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LOCAL MATTERS.

Passed the Senate.—The bill regulating the catching of fish and crabs in Chester river and tributaries has passed the Senate.

Another Contract.—Engineer Chas. S. York, of Chestertown, who so successfully completed the fine water work system for Princess Anne, has contracted with the mayor and city council of Cape Charles City to prepare plans and specifications for building water works for that city.

To Local Mariners.—By the last official notice of changes of buoys, the following are mentioned in Kent county waters: Chesapeake bay, Chester river entrance, buoy erased; Chester river, Jackson creek, buoy erased; Chesapeake bay, north of Chester river, Swan creek, new buoy.

Another Joint Debate.—Mr. Leonard Parker, representing Baltimore City College, came to Chestertown on Saturday and arranged a debate with a representative from each of the Mt. Vernon and Philomathean Literary Societies of Washington College. The debate is to take place on Easter Monday, in Stam's Hall.

Sold at Last.—The much-talked of and much-written-about "old town hall" o[illegible]et house has at last been sold by t[illegible]missioners to Captain Wm. D. Burc[illegible] $75. The building has been paid fo[illegible] the understanding is that it shall be removed within a reasonable length of time and the site leveled off and cleared.

Spring Schedules.—The Steamer Emma Giles has been newly painted and put in thorough repair for the season of 1896, and will resume her trips to Tolchester, Saturday, March 7th, 1896 and every Saturday thereafter. The steamer Sassafras, of the Sassafras River Line, will run on spring schedule, on and after Saturday, February 22d.

Pleasant Entertainments.—The entertainment by the Smyrna troupe on Friday evening was a most pleasant affair, and it is regretted that lack of space prevents a more protracted notice. This same regret is expressed in regard to the charming operetta and program presented by local talent under the leadership of Mrs. W.J.Vannort, on Tuesday evening.

Farmers Caught Again.—A man named Richardson, from Baltimore, started a cannery at Crumpton, giving his notes to farmers payable in November. When the notes came due they were renewed until last week, when Richardson came to town and acknowledged his inability to settle. The farmers were greatly incensed and would not listen to any proposition for this year's crop.

Railroad Property Damaged.—The heavy storm of Thursday last did considerable damage to the property of the Queenstown Railroad. The abutments of the large pier at Queenstown were washed heavily, carrying away much of the earthworks. The entire roadbed suffered from the storm. It is estimated that it will require twenty-five men with twenty-five teams, to work an entire week in order to repair the damage.

Go You One Better.—The merry war of the horseshoers in Kent, which was inaugurated several months ago, is still on. It was expected when 75 cents was fallen to, that the low-water mark had been reached; but not so. Mr. Tilghman Shafer in this issue goes to 50 cents, and Esquire William H. Kelley, of Locust Grove, goes him one better and has dropped to 49 cents. There is handsome profit in this warfare, but its not to the blacksmiths.

Bank Improvements.—The interior of the Second National Bank has been handsomely painted and frescoed by Mr. W. F. Willing, an experienced artist. The color of the background of the frescoing is a soft brown, and the frescoing is in gilt and a pretty relief-color of blue. The interior has been greatly improved by the change and is one of the handsomest rooms on the shore, and Mr. Willing is to be congratulated upon the excellence and beauty of his work.

Mrs. Josephine Usilton Dead.—Mrs. Josephine Usilton, widow of the late Aquilla A. Usilton, of Chestertown, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Samuel Hicks, on Friday afternoon last, in the 64th year of her age. She had been ill only a few days. She leaves two sons, who reached her bedside a few moments before her death, John W. and Leroy P. Usilton, of Washington, and three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Lee, Mrs. Josie Hicks and Mrs. Emma Hodgkins.

A Harrowing Sight.—James A. Pearce, Esq., while coming from Washington to Baltimere by train on Monday morning, witnessed a sight which he describes as harrowing in the extreme. A white prisoner, a man named Parker, was being carried to the House of Correction, and while the train was going at a speed of nearly fifty miles, jumped from the train, falling on his head on the track. The man was horribly bruised, blood oozed from his eyes, mouth and nose, and he was fearfully and possibly fatally injured.

Mr. Miles Names a Cadet.—Charles W. Wesson, of Centreville, step-son of ex-State Senator William T. P. Turpin, of Queen Anne's, has been named by Congressman Miles as cadet at West Point, to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of Mr. E. B. Pennington. Mr. Miles has also recommended M. Earle Usilton, son of W. B. Usilton, of the *Kent News*, alternate. Messrs. Wesson and Usilton will report for examination at Fort McHenry next month. If successful, young Wesson will enter the Academy in June with the class that will graduate in 1900.

Nearly to Zero.—Monday night was by all odds the coldest of the season, the thermometer registering at Chestertown 6° above zero, and at Betterton 4° above. The present month is claimed, with but a few exceptions, to have been so far, the coldest February within the past 23 years. Last February the thermometer came within one degree of reaching zero. The coldest days in February have been as follows: February 24, 1873, 2 above; February 9, 1874, 15 above; February 16, 1875, 6 above; February 24, 1876, 12 above; February 14, 1877, 18 above; February 3 and 4, 1878, 20 above; February 15, 1879, 12 above; February 2, 1880, 15 above; February 2, 1881, 4 above; February 4 and 5, 1882, 23 above; February 27, 1883, 22 above; February 29, 1884, 10 above; February 11, 1885, 3 above; February 5, 1886, 1 below; February 28, 1887, 21 above; February 16, 1888, 11 above; February 24, 1889, 3 above; February 7, 1890, 23 above; February 5, 1891, 16 above; February 17, 1892, 12 above; February 20, 1893, 11 above; February 25, 1894, 8 above; February 6, 1895, 1 above. The Dakotas, the neighborhood in which the cold wave started, were on Monday the warmest places in the country, having temperatures of 40 and 45 degrees above zero, while a genuine winter resort like Chestertown was down to 6 degrees above. Such is the irony of the cold wave.

Destroyed by Fire.—Benjamin North, residing on the farm of Mrs. Moffet, near Millington, lost all his household effects by the house burning down on Friday morning, between 2 and 4 o'clock, and the family themselves barely escaped being burned to death. The fire started in the lower part of the house and had full possession of it when they awoke. They managed to get out only by climbing out of the upper windows. They saved nothing, as they hadn't time to secure clothing or anything, so hurried was their exit, and Mrs. Elisha, the mother of Mr. North, who had a vendue a few months since to quit farming, had all her papers burned. A subscription was taken up to secure them wearing apparel. Mr. North lost $25 in money and Mrs. Elisha $40.

Boats and Boatmen.

During a gale of last week a sloop laden with railroad ties was blown ashore near the mouth of Queenstown creek. This is the second boat, with a cargo consigned to the railroad company, which has suffered the same accident on the same shores within a comparatively brief interval of time.

Low tides have been of serious inconvenience to the B. S. Ford during the past week. She made an effort to affect a landing at Queenstown on Saturday, but could not because of the low tide. Centreville and Queenstown passengers were taken back and landed at Jackson's creek. The Ford failed to make Queenstown on Tuesday of last week, and on Wednesday made the wharf, but had to wait nearly four hours before she could get out.

CHURCH NOTES.

From the Religious Side of Life.

The committee on entertainment for the Wilmington M. E. Conference, which will hold its annual session in Wesley Church, Dover, next month, has nearly completed its work. Entertainment will be provided for 425 persons. Four hundred and six have already been provided for.

The *Peninsula press* is loud in its praises of the splendid work being done by Evangelist Galloway, and strange to say, that for his magnificent efforts for the salvation of souls, his worldly comforts are encompassed in the paltry sum of $400. Before becoming an Evangelist he was in the iron business and it was while suffering from an accident that he was converted.

Rev. William Schouler, rector of Trinity Church, was called to Arlington, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Sarah Hart.

It is expected that Rev. H. H. Wharton, the celebrated Baptist minister and revivalist of Baltimore will conduct a series of services about the middle of April, under the auspices of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Elkton.

The bill known as the "General Vestry Act" is being urged for passage by clergymen and laymen throughout the diocese of Elkton and in Washington. The main object of the bill is to reduce the number of vestrymen in parishes from eight to five and to make explicit provisions for contracts between the rectors and vestrymen of the parishes. The bill was prepared by James Alfred Pearce, the chancellor of the Easton Diocese, and John S. Wirt, at the request of the diocesan convention. The original act confers valuable privileges upon the Episcopal Church, which for many years before the Revolution was the established church of the colony, and the Dioceses of Maryland and Washington do not wish to take any risks about repeating it or impairing its operation in their territory.

Dr. S. R. Murray, gave an interesting talk on the subject of High License, at Christ M. P. Church, on Sunday evening, contending that it was not a measure which christains could consistently endorse, that it was wrong in principle, and would be fruitful of evil. A large congregation was present.

Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., presiding Elder of Easton District has gone on a business trip to Georgia. While there he will attend to settling up the estate of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bratt. He will be gone about 10 days.

Rev. W. P. Compton, pastor of the Chestertown M. E. Church, was given a delightful donation and surprise last week. His pantry was pounded until it fairly groaned under its mid-winter fatness of good things.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, will hold a musicale in the church on March 3. Talent from abroad will be present, and they promise all an evening of rare enjoyment. Proceeds for benefit of Epworth League.

Sassafras Items.

Mr. Levi Jacobs and wife, of Felton, Del., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Spry and friends, near town, the past week.

Messrs. Walter Vansant, of Smyrna, and Frank Vansant, of Dover, drove over to visit their mother and friends in town Sunday, and returned in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen, and daughter Mable, of Cecilton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Spry on Sunday.

Miss T. Elizabeth Caulk, daughter of the late B. F. H. Caulk, and Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd, a successful business man of Middletown, were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother, near town, yesterday (Wednesday) evening, at seven o'clock. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present, owing to the recent death of the bride's father. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd will take up their residence in Middletown.

The revival services, which have been in progress here for the past three weeks, were closed last night. Rev. A. A. Bichell has been assisting Rev. B. P. Truitt, and although their earnest labors have not been as successful as they anticipated, yet they have great cause to rejoice in the results of their labors.

ANON.

Still Pond Notes.

The Missionary Anniversary will be held early in March. It has been postponed on account of the measles.

The Colonial Tea promises to be a very interesting and entertaining affair. It is held in a very worthy cause, the improvement of the M. E. Parsonage. All are cordially invited to pay a call to the "Old Colonial House" on the evening of Washington's birthday, and help in celebrating the anniversary, while giving their admission, etc., toward the improvement of the church property. This enables all to catch two birds with one hand, as it were.

It is reported that ex-Commissioner G. W. Rodenhiser contemplates removing his residence to Baltimore next fall. This would indeed, be a loss to the community and county.

Mr. J. Ben Krusen, of Sadler's, Bryant and Stratton College, Baltimore, is expected home for Washington's birthday.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather last Thursday evening, the meeting to organize a Singing School was postponed one week. It will be held this evening, weather permitting, in the Town Hall.

We thought the winter had loosened his hold, but find that Old Boreas was only "playing 'possum." The coldest weather we have experienced this winter has begun to remind us that Jack Frost is still doing business at the old stand. Perhaps, alas! a blizzard is yet in store for us! So stow away the plow again and gather round the fire, ye over-anxious farming men,—rouse not the Ice King's ire!

JOE KING.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason, entertained their guests, Misses Jennie Glasscock and Lizzie Colton, of Baltimore, very delightfully on Tuesday evening. Refreshments were furnished by a caterer from New York city. The favors were unique and beautiful. An interesting feature of the evening's entertainment was the solving of the penny puzzle, prizes being given to those discovering the greatest number of objects on a penny. The royal prizes were won by Miss Ross, of Mexico, Mo., and Prof. E. J. Clarke. The booby prizes were won by Miss Anna R. Brown and Dr. C. P. Gilpin.

Mr. John Gill, of Bassett, N. J., after visiting Kent county friends has returned to his home.

Miss Sarah Jane Clayton, who died at Rising Sun on Tuesday of last week, was rather eccentric. A year ago she had her tombstone erected in Rosebank Cemetery and also expressed a wish that not a word be spoken at her funeral, and her wish was complied with when her remains were laid at rest Friday afternoon. She was seventy-three years of age.—*Cecil County News.*

Misses Duyer and Elliott, of Chestertown, were guests last week of the Misses Ella and Grace Aker, daughters of Editor Aker, Queenstown.

Cards have been issued (out of the county) announcing the marriage of Miss Fannie Garey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Garey, of Kennedyville, to Mr. Robert Dwyer, of Harrisonburg, Va., in Kennedyville M. P. Church on Wednesday, February 26th, at 7.30 P. M. No cards in the county.

Miss Katie Crew and Miss Ella Wilkins were guests of Annapolis friends last week.

Messrs. William T. Nicholson, Harry Willis and Jesse H. Usilton were present at several sessions of the State Legislature last week.

Mr. Walter Strong has returned from a gunning trip to Currituck Sound, North Carolina, the splendid ducking grounds made famous by President Cleveland. Under unfavorable conditions, Mr. Strong bagged twelve fine swan during one afternoon.

Mrs. William S. Twilley, of Baltimore, after a pleasant visit to Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Twilley, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Mrs. Charles R. Twilley is visiting her parents in Baltimore.

Mr. William Guion, of Newberne, N. C., is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. T. Westcott.

Mr. John N. Roberts, an electrician of Springfield, Mass., is the guest of his father, Rev. S. C. Roberts, Queen street.

Miss Fannye Massey has returned home after a month's stay with Miss Avice Donaldson, Baltimore.

Mr. Leonard Parker, a student of Baltimore City College, is spending several days at Mr. Josiah Massey's.

Senator Charles T. Westcott was serenaded by the colored band and a number of other colored citizens of Chestertown, on Saturday evening. Mr. Westcott made a speech thanking his friends for the compliment of the serenade and for their support during the exciting campaign of last fall. After this a number of the serenaders were invited into the dining room and refreshments were partaken of. Vocal and instrumental music by the visitors was a future of the occasion.

Mr. John D. Urie was also serenaded and made a speech which was responded to by John Dent of the serenading party. Mr. Urie presented a purse of $5 to the band.

Captain W. D. Burchinal was also serenaded and made a speech.

Mr. John W. Startt, has been confined to his home by an attack of grip, but is now convalescing.

Capt. J. E. Vickers, an account of whose injuries have been given in a previous issue, returned from Baltimore on Tuesday in excellent health.

Miss Marie Westcott, is the guest of Miss Valiant, Church Hill.

Miss Duker, of Baltimore is the guest of Miss Anne Stewart at "The Meadows."

Miss Mamie Baker, daughter of Representative Baker, is visiting Mrs. Charles Harper in Brooklyn, N. Y.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

A Beautiful Matrimonial Occasion on Tuesday.

A very pretty wedding of a popular couple was solemnized in the presence of a large assembly at the M. P. Church, at 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The contracting parties were Miss Acca A. Van Dyke and Mr. Townsend E. W. Crew. The church was prettily and tastefully trimmed for the occasion. At the appointed hour, to the strains of Mendelssohn's march, skillfully rendered by Prof. A. L. Judefind, the bride and groom entered, preceded by the ushers, Messrs. Chas. Wood, Walter Reese, Morris Bramble and Joseph H. Weer. At the chancel they were met by the pastor, Rev. Jesse Shreeve, who performed the ceremony and pronounced them man and wife. The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of imported embossed satin with silk and passamenterie trimmings. Wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride previous to the marriage, and immediately after the ceremony the happy couple drove to Middletown. Del., from which point they started on a trip North. Many valuable and useful present were received. Mr. and Mrs. Crew will make their future home at "Gresham Hall," near Tolchester, this county.

The Ladies' Aid, of Shrewsbury, held a social and musical entertainment at the rectory, on Wednesday evening of last week. The attendance was exceedingly large, many of the Methodist faith being present. All vied with each other, irrespective of denomination, in making the occasion one of rare pleasure and enjoyment. A splendid supper was served, also a variety of creams, ices and confectionery. Music on piano and two violins was finely rendered, and added much to the charms of the evening. One of the most pleasing features of the occasion was a series of tabaleau presented with fine effect, by the "S. T. C." About $30 were realized, which we understand, will be expended in painting the church's interior.

Miss Ida Newcomb was given a pleasant surprise by a number of her friends on Thursday evening of last week. Various games were engaged in, and a pleasant time enjoyed by all present.

A party of young folk of the neighborhood of Shrewsbury and Kennedyville, gave Misses Susie Edson and Mary Smith a very pleasant surprise at the rectory on Tuesday evening. The visitors received a hearty welcome, and the evening was spent socially and pleasantly, all agreeing that the occasion was one most enjoyable. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Rev. Q. L. Morrow filled the pulpit of the M. P. Church on Sunday morning, and preached to an attentive congregation. In the evening he addressed a large congregation on the subject of "Christian Citizenship." The speaker held the close attention of his hearers, and delivered his address with great force and eloquence.

Miss Laura Hammond, of near Delaware City, is visiting Mrs. Maggie Webb.

Miss Katie Van Dyke, of Conference Academy, Dover, Del., spent part of the week at home.

Mr. Wilson Sutton, of Washington College, spent Sunday at his home in the village.

Messrs. W. A. Pote, W. M. Hurlock and E. T. Othoson enjoyed a few days ducking on the Delaware marshes this week.

Messrs. Shafer & Davies paid 82 cents for milk for the month of January.

Mercury was down to 1° below zero at 6.30 Monday morning.

Don't forget the graphophonic entertainment to be held in the hall to-morrow and Saturday evenings.

JUNO.

BETTERTON NEWS.

Conspicuous Personalities at the Upper Bayside.

Jack Frost is again in our midst, and the thermometer on Monday morning registered 4° above zero, and by evening the bay was frozen over from shore to shore. Lovely spring-like weather on Saturday, two days later everybody shivering in their boots, navigation practically closed, the Ericsson line steamers (our only means of travel except by rail) steaming by, not so much as noticing us, and this all happened, our old friend, Mr. Eben Crew, says, "because Dr. Nansen discovered the North Pole, and let the draught of cold air blow on us." Perhaps it may turn out the discovery was an error, and on the strength of the correction warm weather will follow.

Fishing has not yet commenced, but the most of our people are occupied in various ways. Mr. James T. Brice, "Uncle Jimmy," postmaster, etc., meets the boats when they stop, and opens the mail, between times spinning a yarn. Leader of the Democracy.

Mr. Eben Crew, "Uncle Eb," is a great family man, but spends a few hours of each day at the store relating some good old stories of days gone by. Remakable stories they are, and told as only he can tell them.

Capt. John Henry Crew, better known as "Squire," eats much, reads his Bible, and for recreation, goes coon-hunting with the *boys*.

Capt. Thomas B. T. Brice, called by everybody Uncle Tommy, puffs his pipe in his quiet way from noon till night. A pipe noted for its years of service and much strength in its old age, and between puffs Uncle Tommy tinkers on the boats needing repairs.

Uncle Alex. Wheeler, one of our old stand-bys, first of all looks after the church and the Christian Endeavor, at mail time comes to the store, discusses politics, and never wavers from his first love, the Republican party.

Mr. Wash Crew, alias Uncle Wash, alias General, alias Dit, is active and spry, visits the neighbors, cares for the sick, cracks his jokes and uses his saw and hatchet whenever the opportunity offers.

Capt. Benj. Wheeler, our old salt, the hero of many storms on the bay, is taking things easy this winter and keeping his eyes on the foxy *boys* of the village. Young cubs cannot fool an old fox, and Capt. Ben knows more than the boys thinks he does. He is the sail-maker of the place, and now and then is found cutting out a sail for some one.

Mr. John Leigh, one of our veterans, has been busy a large portion of the winter baling hay. Mr. Leigh is a great reader and the most of his spare time is employed in keeping up with the daily news and important questions of the hour. History is a favorite study with him and he converses intelligently about foreign affairs as well as our own.

Mr. George E. Owens just at present is doing a great deal of thinking about the numerous fish bills being introduced at Annapolis. Mr. Owens has considerable interests in pound-fishing and would welcome any inside information from the Legislature. Aside from this anxiety, he is one of the happiest men in the county, particularly since the last election.

Mr. John Holdson is the same Mr. Holdson, without change or variation. The dryest joke-cracker we have, and with a sleeve full of them on everybody. When and where he gets them is a mystery, but he never fails to respond at the most inopportune time. He will probably fish in the spring. Until then is employed as above, with a half holiday on Sunday.

Mr. Scott Crownhart reads much and thinks more. Quiet and unassuming, but has a store of information on all subjects, and enjoys a quiet laugh and likes discussions, in which he and Mr. W. A. Crew often indulge. Is preparing for pound-fishing in the spring.

The younger men of the place are generally getting ready for fishing. As soon as the weather moderates some of them will go below for the rock. Wm. H. Warram is the only person yet to venture out to try his luck. Before the high tide he shipped one box or barrel of fish. Since then he has not been heard from.

J. A. Bowman has also caught a few fish in one of his nets along shore.

Commissioner G. W. Owens has his hands full these long winter days answering the questions of his constituents. He occasionally resorts to scratching his noddle, and if not careful, ere long the few remaining hairs on his nearly bald head will be gone. Mr. Owens is popular here however and has the ability to meet the demands of his position.

Capt. Geo. W. Moore has just returned from a pleasant visit to Philadelphia. The captain has many things to tell us, and states a man must travel if he wishes to be wise.

The measles have reached us and before many days, no doubt, the schools will need scholars to make a quorum.

Miss Ella Knabb is spending a few weeks with her family at Norristown, Pa.

It is rumored we are to have a magistrate. Mr. Wm. A. Crew has been suggested for the place. He is one of the most capable men we have, and could fill the position with credit.

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From Rock Hall.

The I. O. G. T. Lodge, will celebrate Washington's birthday with a musical and festival on Saturday evening.

Mr. John Boyer, Sr., met with a serious accident on Sunday night. At about 8.30, he retired for bed, and making a misstep at the head of the stairs, lost his balance, and fell to the foot of the stairway. His daughter, Mrs. McKivitt hearing the fall, rushed into the hall and found her father unconscious, she quickly called for assistance from the neighbors, and had him placed in as comfortable a position as possible, and summoned Dr. Selby, who rendered medical aid. No bones were broken, but the old gentleman was considerably bruised about the head and body.

The ground hog, as a prognosticator, is far superior to the fellow that pulls the string of the big whistle at Stelleton, the latter has made frequent misshits during the past two weeks, whereas his hogship has been correct to date. The weather has been indeed stormy and full of bluster, depriving the oystermen from following their calling almost entirely for the past two weeks. The fishermen struck it rich on Saturday last, catching from seventy to one hundred and forty bunches of fine rock fish to a boat. The wind and waves were such, as to nearly cause some of the boats to swamp. The freshet of the upper bay has backed the fish down, hence the large catches of the men.

The major part of our citizens are much incensed at the effort being made to have the liquor license issue reopened. They had hoped that the decisive majority against license, at the special election held May 10th, 1890, which was 1228 would put a quietus to such efforts for many years to come.

The Modern Way

Commends itself to the well-informed, to do pleasantly and effectually what was formerly done in the crudest manner and disagreeable as well. To cleanse the system and break up colds, headaches, and fevers without unpleasant after effects, use the delightful liquid laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

DREDGERS GIVING TROUBLE.

A Bloodless Battle on Swan Point Bar.

DREDGE CAPTAINS EXPLAIN.

News was received in Chestertown on Saturday afternoon, that Captain Frank Stevens had been defeated in a heated battle with dredgers on Swan Point bar. The report, in view of the spirited war which had been waged against the appointment of Captain Stevens, of course attracted considerable attention. Our correspondent, an eye-witness, gives the following account of the affair:

The excitement incident upon the announcement of the appointment of Capt. Frank Stevens as commander of the police schooner Anna B. Smith, and which was reported as only a "three-sail-breeze," broke out afresh on Thursday, and culminated on Saturday into a storm-sail-breeze; and what is worse, had neither compass nor rudder. This fresh outbreak was caused by the apparent inability of Capt. Stevens to successfully cope with the dredging fraternity. As a matter of fact, Capt. Stevens is doing the very best he can to protect Swan Point bar. No man can do more than he has done under existing circumstances. Your correspondent was an eye-witness to the manoeuvres of both dredgers and police on Swan Point last Saturday, being at work on the bar all day in full view of the entire fleet. The McLane steamed up to the upper end of Swan Point from Chester river at about 8.30 A. M., communicating with Capt. Stevens for a short time, and then proceeded down the bay. Immediately thereafter the dredgers began their bluffing tactics, by sailing to and fro from one part of the bar to another, Capt. Stevens following them. This we thought was to give the impression to those on shore that dredging was in full blast, and thereby make capital for censure by the opponents of Stevens, and it had its effect, as we found when reaching shore from our day's work. But the dredgers were simply laying to, with their jibs to windward, allowing the vessels to drift down the bar as far as they cared to go, then fill away, jibe over and lay to on the upper tack. These tactics were continued for about two hours, then two or three of the vessels' crews would throw their dredgers for effective operations, while the balance of the thirty-five vessels would surround them to shield them from the observation of the police boat's crew.

Stevens and his men, however, were fully cognizant of the pirates' game, and forcing his way through the fleet, caused them to "move on," but the dredgers continued this game until about noon, and Stevens would drive them off. Finally, the dredgers seemed to hold a consultation among themselves, the result being that they had settled down to work on or near the T. Tree. Capt. Stevens endeavored to again drive them off, but they refused to go, telling Stevens that Capt. Turner gave them permission to work on that part of the bar. Capt. Stevens, however, insisted on their going off, when the reply came: "Captain, be d—d if we don't work here or die," and there they remained the balance of the day, notwithstanding the fact that the police riddled their sails and rigging with bullets, which the dredgers received with perfect sangfroid.

Though exhaustion of provisions and almost exhaustion of ammunition, with nothing more effective than ordinary rifles, Capt. Stevens was forced to retire from the conflict, and yet compelled the dredgers to confine themselves a half mile above the line, allowed them by Capt. Turner. We repeat, no man under similar conditions, could do more for the preservation of our oysters, and yet the hue and cry is, "turn him out, turn him out, and put in a man more in sympathy with the oystermen's interests, who can and will prevent depredations by the dredgers." The truth is, this cannot be done, save by a "Tom" Howard, with his "batteringram" or other intrepped man, and repeat the lesson of '88. In view of the fact that Capt. Turner, on his own responsibility, or through instructions has given permission to dredgers to work below a line heretofore laid out, it is perfect tomfoolery, or prejudice, to expect a man, with a crew of five or six men, and a few rifles only, to successfully battle with thirty-five of forty vessels and three hundred men. Just here, we would like to know, why Capt. Stevens is not furnished with a cannon. Some of our own people have informed the dredge Captains that the Shcooner Smith's cannon was non-effective, and this it is said, has made them more bold than they would have been had the cannon been O. K. Great apprehension was manifested here on Saturday night owing to the condition of the police crew. The Captain was compelled to send his mate ashore for supplies, but nothing serious occurred during the night. Capt. Stevens succeeded in procuring the names and numbers of sixteen of the dredgers and had warrants issued for their capture by Capt. Turner, of the McLane.

Captain Turner, came over with the steamer on Sunday night and replaced the broken cannon on board the police schooner with a rapid-fire-breech-loading rifle gun of one pound calibre.

THE FIRST ARREST.

Captain Stevens had an exciting brush with Captain Arthur McGinnis, of the dredger Martha A. Jones, on Tuesday morning. McGinnis was on forbidden territory, and when ordered off refused to go, whereupon Captain Stevens opened fire with his cannon and rifles, riddling the Jones' mainsail, damaging her rigging and peppering her masts. Two men from the police boat were placed in command of the trophy, and she is now in Rock Hall harbor, while her commander is in Chestertown jail. Captain McGinnis claimed not to be on forbidden ground, and says that Captain Hyland had allowed him to work there. He says that he had about two bushels of oysters on board when arrested as the result of about an half hour's work. There were other boats working on the lumps near him at the time, but none on the exempted grounds.

[FROM BALTIMORE SUN]

Statement of Dredgers Giving Their Side of the Case.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—An article appeared in your issue of this date, giving Captain Stevens' account of what is called "A bloodless battle with dredgers off Rock Hall."

We think it due to ourselves, as some of the parties attacked by Captain Stevens in this "bloodless battle," that the public should be fully informed of the facts of the case, and therefore ask you to publish this communication:

There are between five and six hundred oyster dredgers in this State, who pay more than $40,000 per year for the license to dredge on the public oyster beds of the Chesapeake bay. This body of men is, in the main, industrious and law-abiding; they do not belong to the criminal class; they are not "cut-throats" and "pirates" and they are entitled to certain rights, which ought to be respected even by the political oyster police, and which ought to protect them from unwarranted attack and their lives and property from destruction by the use of firearms in the hands of Captain Stevens.

In the published article referred to Stevens is reported as saying that we were dredging on "Swan Point." That statement is untrue. We were dredging on what is known as "T Tree," which lies some four miles north of the government spar buoy, stationed at the end of "Swan Point Bar," and at least two and one-half miles from low water mark on "Swan Point." "T Tree" is an oyster bottom about one-half mile in extent, and is divided from the "Swan Point" oyster bar by a mud bottom, on which it is not possible to dredge oysters. The tongers who work on "Swan Point" enjoy the use of 3,800 acres of tonging land, and from the time of the commencement of dredging in this State "T Tree" has been used as a dredging ground without dispute until Captain Hyland, who preceded Captain Stevens in the command of the police vessel Anna B. Smith three years ago, forcibly drove the dredgers off the ground, arresting some of them, whose cases, however, never came to trial. It is worthy of note that the Legislature never prohibited dredging on "T Tree."

A boundary determined by bringing in line three pine trees and a clump of gum trees on the shore, about two and one-half miles from Rock Hall, and which is known as the "Hunter Davis" line, divides "T Tree" from the end of the shore line where "Swan Point Bar" begins, and north of this "Hunter Davis" line has always been recognized as proper dredging ground. Captain Howard, the present commodore of the oyster police, when he was in command of the steamer Governor Thomas, planted a buoy at the end of the "Hunter Davis" line and always recognized the ground to the northward as legal dredging ground. Now, on last Saturday, we, with other dredgers, came on this "T Tree" dredging ground and commenced to dredge. At no time during the day were our vessels south of the "Hunter Davis" line. Captain Stevens brought the police vessel Anna B. Smith on that line between us and "Swan Point Bar" and deliberately fired on the fleet of oyster dredgers for more than an hour, doing great damage to the vessels and endangering the lives of the men. Not a single shot was fired by the dredgers, and the statement that "Buck" Sanford, one of the signers of this letter, knew the police cannon was disabled, is untrue; the further statement that we banded together and attacked the police vessel is equally untrue in every particular. Captain Stevens made no arrests and attempted to make none, but destroyed the rigging and sails of the fleet of boats, so that, for example, the H. R. Price suffered fifty dollars, and the Mark Skinner about twenty dollars damage.

Three weeks ago we brought our claims to the attention of the Governor of the State and were promised that they should be inquired into, and Captain Howard agreed to come down and, if necessary, survey the land, but as yet, though party politics rage in Annapolis, no attention has been given to the matter, much to our loss and danger.

We appeal through your columns to the justice of the community, and ask whether, after paying a license to the State to dredge, and after having, from time immemorial, enjoyed the right to dredge on "T Tree," it is just that the arbitrary decision of a police captain should deprive us of that right, and that, while peacefully pursuing our legitimate calling, we should be fired on, when our names and the numbers of our boats were fully exposed, when he actually sailed alongside of us and spoke to us personally, and when our arrest could be easily affected by information, on warrant, and we could have been punished, according to the due course of the law, if we had been found guilty of crime?

Such a system of police could not endure a day on shore, and surely no more arbitrary rule ought to apply to the waters of the bay.

We have in the past remained silent and endured official wrongs no other class has been subjected to. We have been treated as criminals and denounced in the public press as such, and all but driven outside the pale of the law. We think that the time has come when, if the State licenses us in our employment, we have a right to demand that it at least afford us protection from the ungovernable passion and willful caprice of its police officers.

We are, your obedient servants,

ARTHUR HANSEN,
THOMAS D. GIBBONS,
FREDERICK WALTERS,
BENJAMIN DIXON,
JEFFERSON DAVIS,
CHARLES H. GIBSON, JR.,
BENJAMIN T. MANN,
WILLIAM J. HOWARD,
ARTHUR M ROTEN,
WILLIAM H. SANFORD.

It might be well to state that Jefferson Davis, one of the above signers, is shown by the court records of Kent county, to have been found guilty of a violation of the law and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year and fined $100, and half the others are well known to the courts as having been time and again before the courts for violations of law, and are surely poor representatives of "industrious and law-abiding citizens." Sanford and others of them are notorious oyster pirates.

The dredge boat Jones, now in custody, was several years ago too, spirited away from Rock Hall, taken through the canal to Philadelphia and kept there two years to escape the penalties of a Kent county court sentence.

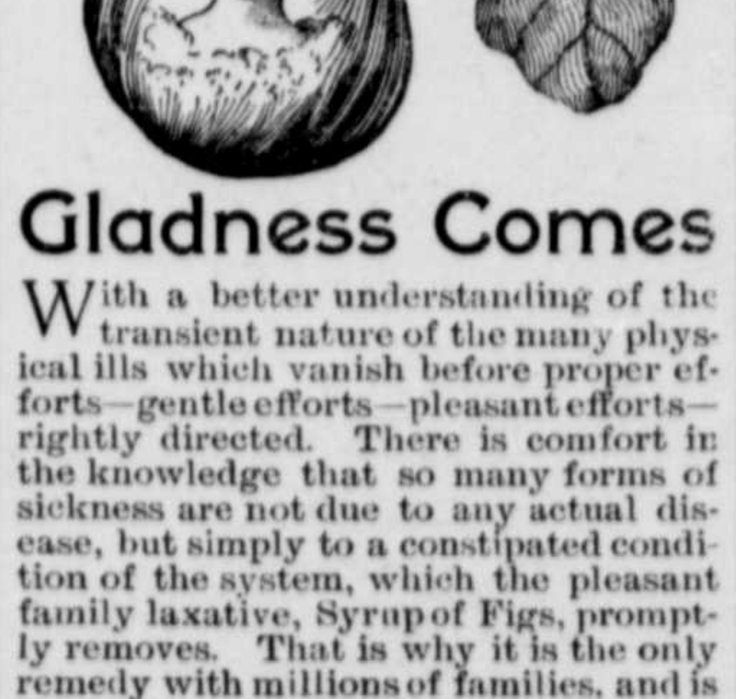
Ex-Comptroller M. DeK. Smith stated yesterday afternoon, that T Tree grounds were closed until about seven years ago, when, as a concession to the dredgers, an order was passed by the board of public works opening it. Following this the violations on Swan Point became so frequent and of such a character as to necessitate its close two years ago. Dredgers in working on the new territory on an ebb tide persistently swept on and in many cases down to the extreme end of Swan Point bar, doing incalculable injury to the oysters and working an injustice to the tongers.

Then, too, it is within the mile and one half of Swan Point, and upon declaring it closed, in order that no misapprehension might result as to boundaries, the lines were buoyed off.

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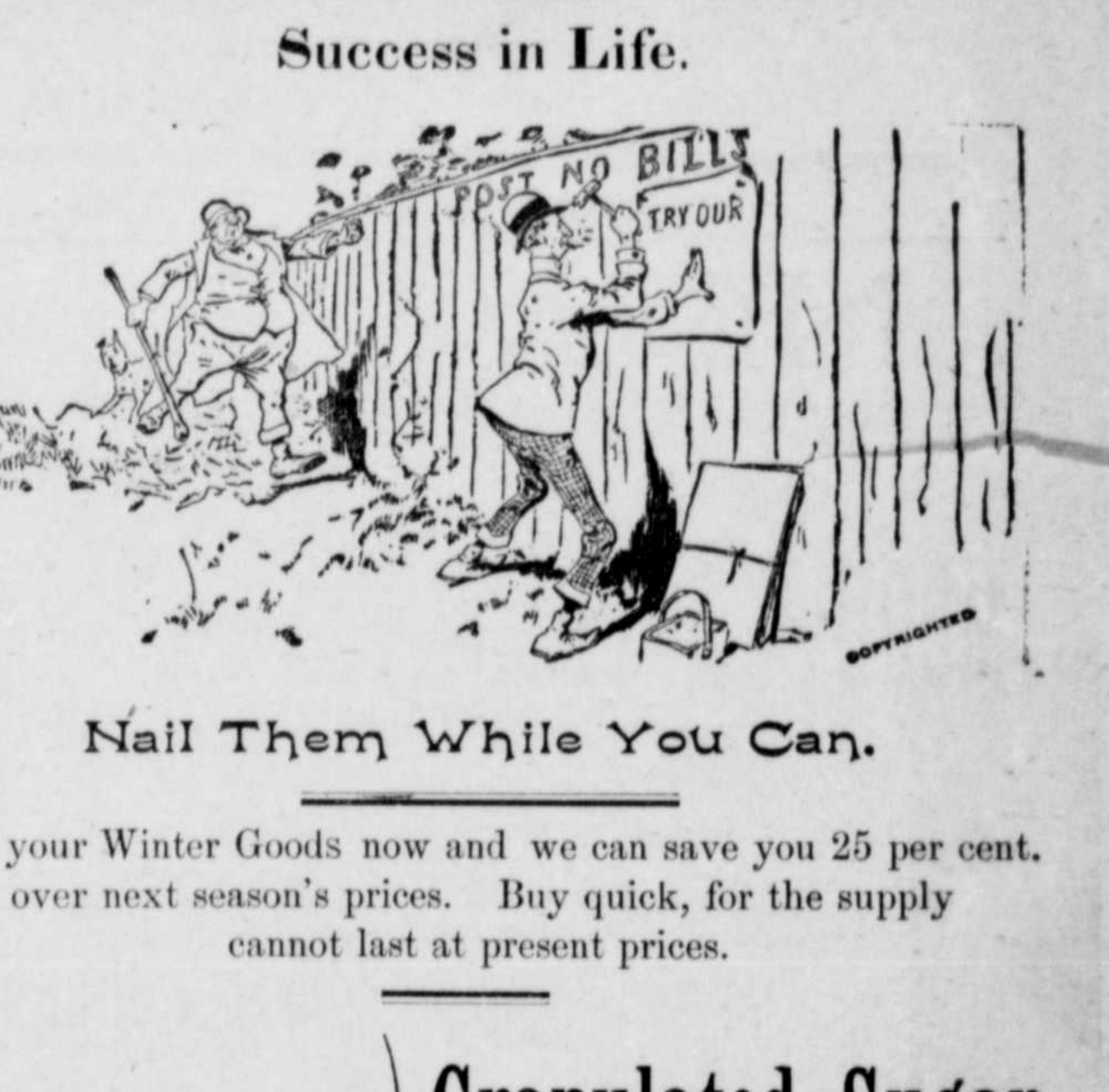
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