The Ægis and Intelligencer

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Increasing the Duty on Tin.

If anything were needed to convince the public that the revision of the tariff made by the Republican Senate is in the interest of certain classess and not of the people in general, it will be found in the action of that body, last week, in increasing the duty on tin-plate from 1 to 2.15 cents per pound. If this amendment should be approved in the House it will be a severe blow to the canning interests of Maryland, by greatly increasing the cost of packing goods. It is true the canner can add this increased expense to the price of his goods, but experience has shown that increased prices above a certain point lessen the consumption of canned goods. The Mills tariff bill rightly put tin on the free list. No tin is mined in this country and therefore there is no tin industry here to protect. Besides the government does not need the amount collected in this way to add to its already overflowing treasury. It is therefore a useless tax on every family in the land in which tin ware or canned goods are used.

The proposed increase of duty, according to Mr. E. S. Judge, of the Baltimore *Trade*, "means an increase of 10 cents per dozen of No. 3's, or 3-pound cans, or almost a cent a can. The apparent increase is about 6 cents, but the manufacturer in this general rise will have an opportunity to make a cent, and will do it. The packer and the handlers, or middle-men, will do likewise. As soon as the packer raises the price of his No. 3 cans of tomatoes or corn above $1 per dozen the demand is going to fall off one-third, if not one-half, and this is proved by an experience of of several years, during which I have seen the price of tomatoes go above $1 per dozen cans, and immediately the demand would fall off. At a dollar a dozen, a can of corn or tomatoes can be sold profitably at 10 cents, allowing a profit of 20 cents a dozen to the retailer."

"Not only the canners but the farmers also are interested in this question, since the canner must depend largely upon the farmer for his canning produce, and whatever tends to embarrass the canning interests is a blow at the farmer likewise.

The government allows a rebate of duty, lss ten per cent. for registering, on all cans sent out of this country, and this sum being greater than the freight charges, it is possible, Mr. Judge shows, to obtain American canned goods cheaper in Europe than in this country.

The real object of the increase is to allow a few Pittsburg capitalists to form a tin trust. It is true the tin must come from abroad, but these men own rolling mills where sheet iron is made with which the tin is coated. To enable them to make more money than they do the tariff is to be raised to a point which would prohibit the importation of tin plate and give them control of the market for it.

Harford county is largely interested in this matter, and protests should be sent to Washington from every postoffice in the county against the increase of duty on tin. The Maryland delegation should resist it manfully, and in doing so they should be made to feel that they have the encouragement and support of their constituents.

The Corn Pack of 1888.

The *American Grocer*, of New York, follows up its review of the tomato pack of 1888 with one of the corn pack of the same year. The *Grocer* thinks that the pack of 1888 shows that this industry is no longer confined to one section of the country but is spread all over the United States, and wherever a product can be cultivated local canning houses will meet local requirements.

The total output of corn in 1888, according to the *Grocer*, reaches 3,491,474 cases, against 2,311,424 in 1887, an increase of 1,180,050 cases. The average annual pack for 1885, 1886 and 1887, was 1,699,444 cases, so that the pack of 1888 is more than double the average annual supply for three years past. The pack in Maryland and Virginia is estimated at 1,037,450 cases, of which only 30,000 cases were put up in Virginia.

The *Grocer* says:

"These figures are sufficient to indicate why canned corn is a drug upon the market, and yet with this immense supply there is at the moment an absolute scarcity of canned corn of extra quality. At the present writing there is a difference in quotations between corn of inferior quality and the highest grades of 90 cents per dozen, or more than the cost of packing a good article. There are lots on offer from 50 to 65 cents per dozen, and yet there is an unsatisfied demand for choice quality under favorite labels at $1.25 per dozen at the packing house. This is a significant condition of the market which should enforce upon all packers *that quality is the chief consideration, and not quantity.* Is it not better for a factory with a capacity of 40,000 cases to put up 10,000 cases of fine corn and sell them at a high price than to put up 40,000 cases of ordinary grade and be forced to sell them at or below cost of production? From the best information that we can get, it costs to put up a good article of corn in Maryland from 70 to 75 cents a dozen, and in New York State from 80 to 95 cents per dozen, allowing for interest on the plant, for wear and tear of machinery, and for a fair compensation to the Superintendent or owner."

The *Grocer* advises packers to maintain their goods at a standard of quality so far above the average that consumers will become familiar with their labels and insist upon having them. The present supply of canned corn is believed to be sufficient to meet trade requirments until 1890, if not a can is put up during the year. The situation, the *Grocer* concludes, "is such as to make it the part of wisdom for packers to go slow. Our advice would be not to pack, unless certain that corn of a high grade can be put up. The country is not well supplied with canned corn that will tickle the palate and create a demand for more."

—The Senate, on Tuesday, by a strict party vote of 32 to 30, passed its abominable tariff bill, as a substitute for the Mills bill. Senator Voorhees said it was not, in any legitimate sense, a revenue measure, but was a measure to amass fortunes for the favored few by wholesale extortion, practiced on every want and necessity of human life. He referred to the protected manufacturers as "bearded babies, living in palaces, flashing with diamonds, sailing the seas in private yachts and careering over Europe on tally-ho coaches," and said that that was the class which had "dictated this abominable bill, line by line, and schedule by schedule."

—Several United States men-of-war have been dispatched to the Samoan Islands, to protect American interests there. The commander of a German vessel recently bombarded the town of Apia and burned two houses belonging to an American citizen, over which the American flag was flying. The flag was shot down and torn to pieces by the German sailors. Explanations and apologies would seem to be in order from the government of Germany.

Preparing for the State Fair.

Hon. Frank Brown, President, and the directors of the Maryland State Agricultural and Mechanical Association, with a zeal worthy of the cause, have taken time by the forelock and are already perfecting arrangements to make the State fair at Pimlico, in September next, one of the best exhibitions of the kind ever seen in Maryland. The idea is not to confine the show to a few agricultural exhibits, but to make a display of horses, cattle and produce that will prove singularly interesting. The co-operation of the merchants and mechanics of the State will also be invoked to add to the attractiveness of the fair. In short, it is intended that the exhibition of 1889 shall display to all comers the varied resources of our good old State in agriculture, stock raising and the mechanic arts.

It is proposed to hold, at the same time, a grand parade, in which all the trades of Baltimore city and the State shall be fittingly represented. If the project is successful it will doubtless result in the erection of a permanent exposition building in Baltimore city, which would attract strangers there and indirectly benefit the entire State.

—Gen. William Mahone has formally announced that he is a candidate for a place in Gen. Harrison's cabinet. In Charleston, S. C., a few days ago, he was waited upon by a number of young colored Republicans, who asked him what he thought of a colored man in the cabinet. He frankly told his visitors he did not approve of such pretention. "In fact, to be candid," said he, "I regard such a proposition as too absurd to enter to any appreciable degree into the factorage of the political situation." Gen. Mahone also told them that the Republican party as a whole does not approve placing a colored man in the cabinet. He was right. All that the Republican party cares for is their votes on election day. Having secured these the poor, deluded colored voters are told to wait until another day for equal political privileges with the white Republicans.

—The Farmers' Convention which was held at Sandy Spring, Montgomery county, on the 15th instant, was an interesting affair. A number of subjects bearing directly on the work of the farm, were discussed by practical farmers. A committee of five farmers was appointed to attend the Harford County Farmers' Convention, which will be held in Bel Air, on Friday, February 8th. Messrs. William L. Amoss and Joseph Hoopes, of Harford county, were among those at the Montgomery county convention.

—We are indebted to Comptroller L. V. Baughman for a copy of his report of the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30th, 1888, made to the Governor of Maryland. It is a plain, straight-forward business document and shows that the finances of Maryland are in an excellent condition, her credit high and the prosperity of her people evident.

—The deadlock in the West Virginia Senate was broken, on Monday, by the election of R. S. Carr, the union-labor Senator, as President, the Democrats voting for him. This is a victory for the Democrats.

A Fine Establishment in Washington.

The Baltimore *Sun* has a strong force of experienced and widely-known correspondents attached to its Washington Bureau, who have quarters in the finest private establishment at the seat of the general government. The *Sun* Building in Washington is a model business structure, and one of the noblest evidences of individual enterprise in the United States.

Local Affairs.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—The court house at Elkton narrowly escaped destruction by fire, on Wednesday.

—Mr. Jacob Tome intends to establish an industrial school at Port Deposit.

—Mr. John H. Harward, of Fountain Green, has made an assignment of all his property to Mr. Septimus Davis, for the benefit of his creditors.

—Miss Marian Cooley, near Webster, received an unexpected visit, last Friday evening, from a masquerade party, consisting of about ten gentlemen and an equal number of ladies.

—Frederick Holland, colored, was taken to Elkton jail, last Friday, on the charge of stealing beef hides from James Roney, a bucher at Northeast, and selling them in Havre de Grace.

—Letters of administration were granted, on the 21st instant, by the Orphans' Court, to Mrs. Mary A. Whiteford, on the personal estate of the late James V. Whiteford, deceased. Bond $500.

—The Havre de Grace Improvement Company has bought 40 acres of land, within the limits of that city, from Wm. H. Barnard, for $5,000. It is proposed shortly to erect a large manufactory on this land.

—A mask ball is to take place at the public hall, Perryman, on Wednesday evening, January 30th. The committee of invitation consists of Messrs. B. F. Keen, J. R. Numbers, T. B. Numbers and John Osborn.

—Dr. George W. Archer's paper on the dismemberment of Maryland," which he read before the Maryland Historical Society, on the 14th instant, was warmly received and will be published in full by the society.

—A lyceum and debating society is to be organized at old Pleasant Hill school house, Dublin district. The chief speakers will be Messrs. John R. Day, Dr. W. D. Scarborough, Zephaniah Heaps and William Davis.

—The case of Mr. Robert W. Holland vs. the Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railroad, has been taken to the Court of Appeals. A jury of inquisition awarded Mr. Holland $100 damages and the award was confirmed by the judges of the Circuit Court.

—Messrs. Hosea and W. Scott Barnes, of Churchville, last week contracted with Mr. Harry O. Foard, to plant 25 acres of tomatoes for Foard Bros., tomato canners, of Aberdeen. The price agreed upon was 25 cents a bushel.

—A few days ago while Carvill Hamilton, son of Mr. Samuel Hamilton, who lives near Susquehanna Hall, Dublin district, was driving quietly along in a road-cart, his horse fell down. He supposed the horse had stumbled, but the animal was sick and died in about five minutes.

—Mr. John Streett, of the Hickory, on Monday, delivered to Mr. Frank Hammond, 12 or 15 fat cattle, bought by the latter from Mr. Streett some time ago, at 4½ and 5 cents per pound. They are described by Sheriff Hughes, himself an experienced cattle dealer, as being remarkably fine and fat.

AN OLD AND WELL-KNOWN STORE CHANGES HANDS.—Mr. John T. Wilson has disposed of his mercantile business, in Abingdon, to his nephew, Mr. James W. Wilson, who has been his clerk for several years. Mr. Wilson carried on the store in Abingdon for twenty years, having succeeded Mr. John A. Cunningham, who had also conducted the business at the same place for twenty-one years.

NAME OF POSTOFFICE TO BE CHANGED.—J. T. Cathcart, W. N. Cathcart and Hutchins Wilson, of Harford county, called upon Representative Shaw, at Washington, on Tuesday, to have the name of Madonna postoffice, in that county, changed to New Bethel, but at the suggestion of Dr. Shaw, to avoid objection by the department, which opposes double names, it was concluded to call it Cathcart; and the recommendation will be so made.—*Sun.*

MORE FINE CATTLE FOR HARFORD.—Last week Messrs. William I. Price and Amos Hollingsworth, representing the Wilna Farmers' Club, went to Pennsylvania, and bought from Mr. William M. Singerly, four pure-bred Holstein cattle. Messrs. Price and Hollingsworth each secured a heifer for himself, a heifer for Mr. Joseph B. Hopkins, and a fine young bull for the Farmers' Club of which they are members. The club now has a very promising herd of Holsteins, which are said to be the coming cattle for dairy purposes.

A SPECIAL PREMIUM FOR COLTS.—Mr. Chas. A. McGaw, of Abingdon district, intends to offer a special premium of $100 for colts sired by his fine horse Hambletonian Messenger, which may be exhibited at the Harford county fair, in October next. Mr. McGaw's enterprise and liberality deserve commendation and if his example were followed by others the next county fair would be a great success.

LECTURE BY REV. MR. STRAYER.—Rev. W. M. Strayer, of the Maryland M. P. Conference, delivered an interesting address, on Thursday evening of last week, before the Live Oak C. T. L. Society, of Wilna. His subject was literature and temperance. He commended literary societies in directing into a proper channel the social element of our nature, and spoke of the cause of temperance as in close accord with literary effort in the work of christianizing the world.

DANCE AT THE ROCKS.—A pleasant hop was given by the ladies of the neighborhood of the Rocks, in Dr. Charles A. Rutledge's hall, on Tuesday night. Music was furnished by George Lyle. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Rutledge, the Misses Roberts, Miss Cora Day, Miss Lytle, Miss Baldwin, of Baltimore county; Miss Scarff, Capt. Charles L. Dallam, C. Graham Archer, Fred. Dallam, A. W. Hines, Samuel and William Ady, James C. Young, Frank Webster, Thomas Hope and others.

COULDN'T SAVE THEIR BACON.—A few days ago Rev. H. C. Smith, of Aberdeen, was engaged in cutting up some dressed pigs, preparatory to salting the pork. He went into his house for a short time and while he was gone all his meat was stolen.

Mr. John H. Bowen, near Avondale, met with a similar loss. Some rogue or rogues entered his shop, where he had several hundred pounds of pork salted down in a barrel, and carried off the whole of it.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.—Mrs. Sarah P. Smithson, widow of Millard F. Smithson, and her seven infant children, last week, by her counsel, John G. Mitchell, filed a suit in the City Court of Baltimore, against John Westwood and Talbot Lowe, builders, claiming $10,000 for the death of the husband and father of plaintiffs, who died on the 17th of December last, from injuries received by some bricks falling on his head while at work on an unfinished building which the defendants were erecting on Third street. Mr. Smithson was formerly from Norrisville, Harford county.

PERSONAL MENTION.—Mrs. Robert O. Mitchell and Miss Phœbe Mitchell, have returned to their home, near Havre de Grace, from a visit to Mr. Mitchell's relatives in Philadelphia, Bristol and Trenton.

Mrs. Finney, wife of Rev. Wm. P. Finney, of New Egypt, N. J., was in a critical condition for several days this week. Her father, Dr. E. Hall Richardson, went to see her on Monday and again on Thursday. Yesterday she was reported to be improving.

Mr. L. W. Murphy, of Havre de Grace, has been spending a few days with his brother-in-law, Mr. John Sawyer, near Emmorton.

On Thursday Sheriff Hughes also summoned a jury to enquire into the sanity of C. Vickers Rodham, consisting of W. Smithson Forwood, Frank Bateman, W. T. L. Talliaferro, John H. Fisher, Jos. E. Bateman, C. W. Proctor, Samuel L. Bond, H. C. B. Norris, John T. Spicer, Jas. M. Reynolds, August Martin, J. Fulton Ashton, John P. Flowers and Noah Small. The jury adjudged Rodham insane and recommended the appointment of a committee to take care of his property, which is valued at $2,000. Rodham is 41 years of age and is a son of the late Wm. Rodham. He is now in the West.

FIRE AT ABERDEEN.—Last Friday afternoon Mr. Charles W. Baker's fine new stable and carriage house, at Aberdeen, were destroyed by fire. The building was one of the best and most complete of its kind in the county and was only finished a few months ago. The cause of the fire is unknown, the building being locked when the fire was discovered. Mr. Baker's valuable horse, Green Mountain Boy, and other fine horses and cattle, together with his carriages, were saved. The hay, feed, &c., were destroyed with the building. The stable cost about $6,000. Mr. Baker's loss is about $8,000, one-half of which is covered by insurance, part of which is in the Agricultural Company, of New York.

THE HARFORD FARMERS' CONVENTION.—Messrs. Wm. B. Hopkins, President of the Deer Creek Club, Robert T. Bowne, President of the Wilna Club, and J. Wilson Moore, President of the Fallston Farmers' Club, have been appointed a Committee on Reception, at the Farmers' Convention, and Mr. Samuel S. Bevard, Treasurer. The convention will meet in Bel Air, on Friday, February 8th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. In addition to the subjects already announced, the following has been added:

"Has not the time arrived for us to exchange our Jersey for Holstein cows for the cream and butter dairy." If time permits other subjects of interest to farmers will also be discussed.

A WEDDING IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.—Last Saturday a lady and gentleman entered the Clerk's office, in Bel Air, and after obtaining a license from Deputy Clerk Joseph R. Ely, the gentleman requested that the later would further oblige him by performing the marriage ceremony. Mr. Ely, somewhat embarrassed by the novelty of his situation, declined the honor, and the services of the Rev. Mr. Hoblitzell, of the M. P. Church, were called into requisition. The knot having been securely tied the happy pair left on the 1.50 train for Delta. The contracting parties were Mr. Jared Shaefer, of York county, Pa., and Miss Mary Daugherty, of Harford county. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of lawyers and others.

FROM SPRING TO WINTER.—Last week the weather was so balmy and springlike that many persons were inclined to believe that the backbone of winter was broken. Mr. W. Smithson Forwood, of Bel Air, reports having seen, on the 17th, a honey-bee. It alighted upon him, probably mistaking him for a clover blossom, but flew off before it could be captured. Mr. Page Jolliffe says that on the same day he heard frogs singing and saw dandelione in bloom by the roadside. On Sunday the scene changed to one of a wintry character, in which a lively snow-storm was a feature. The snow turned to rain, late in in the evening, which was followed, when the sky cleared, by decidedly cooler weather, giving encouragement to those who have not secured a supply of ice.

COULDN'T AGREE.—Mr. Benjamin Silver, Jr., representing McGaw & Bro., whose canning house, near Spesutia Narrows, was destroyed by fire on the 24th of last November, and Mr. R. C. Griffith, representing insurance companies, have held several meetings, but were unable to agree upon an umpire or upon the amount of loss sustained by the firm. Mr. Silver suggested the names of Messrs. Wm. B. Baker, Arthur Vosbury and W. Scott Whiteford, of Harford county, or Charles Dickey, of Baltimore city, and Mr. Griffith named Mr. Rowland, canned goods broker, of Baltimore city, or Mr. R. Tynes Smith, manufacturer of cans, also of Baltimore, but the arbitrators could not agree upon either as an umpire and made their report accordingly. Suit will therefore be brought by Messrs. McGaw & Bro., to recover their insurance, which amounts to about $25,000 in the various companies.

BEL AIR INSURANCE RISKS TO BE REDUCED.—The Executive Committee of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Harford county met at their office, in Bel Air, on Tuesday, to consider the risks carried by the company in the town of Bel Air. They determined to make no reduction in insurance except on property in blocks, in the centre of the town, and no reduction in policies under $1,000. Where houses insured in the company are situated closely in blocks, it was resolved to reduce the amount of insurance one-third. Mr. George R. Cairnes, Secretary of the company, has made arrangements with the Baltimore county mutual company, by which the latter will take the extra risks at rates not greater than at present paid, if parties desire to place them there, and that the entire amount of interest may be paid, as heretofore, to Mr. Cairnes, thereby avoiding any additional trouble to the persons whose insurances are reduced.

SUDDEN DEATH AT HAVRE DE GRACE.—About 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a man was seen to fall from a buggy to the roadway, at the junction of Erie street and the Bel Air road, Havre de Grace. When picked up he was found to be Mr. William Carty, a butcher of Avondale, Harford county. Dr. Hastings was immediately summoned, and upon examination found the man suffering from an epileptic fit.—He was carried into the residence of Mr. H. Marshall, and every effort made to revive him, but he only lived about twenty minutes. Justice Charshee summoned a jury of inquest, who rendered a verdict in accordance with Dr. Hasting's decision. Mr. Carty had been in town on business during the day and was returning to his home when the accident occurred. He was about 38 years old, and was well and favorably known in the county. He leaves a wife and four children.

SHOOTING AT LIVE AND CLAY PIGEONS.—On Tuesday afternoon a number of marksmen assembled in the field near Sweet's Hotel, Bel Air, for a trial of skill. In one of the trials live pigeons were the mark, and in the others "clay pigeons" were used. The latter instead of representing pigeons, as might be supposed, are merely painted clay saucers, which, when thrown from the trap, spin around in the air at a lively rate. They are easily broken by the shot, but are difficult to hit.

The first match was at clay pigeons and was won by Mr. Walter W. Preston.

The second was at live pigeons, the marksmen and score being as follows:

Walter W. Preston 1-0; Dr. W. S. Archer, 1-1; Dadiel Bay, 1-1 Devereaux Prigg, 1-0; Thos. J. Sullivan, 1-0; Chas. Crew, 1-0; J. T. Harkins, 0; E. Cook, 0; Frank S. Evans 1-1.

Among other marksmen who took part were Edward P. Moores, Charles Wann and Corbin Grafton.

AN ANATOMICAL PHENOMENON.—On Monday, at Dr. Wm. S. Richardson & Son's drug store, Bel Air, a short, thick-set colored man, about 45 years of age, exhibited himself to physicians and others. Either from entire absence or abnormal elasticity of the diaphragm, he is able, by constant practice, no doubt, so to displace the organs of the chest and abdominal cavity as to simulate two hearts and two sets of ribs. By powerful muscular contractions, amounting to extreme rigidity, he can also arrest the action of the heart, as indicated by the sounds and arterial pulsations. He also exhibits his muscular power by bending a rod of iron, by striking it with one hand across the other arm. His faculties, whether the result of education or malformation, have attracted the attention of the medical profession. He passes around his hat, at each one of his exhibitions, and does not travel around the country altogether in the interest of science, but to obtain bread and meat to keep his heart from stopping entirely against his will. Being asked whether it hurt him to displace his heart he replied: "No, it only hurts me when I don't get paid for it." He exhibited himself in Bel Air in 1871.

A COLORED BOY SHOT AND KILLED.—Last Sunday afternoon, between one and two o'clock, William Lee, Jr., a young colored boy, about 19 years of age, who lived with his mother at Union Chapel, two miles below Michaelsville, was shot and killed by a gun in the hands of Henry Tildon, another colored boy, of about the same age.

The latter picked up an old muzzle-loading gun, which was standing in a corner, and was examining the tube which had lately been put in the gun, when the mother of the boy who was killed, called out to him: "Put that gun down. It is a bad plaything." While Tildon was in the act of restoring the gun to its place it was discharged, the entire load striking Lee in the forehead, inflicting a ghastly wound. He fell to the floor unconscious, and remained in that condition until his death, which occurred about three hours after he was shot.

Justice Cronin held an inquest on Monday. Upon hearing the evidence presented, the coroner's jury concluded that the case was one which should be examined by the Grand Jury. Accordingly, on Tuesday Deputy Sheriff Bateman arrested Tildon, at the house of his half-brother, on Mr. Charles W. Baker's Level Farm, three miles below Michaelsville, and brought him to Bel Air jail, where he is now held.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING.—The directors of the Agricultural Society met at their office in Bel Air, on Tuesday. There were present Messrs. John Moores, Abel D. Wilson, B. F. Hanway, Joseph E. Ashton and Wm. B. Hopkins. The board organized by electing the following officers:

President, John Moores; Vice President, B. Frank Hanway; General Secretary, Noble L. Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary, Col. Herman Stump; Treasurer, Millard F. Minnick; Chief Marshal, W. Oliver Hughes; Assistant Marshal, J. Crawford Thompson. Messrs. Geo. E. Silver, Wm. L. Amoss and Brinton H. Warner, the committee appointed by the stockholders to examine the books and accounts of the society, reported that they had performed their duty and had found the books well kept and the accounts correct, with vouchers for all expenditures. They found that there had been paid for races $805 more than for general premiums, and recommends that the premiums for races be cut down. They also suggested that no one be appointed as Superintendent of a class in which he has stock of his own on exhibition.

Mr. Wm. B. Hopkins was appointed a delegate to represent the society at the convention of agricultural societies, to be held at Lancaster, Pa., February 13th.

Messrs. Jos. E. Ashton, B. F. Hanway, Wm. B. Hopkins, Abel D. Wilson and Noble L. Mitchell were appointed a committee to revise the Catalogue.

It was determined to hold the next fair on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th of October, 1889.

The board will meet again on Monday, February 11th.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The Commissioners met on Monday and Tuesday.

Commissioner Silver was authorized to buy lumber to repair Stafford bridge.

The report of William Bay, William J. Harkins and James W. McNabb, examiners, recommanding the opening of a new road near Line Bridge, was confirmed.

A deed from Levi Cooper, for the right-of-way, for a public road through his land, was received and accepted.

Commissioner Hooker was instructed to ascertain the condition of the bridge over the Little Gunpowder, at Jericho.

Bailey St. Clair protested against the opening of a proposed new road through his property, unless the Commissioners pay him $500 damage.

Col. E. H. Webster, through whose property the same road passes, agreed to a change of location, provided the Commissioners allow him $75 additional damages.

Mr. William H. Harlan presented a petition from Messrs. A. H. Strasbaugh and others to close a piece of public road near the residence of the late William F. Pannell, 1st district.

John Haviland, General Road Supervisor of the 1st district, Andrew Dunnigan and John T. Hurley applied to the Commissioners for an appropriation to gravel the Joppa road. The Commissioners granted $200, persons in the neigborhood also agreeing to contribute in labor, &c., for the improvement of the road.

George Harris, General Road Supervisor of the 2d district, was authorized to expend $100 on the public road near Perryman.

Mr. Shanberger was authorized to expend $150 to improve the public road near Nelson's Mill, 4th district.

Mayor Senecs, ex-Mayor Hopper, and Councilmen Sumption and O'Neill, of Havre de Grace, were before the board, on Monday, in support of the claim made by that city for one-sixth of the amount collected for liquor licenses in Havre de Grace. Mr. William Young, counsel to the board, whose opinion was sought, after examining the law, said that the County Commissioners have no discretion in the matter; that the law requires them to use this money for the roads and bridges of Harford county. Havre de Grace being a city, over whose streets the Commissioners have no control, they could not be considered county roads, and that therefore the Commissioners could not, under the law, grant the claim.

This age presents the greatest boon,
Salvation Oil; it cures so soon.

When Christmas comes with its good cheer, its fun, and its merry-making, we used to deprecate its colds, but that was long ago, before the days of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Now it is very different. A new era has dawned on us, and great and small, little and tall, merry men all, are happy.

Deer Creek and Susquehanna R. R.

THE WORK FOMALLY COMMENCED.

Ground was formally broken, at Bel Air, on Wednesday, January 23d, 1889, for the Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railroad. The spot chosen was near the Y of the Maryland Central Railroad. Mr. George M. Jewett, President of the road, taking a pick, dug up a small quantity of earth, on the line of the proposed road, and threw it aside with a shovel. He then declared the work begun. There were present, besides Mr. Jewett, Mr. W. Beatty Harlan, Secretary of the company; Mr. L. McCabe, of the firm of McCabe & Co., sub-contractors for building the road; Col. Herman Stump, R. Harris Archer, Wm. D. Lee, John F. Hays, T. G. Forwood, Edward Ferry, Walter W. Preston, H. B. Bruns, W. T. L. Talliaferro, J. M. Streett, Gover Streett and others.

On Thursday, the 24th instant, the work was actually begun, by Messrs. McCabe & Co's workmen, at Bynum's run, on the farm of Mr. Moores, near Bel Air, where the first heavy cut will be encountered. The force is in charge of Mr. Lawrence O'Brien.

The contractors will not have a full force at work for several days, or until they can get their horses and carts from Pittsburg. It is proposed to push the work forward vigorously, complete the grading by September 15th and have the road ready for travel by October 15th, 1889.

ADJUDGED INSANE.—On Monday Sheriff Hughes summoned a jury to enquire into the mental condition of William Lizear, aged 24 years, who was arrested at the instance of his friends while wandering in the neighborhood of Stockton. The jury consisted of H. C. B. Norris, John Smith, James M. Reynolds, W. T. L. Tallaferro, Thomas G. Forwood, P. E. Carroll, Noah Small, R. E. Bouldin, Daniel Carroll, William H. Bauer, G. Smith Norris, Benjamin Silver, Jr., and F. W. Baker.

John L. Creswell and George Wells, brothers-in-law of Lizear, testified that he has always been weak-minded; that he has a wife, who was Elizabeth Isen, and one child, an infant son, nearly a year old. About four months ago his mental condition became worse and he made an assault upon his wife, whom he tried to strike with a stone, and whose life he had threated to take. He has no property or means of support.

Dr. Charles A. Bagley also testified that he had been called to attend Lizear and found him hopelessly deranged. One of his freaks was that he imagined the earth was whirling beneath his feet and all things were turning topsy-turvy. Dr. Bagley considered him a maniac and in his opinion Lizear might at any moment become dangerous. The people of his neighborhood are afraid of him. The jury recommended his removal to some safe place, for medical treatment. Upon their report Judge Watters ordered him to be taken to Spring Grove Hospital and kept there at the expense of the county. Deputy Sheriff Whitaker took the unfortunate man there on Tuesday. It was stated that his mother and other relatives live in Howard county.

BEL AIR NOTES.—Mr. Daniel Scott and family are spending some time with friends in Hackensack, N. J.

Col. E. H. Webster, President, and Mr. John Moores, a director of the Harford National Bank, visited Westminster, last Saturday, for the purpose of examining the bank buildings there, with a few of selecting a plan for the new bank to be built in Bel Air this year.

Two planes, two saws, two hatchets, several smaller tools and a suit of overalls were stolen, between Saturday night and Monday morning, from the new Bulett Carriage Factory. A man who had been employed at the building disappeared, on Monday morning. Officer Bateman went in pursuit and overtook him near Fountain Green. There being nothing to show that he had committed the robbery he was discharged.

The committee of ladies interested in the Masonic Bazar to be held in Bel Air next June, met at the residence of Capt. R. E. Bouldin, on Tuesday. Mrs. J. T. C. Hopkins was elected Treasurer. The next meeting will at the same place, on Tuesday, January 29th, at 3 P. M.

The young ladies of Bel Air are about to organize a sewing society in aid of the Masonic Bazar.

Misses Annie and Millie Young, who have been spending the past six months with their brother, Mr. Charles Young, in St. Louis, returned home yesterday.

The ladies of Emmanuel Episcopal congregation realized $90 from their oyster supper Wednesday evening.

Mr. Charles H. Hopkins' "Evenings of Illustrated Song," in the M. E. Church, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, afforded a decided treat to large audiences. The scenes were from many lands and were brought out distinctly and explained in a graphic manner by the lecturer. The illustrated hymns were striking and the entire entertainment both instructive and interesting.

Messrs. McAfee & Bro., of Baltimore, commission merchants, have leased from Mr. B. F. Minnick the warehouse at Bel Air station, formerly occupied by Messrs. Henry Reckord & Sons. Messrs McAfee & Bro. intend, it is said, to start a can factory there. A business of this kind would no doubt be profitable and would be a great addition to Bel Air.

Mr. Linwood G. Mitchell, cashier in Mr. J. G. Rouse's store, has been appointed book-keeper for the new Bulett Carriage Company.

Miss Mamie Osborne, of Baltimore, is visiting the family of Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Calvin Hanna, aged 50 years, formerly of this county, died on the 20th instant, at the residence of his sister Mrs. James O. Fleetwood, in Baltimore city, of Bright's disease. Mr. Hanna was a son of the late William Hanna, of Fountain Green. He had been twice married, his first wife being a daughter of the late William Mechem. His second wife was Miss Priscilla Kean, daughter of the late John Kean. The latter is also dead. He leaves a number of children. Mr. Robert F. Hanna, of Fountain Green, and Mrs. S. B. Hanna, of Level, are his brothers. His surviving sisters are Mrs. A. T. Patterson, Mrs. William Z. Bayless and Mrs. James O. Forwood. Mr. Hanna was formerly a collector of taxes for the third district of this county. His remains were brought to Bel Air, by train, on Tuesday, from whence they were taken to the Presbyterin Cemetery, at Churchville, for interment. Rev. E. D. Finney officiated.

The pall-bearers were E. B. Whistler, Edward Chalk, William E. Dean, C. W. Harward, Edward Gilbert and John W. Paca. N. Dean & Son, undertakers.

Lewis Peaco, a respectable colored man, died in Abingdon, on the 17th instant. He was upwards of 80 years of age and had formerly belonged to the late George William Hall, of Abingdon district.

Mrs. Virginia E. Henderson died at her home, in Pleasantville, on Friday, January 18th, in the 36th year of her age. Her husband, Mr. Luther G. Henderson and five small children survive her. Mrs. Henderson was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a kind neighbor and a friend to all. She was buried on Monday, at Friendship M. E. Church. Rev. T. E. Peters preached the funeral sermon from the text, "I am the resurrection and the life." The pall-bearers were Messrs. William Grey, Randolph Chalk, Oliver Foard, G. G. Gibson, Thomas Cannon and Philip Scarff.

Mrs. Ellen Standiford died at the residence of her son, Mr. John Standiford, near Taylor, on Wednesday, January 16th. Mrs. Standiford was 86 years of age. She was the mother of Mr. William C. Standiford, Charles R. Standiford, John Standiford, Mrs. Mary Ellen Chalk and Delia Drummond. She had been a member of Ebenezer M. E. Church for over fifty years, and was the oldest member of that church. She was buried at Ebenezer, on Friday, January 18th, Rev. T. E. Peters officiating. Pall-bearers—Alexander McComas, Charles Parker, Sylvester Phelps, Charles Streett, James Gailey and James Beatty. E. G. Kurtz was the undertaker.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Preston, who live near Webster, died, on Friday last, of convulsions.

The remains of Miss Rosalie A. Booth, sister of Mr. Edwin Booth, were brought to Baltimore from New York, on Thursday of last week, and buried at Greenmount Cemetery. Her death leaves alive only the great Baltimore tragedian and his brother, Dr. Joseph A. Booth, of New York, as direct descendants of Junius Brutus Booth. Miss Rosalie Booth was the eldest daughter of Junius Brutus Booth, and was born in Baltimore in 1823.

Mrs. Abbie Harlan, widow of Joseph Harlan, died, on Wednesday, at the residence of Mrs. Hannah Harlan, at Fallston. She was 63 years of age and leaves no children. She will be buried on Saturday, at the Friends' meeting house, at 11.30 A. M. Friends are invited to attend without further notice.

Mrs. Matilda V. D. Camack, of Philadelphia, daughter of the late John R. George, Esq., of this county, died in Philadelphia, on Monday. Her remains were brought to Vauhlisber station, on Thursday, from whence they were taken to St. Mary's churchyard for interment. Rev. Dr. Brand was the officiating clergyman. The pall-bearers were Daniel Callahan, Robert J Gilbert Wm. H Rogers, Samuel S. Bevard, Charles Roberts and William Wesley.

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