THE COUNTY'S FINANCES.

VERY GRATIFYING SHOWING FOR THE PAST FISCAL YEAR.

The County Commissioners Have Largely Increased the Taxable Basis and Effected Sundry Economies.

It is interesting to note the finances of Talbot county for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, which report Clerk Stewart has compiled and will submit to the County Commissioners next Tuesday.

The resources amount to $37,145.22, against $32,966.75 in 1898. The liabilities are $26,625.75; in 1898 they were $20,094.32.

The taxable basis was $8,717,709, an increase of $190,434. The amount of county tax was $86,305.31; last year, $78,450.93. Mortgage tax, $886.37, an increase of $440.34; franchise tax, $152.74, against $115.60 in 1898. The oyster scrapers' license fund received $1,630.95, and $213 was received from magistrates' fines, a decrease of $42, which would seem to indicate that the people are not so refractory as of yore.

As usual, the schools were the greatest expense, costing $27,000, an increase of $6,000. Public roads cost $10,456.08. Bridges, special, received $5,774.70, nearly all of which, $5,258.75, was expended in rebuilding Dover bridge. There was appropriated for county bridges $594.75, less than half the amount of last year, $1,407.90. Bridge lumber cost $241.45 and terra cotta pipe $432.50. A saving of $166.99 was effected in these two items, which is very gratifying in view of the late rise in prices. Culverts cost only $297.50, against $586.56 in 1898.

Improvements to the Court House and expenses incident thereto footed up $15,711.72. Court expenses were $15,461.15, an increase of $2,260.68. Constables got $1,953, about the same as last year, $1,940.30. The expense for magistrates was $1,565.20, against $1,024.27 in 1898. Registration and election cost $2,365.43, a saving of $446.13. Interest payments were $3,400.57, against $3,178 last year. Witnesses before magistrates were paid $131.34, a 99 cent increase over last year. Vaccination cost $319.31, a saving of $42.63.

The board of patients at the Maryland General Hospital amounted to $2,158.32, an increase of $556.24. The appropriation for the Almshouse was $2,200, an increase of $300. Outpensioners were paid $970, $35 more than last year, and $2.36 was spent in relieving a case of destitution. The expenses of the Board of Health were $208.81, a saving of $71.63. Inquests cost $123.65, a saving of $19.80. Burying paupers cost $70.50, $7.75 less than in 1898.

The bonded debt of the county exclusive of the $10,000 Court House bonds is $51,000, a decrease of $1000 in the year.

It Is Bank Director Hambleton.

The directors of Farmers and Merchants National Bank met Wednesday and chose John S. Hambleton, of St. Michaels, a member of their body vice Denny Williams, deceased. Mr. Hambleton is a prominent and successful business man, and the bank will find him a very valuable acquisition. The following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Maryland has learned with deep regret the death of Mr. Denny Williams, who has been connected with this institution since its organization;

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Williams this institution has suffered the loss of one of its active and conscientious directors; that in his death the community loses an upright citizen, and his family a loss irreparable.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, published in the papers and a copy sent to his family.

ISAAC A. BARBER, President

The Farmers Are Busy.

The farmers are not saying much about politics just now. They are engaged in getting ready for wheat planting and getting in their corn. They are now taking the benefit of the good times. Their hogs, cattle and sheep are bringing them more money than for a good many years past. They have stopped worrying about Democratic politics. He now knows that he loses by the election of Democrats and how much he is the gainer by the triumph of Republican ideas. He knows that a vote for the Democrats this year will help to make Democratic times next, and that means lower prices for his products.

The Furniture Factory.

The Easton Furniture Factory has completed a number of bed room suits and some sideboards and are now at work on 150 sets. The company have in hand orders for a considerable shipment, and are now aiming to have on hand a surplus stock, so that orders can be promptly filled. Mr. Hoshour, the manager now has 17 men under his direction and says that the new hands have learned their work wonderfully well, and that he hopes soon to have the factory going at its fullest capacity.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50cts guaranteed, at Dr. Councell's Pharmacy.

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners last Tuesday received $2559.60, as follows: W. S. Covington, 1897, $300; Robert F. Walker, 1897, $500; H. G. Councell, 1898 $1759.60. The disbursements were $840.92. The county statement for the fiscal year ending June 30th is now before the Board and will probbly be approved next Tuesday.

COMMITTEES NAMED.

Meeting of County Candidates to Plan Campaign Work.

The Republican State Central Committee and the county candidates held a meeting in Easton on Tuesday when a general discussion of the situation was had. The following committees were named:

General Campaign Committee:—R. Rastall Walker, chairman; Clayland Mullikin, treasurer; E. H. Lachmar, secretary; Dr. I. A. Barber, T. M. Bartlett and Dr. Merritt. This committee will also act for Easton district.

Trappe district.—L. H., C. W., and Percival Mullikin, Geo. F. Adams, and James A. Frampton.

Oxford precinct.—Chas. F. Stewart, Wm. A. Dobson, W. R. Moore, Chas. E. Dobson, David Smith.

St. Michaels district.—R. D. Mansfield, Edward L. Jones, Geo. M. Tarr.

Bozman precinct.—James Sutton, R. G. Cooper, Daniel E. Jones.

Royal Oak precinct.—Percy C. Benson, Walter J. Benson, John H. Jones, Jr., C. P. M. Linthicum, Chas. Haskins, Murray Williams, John L. Wallace.

Chapel district.—Dr. C. M. Stelle, John L. Fisher, Jacob Andrews, John Sharp, John M. Willson.

Bay Hundred district.—Geo. Grace John A. Fairbank, C. C. Shorb, Perry Burton, Chas R. Ross.

ANOTHER NEW FACTORY.

Local Capital to Start an Umbrella and Parasol Concern.

The fifth new factory for Easton will be started up next week by Messrs. Wm. T. Williams, Chas. W. Adams and Jos. T. White, for the manufacture of all grades of umbrellas and parasols. The third floor of the building south-east corner of Washington and Dover streets will be used, and about eight persons will be employed.

There is no machinery attached to this work except sewing machines and turning lathe. All the different parts of an umbrella will be purchased, and the new firm will only put them together. The silk and cloth will be bought whole and cut to suit.

The best grade of umbrella as well as a cheap grade will be made, and two men will be on the road to drum trade. A number of large orders are already in view, and prospects for the new concern are bright.

Besides making umbrellas and parsols they will pay especial attention to local repair work, such as mending ribs, re-covering, new sticks, etc.

COINCIDENCE OF TITLES—COMRADES.

Dean Rich of Easton Writes to the Sun About it.

Dean Rich has the following very courteous letter in the *Sun* recently:

"In the courteous note Dr. Claude Baxley, published in your issue of the 28th, he disclaims all intention of appropriating my title, "Comrades," for his novel, and says, quite truly, "that there was more than comradship of tilles between tho authors." Much more than he was aware of. Like the Doctor, I began my little book years ago, and when finished sent the manuscript to several publishers. Being an "unknown author," it was "declined with thanks," and "discouraged, I laid it aside and tried to forget that I had aspired to authorship." But a "few friends," perhaps too partial, among them several competent critics, insisted upon its publication, and early in 1898 it was, on my own responsibility, launched upon the flowing tide of many books, and, while not a financial success, because I know not how to "push it," it has brought the author a host of letters commend it for its "truthfulness" and "absorbing interest."

"Surely in the great world of books there is room for *two comrades*, and those who read the novel can turn to the history and thus have both mind and heart refreshed with the story of those days which tried men's souls in the crucible of war.

Respectfully,
EDW. R. RICH.
Easton, Md., August 31, 1899.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this royal cure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will everyone who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Dr. Councell's Pharmacy; every bottle guaranteed.

Farmers' wives wanting a first class dining room carpet can find it at M. B. Nichols'. He had two extra heavy wool rag carpets made for this purpose. It is something hard to find. Prices 35 and 50c a yard.

New Queen Anne's Steamer.

A most satisfactory trial was made Tuesday of the new Queen Anne's Railroad. The run was from Baltimore to Annapolis. Everything worked with absolute satisfaction to all on board. The builders are practically ready to turn the vessel over now, but some needed decorations and the outfit to be placed on board by the company, will delay it at least two weeks.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold at Dr. Councell's Pharmacy.

Mr. Coulby Wins.

The suit of Charles A. Coulby vs. the Commissioners of Talbot county for $4000 for damages sustained while driving along the county road was tried at the present term of the Caroline county Court. A verdict of $50 was given Mr. Coulby. Col. Mullikin and ex-Judge Russum represented the county, and William Mason Shehan and Charles S. Carrington appeared for Mr. Coulby.

M. B. Nichols' Cloak Opening will begin Nov. 1st and continue four days. We would advise customers to buy their wraps early this season as the prices are advancing every day.

THE SAME OLD SINGERS AND THE SAME OLD TUNE.



REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

A VERY ACTIVE MARKET THE PAST MONTH.

Talbot Property to the Value of Almost $60,000 Changes Hands—A Record without a Parallel.

The real estate transfers for the month of September in Talbot were the largest for a long time, and amount to a grand total of $57,044.50. Much of the property bought was by Baltimoreans and persons living outside of the county, all of which goes to show that Talbot lands are very much desired.

The transfers and the amounts of consideration are as follows:

Eugenia A. Councell to Margaret L. Rice—The Peck's Point farm of 116 acres in Hopkins Neck, $4,500.

John T. Stevenson and wife to Henry W. Stevenson and others—The Sailor Retreat farm of 173 acres and the Worrell farm of 222 acres, both on Island creek, $1,433.33.

A. M. Trice & Son to John S. Hambleton—Two-story frame building on Talbot street, St. Michaels, used as a livery stable, $350.

George W. Wilson to Willian R. Martin—38 acres near Skipton, $450.

Frank T. Fairbank and wife to Frances R. Grace—Lot on Plaindealing creek.

Wilfred Bateman, assignee, to Jonathan T. Wrightson—The John W. Bailey farm of 4 acres in Broad Creek Neck, $200.

Haddaway S. Golt to Frank C. Mason—82 acres in Chapel District on road from Easton to Lednum's Corner, $1,200.

John Cockey and wife and Florence Tunis to Margaretha Gail—¼ acre in Bay Hundred District between Claiborne and Claiborne Wharf, $50.

William S. Covington, executor, to Laura J. Sinclair—1 acre on Tilghman's Island, $100.

William S. Covington, executor, to Lewis H. Crocket—1 acre on Tilghman's Island, $100.

Mary J. Flamer and husband to George C. Moore—4 acres in Chapel District, $100.

Lillian M. Nickerson and husband to Arthur B. Plummer—The Moreland farm of 176 acres in Miles River Neck, $8,000.

Mary E. Bartlett to Isaac H. Dixon—The Sunnyside farm of 121 acres in Hopkins Neck, $4,800.

Hilley Mercer and wife to George F. Nickerson—The Kellum farm of 225 acres in Chapel District on road from Kingston to Hillsboro, $5 etc.

James Frank Barnes et al to Eliza Young—Lot on Tred Avon avenue, Oxford, $100.

James Frank Barnes et al to Samuel T. Barnes—Lot on Tred Avon avenue, Oxford, $400.

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Hallie V. Jackson and husband to Elijah S. Adkins and Charles R. Disharoon, trading as E. S. Adkins & Co.—¼ acre on Tilghman's Island, $200,17.

George F. Nickerson to Simon A. Nevius and Charles L. Frampton, trading as Nevius & Frampton—Lot at the northeast corner of Washington and Goldsborough streets, Easton, $5 etc.

Charlotte M. L. Rogers and others to James M. H. Bateman—The Waverly farm of 376 acres in Edmondson's Neck, $12,000.

Robert B. Dixon, assignee, to Michael B. Nichols—The Mistletoe Hall farm of 211 acres on road from Easton to Goldsborough's Neck, $5,100.

Mary L. Norris to Martin M. Higgins and Samuel Norris—Lot on Morris street, Oxford, $400.

Queen Anne Land and Improvement Co. to G. Wilbur Rolph—Building lot at Queen Anne, $225.

Arthur B. Plummer and wife to Lillian M. Nickerson—The Moreland farm of 176 acres in Miles River Neck, $8,000.

Isabella C. Parlett to William B. Newnam—12½ acres in St Michaels District, $314.

William O. Wrightson and wife to Albert W. Fairbank—5 acres in Bay Hundred District, $1 etc.

Albert W. Fairbank and wife to William O. Wrightson—4 acres in Bay Hundred District, $1 etc.

Charles H. M. Jones and wife to Osbert H. Lednum—¼ acre on Bayside Neck road, $25.

Emma O. Gorsuch to Jerry Valliant—Lot at southwest corner of Tilghman and Willis streets, Oxford, $300.

Eliza W. Lawrenson to John W. Chase—Lot in Bolingbroke Neck, $30.

Board of County School Commissioners to Leonard Swartz—Three-fifths acre in Chapel District, $20.

Agnes S. Outram and others to George F. Nickerson—60 acres on east side of road from Easton to Trappe, $600.

John F. George, sr., to Mrs. Mary A. Jump—96¼ acres in Chapel District on road from Cordova to Covey's Landing, $3,000.

John F. George, to John F. George jr., 2½ acres on Railroad avenue extended, Easton, $270.

James T. Wood and wife to Belle H. Tilghman—Lot on Morris street Oxford, $500.

George C. Moore and wife and Thomas L. Day and wife to David H. Knotts—Lot in Queen Anne, $275.

TALBOT OYSTER BEDS ROBBED

By Dorchester County Scrapers, Says a Correspondent.

OXFORD, MD., Oct. 2, 1899.

MR. EDITOR—Kindly allow me through the columns of your valuable paper to correct a mistake. I notice in the *Morning Herald* and also the *American* of recent date a letter using the name of Wm H. Robbins, of Cambridge, relative to the depleted condition of our oyster bars, also stating that there was a petition from Talbot county before the last Legislature to close the Great Choptank to scrapers. It is surprising that such misstatements should be promulgated through the press. There was no such petition sent from Talbot county, but one was largely signed by the citizens of the county asking that Talbot's waters in the Chop tank be closed to scrapers, and that is the bill that a large delegation went from Dorchester to Annapolis to defeat—a purely local measure.

I am sure Senator Dodson and Delegate Woodall will corroborate the above statement. Now, I appeal to every good thinking man in Talbot county—Is it right, is it just, that Dorchester, with her largest and best oyster grounds closed to scraping, should, with her nine hundred boats, against less than one hundred of ours, have the use of our waters against the best interests of a large number of our good citizens? The injustice does not stop right here. The Dorchester scrapers have not the slightest respect for our local laws, they violate them with the most astonishing audacity. Not satisfied with taking our oysters in the Great Choptank, they invade the tributaries known as forbidden grounds, set apart for the exclusive use of the tongmen, and while we have just a few in our midst who uphold them in their contemptuous disregard of our local laws, an overwhelming majority of our people that have given the matter attention are violently opposed to it. Will the people of our county quietly submit longer to the depredations and injustice that are yearly being practiced upon us by non-residents, while they never arouse themselves to the fact that many thousands of dollars of our wealth are yearly taken from Talbot and contributed to the wealth of Dorchester county, especially Cambridge. Why not get together and with a mighty effort strike to death the odious joint scrape law?

OBSERVER.

LAND AND IMMIGRATION CO.

Talbot Countians Interested in Scheme to Promote Immigration.

The Maryland Land and Immigration Company has been incorporated with Mr. Caleb J. Moore, of Easton, as president and Mr. Isaac H. Dixon a director. Ex-Governor Frank Brown is also interested. A catalogue has been issued which compliments Talbot county by giving glowing descriptions of it and illustrations of Col. Chipley's home, "The Anchorage," the summer home of the Dixons, "Bloomfield," and "Ratcliffe Manor," the last named being offered for sale for $25,000.

Descriptions of farms in every county of the State are presented, but there are fewer in Talbot than any other, showing clearly that the people of this county are happy, healthy and contented and are not anxious to part with their excellent farming lands. The offices of the new company are at 224 St. Paul street, Baltimore.

Nowadays when women are trying to do everything it is not strange that many things are over-done. It is not strange that there are all kinds of physical and mental disturbances. If the woman who is a doctor, or a lawyer, or a journalist, or in business would not try to be a society woman too it might be different; but the woman who knows when she has done a day's work has yet to be born. Usually a woman's way is to keep doing until she drops. Working in this way has manifold evils. The most common trouble resulting from over exertion, either mentally or physically, is constipation of the bowels, with all its attendant horrors. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the most effectual remedy in the market. They work upon the system easily, naturally. There is no unpleasant nausea after taking them. No griping—no pain—no discomfort. They are composed of materials that go through the system gradually, collecting all impurities and, like the good little servants that they are, disposing of them effectually.

Parlor and Kitchen.

New and large stock, just received. Parlor Heaters and Kitchen Stoves, all sizes and patterns, and our prices are at the very bottom. 10 7-3t
SHANNAHAN & WRIGHTSON HDW. CO.

A TERRIBLE HOMICIDE

APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN OXFORD.

George Bain's Body Found, Bearing Signs of Violence—Two Men Arrested on Suspicion and Now in the Jail.

THE startling news reached Easton Thursday night that George Bain aged 50 years, was beaten to death at his home, on Tilghman street, Oxford, and that Thomas Riley is held on the charge of killing him, and Chas. Kraft is also held on the charge of being accessory thereto.

From reports available it appears that the affair occurred about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Subsequently, Riley sought Bailiff Crockett and Constable Dobson and took them to Bain's house, where he pointed out to them the dead body. The corpse bore marks of violence about the head and other parts. The wounds seem to have been made with a club.

The body also looked as though it had been kicked. The officers say Riley admitted to them he killed Bain, as "he thought he was a better man than me."

Acting Coroner Mitchell summoned a jury of inquest, with Capt. John W. Moore as foreman. Kraft was the only other person in the house at the time of the homicide, but he said he knew nothing about it, as he was asleep down stairs.

Both the parties to the affair are white men. Bain had been a resident of Oxford for several years, running an eating house, and bore a good reputation. Riley is a brickmaker and has been living there some time. He also has a good name. They have always been friends, and no cause can be assigned for the crime, unless it resulted from a quarrel while they were drinking. Riley, while not drunk, showed evidence of an indulgence in liquor when arrested.

Tilghman street, where the affair occurred, is the most notorious street of the town. It is there that speakeasies flourish, and the officers have more trouble with its frequenters than with all the rest of the town combined

Both men were brought to Easton Thursday night and lodged in jail. They will be taken to Oxford on Monday for trial.

THE SOCIAL REALM.

Social Gatherings-Receptions-Parties, Visitors in our Little Capital.

Mr. William H. Higgins spent Wednesday in Baltimore.

Charles S. Carrington attended court in Denton this week.

County Commissioner George H. Trax was in Denton on Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Fairbank is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roe in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Littleton are spending some time in Baltimore.

Miss Maggie Wright of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Simon Nevius.

Miss Elma Fleming is visiting her brother, Mr. W. A. Fleming, Smyrna, Del.

James C. Godwin was in Queen Anne's county this week on a business trip.

Miss Grace Moore of Royal Oak was the guest of Miss Mary Jump last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wilson were in Baltimore recently for several days.

Mrs. Rosa V. Leonard and Mrs. F. A. White spent several days in Baltimore this week.

Prof. Clinton Denny is in New York, spending a week with his daughter, Mrs. Pettibone.

Rev. F. B. Adkins, of Quantico, was in Easton this week. He went to Baltimore on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Adams was tendered a surprise party Thursday evening the occasion of her 18th birthday.

Carlton Poisal left last week for the Maryland University where he will take a course in wedicine.

Mrs. Laura E. Clark of Danbury, Conn., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James H. McNeal, the past week.

J. H. K. Shannahan, jr., has been elected historian of the sophomore class at Western Maryland College.

Mrs. David M. Swing, of Ridgely, is with her mother, Mrs. John H. Thompson, South Washington St.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Mason have moved into their new house on Washington street and Brooklets avenue.

Rev. Charles E. Buck and S. Percy Minnick, of Washington, were in Easton this week, the guests of Mr. E. T. Nicols.

Miss Ella Covey has returned to her home in Easton after a pleasant stay with friends in Philadelphia and Sharon Hill.

Wilbur F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Easton district was in Easton last Sunday and preached at the M. E. Church at night.

O. F. Sturmer returned Wednesday evening from New York, where he attended the Dewey celebration. He reports a very large time.

Mrs. M. R. Councell and Mrs. J. E. Ball have been attending the sessions of the W. C. T. U. Convention at Havre-de-Grace this week.

The venerable Mr. John Satterfield, who has passed his 85th birthday is quite low at his home. He has been confined to his bed for some weeks.

Miss Helen Marr Pratt leaves today for Tarrytown, New York, where she has a position as teacher of elocution and drawing in the Tarrytown Home Institute.

Mr. Charles H. Hughes, the affable teller of Easton National Bank, who was recuperating in the Blue Ridge Mountains, has returned to his home much improved in health.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Items of Interest Concerning old Talbot and Easton—her worthy County-seat.

The Court of Appeals will take up the Talbot Senatorship case next Tuesday.

A number of Talbot countians attended the Dewey celebration in New York last week.

It is estimated that $30,000 has been invested in new buildings in or near Easton this year.

Mr. Frederick Corbett has painted the woodwork of Trinity Cathedral, adding greatly to its appearance.

You will find nice cauliflower today at the stalls of Geo. T. Robinson at the Easton Markethouse. Fine heads cheap.

The weather the early part of this week was the coolest ever known in this locality for the first of October. Skims of ice were numerous.

The Epworth League held a social at the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening. A literary program and refreshments were features of the occasion.

Secretary Harrington says he thinks the Fair was a financial success. A meeting will be held by the directors in a few days, when the finances will be gone over.

The Current Events Club will open the campaign for the season upon literary topics this afternoon at the residence of Editor George E. Haddaway. Women only are members.

William Reddie has sold Mrs. Sarah E. Price's farm near Trappe to Emmett Morton for $2,700, and has sold to Mrs. Price, Bascom H. Kennard's Camper farm in Broad Creek Neck for $3,000.

Mrs. A. B. Showell, proprietor of the Seaside Hotel, Ocean City, has taken the Pascault house, near Hotel Avon, for transient and permanent boarders. Mrs. Pascault expects to spend the winter in Philadelphia.

THE GAZETTE acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a copy of the report of the Auditors of Caroline county for the year 1899, sent with the compliments of Auditors E. E. Goslin, William Stevens and John F. Dawson.

The Library Committee of Ebenezer M. E. Sunday-school will hold an oyster, chicken and waffle supper at the residence of Dr. Joseph S. Garrison next Thursday evening for the benefit of the Sunday-school library.

The "T. T. Society" held a birthday reception at the residence of Dr. J. E. M. Chamberlaine last Tuesday evening. Music, charade and refreshments were the order of the occasion. Many were present, and a bright and joyous time was the result.

A letter signed by 21 colored citizens has been sent to the Town Commissioners asking them to pass an ordinance making crap shooting a violation of law. The petition recites that the game has become a nuisance in some sections of the town and at least one case has led to crime.

The services at Ebenezer M. E. Church to-morrow will be of especial interest. The Epworth League will hold a sunrise prayer meeting at 6.30 A. M., Sunday morning class, led by Mr. Walter H. Thompson, will meet at 10 A. M., and preaching by the pastor at 11. At 7.30 P. M. the Epworth League will have charge of the service, which will consist of song and suitable addresses.

POLITICAL WHIFFS.

Pertinent Reasons for a Republican Victory in Maryland.

Our Republican county ticket is going along quietly gaining friends every day, and the candidates are naturally encouraged over their excellent chances of success.

"In 240 years Maryland has had 22 proprietory Governors, 8 Royal and 46 state executives," says Chief Judge James McSherry, "and in all that time she has not been blessed with a more upright, conscientious, honest, intellectual, clean-handed magistrate than Gov. Lowndes."

The only day left for registration is next Tuesday, October 10 and all new voters are required to register on either of these days, otherwise they will not be able to cast a ballot at the election Nov. 7. October 17 is set as a day for revision only, and no new names can be added on that day.

The bug-a-boos and dire calamities that were sure to happen in this State—according to the democratic papers—never materialized. On the contrary economy in expenditures and a marked improvement in the public service has followed Republican successes in Maryland. With the past as a criterion, wouldn't it be wise for all voters to cast a Republican ballot?

The democrats in Talbot are using the present road system as a campaign argument, declaring it a wasteful system, and the road superintendents as mere figure heads. A few figures are in order. The county statement of 1895, issued by a democratic board states that the public roads for that year cost Talbot county $9,717.47. The republican commissioners in 1897 spent $7,066.81 on the roads and that amount includes the salaries of the road superintendents.

We Believe in Expansion

Of our stock, as our recent large purchases from manufacturers and importers will testify. We are not bothering, at present, over the question of the expediency of expansion to the nation's territory—we are too busy to attend to such large concerns. We are expanding ourselves in the direction of acquiring beautiful new things in Watches and Jewelry, Art Goods and Bric-a-brac. We have been seeking "new markets," and we invite the public to inspect the results of our gatherings. O. F. STURMER,
The Jeweler.