The Easton Star.

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1874.

MARKETS.

Corrected from the Baltimore Daily Sun.

BALTIMORE—Saturday, July 4.—Wheat—Prime Maryland red $1 55 Pennsylvania red $1 48. White $1.86.

Corn—Market—White 9c cents; yellow 88 cents. Oats 72 cents. Seeds—Clover, $6.40 per bushel. Timothy, $4.00 per bushel.

Farm Work.

Corn is growing finely.

The wheat is also harvested, and the crop will not be more than an average one.

On Monday, the 29th of June, the thermometer here was up to 96. It has ranged since from 89 to 93.

Capt. Roberts is putting a new roof on and otherwise repairing the gas-house building of the Easton Gas Company, on West street.

The merchants of Easton did not close their stores on the 4th, but all kept open all day, in hopes of reaping a part of the harvest money afloat.

The County Commissioners have fixed the levy on Talbot county for County Tax for the present year at 16 cents on the $100. The State Tax is 20 1-2 cents on the $100.

The Empire Times says that Rev. E. B. Hewerson, of Easton, is to preach the dedicatory sermon in the new M. E. Church, at Mason's Corner, in that county, on Sunday next.

Capt. John T. Ford, of St. Michaels, has been appointed, by the County Commissioners, Master-overseer of the tonnage of scrape boats, in the Choptank river, under the act of 1874, chapter 437.

There has been shipped from this Peninsula the present season 186,760 crates, or 7,470,400 quarts of strawberries. The present season's crop exceeds that of last year by near 5,000,000 quarts.

The widow of Judge Spence, Geo. M. Russell, Samuel A. Graham and Wm. H. W. Farrow are spoken of in connection with the Republican nomination for Congress from the 1st Md. district.

The Comet is now visible to the naked eye in the North West every evening at 9 o'clock. It presents a brilliant appearance with its long denselylighted tail, which attracts a great number of comet gazers.

A trotting match for a purse of $300 took place on Bond Creek Rock road, on the 4th, between Mr. H. Dwight Gibbons' and Dr. William H. Brown's horses, one mile heat, the latter winning.

It seems that honors come thick and fast upon Rev. Dr. A. Pfeiffer, of Smyrna, formerly of Easton. Hardly has Delaware College settled D. D. upon him, when Dickinson College still further honors him with A. M.

Er. J. L. Caldwell, Superintendent of the Md. & Del. Railroad, ran an excursion train to Oxford on the 4th. Many persons went down on the train to witness the regatta and spend the day at this popular place of summer resort.

The Mulligan Guards turned out with torches and music, and waked up the natives before daybreak on Saturday morning, celebrating the 4th. This crowd can make a bigger show on a small capital than any party in the United States and Canada.

The Fair wheat this year has proved a failure in this county. It is proved beyond doubt that it won't stand wet weather. Last year was dry, and it did well. In a favorable season it makes a fine yield, but there is great risk in growing it here.

Already boarders are crowding to Rehoboth Beach, Del. Every room of the Surf House is engaged for the whole of this month. Sleeping mats will be provided for others who may come. The Camp Meeting at Rehoboth will commence next Tuesday.

A heavy thunder storm with hail passed over Easton on Saturday night. It is to be hoped that the rain, which was heavy here, reached all parts of the county, for it was much needed in the upper and lower districts, where the corn has stood was suffering for rain.

Thomas W. Collins was robbed of his pocket-book, a large sum of money, and some valuable papers, in Corey's omnibus, on Saturday night. Some arrests have been made, and the matter was undergoing investigation yesterday afternoon, with what result we did not learn.

Mr. Edward Harrison, of St. Michaels, has a tame mouse in the show window of his store, which daily amuses the passers-by by catching flies. It takes no notice of anything or anybody, but makes for every fly that appears with a celerity that defies escape. It is a first rate fly trap.

Just as we were going to press yesterday afternoon, the streets of Easton were enlivened by a band of music and a parade of colored excursionists from Baltimore, which had just arrived in the steamer Kent. They were genteel looking, and appeared to be enjoying themselves hugely.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in Easton is being repaired. The roots in the rough coating are to be mended, and the exterior and interior of the building repainted. This is one of the handsomest churches on the Eastern Shore, and will literally shine when the front is newly painted and mended, from steeple to basement.

The boys of the Bishop's school gave an interesting exhibition on Thursday evening. The exercises consisted in recitations, declamations and debates, and the boys acquitted themselves handsomely. Their summer vacation commenced with the close of the exhibitionary exercises. The school has increased and prospered greatly during the past year, under the management of Rev. Mr. Turner.

Cadet Lawrence L. Bruff, representing this Congressional district at the West Point Military Academy, is on a visit to his home in St. Michaels, having a two months leave of absence. At the late examination at West Point he ranked No. 5 in a class of 60, which is highly honorable to his talents and industry. He has been two years at the Academy, and will not be entitled to another leave of absence until he graduates, two years hence.

On Tuesday week Mr. Robert Coulby came to Easton suffering so badly with the rheumatism in his shoulder that he could not raise his arm to his head. He was in a pack of trouble about it and thought he would come to Easton the next day, and the use of his arm was a necessity. He did not know what to do. We advised him to get a bottle of Hopkins' Antaigic Liniment and try it, stating that it did not cure him it should cost him nothing. He got a bottle, took it home with him, rubbed his arm twice, was instantly cured, and has had the use of his arm during his entire visit. Mr. Coulby has raised his arm over his head since and it was perfectly well. The way Hopkins' Liniment cures rheumatism, &c., is truly wonderful.

Mr. Thomas Seth Sprigg, the Gazette called attention to the fact that the ditch running through Mr. Molly Dickinson's land, the headwaters at the North-West end of the town, which was cut in 1843 to improve the health of Easton, is filling up, and urged the importance of re-opening the ditch, in order that the stagnant water may be drained. It was suggested that if this job was not attended to, the health of the town might be impaired. The most cordial action of the citizens in this matter, around the section of the Gazette to this matter, which is of vital importance to the town. The only difficulty in the way consists in the fact that the ditch is to be reopened in the suburban and county limits of the town, but we think every person of reason will justify the town authorities in doing this important job, so necessary to our health, although it is outside the town limits. If it is necessary that a petition should be presented to the commissioners, urging them to do the work before they may feel authorized to act, we hope some one will take the trouble of circulating a petition, have it signed, and lay it before the Board, so that the job may be done during the dry weather in August.

ANOTHER DOUBLE BARREL STORE.—Mr. John H. Mason has retained from the firm of Covington & Mason, and Mr. Henry A. Bateman has taken his place. The two stocks have been united, and the firm of Covington & Mason will be the style of the new firm, opening here at Mrs. Obie's late stand. The store will be stocked with groceries, wines, liquors, tobaccos, &c., while the old firm of Covington & Mason will be devoted exclusively to dry goods, notions, &c. The groceries department will be in charge of Mr. Orr, the polite clerk of the late firm of Covington & Mason. The proprietors of the new firm will give their personal attention to the dry goods department. We shall like Messrs. Double-barreled success in their new field in North Thomas street. Their stock is fresh and attractive, and they are sure to do a fine business.

THE FOURTH AT OXFORD.

Oxford is the only one of our oldtime towns which knows how to have honored custom of regularly celebrating the 4th of July. Of late years the manner of celebrating Independence Day has changed. Formerly, the militia of the county, the revolutionary soldiers, the people of the town and all assembled together to commemorate the revolutionary struggle, the battles of the fathers, and the principles of liberty for which they fought. Now, it is usual spring or grove, and spend their time in eating the dinners along the festive board, and dismissing their picnic barbecue. The fathers of Sir Isaac Walton, with angle, line and bait, take to the water and spend the day in drawing the finny tribes from their depths beneath the waves. In short, all now celebrate the day as they like, but none like the old military way of sounding the depths of their patriotism.

The town of Oxford, however, still clings as far as practicable to the customs of their fathers. Instead of her citizens all starting off on a "bust" at sunrise on the 4th, some to the woods and some on the water, with basket or fishing tackle in hand, they publish to the surrounding country that they will only celebrate the 4th, and invite all to come and join them. If the town has soldiers, the soldiers parade the streets, if it has none, any other soldiers are welcome to occupy its parade grounds. If it has a band of music, the band plays "Hail Columbia," "The Star Spangled Banner," and "Yankee Doodle;" if it has none, any other band is privileged to come and play these old patriotic airs. If it has an orator of its own to dilate on the historic glories of the 4th, he is put up, and fires their patriotic hearts by rehearsing the good old songs; if the town has none of its own who is sufficiently inspired by the surroundings, to lift his voice in praise of Washington, Jefferson, Henry, and their compeers of "76," then the field is open for any office-seeker to mount the stump and laud "the times that tried men's souls."

So soon as the Easton steam fire engine arrived, that Oxford for getting up a first class 4th of July, either in the old or new style, or in combining both. Located immediately on the street water, at the mouth of Tred Haven River, with a historical record which few towns of its size can boast; with lots of boats, large and small; a delightful sea breeze, which is health itself, if there is a breeze anywhere; with plenty of ostentatious church people to feed the multitude, in imitation of the Divine founder of Christianity; with ample facilities for bathing, fishing and sailing; with delightful old shade trees overhanging the walks on the river banks; with the sporting-patriotic spirit always running high, Oxford is always ready for the 4th long before it arrives. Even the school children of the town are taught to look forward to this as the greatest day of the year, and the mere mention of it in mid winter will excite them into ecstacies, and make their ears tingle with the sound of fire crackers.

Of late years the Regatta has grown to be the most popular feature of the Oxford 4th of July.—Indeed, a 4th without its Regatta would not be considered any fourth at all. This year more than usual pains were taken to make the regatta interesting. Three beautiful canoe pennants were procured to be distributed as prizes to the fastest, and 2nd and 3rd fastest boats. Ten were entered to contend for the prizes. The morning was almost calm up to 11 o'clock, and people began to doubt whether there would be any race; but at 11 A. M. a breeze came up and by noon old wind was blowing a small gale. Then the "Down Wings" were hauled into line at the Point, under command of Capt. Robt. G. Kinnamon, and all being ready, the two reports from a double barreled gun gave the signal, and away went the canoes. The wind was blowing from the South, dead ahead, as it could blow. The boats were required to sail down the river to, and around the Light House, round the Light House, then return and round a flag boat anchored in the river opposite Oxford wharf, and then return to Capt. Kinnamon's boat where the signal was given for starting. Hundreds of people lined the wharves and shores at the starting, all taking a deep interest in the race. Capt. Wm. Harrison's boat, from St. Michaels, grounded, just as the signal was given to start, and was consequently thrown out of all chance of winning a prize. As the run down to the light house was against the wind, success depended altogether on sailorship where the boats were otherwise equal. Having heard the most popular boat entered, the reporter of the STAR was lead to make inquiry respecting her. She was a prize last year, and was built two years ago by a young man on Tilghman's Island named Covington—the first boat he ever built, and is considered the finest model, as a fast sailor of any canoe in the county. She is now owned by Capt. John Fairbank, of Broad Creek Neck. Capt. James Plummer's boat, the "Wilmer," of St. Michaels, started and kept to the windward of the whole fleet in first crossing the Tred Haven, and was the first to go about; but on the other tack she sailed clear across the river and did not go about again until near the land of Mrs. Emerson. The commander of the "Mollie" made short stretches, and kept out of the tide well under Bennett's Point land, and when the Wilmer reached Bennett's Point, the Mollie was full half a mile ahead of her. At this time, Mr. Nicholas White's boat was third in the race, but fell back fourth in consequence of losing her jib. The other boats were far behind. A long ways ahead of the other boats, the Mollie rounded the light house and spread her sails, with a fair wind, on the home stretch. She ran from the light house to the flag boat in 35 minutes, rounded the flag boat, and was back to Kinnamon's boat before the other boats were opposite to Kinnamon making for the flag boat. When she rounded to that boat Plummer's and Willis' boats are very fair third; it's wonderful how the Mollie could keep from sailing. The other boats came in by order, preserving a good interesting sight. The skiers of the boats, Messrs. Willis, Fleming and Bullock, were awarded as follows: 1st, to the Mollie, of Broad Creek Neck, Capt. John Fairbank; 2nd, to the Wilmer, of St. Michaels, Capt. Plummer; 3rd, to the Three Sisters, of Tilghman Island, from St. Michaels, Capt. John Bentley.—The prizes were awarded as follows: 1st, a handsome flag; 2nd, a handsome ensign; 3rd, a fishing seine. The skiers of the boats, Messrs. Willis, Fleming and Bullock, were awarded as follows: 1st, a handsome flag; 2nd, a handsome ensign; 3rd, a fishing seine. The skiers of the boats, Messrs. Willis, Fleming and Bullock, were awarded as follows: 1st, a handsome flag; 2nd, a handsome ensign; 3rd, a fishing seine.

READING OF ERNEST SMITH'S DEATH WARRANT.

Chief Judge Stirling signed the death warrant of Ernest Smith, the negro boy convicted in Talbot county, and sentenced to be hung at or before two o'clock P. M., on the 7th of August, on Wednesday. Sheriff Fitzgerald read the document to the prisoner in the presence of a large number of invited spectators. After the visitors had been seated in the Sheriff's front parlor, the tall, stalwart Sheriff brought in Willis, chained to him in an impressive manner the nature of the duty he was about to perform, and then read in a clear and distinct voice the death warrant as follows:

Warrant of Execution.

State of Maryland, Talbot county, to-wit:

Whereas, Ernest Smith, colored, was convicted in the Circuit Court for Talbot county, at May Term in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, of rape; and whereas, the said Court ordered and adjudged him to be hung by the neck until he be dead.

Now, therefore, these are to will and require as also charge and command you that at or before the hour of two o'clock P. M., on Friday, the seventh day of August, A. D. 1874, you take the said Ernest Smith (colored) from your prison, and him safely convey to the gallows in the county aforesaid, and place of the execution of malefactors, and then and there upon said gallows hang (by the neck) by the hands and be dead. For all of which this shall be your sufficient power and authority.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, on the fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-seventh. By the Governor.

[Seal.] JAMES BLACK GROOME.

R. C. HOLLYDAY, Secretary of State.

After the reading was concluded, the Sheriff addressed the prisoner on the futility of his expecting a pardon, and the certainty of his execution on the 7th of August, and exhorted him to make preparation to die, as his time was short. At the conclusion of the Sheriff's address, Rev. B. W. Newman, of the M. E. Church, who was present, offered up a fervent prayer in behalf of the prisoner, after which the spectators dispersed. Smith looked very serious during the reading of the death warrant, but betrayed no emotion, but was much impressed by the address of the Sheriff and the prayer of Mr. Newman, shedding a profusion of tears. He did not speak to anybody present. After the ceremony was over, he was taken back to his cell and locked up. Singular to say, the colored people here seem to take very little interest in the fate of the unfortunate boy.

[COMMUNICATED.]

The M. E. Sabbath School Harvest Home.

MR. EDITOR:—According to announcement from the Pulpit and in the Star, the Sabbath School of the M. E. Church of Easton, spent the Fourth in McNeal's woods. It was a Harvest Home indeed—a festive occasion to every one. All seemed to enter into the spirit of the day—the brightest day that ever dawned on the soil we tread. They cast off the fetters of care in imitation of their grand old sires, who nearly a hundred years ago rose up in their strength, declaring and appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of their intentions, "That these United Colonies are, and of a right ought to be, free and independent States—and cast off all the tyrants chains! If you had been with us on the fourth, we should have seen that we would obtener one victory on the never-to-be forgotten face.

You know that when you look at the stars in heaven you see them twinkle. We term their twinkling smiles. There are *many* smiles 'tis said, but we will be content if the *Star* will sometimes smile.) We repeat, sir, that you would have smiled and been exceedingly happy if you had come out to the Harvest Home. And there is no prettier place for such a festival than the place where it was held. Standing under the shadow of its majestic trees and drinking of its sparkling water, you imagined how the children of Israel felt, when leaving Marah, or place of bitter waters, "they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water and threescore and ten palm trees, and they encamped there by the waters." A fitting name for the place where to spend such happy hours would be Elim, or place of Shade Trees and many springs of water. During this school many a goodly number of the friends of the school came to the Harvest and the surrounding country, and shared in the festive scene. And the Devil thought As would come. He will keep the Fourth of July you know, as well as St. Patrick's day, like all good Catholics, and other patriotic people: for be it known that the Devil has patriotism enough to shut up shop to go where duty louder calls. And thinking his presence at the pic-nic an imperative duty —that he could not fulfill his obligations as an American citizen to the nation's natal day unless he or some one of his minions were present in every place, he came to the Harvest Home—came in style—in a liveried Jenny Lind, the strength of which he tested against a tree; the tree he it said did not move an inch, but Jenny did. We thought the trio, that is, the Smith and his friend of fame, and other friend, Mr. Majesty Below, had better come than to think for a moment that one of those giant oaks would bow to their behests and step aside, but we were mistaken, and so were they. The splinter-bar of Jenny Lind would not consent to bedevil so much as a Bishop Extensive, let alone the tree, but caved in; and it would have made Peumell Coombe shake in his shoes to see how the boys and Old Alcohol came down. But avaunt to the Devil and all his myrmidons! His coming and catastrophe was all that tended to mar the pleasure of the day.

We returned before the storm, and hope that the members and friends of the M. E. Sabbath School will favor many with an invitation to share in a Harvest Home, and that all may be as pleasant as the first. Its success was due for the most part to the energy of the officers and especially the ladies of the school, who with their efficient Superintendent, seemed to anticipate every wish and cater to every taste. The Pastor was on hand as usual, with "a happy greeting to all."

We say of the school of the M. E. Church what should be said of the Star Spangled Banner: "Long may it wave!"

DELTA.

Deaths.

About the last of June, SARAH ELIZA, and CATHARINE JOANNA, twin babes of Samuel S. and Annie Stewart, aged 5 months and 4 days.

On the 29th inst., at Easton, at the residence of her father, Mrs. VIRGINIA HAMMEROND, youngest daughter of Benj. H. and S. Anna Hambleton, aged one year and three days.

The friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral, at the residence of her father, on Bowly's, in Easton, this (Tuesday) afternoon at 5 o'clock.

WANTED.

A white woman to take charge of the situation will receive information from Lloyd Saunders, Secretary, relative to the pay and duties.

EDWARD LLOYD, President.

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HANDA JOLL.

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CHARLES BATEMAN,

ATTORNEY-at-LAW, Easton, Md.

POSTPONED

Trustee's Sale.

UNDER and in virtue of a Deed of Trust from Isaac H. Henry and wife, bearing date on the fifth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and recorded in Liber J. B., No. 79, folio 362 one of the Land Record books of Talbot county, the undersigned, as Trustee, will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, in front or the Court House, in the town of Easton,

TUESDAY, 16th DAY OF JUNE, 1874,

between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock P. M., ALL THAT

VALUABLE FARM

OR

TRACT OF LAND,

IN

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whereon Isaac H Henry lately resided, called and known as

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The soil is good. It responds gratefully to efforts to increase its fertility, and as the farm has abundant resources for this purpose may be made very productive.

The Dwelling House

is commodious and substantial.

THE OUT-BUILDINGS

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A Small Peach Orchard

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CHARLES BATEMAN,

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HENRY & GOLDSBOROUGH.

Public Local Law

Passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at the January Session, 1874.

(CHAPTER 437.)

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Talbot and Dorchester counties to lease certain oyster grounds, with drains, creeks or ravines in the waters of the Choptank river.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county shall, on the first Monday in October, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and every ten years thereafter, and at such other time as the County Commissioners of Talbot county may by resolution request, in addition to the duties now required of him by law, make out a list of all the oyster grounds in the waters of Talbot county, lying between Black Walnut Point and Wade's Point, which have been surveyed and staked out by the Surveyor of the county, or his deputy, and returned to the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, and shall also