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It is desirable that communications be in by Saturday night if possible, and in any case not later than Monday night or Tuesday morning

—Mr. John M. Pennington, of Kennedyville, has been appointed by Gov. Lloyd one of the assistant State weighers of grain.

—The county commissionery on Tuesday entered into an agreement with J. W. Corey to complete the grading and filling in of the new road of Fairlee Mill, and passed some accounts.

—The series of entertainments to the young folks of the "E. S." Society, was varied last week by a "Phantom party," given at the residence of Mrs. Welch on Maple avenue. The evening was in all respects a pleasant one, and the "phantoms" enjoyed themselves greatly.

—The Wilmington Conference of the M. E. Church meets in Elkton to-day and will continue its session through several days. There will probably be few ministerial changes in Kent this year. The Rev Mr. Townsend of Galena, will be succeeded by a new man, but we have heard of no other proposed change.

—Messrs Wm. B. Tilghman & Co., quote the Baltimore grain market for the first of the week as follows,—Fair fultz sold at 92@94 cents. No. 1 Maryland red spot 95 cents. Corn, white, 47½@48, yellow, 48 cents for good condition.

—A ball was given at the residence of Mr. James Archibald near Kennedyville last week, that was a very pleasant affair. The house was beautifully illuminated with different colored lights, and dancing was kept up until a late or an early hour, according as the time is reckoned.

—Mr. Edw. J. Watson, near Chestertown, has lost thirty-two 120-pound shoats since Christmas by hog cholera. There were forty head of hogs in the lot when the disease made its appearance, and all died but eight. These were saved —two of them after they were attacked—by a mixture of sulphur and saltpetre, in equal parts, fed with other food. Twenty other shoats in another field were not affected.

—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, the body of an unknown white man came ashore on Swan point opposite Mr. Lem. Stevens' dwelling. The fact was made known and Justice John A. Rollison issued a warrant to Constable J. F. Wheatley to summon a jury. Inquest was held in the afternoon with Mr. Lemuel Stevens foreman—verdict "accidental drowning." Three dollars and sixteen cents were found upon his person. Aged about 48 and rather stout.

—The northwest wind which began on Thursday of last week, and which has kept up a steady blow up to date, has closed navigation on Chester river. The Emma Ford made her way over on Saturday with difficulty and has been tightly closed in at Chestertown by the ice ever since. Capt. McConnor sighs every morning when he gets up and finds the wind still blowing from the snow belt and the thermometer still marking way down below the freezing point.

—Gov. Lloyd has made the following appointments for this county:

Justices of the Peace—First district, Wm. A. Mills and Wm. M. Johnson; Second, Wm. Medders, D. W. Dewees, Isaac Starkey; Third, Wm. E. Beck, and there will be another appointment in place of Jas. H. Cohee, recently deceased; Fourth, C. W. C. Johnson, Vachel Burgess, Arthur B. Wheatley; Fifth, Wm. H. Davis, J. Frank Wheatley.

Registers—First district, Wm. R. Gilpin; Second, Leonard A. Pennington; Third, S. W. Wallis; Fourth, J. Evan Thomas; Fifth, S. G. Fisher.

Coroners—First district, Geo. A. Ireland; Second, John Pennington; Third, Wm. Stanley; Fourth, John Bordley; Fifth, Isaac Gale.

Notary Public—Charles Estes, Chestertown.

—The Tolchester Steamboat Line was to have begun trips between Tolchester and Baltimore to-morrow. It is possible that the ice caused by the recent cold snap may interfere with this arrangement, though the *Transcript* has not any authority for making that statement. In any case the line will open just as soon as navigation will allow. Capt. W. C. Ellason, the manager of the company, together with his wife, made a brief visit to Mr. Samuel Vannort of Chestertown recently, having made the trip around by the cars. While here he drove over to the beach, and was gratified to find that little damage had been done by the ice of the past cold winter. The company intend making substantial improvements in the property. The wharf is to be run out further into the bay and the whole structure roofed in. Every one who has made the pilgrimage from the porches of the Tolchester excursion house to the steamboat through the hot suns of July will understand the blessing of this proposed improvement.

—Orphans' Court, Tuesday, March 2, 1886—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

C. H. Baker filed the last will and testament of Wilson Register, dec'd.

The last will and testament of Lydia S. Willis, dec'd, was admitted to probate.

On application, letters of administration on personal estate of Susan M. Gemmill, dec'd, were granted and committed unto James A. Pearce who filed his bond in penal sum of $10,000.

On application, letters of administration d.b.n.c.t.a. on the personal estate of Benj. Chambers, dec'd, were granted and committed unto Stedman T. Wickes, who filed his bond in penal sum of $1000.

James A. Pearce, adm'r of Jas. S. Gemmill, filed an inventory of personal estate.

George Beck, trustee for the sale of real estate of Wesley Nichols, filed report of sale of said real estate, and the usual order passed thereon.

Personal.

Hon. Pere L. Wickes, lately presiding judge of the York, Pa., judicial district, was on Monday admitted to practice in the courts of Baltimore city on motion of Mr. S. Teackle Wallis. Judge Wickes is a brother to Judge Joseph A. Wickes and is a native of this county.

W. H. Gibson, Esq., brother to Hon. Chas. H. Gibson, was in Chestertown on business last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. J. Lloyd McFeely has opened on High street a tobacco and cigar store that is a model of tasteful snugness.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland is to lecture at the St. James M. P. Church, Worton, Monday evening, March 15. Subject, "A Dish of Hash."

This is Sad News.

W. Scott Way, who was knocked out by a December cold wave and laid by for repairs till spring, has decided to seek a milder climate among the orange groves of Los Angeles, California. He expects to go west in April, and to remove his family in the fall. He offers his goods at private sale, in another column.—*Middletown Transcript.*

We are really sorry to learn that our friend Way is "going to join the angels on the other shore." But, as it appears that our Peninsula winters are affecting his health in such a manner, that he may be liable during some cold spell to join the angels in a more emphatic sense we shall be compelled to rejoice that he limits his aspirations to the city of the angels, in California. To leave off punning, the *Transcript* is really sorry to have him quit this lovely Peninsula, even for a more lovely clime, such as is offered by the balmy airs of southern California. Way, in his journey west, will carry with him the warmest esteem and the sincerest good will of the entire Peninsula press. The Middletown *Transcript*, under him, was a welcome visitor to every other newspaper office on the Peninsula, and its columns were probably more carefully read than those of any other exchange. He is personally known to almost every newspaper man on the Peninsula, and his kindliness of nature and his genial good-fellowship have endeared him to all with whom he has come in contact. The Peninsula Press Association owes more to his energy and enthusiasm than to the efforts of any other half dozen members, and he will be sadly missed by the association. However, we shall all look forward to his blossoming with the glorious effulgence of a sunflower, in that tropical clime to which he is bound, and we shall all keep an eye on *Puck* for the funny side of the California Angels.

The Kent County Agricultural Association.

There was a large turnout on Monday at the meeting of the Kent Agricultural Club. The following executive committee for the present year was appointed: W. P. Norris, president of the society, chairman ex-officio; W. W. Stephens, J. M. J. Byron, J. E. Gilpin, Jos. H. Hosinger, John Gale, W. J. Vannort, Sam'l Vannort and W. B. Stephens. The question of holding a fair this fall was taken up for discussion. The question was discussed from several points of view, one or two members opposing the holding of a fair, or arguing that if it is held there shall be no racing, but that the fair shall consist of an exhibition of poultry, live stock and agricultural products. In reply to this view of the case, another member argued that the trials of speed were the attractive feature of the fair, and that to discontinue the racing would be the same as discontinuing the fair. The question was not finally settled, but will be taken up for discussion at a future meeting.

The Question of Light for Chestertown.

A number of prominent citizens of Chestertown, have for sometime been considering the matter of lighting the town with either gas or electricity. In the matter of light, Chestertown is not keeping pace with other large Peninsula towns, and though the introduction of gas has been talked about for a number of years, it has never been introduced except by a few enterprising citizens for their individual use. Messrs. C. T. Westcott and T. W. Eliason, Jr., visited Baltimore last week for the purpose of looking into and acquiring definite information upon the subject of gas illumination. There has also been in Chestertown during the past week, a representative of the Edison system of electric lighting, and the question of gas or electricity has been given considerable attention. It is quite probable that a stock company will be shortly organized for introducing one or the other of these systems of lighting. Each has its peculiar advantages, and each has some peculiar disadvantages. As a light, however, the gas light is rather more brilliant than the electric light, and the yearly cost to the householder is less. In either case, however, it would be to the interest of a company to make the cost as low as possible, because in either case the oil lamp, now in general use, would continue to be a competitor, unless the new illuminant should be nearly as cheap. Smyrna, Easton, Dover and Cambridge are lit by gas, and Pocomoke City has recently introduced the electric light.

Death of Robert Nicholson.

Ex-judge of the Orphans' Court, Robert Nicholson, whose dangerous illness was mentioned in last week's *Transcript*, died last Monday morning. Mr. Nicholson was one of the most prominent and successful farmers in the county, and had the universal respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was among the earliest peach growers in the county, and up to the time of his death gave much attention to peach culture. He was of English birth, and came to this country when quite young. He came to Kent county when he was quite a young man, when the lands of the county did not come up to their present high state of productiveness, and when farming in Kent was not conducted upon such careful and intelligent business principles as it is in these days. Mr. Nicholson had an abundant store of youthful energy, and a liberal fund of practical good sense, and he put both of these to work, and by them he rose to one among the most successful farmers in the county. He took an interest in politics, and was lately judge of the Orphans' Court for Kent county in 1875, and was re-elected in 1879. He also served for a number of years as trustee to the poor, and was frequently sent as a delegate to State and district conventions. He raised a large family of children, most of whom are living, and several of whom are leading farmers and fruit growers in this county. The funeral services took place yesterday and the burial was in the family lot at Chester cemetery. The attendance at the funeral was very large, comprising prominent citizens from all parts of the county, who paid the last tribute of respect to his memory. The pall bearers were his four sons and two sons-in-law,—Messrs. Robert G. Nicholson, J. P. Nicholson and W. T. Nicholson of this county, Dr. Albert Nicholson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. George Hatcherson and Dr. Hessey of this county, who married daughters of deceased. Mr. Nicholson would have been 71 years of age next May.

The Fairlee Entertainment.

The weather of last Friday prevented the holding of the entertainment given by the St. Paul's sewing society set down for that evening, at the Grange Hall, Fairlee. Friday evening's entertainment was therefore postponed until Tuesday evening of this week. The Monday evening entertainment, however, came off before a full house and was quite a success. Applause greeted every performance. The entertainment was by home talent, and the universal verdict was that home talent did itself credit. The whole performance was highly enjoyed. The following was the order of Monday evening's entertainment:

Overture.

1—Tableau—Tenting on the Old Camp Ground, Dr. Taylor, T. A. Skirven, &c.

2—Dialogue—The Society for Doing Good, but Saying Bad. Characters: Mrs. Green, Miss Lucy Wall; Mrs. Brown, Miss Zaidee Hulme; Mrs. President, Miss Leonore Jessup; Miss Granby, Miss Minnie Thompson; Miss Morton, Miss Lilian Constable; Widow Bedott, Miss Blanche Constable; Minister, Mr. Lowell, Mr. Hulme; Mrs. Lowell, Mrs. Jessup.

3—Reading—"The Yarn of the Nancy Bell," Rev. Dr. Wall.

4—Song—"Old Winter Is Stern and Cold," Mr. T. Arthur Skirven.

5—Proverb—"All's Fair in Love and War," —Lieutenant Gray, U. S. A., Mr. T. Arthur Skirven; Lieutenant Laynor, U. S. A., Dr. Taylor; Mr. Williamson, Mr. Percy Skirven; Kate Williamson [his niece], Miss Lucy Wall, Mary [a lady's maid], Miss Zaidee Hulme.

6—Recitation—"Over the Hills to the Poor House," by Will Carlton, Miss H. T. Gale.

7—Tableaux—Two Scenes from the Lamp of St. Just—1st, Diana and Her Father Taken Prisoners. Diana, Miss Minnie Thompson; father, Mr. George Jessup. 2d—Revenge of Diana, Communicates the Plague to the Prince. Rosalinde, Miss Leonore Jessup; Madame Jean Jourdain, Miss Minnie Thompson; the Prince, Miss Zaidee Hulme.

8—Song—Lord Lovel—comic, Mrs. T. W. Skirven.

9—Reading—"Barbara Allen," Rev. Dr. Wall.

10—Recitation—"Edith Baxter," Miss Zaidee Hulme.

11-Charade—Phantom—Characters by Messrs. Lu Alrich, Percy and Arthur Skirven and Mrs. George Jessup and Miss Lucy Wall.

12—Reading—"Her Letter," Miss Lucy Wall.

13—The Herald Pussonal—Miss Arabella Plantagenet Suspenders, Mr. Lu Alrich; Billy Suspenders, Mr. Percy Skirven; Pomp Fairlee Brown, Mr. Arthur Skirven; Chawles Stowington Gash, Mr. Edward Skirven.

On Tuesday evening the deferred entertainment was held, and the house, although not so large as that on the previous evening, was yet quite a satisfactory one. In the Tuesday evening entertainment, two humorous plays by Dr. C. P. Gilpin and Mr. A. E. Twiford and Mrs. Dr. Bardeen, Miss Hallie Beck and Miss Effie Pearson, constituted important features. Applause and laughter during the evening were frequent. The programme of Tuesday evening was as follows:

1—Overture.

2—Comedietta—Two Flats and a Sharp. Characters: Major Keye (Arthur, A Flat), Mr. A. E. Twiford; Mrs. Major Keye (Eva, E Flat) Miss Hallie Beck; Mrs Minor, (B Sharp), Mrs. Bardeen.

3—Song and chorus—"The old street lamp," Mrs. Hulme and Mrs. and Messrs. Skirven.

4—Song—"I fear no foe," Mr. J. A. Skirven.

5—Solo and chorus—"Rosalie," Mr. Lu Alrich and the Messrs. Skirven.

6—Song—"The Kerry Dance," Mrs. Hulme.

7—A farce—"Poor Pillicoddy." Cast: Mr. Pillicoddy, Mr. A. E. Twiford; Capt. O'Scuttle, Dr. C. P. Gilpin; Mrs. Pillicoddy, Miss Effie Pearson; Mrs. O'Schuttle, Miss Hallie Beck; Sarah Blunt, Mrs. Bardeen.

Mrs. T. W. Skirven presided at the organ both evenings.

Peninsula Items.

The peach outlook though not quite so forbidding as it was immediately after the late blizzard is still too gloomy for comfort.—*Georgetown, (Del.) Journal.*

Wm. B. Parrott, a prominent citizen of Queen Anne's county, died last Monday morning. His condition had long been one of helplessness from a paralytic stroke.

Representative Gibson has introduced a bill in the House appropriating $300,000 to build a lighthouse on Tangier's Island, in Chesapeake bay; and also a bill appropriating $20,00, to complete the improvements of Corsica Creek, in Queen Anne's county.

On Thursday last the property of the Overland Telephone Company of Cecil county was sold at public sale to satisfy a mortgage of $3,000 held by H. H. Haines, assignee, and was purchased by C. C. Caldwell, C. B. Finley, S. D. McCullough and Peter Hartenstine, members of the Peninsula Telegraph and Telephone Company of Cecil county, for $3,000.—*Cecil Democrat.*

A fireman on a freight going north on Friday night saw the headlight of the engine on the siding at the gravel pit, and thinking there was about to be another collision "hit out" from the train without further ado. His comrades stopped and picked him up. He was not so pretty as he was before, and his clothes were torn, but he knew more. He was not seriously hurt.—*Middletown Transcript.*

The young man from Berlin who tried to blow the snow out of a car lock when the thermometer stood below zero one morning last week ought to have taken something to warm his breath before attempting the feat. His lips stuck fast to the lock and he tried to yell but could not make himself heard. Something had to be done, so with a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether he left the skin from his lips on the cold, cold lock. He will be excused from all kissing parties this winter.—*Federalsburg Courier.*

The Talbot county people are not only talking about an annual agricultural fair, but have gone to work in good earnest toward perfecting arrangements for an annual exhibition. The grounds are to be located near Easton. $4,500 of stock has already been subscribed. The Easton *Star* of Tuesday, says: "The proposed capital stock originally was $10,000, but upon motion of General Hardcastle it was raised to $12,000." The leading people of Talbot county are into the enterprise.

The mail is carried from the Princess Anne postoffice to the depot by a colored man named Alex Morris. The mail closes at 8.30 P.M. and is then carried to the depot by Morris, to go north on the midnight express. He usually leaves the bags in charge of the railroad agent who puts them on board the train. When he carried the mail to the depot last Tuesday night the railroad agent was absent; instead of remaining and taking care of it, he threw the pouches in the office and went off to attend a negro meeting. When the railroad agent returned to the office the mail was not there.—Somebody had stolen it. It contained a large number of letters, postal orders, postal notes, &c., and its loss puts the community to much inconvenience.

The following startling news from the City of Cambridge (Md.) is published in the Baltimore *Morning Herald* of Tuesday: "Three unsuccessful attempts were made by tramps to fire this city on Saturday night. The first attempt was made about 8.15 o'clock by setting fire to J. B. Brown & Co.'s carpenter shop, adjoining his lumber yard, on Muse street, and had they been successful there would have been the most destructive fire that Cambridge has suffered in many years. The second and third attempts were made later by setting fire to buildings in Senator Johnson's ship yard, but fortunately were discovered in time to be extinguished without much damage. The ill-will of the tramps seems to have been kindled against the townspeople because they refused to harbor them after the late severe freeze. There is a constant fear that the firebugs will yet succeed in their designs. A row was raised between some citizens and tramps last night in a saloon which is kept open all day on Sunday. No results are yet reported, nothing more than a little blood being shed."

Missionary Spirit in Galena.

Ed. Transcript—Our Still Pond Methodist friends are not quite alone in the display of missionary effort, as the large audience present Sunday evening last at the M. E. Church, Galena, can testify. It was the occasion of the Sunday School missionary meeting. After the spirited "Rallying Song," and a fervent prayer by the pastor, Miss Ella Gooding recited "Living Waters" with unusual clear enunciation and emphasis. A sweet solo, "A Handful of Leaves" by Miss Emma Hyland, followed, and was sung with much credit, as was also the solo "What If Your Own," rendered by Miss Emma Hyland during the exercises that followed. Both of these young ladies have voices of uncommon power and sweetness. The two recitations, "Room for the children," and "The Gospel for all lands," by Rena Gooding and Carrie McCauley respectively, were well delivered and conveyed excellent instruction. Observer thinks, however, all young people giving recitations should make a sligt bow or graceful courtesy previous to and after the delivery of the same. Miss Marian Benny pleased the audience very much by her solo, "Help a Little," which she sang sweetly and with distinctness. Had the organ accompaniments been a little softer, we think all the solos would have been heard with better effect. The infant class song lead by Miss Carrie McCauley, was of course good, as is usually the case. The choruses were just "after our sort," and likely to raise the enthusiasm of the dullest. A good collection was lifted, making for Galena circuit a missionary collection of over $90. Brother George Townsend, the pastor, at the close of the exercises referred very feelingly to the separation that was about to occur between himself and his flock, and we are pretty sure the people will feel this separation quite as much as does he. He has made firm friends in this circuit who part with him with keen regret. OBSERVER.

Missionary Anniversary at Still Pond M. E. Church.

The Missionary Anniversary of the Still Pond M. E. Sunday school was held in the church here last Sunday evening. People who only look at results have no idea of the amount of labor required to prepare children so that they can give an entertainment without any bad breaks or balks. For several weeks the superintendent, Mr. Geo. W. Harper, aided by an able corps of assistants, has been busy assigning parts and rehearsing the scholars for the anniversary, and now that the momentous day has come and gone, and all passed off pleasantly to the delight of a large audience, I feel sure there is a feeling of relief all around. The opening address was made by Master John Wilson and was delivered in a cool, collected manner that gives promise of better things in the future. Misses Mary and Annie Barnard sang a duet, which for sweetness and feeling has very seldom been equalled in our village. Misses Allie Harper and Hattie Barnard sang "O What Can You Tell," and that their young voices went home to the hearts of the audience could be seen by the smiling faces all over the church, and even the fact that it was in church did not prevent a ripple of applause from passing through the congregation. Reading by Miss Annie Roeder entitled "Why did you not come before" was finely rendered. After a happy little address by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Macnichol, the collection was taken with the following result: Cheerful Givers, Mrs. F. H Harper, $29.45; Young Men's Bible Class, J. S. Harris, $16.56; Missionary Helpers, Miss Mary Barnard, $22.34; Earnest Workers, J. F. Wilson, $11.60; Earnest Seekers, F. H. Harper, $33; Bright Jewels, Mrs. J. F. Wilson, $33.84; Busy Bees, Mrs. M. Roseberry, $12.51; Wayside Gleaners, Miss L. Webb, $15.03; Rosebuds, Rev. E. C. Macnichol, $37.14; basket, $2.08—total $213.58. We think considering the slim attendance at Sunday school the last two months that the above showing is one that we need not be ashamed of.—*From letter in News.*

The Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Representative Cole to-day submitted a favorable report from the committee on railways and canals on the bill providing for the construction of the Maryland and Delaware free ship canal. The report states that the committee find ample authority for assuming that the government is committed beyond question to the construction of works of internal improvement in aid of interstate commerce by its expenditures of hundreds of millions of dollars in the extension and development of its policy of fostering and encouraging home production, in the development of our commercial power by deepening of the channels of our harbors and navigable rivers, the building of railroads, the construction of jetties, and in the laying out and building of other transportation highways. And notwithstanding the railway system of the United States has largely superseded the earlier models of conveyances, yet whether such assistance will shorten distances, save time and introduce a regulative power over the rates of transportation charges, such projects command the wise counsel and energetic action of our legislators. The committee, believing such aid to be wholly within the provisions of the constitution as evidenced by the practice of a century, refrain from touching upon the question of constitutional power. The object of the bill is stated to be to construct a waterway across the Peninsula of Maryland and Delaware, uniting the waters of the great Chesapeake and Delaware bays. The dimensions of the proposed canal are to be 100 feet at bottom, 26 feet below mean tide, with a width of 178 feet at the surface at low ebb tiding, with locks whose chambers are to be 600 by 60 feet, and capable when flooded of floating vessels drawing 22½ to 23 feet of water. Of the various routes examined and estimated, a choice will most likely be made from either of two northernmost routes, by way of the Sassafras or Black river, or the southernmost route, by way of the Choptank river, the minimum cost of construction being $8,000,000 and the maximum $16,000,000. The report then goes to recite the benefits that will accrue to commerce by the building of the proposed canal, and says it is confidentially believed that the savings in freight alone would in a very short period pay for the cost of its construction, while it would largely influence that condition of minimum cost of freight upon which alone the American producer of breadstuffs can safely rely for the power to compete successfully for the control of foreign markets, that power being reduced to a question of minimum freight charges. In the judgment of the committee, the proposed canal is demanded for public use as a means of national defense in case of war with a maritime power. The report goes into detail on this subject, and concludes by quoting from the report of Col. Craighill, who says: "The main objects of such a canal are supposed to be two—the greater facilitation of the defense of a part of the territory of the United States by the opening of an interior short line of communication between the great bays of Chesapeake and Delaware; the shortening of a great route of foreign and coastwise commerce. Both of these objects seem to be of national importance."

The city of Baltimore, says the report, is greatly interested in this canal. She is nearer the great cities of the West—Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and others—than Philadelphia, New York and Boston, her great contestants for the trade of the West, but her situation at the head of Chesapeake bay requires her commerce to take a longer route to the ocean than is convenient; that is, through the whole length of that bay. Baltimore, therefore, very naturally is extremely anxious to be brought nearer in time to the ocean. To this she is pressed not only by her own interest, but also by the interests of the large territories which make her the outlet to foreign and coastwise markets for their products. Baltimore can be brought many miles nearer to the ocean by the construction of a canal connecting the Chesapeake and Delaware bays. The appropriation asked for to begin work is $1,000,000, and the provisions of the bill require that the money appropriated shall remain and be at the disposal of the Secretary of War. In the judgment of the committee, these considerations demand the construction of this great work as one of public necessity, and the committee deem the time now most appropriate, and recommend the passage of the bill.

A Fine Newspaper Building.

The Baltimore *Sun* is building a fine structure in Washington, in which its Washington bureau will be located. The building will be such as to attract attention even in a city like Washington, where magnificent buildings are not rare. The *Evening Capital* of Washington in its issue of Feb. 21st prints a cut of the building and gives the following interesting description:

"It has a front of 55 feet on F street and a depth of 113 running back to an alley. The basement is 10 feet in depth with vaults running under the side walk. The western half of the basement will be occupied by the boilers used for heating and mechanical purposes and for pumps, while the remainder can be utilized in connection with the first story or otherwise as may be advisable. The entrance on the ground floor is by a hallway eight feet wide leading back to the alley or stopping with the grand stairway as shall be determined later. The stairway will be massive and beautiful. It will be constructed of bronzed iron cast in ornate designs and the steps and platforms will be of marble. It will be in all probability the finest specimen of iron work in the United States. On each side of the stair case will be an elevator of the latest pattern furnished luxuriously and provided with the newest and most complete safety appliances. The elevators will run at a speed of 300 to 500 feet per minute. The offices of the *Sun* will occupy the western portion of the building extending back as far as the stairway. The remainder of the floor is so planned that it can all be used en suite, or be divided into separate apartments. The height of the first story will be fourteen feet clear, and it gradually diminishes until in the eighth story the height is eleven feet eight inches.

"In the building when completed there will be from seventy to eighty rooms, and already the requests for the privilege of renting them have been so numerous that more than half could have been leased had it been thought advisable. The total height of the structure from the foundation to the top of the brick walls is 135 feet or, in other words, it is 125 feet from the side walk to the base of the tower, which rises forty-six higher, making a total elevation of 166 feet, equalling the Washington Monument in Baltimore. The front of the building is constructed of Baltimore marble from the Beaver Dam quarries. It is as yet impossible to form an accurate estimate of the cost, as the architect has not been limited in any way, but has instructions to make it the best and most throughly appointed building in all respects in the United States. It will be finished early in the fall and when completed will be one of the model structures of the country, an ornament of any city in the world.

Thermometric Record

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH. 2, 1886.

	6 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	aver.
Tuesday	32	47	32	37.
Wednesday	28	40	34	34.
Thursday	36	50	42	42.6
Friday	28	24	22	25.
Saturday	16	25	24	21.6
Sunday	13	30	25	22.6
Monday	17	25	21	21.

Average temperature at 6 a. m. 24.3
" " " 2 p. m. 34.3
" " " 9 " 28.7
Average of the week 28.8
" " last " 34.2
Prevailing winds N W. N.

A Literary Curiosity.

The Glasse of Time, in the First and Second Age. Divinely handled by Thomas Peyton, of Lincolnes Inne, Gent. Seen and Allowed. London: Printed by Bernard Alsop for Lawrence Chapman, and are to be sold at his Shop over against Staple Inne. 1620. Now reprinted in a neat volume, Long Primer type, bound in fine cloth, gilt top, beveled boards. Price 50 cents.

The quaint poem, of the title page of which the above is a transcript, appeared nearly half a century earlier than "Paradise Lost," and it is insrinsically probable that it would have fallen under the eye of Milton; in any case there are striking poinrs of resemblance between the two poems, and many have supposed Milton's immortal work to have been inspired by the former. Only two copies of the work are known to be in existence previous to the issue of the present edition, one copy being in the British Museum, the other in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. The copy in the British Museum was purchased at a noted sale of old books in 1819, by Baron Bolland, who notes upon a blank leaf that it cost him 21*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, (about $110.00). Some years ago a gentleman of Virginia, Mr J. L. Peyton, sprung from an old English family of that name, made an accurate transcript of the copy in the British Museum, preserving even the quaint spelling, punctuation, capitalizing and Italicizing of the original. The present edition is printed without alteration. Apart from its presumed connection with "Paradise Lost," the poem has very considerable merits of its own, and is in every way a literary curiosity. John B. Alden, Publisher, New York.

Literary Notes.

The immense Krupp works at Essen are rigorously closed against visitors; the outside world has therefore been unable to learn much of the renowned establishment where the most terrific engines of warfare are made for Germany and her friends. At last a determined Yankee has penetrated into this mysterious realm of the modern Vulcan, with full privileges of confiding his discoveries to the rest of mankind, and the result is a deeply interesting article in the March *Harper's*, called "An Iron City beside the Ruhr," by Moncure D. Conway, with an abundance of illustrations.

In the frontispiece of the March *Century* there is a reminder that Spain has been astonishingly quiet since the death of the young king. "Emilio Castelar, the Orator,"—whose striking personality is revealed in the portrait, and described in William Jackson Armstrong's paper with the above title, and in a crisp article of "Reminiscences" by Alvey A. Adee, of the State Department, Washington,—has been a figure in every political agitation since the abdication of Isabella II., the mother of the late king. These articles define the brilliant talents which have made Castelar the pride of his people, and his limitations as a popular leader.

The March number of *Lippincott's Monthly Magazine* gives liberal instalments of the two serials, which increase in interest as the plot is further developed. Brander Matthews contributes one of his most ingenious short stories, "Perchance to Dream," ending in a dramatic surprise. "Song-Games and Myth-Dramas at Washington," by W. H. Babcock, is a careful study of the rhymes and games current among the children at the national capital.

The March issue of the *Eclectic Magazine* has as its leading article a paper by Mr. Gladstone entitled "Proem to Genesis: A Plea for a Fair Trial," in which he carries on the old controversy against Huxley and M. Reville in favor of the orthodox view of the creation as now held. Arthur Symons discussed "Frederi Mistral, the Provencal Poet," and George Saintsbury tells us about George Borrow, the fascinating author of "Lavengro."

St. Nicholas for March, 1886. The frontispiece is an engraving by Johnson of Mme. Le Brun's famous and beautiful portrait of herself, illustrating Mrs. Clement's "Art and Artists" paper on "French Painters,"—including Claude Lorraine, David, Ingres and the Vernets. Mrs. Burnett's serial, "Little Lord Fauntleroy," follows with a most delectably humorous account of the young American nobleman's first interview with his aristocratic grandfather. One of the principal features of the number is the first nine of the St. Nicholas Dog Stories." This series is to include interesting stories, sketches and anecdotes collected from various sources during the last five years; and these will now be published from time to for the benefit of all dog-lovers.

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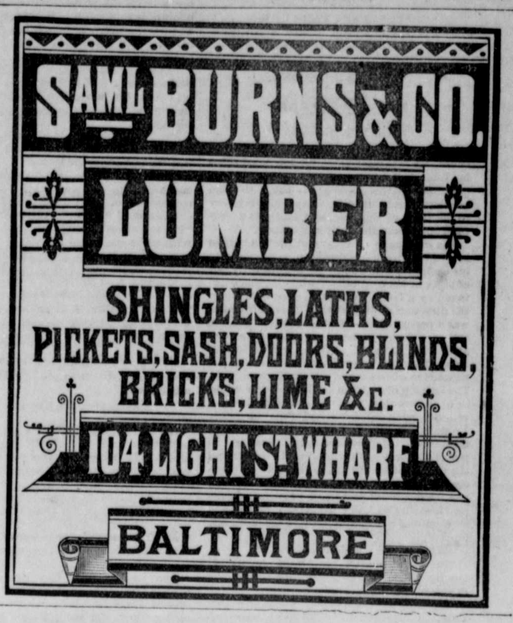

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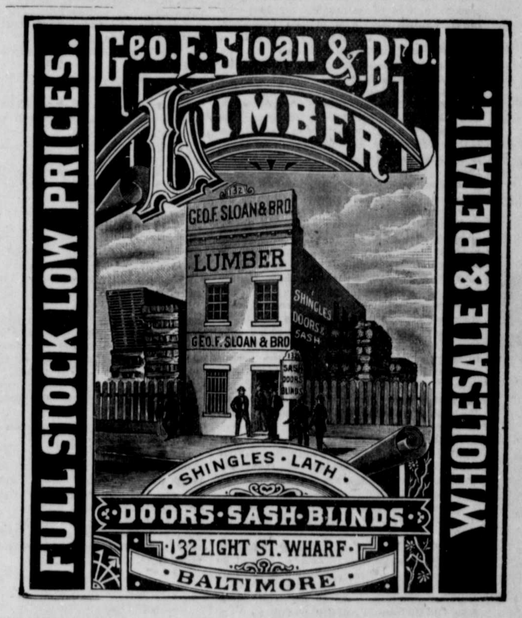

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