot County Fair Association to the directors of the State Fair to hold the State Fair at Easton this year has been accepted and a very large and successful fair may be expected. The State Fair was held here in 1887 and was the means of bringing a large number of people to Easton, besides making the Fair the more attractive with a great display of exhibits.

TOLD IN BRIEF.

Happenings of the Week in Condensed Form.

Mrs. Ellen M. Hope, widow of Daniel H. Hope, and mother of Jos. D. Hope died in Baltimore this week in the 68th year of her age. She was buried in St. Michaels, Wednesday.

Corporal Jesse Lednum, of Co. F, has been advanced to the rank of sergeant.

Mr. S. K. Hamburger has succeeded in building up quite an extensive business in Easton and St. Michaels, where he has in his employ some fifty ladies making shirt waists.

Postoffice Inspectors Wm. J. Maxwell and Major Hamlet were at the Easton Postoffice on Thursday and found accounts kept as they should be and strictly correct.

Mr. S. T. Plummer, of Long Woods, killed a grey eagle a week ago which measured 6 feet 11 inches from tip to tip. The eagle had been committing depredations upon Mr. Plummer's lambs and had killed two.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Peninsula Press Association will be held at Dover, Del., at 11 A. M., Thursday, Feb. 9, 1899, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

ANOTHER POLICE BOAT.

County Commissioners Decide to Commission another Guard Boat.

The County Commissioners have chartered another boat from now until close of the scraping season, which will parole Miles River and Eastern bay. It is said that the depredations of violators of the oyster law lately make this step necessary and also to aid the State boats Frolic and Eliza Hayward, which have had so much trouble within the last two weeks in protecting the grounds of the tongers The latter part of the last week the Hayward captured a fleet of five dredgers scraping on forbidden grounds, and constant complaints have been made of illicit dredging in foggy weather in Miles River. B. M. Blades, of St. Michaels, has been appointed captain of the new police boat and E. L. Jones, mate.

East End Notes.

Rumors are on the wing just now that several new houses are soon to be built on Railroad avenue extended. Good building lots are offered in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Matthews attended the funeral of their cousin in Milford, Del., yesterday.

Capt. Robert Perry, of No. 5 truck, Baltimore City Fire Department, and wife are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shannahan. The captain relates many perilous experiences.

John T. Rathell has purchased the Gealon property on Railroad avenue for $800.

Easton Gas and Electric Light Co.

At the meeting of the stockholders of this company held on Thursday afternoon last, the following gentlemen were elected directors of the company for the ensuing year: R. B. Dixon, Walter H. Thompson, Gen. Richard Thomas, James H. McNeal, John T. Rathell, Oswald Tilghman, W. E. Shannahan, C. T. Wrightson, J. Harry Covington. The directors subsequently met and elected these officers: President, Walter H. Thompson; Vice-President, John T. Rathell; Treasurer, Robert B. Dixon; Secretary and Manager, C. T. Wrightson.

Some Interesting Figures.

We had a pleasant visit one day last week from Mr. H. D. Flint of Syracuse, N. Y., representing the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of Buffalo, N. Y., one of the most extensive manufacturers of proprietary medicines in the world, whose advertisement will appear in the GAZETTE next week. Mr. Flint's position is that of advertising contractor for daily and weekly newspapers, and after making a three-years' contract with the GAZETTE gave some interesting facts in connection with the World's Dispensary. The sum of $50,000 is expended in newspaper and magazine advertising annually.

In addition to this 40,000 memorandum books are mailed daily, at a cost for postage alone of $400.00 a day. Then again 45 men are constantly on the go traversing the United States, each man distributing from 1,500 to 1,800 books daily. It requires the services of four advertising contractors to look after the work of placing advertisement in the newspapers of the United States and Canada. In addition to this and all the other means of keeping their preparations before the public, the World's Dispensary has distributed between two and three million copies of "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," a splendid work by Dr. R. V. Pierce.

INTERESTING MEETING

Of Wilmington Conference in March.

WILL BE HELD IN CAMBRIDGE.

Many Pastoral Changes Expected, Chiefly in Wilmington District—None Predicted for Talbot County excepting at St. Michaels.

Notwithstanding it will be an off year, one in which no changes in the presiding elderships are expected, the next annual session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, which will be held in Zion Church, Cambridge, commencing on March 22, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of Philadelphia, presiding, will be decidedly interesting. Interest will center in the pastoral appointments. Many changes are likely to be made in the Wilmington district. It is estimated that three-fourths of the ministers of that district, chiefly ministers in Wilmington and Cecil county, will not be in their present charges next conference year. The majority of preachers expected to be changed have served not more than two years. The number of pastors desiring to labor in new fields and the number of churches wishing new pastors are about equal. It is probable that the changes made in that district will exceed those made at any conference session during the last 10 years.

There is great curiosity as to who will be assigned to the pastorate of Union Church, to be vacated by Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, D. D. A month ago Presiding Elder Thomas E. Martindale of Salisbury district was officially asked whether he would consider a pastoral invitation from that church, to which he replied that he wished to continue in his present position. Members of the church think that the Rev. Adam Stengle, D. D., of Georgetown, Del., Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., of Dover, or Rev. H. S. Thompson, of Delaware City, would prove a worthy successor to Dr. Hanna. In the event of Dr. Smith or Mr. Stengle going to Union, Dr. Hanna will probably be assigned to the pastorate vacated by the appointee. A suggestion which has been considered for several days will doubtless cause a commotion. It proposes Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D., for Union, Dr. Hanna for Asbury and Rev. James Crowe for St. Paul's. In the event of the retirement of Dr. Murray from its pastorate, Rev. Isaac L. Wood, of Middletown, will be St. Paul's preference. Dr. Murray recently accepted an invitation to return to St. Paul's, and that church will not part with him without a struggle. Dr. Hanna is also mentioned for the pastorate of Mt. Salem.

If the last-named church cannot obtain Dr. Hanna, it may ask for Rev. W. P. Compton, who will probably be succeeded at Port Deposit by Rev. A. S. Mowbray, of Elkton. The church in the latter town desires to secure Rev. L. E. Terry, of Harrington. Besides those mentioned above the following charges may also make changes: Bethel, Charlestown, Cherry Hill, Chesapeake City, Chester, Christiana, Delaware City, Ebenezer, Elk Neck, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Pleasant, North East, Rising Sun and Rowlandville.

Rev. George W. Townsend, pastor of Delmar Church, has been invited to the pastorate of North East.

Antioch Church, Princess Anne, requests the return of Rev. George T. Alderson for the fifth year.

Rev. G. W. Burke, of St. Michaels, who has served three years, will sever his connection there at the coming session of conference, and Rev. W. G. Koons, of Bridgeville, has been called to succeed him.

Rev. C. P. Swain, of Tangier, writes: "We expect to open the new church for divine worship February 5, and continue meetings a week. Revs. Wyatt, Hanna, Otis, Morgan and others are expected."

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at Dr. Councell's Drug Store, only 50 cents per bottle.

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS.

Notes of Interest about the Work of Our Churches.

One of the most delightful teas of the season was given by Mrs. Baldwin at the rectory of Christ Church on Thursday night last. Misses Wooters, Hambleton, Trippe and others assisted her to receive. Quite an array of local talent was present, and the many guests were continually entertained with vocal solo or piano or violin music. Every church congregation in the town was represented. The next tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank C. Mason on Thursday next. A cordial welcome extended to every lady. The proceeds, ten cents each, are applied to the Christ Church building fund.

The revival at Ebenezer Church has developed much greater interest in the last two evenings than at any time since the meetings began. The attendance has been very large and at times beyond the seating capacity of the church. The pastor has been sustained by his excellent christian people and they are now anticipating a great work of grace and many accessions to the church. Those who have professed conversion will receive careful instruction and be wisely guided in beginning their christian life. Special attention is called to the Class at 10 A. M. on Sunday and the other services of the day.

The following is an official list of the trustees and stewards of Ebenezer M. E. Church.

Trustees—Walter H. Thompson, J. J. Wright, W. E. Shannahan, Wm. T. Wright, John H. Thompson, Nathaniel Tuthill, Samuel Sherman.

Stewards—Walter H. Thompson, James H. McNeal, W. P. Chaffinch, J. C. Mullikin, William T. Wright, F. A. Shannahan, Wm. S. Grace, Jr., Charles T. Wrightson, H. Avery Tuthill, Leander R. Hooper, N. E. Clark, Chas. F. O'Day Martin M. Wright.

District Steward—W. H. Thompson.

Recording Steward—James H. McNeal.

At the Quarterly Conference of Trinity M. E. Church South, the following officers were elected:

Stewards—Charles Rigby, James A. Matthews, Samuel A. Meintzer, Perry Daffin, Edward Sherwood, William H. Davidson, Frank P. Robson.

Trustees—Charles Rigby, James C. Norris, Shreve Robinson, William R. Luttman, James A. Matthews, Alex. Chaplain, Jacob Mast.

Sunday School Superintendent—A. M. Robson.

DEATH WARRANT READ.

Timber Of a Notable Gallows In Kent Used To Construct a Henhouse.

Joseph Wright, colored, whose death warrant was read to him, designating March 24 as the day for his execution for the murder of Wm. Newton, colored, gave the first signs of appreciating the seriousness of the truly terrible situation which he occupies. He listened to the reading of the warrant by Sheriff Roe with apparent indifference, only remarking that he was not surprised; he expected it. When his spiritual adviser, Rev. D. A. Ridout, of Janes African Methodist Episcopal Church, subsequently saw, him the prisoner said he was reconciled. The timber of the scaffold on which the execution of the four Hill murderers took place was afterward used in building a henhouse on ex-Sheriff Plummer's farm The henhouse has never been robbed. Sheriff Roe will use an entirely new gallows for Wright. When it was expected that eight men and boys convicted of the murder of Dr. Hill, would be executed the sheriff was offered a fabulous price for the scaffold, but when the four boys were reprieved the price of gallows wood declined and the timber found its way into a country hennery. A death watch is kept constantly over the condemned man.

Oldest Town in America.

We did not know it before, but Easton must have been built before Columbus discovered America. The current issue of the *Ledger* says:—"The directors have set to work to have this year's State Fair held in conjunction with the Talbot County Fair, they say such will probably be the case. The State Fair was held here in 1286, the second year of the the local association's existence."—*Cambridge Banner.*

Our Oldest City.

The settlement of Ponce de Leon at Caparra, near the site of Pueblo Viejo, across San Juan bay, is now, by more than 55 years, the first town established within the present borders of the United States. Historians, therefore, must give the prestige of antiquity, not to the Spanish town of St. Augustine, Fla., of 1565, as formerly, but to Caparra, founded in the year 1509.—New York *Sun.*