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GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

Eleven Persons Recommended for Liquor License—Other Matters.

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court for Talbot County:—

The Grand Inquest of the November Term, 1899, would respectively report:

That we have during a protracted session of eight days investigated 72 cases, examined 195 witnesses, made 31 presentments and true bills, of which two are for murder, 2 for criminal assault, 4 for common assault, 1 for perjury, 1 for illegal dredging, 1 for wife beating, 1 for malicious destruction of property, 1 for obtaining goods under false pretenses, 1 for keeping disorderly house, 3 for violating local option law, 9 for larceny, 5 for being drunk and disorderly.

A large portion of our time has been occupied with local option cases, together with their regular sequence, viz., fighting, swearing, disorderly conduct, &c. A great saving might be made to the taxpayers if such cases could be disposed of without going to the Grand Jury room, and we would infer from the regular appearance of the same faces in the Court room for the same crimes that a large number of persons in and around Easton make lawbreaking and Court-attending their principal and most lucrative business. Confinement in jail and in the House of Correction have lost their terrors and something more distasteful to this class must be resorted to. Will the coming Legislature solve this question, is the query of a heavily taxed public.

Our attention has been called to the dangerous crossing of the Queen Anne's railroad near Hillsboro; this being at the foot of a steep hill makes it only a question of time when some serious accident will occur. A timely precaution by the railroad company's placing gates at this and other places of like character will probably save said company a suit for damages, the county the expense of a coroner's jury and some home a vacant chair. The same warning does apply to the Pennsylvania railroad's crossing at Railroad avenue and Dover street, Easton.

We have visited the jail, which bears evidence of having been properly kept by Sheriff McKnett. We found the following confined therein. Malcolm Anderson, Charles Johnson, William Davidson, James Fleetwood, William Gibson, Charles Green, John Henry Johnson, Carroll Jackson, Alex. James, John Kinnamon, Bertie Ockoney, Jake Ockoney, Thomas Bailey, John Smith, John Sherwood, James Cornish and William White awaiting trial; Draper Gibson, Alonzo Green, Joseph John O'Neal, George Shannahan and Buck Wrightson, serving sentences; Isabel Adams, Andrew Adams, Alfred Smith, William Smith, Perry Thomas having been convicted, are awaiting transportation.

The following have been recommended by twelve taxpayers on real property located in the school district where said liquors are to be sold, and, residing in said district, are recommended by us for license to sell spirituous liquors in quantities not less than one pint, at the places named: Henry Slaughter, Lewistown; S. W. Calloway, Cordova; Henry M. Ziegler, Longwood; James A. Read, Cordova; J. A. Callahan, Longwood; J. M. Beaven, Hillsboro; G. W. Parker, New Bridge; John W. Anthony, Wye Mills; James Ahearn, Wye Mills, W. H. Warner, Skipton; William E. Turner, Wootenaux Bridge.

With acknowledgements to the Court for courtesies received, to the State's Attorney for assistance promptly rendered, and to the officers of the Court for celerity in responding to our calls, and having finished our work, would respectfully ask to be discharged.

ROBERT J. DAWSON,
Foreman.

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

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

The Misses Covey spent Thanksgiving in Cambridge.

Mrs. Annie Leonard and daughters are visiting relatives here.

Harry McGill of Baltimore is visiting his grandmother on North street.

Carlton Poisal of the University of Maryland spent Thanksgiving in town.

The T. T. Society assisted by some of the best amateur talent of Easton, will give one of their delightful entertainments in Music Hall during Christmas week.

The Building Association is erecting a house on August street, next to Mr. Robert E. Young's, and Mr. Wm. H. Miller is building a residence on West avenue, near August street.

A marriage license was issued on Friday morning to Wm. Cephus and Nettie Brooks. William is a sprightly young colored man who is frequently seen behind the handsome black horses of Rev. B. S. Highly.

"Muldoon's Picnic" at Music Hall Thursday night, Dec. 7th. Secure your seats early as there will be no extra charge for reserved seats. Buy reserved seats then come at your leisure and avoid the rush. Seats now on sale.

An incident was given a few days ago showing the business activity of Easton. A gentleman said he had had a new roof put over his porch, a piece of work that he had wanted for three months, but had just been able to secure the carpenters.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Ridgely, of Dover, entertained a number of Talbot guests at a very elaborate terrapin supper on Thursday. Among those present were Judge Jno. C. Bartlett and wife, Mrs. Robert B. Dixon and daughter, Mrs. J. Kemp Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson and Mrs. W. M. Tylor. Mrs. Ridgely was assisted by her mother Mrs. M. A. Kemp, of Easton.

Mr. Walter L. Flower, of St. Louis was in town yesterday shaking hands with many of his old friends. Mr. Flower was at one time associated with the firm of Jarrell, Nichols & Cox, and was very popular here. He is now one of the successful proprietors of a large establishment which supplies specialties to steam power plants, etc. He is a native of Caroline county.

There was a big Thanksgiving fox hunt at Fairview, near Tunis Mills, on Thursday which was a most enjoyable one. Among those present were Messrs. Sharp, Kinnamon, Arlington, of Long Woods, Gale, Williams, Norris, of Easton, Pascault, Griffith, Reiman, Dudley, Lewis, Andrews, Draper of Tunis Mills. C. F. Griffith, who rode a bicycle, secured the brush. Lady riders who accompanied them were Mrs. John L. Pascault and the Misses Gale of Easton.

The damage suit of Mrs. Annie M. Leonard widow of Capt. Edmund T. Leonard, and her daughters, Misses Helen and Nora, against the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company was taken up Wednesday afternoon. The plaintiffs are suing the railway for $30,000 for damages sustained in the killing of Captain Leonard. Seth & Wilson and Charles F. Harley are representing the plaintiff, and Wm. H. Adkins and John D. Semmes for the defendant.

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Illustrated Announcement Number containing a full prospectus of the volume for 1900 will be sent free to any address.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
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Up-to-Date Town Commissioners.

The citizens of Easton made no mistake when they intrusted their public affairs to Commissioners Willis Flowers, William H. Withgott and S. E. Whitman. Among their good deeds may be named:

They have ordered that all cellar doors opening on the streets be reduced to the street level, removing a serious danger to persons out late at night.

They notified a property owner that the drain between his property and the town gutter was objectionable, whereupon he promptly put in a terra cotta pipe.

They have required that property owners on August street pave to Aurora street, which will greatly improve that street as a residence section.

Judge Goldsborough Dead.

Ex-Judge Henry Hollyday Goldsborough, a well known lawyer and genealogist, a native of Easton died suddenly at his home in Baltimore Thursday of paralysis. Judge Goldsborough was born in Easton in 1817, and he was the oldest representative of his family in the State. His ancester, Robert Goldsborough, came to America 1678, settling at "Ashby" in Goldsborough's Neck. An interesting sketch of this distinguished Marylander will appear in this paper next week.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Popular Approval of the Plan Outlined in The Gazette.

The article appearing exclusively in last week's GAZETTE in reference to a telephonic system of fire alarms has awakened widespread interest, and the following petition has been started to be presented to the Town Commissioners, whose well known reputation for progressiveness gives good reason to hope that they will act promptly and favorably in the matter:

To the Town Commissioners.

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned citizens of Easton, Md., appreciate the great need of a fire alarm system for the purpose of sending the alarm of fire and at the same time giving location, which in many cases may be the means of saving a great deal of property and lives. This question has been a serious one for quite a time to the large number of small towns and cities where they could not afford to pay for the regular systems in use in larger cities; and in a great many cases the problem has been solved in a manner to which we wish to call your attention, and ask that you have the same investigated and, if satisfactory, have the same installed in our town and thus add to the comfort and welfare of our citizens. The plan is as follows:

Place a large gong at the corner opposite Hotel Avon or some other central place, and six or more small gongs in the sleeping rooms of six or more members of the Fire Company;

A telephone in the fire engine house and provide for an alarm box in some other portion of the town where it will likely be the most use;

Divide the town into fire districts and send all alarms through the telephone exchange, which will be open night and day.

The great point in favor of this system is that it is such a cheap and yet so thoroughly reliable a system that anybody having a telephone in their house or store can send in an alarm and then turn their attention to the fire until the engine arrives, which would often avert a disastrous fire if you did not have to run over town giving the alarm. We would again ask that you investigate this and consult with H. M. Renshaw, Manager of the Union Telephone Company, who will be pleased to give any information you may desire on this subject.

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Local Notes of Interest.

At Trinity M. E. Church, South, at 11 A. M. to-morrow, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered, followed by the reception of members. The sermon at 7.30 P. M. will be on "Heavenly Recognition; or, Shall We Know Each Other There?" All cordially invited.

Easton is now making bicycles. Mr. Marion H. Dawson has just completed his first high-grade bicycle made entirely in his own shop. The wheel is a beauty and runs as noiseless and easy as any on the market. As to workmanship, enameling, and joining this wheel, known as the "Nowalkee," will excite the admiration of the most fastideous.

What next for Easton in the way of manufacturing enterprises?

Mr. C. R. Wooters gracefully entertained the retiring and incoming bench of the Orp ans' Court to a sumptous dinner on Tuesday; The three late judges, the three new judges and Deputy Register Mr. P. A. Morgan were present.

Everything must be Irish and done in Irish style at Music Hall, Thursday night, December 7th. Admission adults 35c. No extra charge for reserved seats.

Missing Volumes.

The following volumes are missing from the Easton High School Library:

Bancroft's History of the United States, Vol. I.

The War between the States, by Alexander H. Stephens, Vol. II.

Lossing's Field Book of the Revolution, Vol. I.

Robertson's History of Charles V., Vol. II.

Patten's Antiquities of Greece, Vol. I.

Several of these are very old books and were once a part of the library of the Jefferson Literary Society. The return of the above books will be much appreciated by the teachers of the High School.

G. A. R. Notice.

The regular meeting of Hicks Post, No. 24, G. A. R., will be held at 8 P. M. Tuesday next. The election of officers to serve for 1900 will be held, and an inspection of the Post is ordered by the Department of Inspection. Other matters of importance will claim attention. A full attendance is earnestly requested. By command of THOS. H. COBURN,
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A GREAT SUCCESS.

Entertainment at Trinity M. E. Church, South.

The entertainment at Trinity M.E. Church, South, on Thanksgiving night was a brilliant success notwithstanding the minstrel troupe at Music Hall. A large crowd of representative people filled the handsome new auditorium. Mr. Geo. E. Haddaway was in his happiest vein in introducing the lecturer. "Help or Hinder," by Rev. B. S. Highley, was thoughtful, chaste and beautiful, scintillating with wit and humor and eliciting much applause. Mr. Henry Hollyday, Jr., sang "The Holy City," followed by "A Dream" as an encore. Both were finely rendered. Mr. W. W. Spence was at his best in his cornet solo. People who had often heard Mr. Spence say they never heard him play as he did on that occasion. He gave as an encore "The Star-Spangled Banner." The orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Walter Garey, reflected great credit on themselves. It was composed of Prof. Bowman and Messrs. Wm. W. Spence, R. Harry Patchett, E. E. Rogers, Joseph G. Cox, W. C. Greenley, J. S. Staton, F. P. Robson, Wm. Marsh. and Prof. J.W. Harmon, Miss Clara Bartlett and A. D. Cook had charge of the tickets, and H. F. Bushong had charge of the ushers. The committee having charge of this entertainment deserve the highest congratulations.

At the conclusion of the lecture General Joseph B. Seth, in behalf of the audience, presented, in a most graceful manner, a handsome bouquet of chrysanthemums to the lecturer.

Advertised Letters.

Persons calling for letters in the following list will please say that they are advertised, otherwise they may not receive them.

Perry Brooks,
Miss Nora Chase,
Miss Grace Dean,
Wm. C. Dudley,
Bradford Goldsborough,
Miss Alberta Green,
Miss Clara Holland,
Alfred Lindsay,
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Mrs. Maggie Shows,
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Teachers' Association.

Programme, Tuesday, 10.30 a. m., Jan. 2, 1900.

1. Opening Exercises, Helen Dodson, Director.
2. Teachers' Glee Club. Alice McDaniel, Director.
3. Drawing, Talk and Lesson, J. Chester Mattoon.
4. Elementary Science, Wilson M. Tylor.
5. Election of Directors, Public Schools Savings Bank.

Intermission, 45 minutes.

1. Report on "Democratic Government" and the Teaching of Civics in the Public Schools:
   Edward Reisler, Theodore S. Pattison, Edwin R. Junip, Addison E. Mullikin, Henry E. Adams, Anna Ellis Crouse, Mary N. Wright and Cornelia V. Sutton.
2. Reports on the Literary Value and Educational Points found by the Grade in Reading Lessons, as follows:
   "The Spider and the Fly," Helen Dodson.
   "Song of the Brook," M. Edith Richards.
   "The Wind in a Frolic," Mary L. Norris.
   "The Village Blacksmith," Edith Lulu Ford.
   "Visit from St. Nicholas," Rebecca S. Skinner.
   "Song of the Shirt," C. Emilie Pratt.
   "How to make Conversation more Pleasant," George I. Studebaker.
   "The Raven," Thomas D. Bowers.
   "Apostrophe to the Ocean," Henriette L. Meller.
   "End of the Play," Nellie R Stevens.
   "The Dying Boy," Nellie M. Jackson.
   "The Emperor's New Clothes." S. Eliza Foreman.
   "Thanatopsis," Alice McDaniel.

A Valuable Appointee.

Yesterday, John B. Groff, late Traveling Passenger Agent for the Plant System, entered the service of the Southern Railway in the same capacity. His headquarters will be with Chas. L. Hopkins, District Passenger Agent, Southern Railway, 828 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, and he will travel in Mr. Hopkins' district. Mr. Groff is a very bright and popular young railroad man and has a great many friends in railroad circles and amongst the traveling public generally. Mr. Groff will be a valuable addition to Mr. Hopkins' staff.

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