THE EASTON STAR.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1888.

Items of Local Interest.

Visit Gootee's Restaurant, Dover st.

The best cigars for sale at Hayward & Bro's., druggists.

You can get all flavors and varieties of Taffies at Gootee's.

A splendid line of Cakes, Candies, Nuts and Fruits at Gootee's, Dover street.

The price of rubber remains very firm. One would think that it would be elastic.

A splendid meal any hour served at Gootee's Ladies' and Gents' Restaurant, Dover street.

It is a fact that Gootee can put up the finest box of Candy in Easton. Always and fresh.

A law preventing the intemperate hoarding of wealth might prevent money from becoming tight.

A board of trade will be organized at Salisbury in a few days. All of the leading merchants are interested.

Gov. Jackson has fixed upon April 27th as the date for the execution of Biscoe, Capt. Dixon's murderer.

One firm in Milford has two vessels under contract, one 550 tons and the other 600 tons. They are both designed for the Southern trade.

The Steamer Emma Giles is now running on Miles river, making round trips from Baltimore and Easton and return every Tuesday and Saturday.

Mr. John W. Todd has opened a new restaurant on Dover street, and is prepared to furnish any kind of a meal, including oysters in all styles, beef steaks, &c. He can supply oysters in any quantity; family supplies a specialty.

Harry B. Elston claims to be the brag cutter of the Eastern Shore, having learned the art under the first tailor of New York, and all his work is made in the best and most fashionable style. Shop opposite the M. E. Church in Easton. Call and leave your measure and try him.

The Maltby House is conveniently located for all persons visiting Baltimore by steamers from the Eastern Shore or elsewhere. It is also desirably situated in the business portions of the city. Meals can be obtained upon the European plan. The comfort of guests carefully looked after.

A prudent man, "according to Hoyle," Fer cut, and bruise, and burn and boil. Will use at once Salvation Oil.

"Never was heard such a terrible curse," as the man got off about his stubborn cold. Could it be possible that he lived in civilization and had not heard of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup! Let him take the old reliable; and stop swearing. Price 25 cents.

The value of an egg may seem a trifle when compared with that of a bushel of wheat; but the egg importations of England range up in the millions. Nearly 100,000,000 foreign eggs are required every month to supply the English market. Nearly $15,000,000 are annually paid for the eggs imported into the country. According to the best calculations, the average consumption is 100 eggs annually for each inhabitant. Poultry raisers demand protection for the British hen, and Gladstone himself is said to be wrestling with the problem as to how best to encourage her.

Petitions are in circulation in Cecil county asking the Legislature at the present session *to pass a law submitting to the voters of* Cecil county at the election for Congressman in November next, the question of retaining the present prohibition law or of substituting for it a high license law. Some of the petitions have already received numerous signatures. The present prohibitory law was selected by the voters of the county at the congressional election in 1886, receiving 213 votes more than the proposed high license law. The prohibitory law in force when the present one was adopted was passed in 1880 by a majority of 1,674.

In complaining of the advance of fare to four cents a mile on the Queen Anne's & Kent railroad, the Centreville Observer says: The fare to Baltimore on the steamers is only $1 for the round trip, and it is not reasonable to suppose that an imposition like the one inaugurated on the railroad will be fostered by the patronage of the people. A gentleman who lives in the upper part of the county, and who travels over the road to a considerable extent, said in our presence not long ago, if the road pursued the course it had inaugurated he would drive to Centreville rather than be imposed upon by the railroad, and he voiced the sentiment of many persons who used to take the train when they desired to visit the country town. Let the imposition be persisted in and the company will find their revenues decreasing each month. The people will not submit to be imposed upon, and the railroad company will realize it sooner or later.

At one of the churches in Kent county recently, the pastor was taking a collection for some benevolent purpose, and he urged all present to contribute as much as their means would allow. A young man in the audience, accompanied by his best lady, neglected to put some change in his pocket, and became deeply mortified and nervous as the collector neared him. He saw the lady take a penny from her glove finger. All of a sudden his countenance brightened up, as he remembered he had an old monogram, made from a ten-cent piece, in his pocket, which he hurriedly pulled forth and placed in the collection plate, monogram down. The following morning he was deeply worried about what had become of the monogram when asked for it, as it belonged to a lady friend. He heard during the day that some one had accidently put a monogram in the church collection, and, with smiling face, he went to the pastor and explained the mistake and redeemed the piece, much to the great pleasure of the parson.

The Cambridge Democrat and News of Saturday last says: If there is a line anywhere between the grounds of scrapers and tongers that urgently needs police protection it is the one stretching from Cambridge to the Bowdle House in Talbot. At present it is far removed from the regular beat of any police boat and at this end is Cambride harbor always filled with scrapers anxious for oysters and not always particular as to how or where they get them. If the wind blows a gale the waters above Cambridge are smooth, admitting of work. If a fine dredging breeze prevails, they are near so that no time is lost in reaching them. If the steamer or sloop comes up the river, which is very seldom, the waters are left unprotected at the mouth of the Choptank, and the violators up here are caught in a trap. On Tuesday of this week the usual fleet of about thirty scrapers went on unchecked the greater part of the day. Late in the evening the police sloop came up the river, but she was seen afar off, and by the time she reached the scene of illegal dredging, part of the fleet was in Cambridge harbor and the balance was scattered and stored away in creeks and coves from Cambridge to Denton. Let us have a police boat on this line. The great number of tongers demand it, and scrape boat owners want it.

Go to Hayward & Bro's. for a good cigar.

A big snow storm passed over this section yesterday.

March came in like a lamb. Look out for the lion.

Politeness pays in a cow-stable: A gentle man gets more milk than a harsh man.

The registration and election bill reported in the State Senate, will come up for discussion to-day.

The Mallalieu mills which have been idle for some months, are undergoing repairs, and will be put in operation soon by gentlemen from New York.

Judge Stump's report of his decision as published in the Baltimore Sun, differs materially from the report of his decision given in the Easton Gazette and Baltimore American. Which is the most accurate report? Can Tylor tell which is right, the Gazette or the Judge?

An infant son of Frank Draine, of Wilmington, was instantly killed last Monday morning by its mother falling down a flight of stairs with the child in her arms. The little one's skull was crushed. It was six months old. Mrs. Draine was severely cut and bruised by the fall, which was caused by her catching her foot in the carpet.

Caroline county has incorporated a mining company. This company has its headquarters in Philadelphia. Benjamin House, of Greensborough, is one of the prime movers in starting the enterprise, and now that he has secured the attention of Philadelphia capitalists, work will be pushed at once. It is said that the Caroline mines will yield several hundred thousand tons of iron ore.

At a meeting of the members of Calvary M. P. Church held on last Thursday night, Mr. John Mason was elected a delegate to attend the next general conference which convenes in Baltimore April 4th, and Mr. A. A. Hughes his alternate. By a unanimous vote the delegate was instructed to apply for the return of their pastor, Rev. F. T. Little, for his sixth year. He voted to defeat the democratic ticket last year. Let him slide.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has advanced the price of fare on the Maryland and Delaware divisions of the road from 3 to 4 cents per mile. It will cost now over $4 to go to Baltimore by rail from Easton. This amounts virtually to a prohibition. People will not pay it when they can go to Baltimore in a steamboat for 75 cents. Those who object to traveling in a night boat, can take the Emma Giles in the day time at the same price.

The Maryland Steamboat Company is said to have turned its small package business over to the Adams' Express Co. This is a bad arrangement for the Maryland Steamboat Company, if true, as the express company charges three or four times as much expressage as the steamboat company charges freight, on small packages, and of course the result of this contract will be to drive most of the small package business over to its rival, the Choptank Steamboat Company.

St. Michaels Items.

After several months of isolation from Maryland's metropolis, of the citizens of St. Michaels, the Tolchester Steamboat Company started the Emma Giles on the Miles River route on Saturday last, with the assurance, that it will not be abandoned. The president of the company, with commendable courtesy, added a free excursion from the town to Miles River wharf and Tunis Mills and back, which was availed of by scores of people. The addition of a free lunch still more captivated the passengers, who all vowed to stand by the Emma Giles

On nearing home the guests called an impromptu meeting, the Rev. W. B. Walton occupying the chair, when on motion of Prof. W. S. Crouse, principal of the St Michaels High School, the following resolutions were unanimously and heartily passed:

WHEREAS, the people of St. Michaels have through the kindness of the officers of the "Emma Giles" and the courtesy of the Tolchester Steamboat Company, enjoyed a very pleasant excursion and lunch; therefore,

Resolved that we, the recipients of the favor, by these resolutions, express our appreciation of the courtesy and convey to the company our earnest desire that its enterprise shall meet the success it merits.

Resolved, that copies be furnished the press of the county for publication.

During the present month but two trips will be made a week, Tuesday and Saturdays, afterwards the Louise assuming the Totchester route the Giles trips will be increased to three trips a week. She lands at the Dodson pier on Navy Point. A petition of leading business men has been forwarded to the Postoffice Department asking that the Company may contract to carry the mail between here and Baltimore.

Mr. H. C. Dodson, member of the House of Delegates was detained at home all last week by sickness, but is now much better.

The Baltimore & Eastern Shore Railroad.

Those managing the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad, having obtained the right of way through Wicomico, Dorchester and Caroline counties for a mere song, now threaten through the Baltimore Sun, to divert the northern terminus from Bay Hundred to Kent Island, unless the land owners of Bayside will grant the right of way on the same terms as have been granted by the land holders of the lower counties. This is unjust to the Talbot land owners. Most of the land the road passes through in Caroline, Dorchester, and Wicomico counties is comparatively worthless, whereas, the line of the road in Talbot runs through some of the best farms in the county, cutting them very badly. It is not to be expected that the owners of these Bayside farms will give their land for nothing under these circumstances. If the road is going to be all that is promised, it will be a big thing, and will be abundantly able to pay for the right of way, and should not expect to be allowed to cut and carve small but highly improved farms to suit its purposes for nothing. If it needs the land, it should pay for it what it is worth. It it ruins a farm, it ought to pay equitable damages. And we do not blame the Bayside land owners for contending for their rights.

A Case of Poisoning.

Jim Blackwell, a negro boy about 15 yrs. old, was before justice Nicols last Saturday morning, and committed to jail in two cases, one for stealing money, and one for poisoning, to answer at the May term of court. Jim hires to Mr. Carl Engerman, at Taverner's woods. Sunday, the 26th of February, he stole $2 81 from Mr. Engerman, acknowledged the theft, and agreed to repay the money out of his wages. Last Saturday morning he poisoned Mr. Engerman and his son, by putting Paris Green in their coffee at breakfast. He acknowledged this crime also. Year before last Jim lived with Mr. J. Thomas Kirby, and was driven off for stealing chickens. Major Stewart appeared for the State and Col. Mullikin for the prisoner. Deputy sheriff Grace escorted the youth over to the jail.

Death of Mr. James B. Elliott.

Mr. James B. Elliott, tenant on Mr. J. F. Turner's farm, on Choptank river, died last Friday night, leaving a widow and ten children. Mr. Elliott died of cerebro-spinal meningitis. He was an industrious, hard working farmer, and much sympathy is felt for his family.

PUBLIC BUSINESS.

County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday and continued hearing appeals and making transfers and abatements.

Several county pensioners were paid, a number of supervisors bonds were approved, and sundry accounts passed and paid.

Friday, March 2nd, The Board met again and closed up the business of appeals, the time for making transfers, March 1st, having expired.

Two supervisors bonds were approved.

Col. Thomas Hughlett, clerk of the circuit court for Talbot county, petitioned the Board for new locks for his vaults.

The Commissioners visited the Point Road, made an examination of the part to be widened, and concluded to employ hands and have the work done by the day.

Orphans' Court

The orphans court met on Tuesday, February 28th, and admitted to probate the last will and testament of Wilmot Kirby.

George E Howarth, Executor of Levi Howarth, passed his final account.

Charles E. Shanahan, adm. of Emily J. Smith, passed his final account.

E. H. Roe, guardian to Samuel E, Henry C., Margaret and Ivy Scott, passed his 4th account with each.

The last will and testament of Benjamin L. Ward was admitted to probate.

Aaron Lucas was appointed administrator of Christian Newman.

George W. Cunningham, of Baltimore, was appointed guardian to his infant children, Marie and Nellie R. Cunningham.

Capt. C. R. Leonard, guardian to Arriana, Leonidas M. and Mary W. Leonard, passed his 7th account with each.

Officers of the Talbot County Fair Association.

The new board of Directors of the Talbot County Fair Associations met in Easton last Tuesday and organized for business for the ensuing year, by electing the following officers:

President, Col. F. Carroll Goldsborough; Vice-President, Col. Edward Lloyd; Secretary, Charles R. Wooters, Esq; Treasurer, Frank H. Nickerson, Esq.

The officers are the same as last year except the secretary.

Having made arrangements to leave the county, Col. Robert Hough, the late secretary, declined a reelection as Director, and of course that meant that he could no longer serve the association as secretary: He has proved a most competent and efficient officer, and it is a matter of universal regret that he cannot serve the association any longer. It is believed that Mr. Charles R. Wooters, his successor, possesses the qualifications to make a popular and efficient secretary, and he has the best wishes of every stockholder for his success.

Col. F. C. Goldsborough has made a most excellent President, developing qualifications for the office not surpassed by those of the President of any agricultural association in the State. His policy has been a liberal one, and it has been crowned by signal success. It is to be hoped that President Goldsborough may be as successful this year as he was last.

There was a report that Mr. Nickerson could not accept the office of Treasurer again, but his election with his consent sets that matter at rest. The association has a good board of officers for the ensuing year.

Bozman Items.

Quarterly meeting was held in Bozman M. E. Chapel, last week. A board of Stewards was elected, and the Pastor, Rev. D. Golly, was paid in full.

On Sunday last, a valuable colt, belonging to Mr. James Harrison, was kicked in the eye by a horse, and it is thought that it will loose the sight of that eye.

Several farmers of Broad Creek Neck have lost a number of sheep with a disease called Blind Staggers.

The oystermen here are having their harvest. Five or six large vessels have been loaded this week in Broad and Harris creeks, and "the cry is still they come."

A petition is in circulation here to the Board of Public Works, for the appointment of Capt. Thomas F. Bridges as deputy commander of the Oyster Police Sloop for the Choptank River. A better selection could not be made, as he would give general satisfaction.

A number of citizens met at Bozman Hall, Feb. 26th, and decided to celebrate their daily mail service with an old fashioned Eastern Shore supper, to be held on the evening of March 15th. Tickets of invitation will be issued to about fifty guests.

In the far-off future—a public library.

Now is the Time to be Vaccinated.

Dr. C. W. Chancellor, secretary of the State board of health, has been receiving notices lately of the occurrence of small-pox in different States of the Union. Although not epidemic, except in California, this seems to be a year of its widespread distribution, it having been reported since January 1st, 1888, in Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Tennessee, Louisiana and California. In Cuba the disease is prevailing with great mortality, 6,000 deaths having occurred since the 1st of June, 1887. Vaccination and revaccination, Dr. Chancellor states, are preventives of small-pox, and if people keep thoroughly protected in this way no epidemic of the disease can occur. Now is the time for those who have not been vaccinated or revaccinated within the last five years to take this precaution.—Baltimore Sun.

A Vote of Thanks.

At a regular meeting held by Star of the East Lodge, No. 106, Knights of Pythias, on the 28th day of February, 1888, the following resolution was upon motion unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that Star of the East Lodge, No. 106, Knights of Pythias, tender a vote of thanks to the ladies who helped in the making of our handsome carpet and otherwise assisting the committee which have been the means of beautifying and adorning our new Castle Hall; and

Resolved, that the foregoing resolution be spread upon the records of the Lodge and published in the newspapers of the town of Easton.

By order of the Lodge,
C. H. LEONARD, C. C.
W. J. Benny, K. of R. and S.

Lumber—Samuel Burns & Co., Baltimore.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Samuel Burns & Co., 310 Light Street Wharf, Baltimore, which appears regularly in our columns. This old established and responsible firm have been favorably known to the people of this county for many years past as reliable and fair dealing business men. They keep constantly on hand a very large and carefully selected stock of Lumber, Sash, Doors, Blinds &c which they offer at very low prices, and those who are in need of Building Material would do well to see or write them before purchasing. They do a very large business and give prompt attention to all customers and correspondence.

A Card to the Public.

I take this method of informing my friends and the public generally, that I have this day entered the store of Mr. Thomas C. Nicols as salesman, where I shall be pleased to meet all those with whom I have heretofore had business relations.

THOMAS H. TRIPPE.

Easton, March 1, 1888.

State Prison Labor.

Mr. Joyce, of Baltimore city, has presented in the House a preamble and joint resolutions relating to the Maryland penitentiary, as follows:

"Whereas it is universally conceded that convicts should be employed at some useful labor, and at the present time the convict labor problem is, briefly stated, how shall convicts be employed in useful labor without unduly competing with labor outside of penal institutions, either in the wages of labor or in the price of products; and whereas there is at present considerable agitation against the system of contract convict labor as existing in the State penitentiary: Therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a commission, to be appointed by the Governor under a joint resolution of this Assembly, to inquire into the question of removing the State penitentiary, be also instructed to investigate the system of letting out to private contractors the labor of convicts in the penal and reformatory institutions of this State, and to report in print to the next session of the General Assembly upon the following subjects:

"1. The effect of said system upon the general industries of the State.

"2. The effect of said system upon the interests of free labor.

"3 The effect of this system upon the reformation of the convict.

"4. What advantages, if any, the products of prison labor have over other manufactures in the matter of profits and cheapness of labor.

"5. The effect of any prison contract upon the particular kind or kinds of goods mentioned in said contract

"6. The feasibility of abolishing the contract system and substituting therefor some other, whereby the profit shall not go to the private contractor, but to the State.

"7. And such other points not here enumerated as will give said committee full statistics and information upon the subject mentioned.

"And be it further resolved, That in order that the full spirit and intent hereof shall be attained, said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers in this State, and to examine persons under oath, and all expenses attending such examination of this commission upon subjects herein named shall not exceed $500."

This paper is similar to a series of resolutions adopted by the Massachusetts Legislature on the same subject. When it comes up there will be a more serious discussion of the State prison question than has yet taken place. The directors of the penitentiary have prepared a brief printed statement, at the instance of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, in which they say that a disturbance of the existing labor system would be deplorable in more directions than in the one of financial loss. It is a source of profound and painful regret to them that neither of the committees of the House of Delegates which have reported bills to abolish or regulate the labor of this institution have in any way consulted its board of directors in relation to the proposed legislation.—Baltimore Sun.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Robert B. Dixon has been elected Vice-President of the Easton National Bank.

Mr. I. D. Clark having resigned as a Director of the Easton National Bank, Mr. George H. Jenkins has been elected a Director to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Clark's resignation.

Mr. Philip S. Reed of Easton, has purchased several town lots in the town of Anniston, Alabama. By the terms of purchase he has to build on them in a given length of time. Capt. Edward Roberts has been figuring for Mr. Reed the probable cost of the buildings.

Right Rev. Wm. F. Adams, Bishop of Easton, preached at St. Mark's church, Baltimore city, last Sunday morning, and at St. Paul's church in the evening.

Rev. B S. Highley, Editor of the Talbot Times preached at the Southern M. E. Church in Easton last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H Barton, Jr., returned to Easton last Thursday evening from their wedding tour North.

Mrs. Gov. Thomas arrived home Saturday evening from Baltimore, where she has been spending the winter.

The Soul of a Goose! and Billy Bowleg's Soul.

TUNIS, March 3rd, 1888.

MR. EDITOR:—Please tell me something of Pythagoras, his opinions and his teachings. L. E.

[Pythagoras was a Grecian Philosopher. (It is not recorded that he introduced the Grecian bend) He taught the doctrine of the transmigration of souls, and that birds and beasts as well as some men had souls; not a metamorphosis, but the passing of the soul into another body; for example, if he ever heard of a very "silly fellow" editing a newspaper, he would have said, there was the transmigration of the soul of a "goose."

If one of this generation was found in possession of certain traits and qualities that characterized one of a former generation, according to the opinion of Pythagoras there would have been a transmigration of the soul of the latter into the body of the former: thus if Billy Bowlegs was possessed of a crooked nature, if he was passionately enamored of colored people and loved to deck them in gorgeous array and beautify them with pretty bits or red, if he was cunning and treacherous and loved to scalp white people; if these traits and qualities were found in possession of man or beast, Pythagoras would have said there was a transmigration, a passing of the soul of Billy Bowlegs into such man or beast.—EDITOR.]

What in Thunder Can This Mean?

The Baltimore Sun reports that Senator Tunis, of this county, has reported a bill in the Senate, providing for the sale of the Police Steamer Gov. Hamilton, and the building of two sail vessels for the police force, one to be stationed at the mouth of the Great Choptank river; one at Sharp's Island Narrows—Poplar Island Narrows is probably the place—Talbot and Dorchester counties to pay the expense of the boats assigned to the waters of those counties. If Senator Tunis supports any such bill as this, he will misrepresent the people of this county. The oysters in the waters of Talbot are entitled to the same protection at the expense of the State as the oysters of other counties, and the STAR offers its protest against the passage of any bill that proposes to saddle Talbot county with the expense of any police boat that may be assigned to Sharp's Island narrows. We know very well that if the Senator from Talbot county asks that his county be saddled with the expense, the legislature will be apt to grant it; but if Senator Tunis will consult his constituents, he will find them opposed to being taxed for any such purpose. We may have occasion to recur to this subject again.

Advertised Letters.

Letters remaining in Post-Office, Easton, March 3, 1888.

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

Bannan, Chas. H.	Moore, Mrs. Sallie
Dawson, Marion	Miller, Thos.
Green, Robt. H.	Price, Wilson
Harrison, H.	Pulley, Washington
Johnson, Mrs. Annie (2)	Spence, Ella H.
Kelley, L. M.	Smith, Mary Francis (2)
Maull, Mrs. Annie	

JAS. H. COVINGTON, Postmaster.

The Sugar Trust and the Remedy.

The investigation of the Sugar Trust is undergoing at the hands of the New York Senate law committee must tend to prepare the public mind for a large reduction of the duty on refined sugars, if not for radical legislation against all such artificial monopolies. The trust, since its formation on December 1, 1887, has absorbed, it was admitted, all the large refineries in the United States, except one in Boston, one in Philadelphia and two in San Francisco. It holds the property of the absorbed refineries, having issued therefor certificates to the amount of over $45,000,000, which entitle the holder to a share of the trust's profits. These certificates represent, according to Mr. H. O. Havemeyer, a member of the trust, not the par value of the stock of the refining firms and companies, but three or four times as much. The profit obtained by holders of the certificates, thus inflated, we learn from another source, is twelve per cent. This much remains after deducting the losses incurred in closing up six refineries with a view to restricting production and maintaining prices, and the further losses sustained in underselling refiners who were to be forced into the trust or driven out of business. As the trust has succeeded in three months in advancing the price of refined sugar over 1½ cents a pound, and such an advance, in view of the amount consumed in the United States, means an increased profit yearly of many millions, it is evident that the 'combine' must soon have a good surplus laid away somewhere, in addition to its declared profits. Mr. Havemeyer is of opinion that the trust is a blessing to the country, and particularly to the laboring element, but as its policy is to raise prices by curtailing production, and thereby throwing workingmen out of employment, it is difficult to see where either the workingman or the consumer is to profit by its operations. The testimony of Mr. Sierck, of the Moller & Sierck Refining Company, was to the effect that his firm had built a refinery costing $210,000 merely to get taken into the trust, and that since they were taken in their refinery had been closed and their workmen discharged, though the profits continued on as before. It is held by some lawyers that this action of Moller & Sierck was an abuse of the company's charter, and lays that company open to legal proceedings. The trust itself, it is held, may be vanquished by proceedings looking to the forfeiture of the charters of the various companies whose functions it has wrongfully assumed. Other authorities hold, on the other hand, that trusts are not subject to the law of corporations, and in their operations violate no law. Nor can any law be devisee to prevent their formation, so long as it is possible for men to make and abide by intangible verbal agreements to manage their business in a particular way. But their opportunities can be taken away and their collapse effected by lowering the high tariff wall under cover of which they operate. For the benefit of the Louisiana sugar grower there is a tariff of 1 40 cents on unrefined sugars, but upon refined sugars the duties are 2 75, 3 and 3 60 cents per pound, according to grade. These duties protect the trust from the competition of foreigners while engaged in plucking the native consumer. By reducing largely these almost prohibitive duties Congress can, at one stroke, destroy the sugar trust and cheapen to the people an article of universal consumption And, while it is at it, Congress will do well to administer a like fatal blow to all the other trusts that are plundering the people under shelter of the tariff walls.—Baltimore Sun.

What the Figures Show.

There is a all-pervasive silence among republican newspapers over the 'cheerful republican prospects this year,' which Blaine referred to in his Florence letter when he ran away from the 'prospects.' It is, perhaps, to be explained by the fact that this year's political almanacs have reached the newspaper offices, but have not yet reached Mr. Blaine. Here is what they show, taking pluralities in 1884 and in 1886 or 1887, the last year in which the States respectively held a State election being chosen:

	Plu., 1884.	Plu., 1886-7.	
15 dem. States	432,208	693,223	Inc. 161,015
15 rep. States	Plu., 1884. 384,733	Plu., 1886-7. 285,332	Dec. 99,401

Three States—California, Oregon and Rhode Island—gave republican pluralities in 1884, and have since given democratic pluralities. Indiana at its last State election gave a republican plurality. Here are the figures for those States:

	Rep. Plu., 1884.	Dem. Plu., 1886-7.	Dem. gain.
1 changing States	15311	556	15,867

Three States—Florida, Louisiana and West Virginia—have held no general elections since 1884, and Virginia increased its democratic plurality from 6,141 in 1884 to 16,084 in 1885. The totals given up show the following aggregate results:

Democratic gains	281,015
Republican Losses	99,401
Democratic gain and republican losses	15 867
Total democratic gain	376,283

In other words, three years of President Cleveland's administration finds the democratic party nearly 400,000 votes stronger than it was when it assumed government.—Albany Argus.

St. Nicholas for March, 1888.

The frontispiece is an exquisite engraving of 'Babie Stuart,' by T. Johnson, from Van Dyck's well known painting. The first article, 'An Ancient Haunt of Pirates,' contains an interesting description of a journey through the little known region where the celebrated Lafittes, Pierre and Jean, carried on their privateering. The trip was taken by Eugene V Smalley, and the artist, E W. Kemble, and the latter has made many characteristic drawings illustrating his companion's account of the trip. Ernest E. Thompson has contributed a novel and attractive paper showing what a naturalist may read from 'Tracks in the Snow,' and the tracks are reproduced so that the readers may draw conclusions for themselves. Helen Campbell tells an amusing story of 'The Hobart Treasure,' and shows how treasures may be hidden where least expected. Frank R Stockton, in the 'Personally Conducted' series, gives his impressions of 'The People We Meet' abroad, and H. A. Ogden draws pictures of them. John Dimitry, in 'Onatoga's Sacrifice,' recounts a legend based upon Indian traditions of a terrible man-eating bird, a carving of which was formerly upon a cliff near Alton, Illinois.

The Dredging Boats of the State.

Comptroller Baughman, in response to an order of the Senate, has sent to the Senate a statement showing the number of boats engaged in oyster dredging and the amount received therefrom. Anne Arundel had 18 boats, which paid $417 09; Calvert, 32 boats, $6,049 60; Dorchester, 25 boats, $2,242 39; Kent, 3 boats, $193 52; St. Mary's, 39 boats, $424 46; Talbot, 7 boats $271 61; Wicomico, 14 boats, $630 71; Somerset, 396 boats, $19 294 95: Baltimore city, 24 boats, $24,119 14; total of boats, 800; receipts, $48,643 45.

Notice.

I am paying the highest cash price for grain, wheat corn and oats.

C. R. LEONARD, Easton, Md

The Art Amateur

For March contains another of the series of exquisite colored flower studies—a brilliant cluster of 'Gladioli,' by Victor Dangon, who also contributes an admirable double page study of 'Hydrangeas' in black-and-white. The other designs include a striking portrait of Alexander the Great for modelling in clay and brass hammering, a partridgeberry and dwarf cornel decoration for a cake-plate, decorations for tiles (tea and coffee flowers) and a fish-plate, a design for a repousse candlestick, and embroidery designs for a cushion and a purse, besides a page of monograms in 'Q.' Excellent practical articles are given on 'Sketching from Nature,' 'Landscape Painting in Water-Colors,' 'Tapestry Dye Painting,' 'China Firing,' and 'Practical Wood Carving' (with numerous designs). The 'Hints for Home Decorating and Furnishing,' by a practical architect, and Mrs. Wheeler's 'Views on Embroidery Material' are of special value. The Water-Color Exhibition is reviewed and illustrated, and 'My Note Book' is filled with vivacious talk about the $18,000 peach-blow vase, the Spencer sale and other fresh art topics. Price 35 cents. Montague Marks, publisher, 23 Union Square, New York.

Alleged Cruelty to a Dredger.

SALISBURY, MD., Feb. 27.—The worst storm of the season has been raging here since early morning. At this writing the snow has ceased falling and it is clear. The thermometer has fallen 15 degrees. While the storm was at its hight a dredger arrived in town in a pitable condition. He had walked from Fairmount, where he had been off a dredge boat. He said his name was John Dorman, and that he shipped in Baltimore, December 2nd, and had not been in shore since. He was taken sick on the boat and could not work, and after beating him several times the captain put him on shore. The man's feet and hands were frozen, and he bore an ugly scar on his head. He will lay his case before. Commissioner Rogers when he arrives in Baltimore. While he was unable to work he says the captain made him drink salt water, and gave him nothing to eat but raw fat meat and corn bread. When put ashore he was not given a cent for his three months' work.

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MARRIAGES.

FREDERICKS—BALL.—On the 29th of February, 1888, by the Rev. S. D. McConnell, in Philadelphia, John H Fredericks to M Gertrude Ball, both of Philadelphia.

DEATHS.

HARPER.—In Baltimore on Sunday morning, 26th of February, Elizabeth A. D. Harper, relict of the late Dr. Samuel A. Harper.

ROE.—In Baltimore on February 26th, after a short but painful illness, Ida A., beloved wife of A. K. Roe, and eldest daughter of Annie C. and the late James North.

MULFORD.—On February 20th, Cora Lee Mulford, only child of Charles I. and Annie E. Mulford; aged 14 years, 7 months and 10 days.

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if fair, if not the next fair day, the following personal property:

1 Chestnut Mare, WENONAH.

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