Kent News

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OYSTER BED ....MONOPOLY!

A Large Syndicate Gets Control of Fertile Lands and By So Doing Has Driven Bivalve Catchers Out of Business.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.

The heart seems to be knocked out of the people of the newly-incorporated city or Patchogue, L. I., for the industry that caused the place to thrive has passed out of individual hands and gone into those of a corporation.

Great South and Blue Point bays were once dotted incessantly by various craft, and there was always the merry sound of singing oystermen as they raked up the bottoms of the misty streams. Now occasional sails flap idly in the flagging breeze, and there is a tendency on the part of those who perpetuated the search for the bivalve to hang disconsolately about the coffee-houses and discuss the hardships of the situation.

There are 17 miles of oyster bay, which has a width of 4 miles, and it is so situated that Patchogue was almost solely benefited by the immense traffic resulting. The alluvial soil is fairly soaked with oyster flavor, and when the season is at its height an odor of Blue Points sweeps over the city of sufficient delicacy to make the epicure swear never to leave it.

It was once that the adept handler of the precious mollusk could put out in his independent boat, and with his tongs and rake pull up bushel after bushel of the sea-colored shells, and no one objected but the oysters within. For this privilege the city exacted a fee of $1. Each man or woman—and there were many of the latter—who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity to thus receive what bountiful nature had bequeathed to them had but to bring proof of residence and pay the little tax, and a permit good for a year was accorded them.

There was a sure fortune in it for the industrious, and for the convivial a jolly good living without a great amount of work. The minds of the bay workers were never lighter than when setting out in the morning for a day's scraping. Everybody was anxious to go to Patchogue, and there was room for everybody who went—on the bay as well as in the town.

No matter how they dug and scraped and burrowed, the oyster proved itself a greater provider, and persisted in reproduction by the millions year in and year out. Five, six, seven dollars a day was not extraordinary profit for the early riser, and many made much more, so that the majority of the people in the city holds deeds to show ownership of a home with ideal surroundings.

The cessation in the happiness of the lives of the oystermen occurred when the trustees of the town leased the very cream of the beds to a company of three men who one day cast anchor in the bay. They were Charles Mott, Jacob Shaffer and Edward Dayton, and upon obtaining their grant they drove formidable looking stakes, thus shutting out any persons who might have a desire to trespass.

The Reef Bed and the Great South Bed, of which the old hands at Patchogue delighted to brag, are hemmed in, and it makes the souls of the pioneers sick to gaze upon what they deem a tyrannical invasion of their inherited rights. There are 6,000 acres upon which the corporation keeps a surveillant eye. It pays at the rate of $2 an acre to the city, so that a revenue of $12,000 is thus poured into the common treasury.

"But what is this," said one of the disgruntled citizens to me, "to the damage done to the community? You might enrich the treasury all you please and you would not redeem Patchogue. She is going behind since the beds were taken from the freeholders. The place was built on Blue Points, and Blue Points are the only things that are going to save her."

It seems that the new company hires a body of men who, in these times, are willing to work for a mere subsistence. They are paid from $1.40 to $1.50 a day, and some work for as little as 12 cents an hour. There are several big vessels moored in the bay each day to carry out the shoals of oysters. Many of them are packed and sent abroad after the local demand is supplied.

Last spring a scow that was hateful in the eyes of the residents was burned to the water's edge, and an investigation, directed by suspicion, was made, without result. By day and night the company's lines are watched for intruders, and they are summarily dealt with if caught.

In this way it happens that hundreds of men who know every inch of the vast plantation and who have a sort of affection for the slippery delicacy that mutely offered up its existence so many times for the sake of Patchogue, have hung up their favorite rakes and, shouldering the axe, have gone into the adjacent woods to take out their revenge on the trees. There is not much pleasure in this, but it pays better than feeling the bay now.

The trustees of the city are severely censured by residents for allowing the beds to slip away from them, and although many an appeal has been made there is no promise that a change to the old state of affairs will be brought about.

THREE ECCENTRIC WILLS.

That is, they would all be considered eccentric to the refined taste of the present day. There is a society of Friends or Quakers in Dorchester county whose founders settled in the county at an early period in the history of the State. A very exact and careful record has been kept by the meeting of all important matters pertaining to the society. Recently their record book was taken into court as evidence in an important case. Among other things found in the old record book were three eccentric wills, or such as most persons would consider eccentric. One of the bequests appropriated a sum of money to be expended to purchase whiskey to entertain traveling preachers. The other will set apart a sum to purchase harvest whiskey for the poorer members who were farmers and not able to lay in a sufficient stock of this very important, in those days, harvest beverage.

The third will probably be considered the most unique of them all. A deceased husband bequeathed one-third of the proceeds of his estate to his wife as long as she remained a widow, but if she married again she was to have one-half the estate. When the clerk read this clause the court stopped him and ordered him to read it again as he had evidently made a mistake. The clerk read it again slowly and carefully and assured the Judge the language of the document was as he had read. Then the members of the bar, one after another went up to the clerk's desk and peeped over his shoulder at the old document, refusing to be convinced till confirmed by their own eyes; that a man ever lived who offered his widow a bribe to mary again.

Faith and Works.

Faith stands for the religion of the heart; works stands for the religion of the life. These two God has joined together. Let no man put them asunder; for there is no genuine religion without them in active union. Just as love in the soul finds a way to manifest itself so as to attract the attention, please and benefit the one loved, so genuine faith in the Lord Jesus moves its possessor to earnest, joyful action along lines of practical Christian usefulness. Where there is no such action there is no genuine faith.

Piles.

Piles is so common that every other person you meet is troubled with it more or less. It seems to be a little thing and usually gets little attention. It may not be serious at first, but it makes a man sick—makes him nervous, cross, irritable—unfit for business. It robs him of sleep, takes his appetite—cuts down his flesh—and yet he is careless about it.

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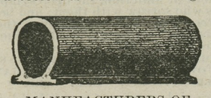
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Notice is hereby given to the Judges of Election and Qualified Voters of Kent County, that an ELECTION WILL BE HELD

On TUESDAY, Nov. 5th, 1895,

(it being the first Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1895), at the usual places of voting in the several Election Districts of said county, that is—

For District No. 1, at.....MASSEYS;
" " " 2, at.....KENNEDYVILE;
" " " 3, at.....SMITHVILLE;
" " " 4, 1st pre...CHESTERTOWN;
" " " 4, 2d pre.....POMONA;
" " " 5, at.....EDESVILLE.

And the election so to be held is for the purpose of choosing

One peerson to be Governor of Maryland.
One person to be Comptroller of the State of Maryland.
One person to be Attorney General of the State of Maryland.
One person to represent Kent county in the Senate of Maryland.
Two persons to represent Kent county in the House of Delegates of Maryland.
One person to be Sheriff of Kent County.
One person to be Treasurer of Kent County.
Five persons to be Commissioners for Kent County.

The polls will be opened at 8 o'clock A. M., and close at 6 o'clock P. M.

The Returning Judges are required and directed to make their return on the second day (Thursday) following the election, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, and also to the Governor of Maryland.

THOMAS S. DODD, SHERIFF.

October 5, 1895—te.

Concealed Weapons on Election Day.

The following Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session of 1874, and approved April 6, 1874, is also published for the information of the public:

AN ACT

To prevent the carrying of guns, pistols, dirks, dirk-knives, razors, billies or bludgeons by any person in Kent, Queen Anne's or Montgomery counties on the day of election in said counties.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this Act it shall not be lawful for any person in Kent, Queen Anne's or Montgomery counties to carry on the days of election, secretly or otherwise, any gun, pistol, dirk, dirk-knife, razor, billy or bludgeon, and any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, in either of said counties, shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, and on refusal to pay said shall be committed by said Justice of the Peace to the jail of the county until the same is paid.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted, That the fines collected under this Act shall be paid by the officer collecting the same to the School Commissioners of the county where such offence shall have been committed, for school purposes.

SECTION 3. And be it enacted, That any constable of either of said counties, or the sheriff thereof, who shall refuse to arrest any person violating any provision of this Act upon information of such offence shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before the circuit court of the county, shall not be fined less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, and shall forthwith be discharged from office.

THOMAS S. DODD, SHERIFF.

Forbidding the Sale or Giving Away Liquor on Election Day.

For the information of all persons concerned, the following Act of the Legislature, passed March 24, 1875, is published:

AN ACT

Prohibiting the sale of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors in the counties in the State on the day of Election.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall not be lawful for the keeper of any hotel, tavern, store, drinking establishment, or other places where liquor is sold, *or for any person or persons*, directly or indirectly to sell, barter, give, or dispose of any spirituous or fermented liquors, ale or beer, or intoxicating drinks of any kind, on the day of election hereafter to be held in the several counties of this State.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted, That any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be liable to indictment by the Grand Jury of the county where such offence is committed, and shall, upon conviction before any Judge of any of the Circuit Courts of this State, be fined a sum not less than fifty dollar, nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offence; one-half the fine to be paid to the informer, and the other half to the County Commissioners for the use of the public roads.

THOMAS S. DODD, SHERIFF.

Betting on Election.

The attention of all persons is particularly called to the following sections of Article 35, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland:

SECTION 46. No person shall make any bet or wager on the result of any election to take place in this State.

SECTION 47. Any person offending against the last preceding section shall be liable to indictment in the Circuit Courts, if the offence be committed in any county, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, if the offence be committed in Baltimore; and on conviction, shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be paid to the State for the use of the School Fund.

SECTION 48. Every deposit of money in any part of the State as a wager or bet upon elections in this State or elsewhere shall be forfeited and paid over to the County Commissioners of the county where deposited for the use of the county, and if deposited in the city of Baltimore, to the Mayor and City Council.

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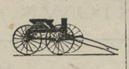
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