Started Cranberry Culture.

John Webb Found Wealth for Others and Died Poor.

The funeral of John Webb, of Jackson township last Friday was the last act in a strange drama. Webb, who was universally known as "Wooden-Legged John," from the loss of his leg in early manhood, was the originator of cranberry culture in New Jersey, and, in fact, the first man to perceive that the sour marsh berry could be grown in a state of cultivation and made a staple product in the fruit markets of the world.

Webb was draining a piece of swamp land in 1845, on his Jackson township farm, back in the pines, a few miles from what is now the winter resort of Lakewood. He noticed the luxuriant growth of wild cranberry vines around the edge of the meadow he was making and also noticed that the vines that he had torn up with the turf and thrown on one side still flourished. Up to that time the cranberry was almost unknown in the city markets, only the wild berry, much smaller, sourer and more bitter than the present cultivated variety being in exisrence. These were considered the common property of whoever might choose to pick and ship them, just as the huckleberry or whortleberry—the cranberry's botanical cousin—is now.

Webb, however, decided to make a trial at the cultivation of the berry. He selected the healthiest looking vines, abandoned his project of a meadow, and instead set out of the wild vines in regular rows in the rich swamp muckland, poking holes with his wooden leg in the mud to receive the vines.

The neighbors all thought Webb crazy to expect any profit from his "canberry bog"—as he named his venture, and as all crnmberry plantations have since been called—and they told him so. But he bided his time, and when a few years afterward he sold his entire crop on his own premises at $40 per barrel to a Philadelphia commission firm, they to do the carting by wagon of 70 miles to Philadelphia, the farmers around began to open their eyes. For Webb had cleared more cash from his "crazy project" than they had made off their little farms in five years' time.

Accordingly the whole neighborhood went into the cranberry-raising business. It spread all over South Jersey and to Cape Cod, Mass., so that in the fall of 1893 1,000,000 bushels were placed upon the market, bringing at least $2,000,000 for the yeor's crop. That was the largest yield ever produced. Last fall the crop was only about 400,000 bushels, but the prices ruled much higher.

But Webb, although the orginator of the means of all this wealth, died last Monday in abject poverty, at the age of 85. For several years after his bog began to bear he had a monopoly of the business—until bogs that others set out came into bearing—and his prices were often $50 per barrel. But about the war period all the New Jersey seaboard went draft on cranberry bogs. Everybody invested in swamp and even pine land. Land that could not now be given away for payment of taxes sold readily for $100 per acre. Webb was caught in the maelstorm of speculation and invested heavily. Then came the panic of '73 and the bubble burst, leaving Webb and many others poor.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

Delaware's Executive Dying at His Laurel Home.

A dispatch from Laurel says that Governor Marvil's condition remains unchanged.

Governor's Marvil's death would make a very great change in Delaware politics. The Governor of the State appoints nearly all of the county and State officials, including the Judges, and his patronage is greater in proportion than that of the President. As yet, because since his election few vacancies have occurred, Governor Marvil has had no opportunity to serve his Republican friends, but within the next two years there will be more than 40 important places to be filled, and if Governor Marvil dies, they will all be filled by Democrats, as the Governor's successor will be Speaker of the State Senate, W. T. Watson, a Democrat.

Speaker Watson will, in the event of the Governor's death, serve until his successor is elected in the fall of next year. The last Speaker of the State Senate who became acting Governor by the death of the Governor was Gove Saulsbury, one of the three famous Saulsbury brothers, who dominated Delaware politics for years, all of whom are now dead. Governor Saulsbury was afterwards elected Governor to succeed himself, and was the only Governor in the State's history who served more than four years in the office.

The indications are now that the Republicans are to lose all the fruits of the victory of last year—the first Republican triumph in Delaware in more than 30 years. The death of Governor Marvil would lose them the Governorship, and the prospective failure of the Legislature to elect a United States Senator to succeed Senator Higgins will lose them the United States Senatorship—a most singular combination of circumstances, indeed.

The Right of It.—"Whiskey is your greatest enemy?" "Are we not told to love our enemies?" Yes," was the reply; "but not to *sallow* them,"

A New Law About Perjury.

Among the laws passed at the last session of the Legislature is one that will have an important bearing upon testimony before magistrates and before the courts. The act is an additional section to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title, "Crimes and Punishments," sub title, "Perjury," and is as follows:

Any person who shall make oath or affirmation to two contradictory statements, each of them in one of the cases enumerated in section 226 of this article, and in either case, shall make oath or affirmation wilfully and falsely, shall be deemed guilty of perjury; and to sustain an indictment under this section it shall be sufficient to allege and prove that one of the said two contradictory statements is or must be false and wilful, without specifying which one.

227. Any person who shall procure another to make a false oath or affirmation in any of the cases embraced in the two preceding sections shall be deemed guilty of subornation of perjury.

328. Every person who shall be convicted of perjury or subornation of perjury shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the jail or penitentiary for not more than ten years.

At nearly every term of court cases arise in which contradictory statements are made by the same witness, one of which is evidently false. Most of these cases are those in which one statement has been made at the preliminary hearing before the magistrate, and another, in direct contradiction to it, before the jury, when the cases come to court after outside influence has been brought to bear upon the witness. In such cases it is almost always difficult to prove which of the statements is false. This law will cover just such difficult cases and will probably put a decided check upon wilful or careless statements on the witness stand, if strictly enforced.

Purchased Another Farm.—Wm. R. Martin has bought from Dr. Geo. F. Nickerson the Powell farm in Miles River Neck, a small but very valuable place. Mr. Martin is becoming one of the largest land owners in Talbot county and the possessor of a number of the best farms in the county. He believes farming pays even now, and as he has accurate book keeping done with each of his farms he ought to know. One of his specialties is fowls of the finer breeds and his stock was well represented at the recent poultry show in Baltimore. His friends joke him saying that he is ambitious of owning as many Talbot farms as Gen. Wm. McKenny owns in Queen Annes county, and he has about 50, from which he harvests at the minimun 127,000 bushels of grain annually which is more than the whole grain crop of several Maryland counties.

Naming the Twins.—A pair of twins were born in the Black Bay district. A bright boy set about to name them. He said, "Will they be called Peter and Repeater?" But no; his mother would not listen to such names. Then he said, "Let them be called Max and Climax." "No," she said, "they are both little girls, so we cannot name one of them Max." Then he said, after much thinking, "Let them be called Kate and Duplicate." After that his head was bandaged and he was sent out to play.

Cecil County can probably boast of possessing among her citizens the most eccentric farmer in the State in the person of a gentleman living in the vicinity of Mechanics Valley who still has on hand five years crop of wheat all of which, with the possible exception of one are unthreshed and remain in ricks or stacks scattered about over the farm. It is said that the rats and weevils have completely "honey-combed and tunneled some of the ricks.—*Perryville Record.*

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A Good Reason.—A teacher in a small country school asked her class in geography, "Which travels faster, heat or cold?" After a few moments pause, a little boy said, "Heat." The teacher then asked him for his reason. Then the boy replied, "Why, you can catch cold, but I never heard of any body catching heat."

Escaped Twelve.—An Irishman met an Englishman, and asked what time it was. The Englishman hit him with his cane, and said, "It just struck one." "Faith, said the Irishman, "I am glad I wasn't here an hour ago."

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