SHOULD AID OYSTER INDUSTRY.

Mr. McGrath Says its in a Bad Way And Suggests Remedy.

Mr. H. J. McGrath, a large oyster and fruit packer, in discussing the condition of the oyster industry at the present time and what the Legislature should do to aid it, said:

"Something has to be done, and that shortly, if the people of Maryland wish to keep up the revenue which is secured by the oyster industry in this State. The condition of affairs at the present time is alarming. In the last five years a great deal of trade which formerly belonged to Baltimore has gone to other points. This has been the result of several causes. In the first place the supply has, year by year, been growing less, and it takes a great deal longer for the oysterman to secure a cargo than it formerly did.

"As the supply decreased the price went up and we are paying 65 cents to $1.00 bushel for the same grade of oysters that we formerly secured for from 40 to 60 cents. This necessitated our charging more for shucked oysters, which naturally, did not suit the Northern and Western buyers. They began to look elsewhere for their goods.

"The Northern trade is now held by the New England States, particularly Connecticut, the waters of which were planted with seed oysters obtained from the Chesapeake. The output there is just about enough to supply that section. The Western buyers now get their oysters from Southern waters, Mississppi sound furnishes most of them. It is a physical impossibility as matters now stand for packers in Baltimore to compete with the Northern and Southern people. What has been the result? A number of firms which use to do business here have left and opened plants down South. A number of others will have to leave if present conditions continue.

"It is a well-known fact that the spawn of oysters must adhere to some hard surface or they will be carried off by the currents and die. Now some portions of the Chesapeake have been worked so much that there is absolutely nothing left on the bottom. If this barren ground should be cultivated it would not be long before the place would show a growth of oysters.

"Here is an illustration. Look at this old rubber boot. It was probably thrown overboard by some dredger as useless. There are nearly a dozen and a half of small oysters clinging to it.

"A few years ago I invested $28,000 in developing an experiment. I leased 15 acres of water property and took the oyster shells from my packing house here and had them thrown overboard on this 15 acre bed. I did this following out my idea the surface must have a rough, hard surface to cling to. The result far exceeded my expectations. This one bed has yielded as my share over $7,500 worth of oysters. As I gave one-half the profits to the party who worked the bed, you can see that the output of that one place has been $15,000.

"If this is so in a small way, I say let the oyster shells be deposited in the bay, either by the State appropriating sufficient money to have the work done, or give the right to individuals to lease certain portions of the Chesapeake and let them do so.

"Other States have done this and the supply has been kept up. It would not cost much more than 2 cents a bushel to do this work, and the results would be something enormous. Another thing that I believe should be done is to shorten the season. September should be taken out. This should give the growing oyster a chance and prevent the beds from becoming exhausted so rapidly."

This is all right from the Packer's point of view but our oystermen will never submit to it. Let the State look after the beds as they can and should and the supply will not only be kept up but considerably increased.

Corn Yield Averages Lowest On Record.

The preliminary estimate of the average yield per acre of corn as published in the monthly report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture is 16.4 bushels as compared with an average yield of 22.3 bushels per acre in 1900, and 1899 and a 10-year average of 24 4 bushels. The present indicated yiele per acre is the lowest general average ever recorded for this crop, being 2.2 bushels per acre below the yield in 1881, which has stood for 20 years as the lowest on record. The indicated yield in bushels per acre in the seven principal States is as follows: Ohio, 26.1; Indiana, 19.8; Illinois, 21.4; Iowa, 25.; Missouri, 10.1; Kansas, 7.8, and Nebraska, 14.1.

Of the 23 States having 1,000,000 acres or upward in corn, all but Pennsylvania, Virginia and Michigan report an average yield per acre below their respective 10-year averages. The general average as to quality is 73.7 per cent. as compared with 85.5 per cent. in November, 1899. It is estimated that 4.5 per cent. of the corn crop of 1900 was still in the hands of the farmers on Nov. 1, 1901, as compared with 4.4 per cent. of the crop of 1899 in farmers' hands on Nov. 1, 1900, and 5.9 per cent. of that of 1858 in hand Nov. 1, 1899.

Look at the figures following your name on the direction of your paper. You will see the date *to which you have paid.*

THE NEGRO IN POLITICS.

Two Leaders Who Died In Poverty On The Eastern Shore.

The following article is from the pen of the talented correspondent of the Baltimore Sun at Easton, Md.

Easton, Md, Nov. 18—Joseph H. Gray, a negro politician and stump speaker of Easton, was buried yesterday. His career, coupled with that of his sometime political colleague, the late Nace Hopkins, of Trappe, illustrates the fateful disappointments and failures of the smart country negro Republican politician.

The commencement of the Civil War found Joe Gray a trusted young slave on one of Dr. I. L. Adkins' plantations in Talbot county. He carried the keys, and not a bushel of corn ever disappeared from the granaries nor even a chicken from the poultry house. Gray enlisted in the Union army. Nothing definite is known of his military career, but he returned to his native country a freeman, of course. He was quick-witted, glib tongued and ready of speech. He was affable in manners, generous to his own people and never lost that politeness which one of the best of masters had carefully instilled into him.

When enfranchisement of the negroes came Gray went into politics as a leader of his race; he also became a pension agent and had the ear of the Pension Bureau respecting war pensions to negroes in Talbot. This gave him a great power among them. He took in charge for the white Republican leaders their campaigns for the colored voters. He was the best political stump speaker in Maryland; and but a few of the white stump speakers in Talbot, if any, could equal him. Time and again he solidified the negroes against the Democrats and won victories for the white Republican leaders. In whatever way the Democrats thought they had caught some of the negro vote Joe Gray and Nace Hopkins would get up an emancipation celebration every November 1, and on election day there would be a solid negro Republican phalanx at the polls.

Two years ago Nace Hopkins died a pauper. Last Friday Joe Gray died in poverty and obscurity. The white Republicans whose chestnuts these two smart negroes pulled from the fire are enjoying such affluence and honors as successful politics make. When Nace Hopkins' little farm in Trappe, the pride of his heart, got into the hands of the Sheriff none of those for whom he had neglected his legitimate business to help in politics raised a finger nor jingled a dollar to save him. Joe Gray was arrested by a special agent of the Pension Bureau on a charge of fraud. It turned out there was nothing in the case. One of our race, jealous of him, trumped up a charge, and when he could be heard he was promptly acquitted; but not one of the white Republicans for whom he had worked without reward would go bail for him for 24 hours, and Joe Gray had to spend a night in Easton jail. This broke the old man's heart. Some debts he had incurred in his campaigning for his white Republican brethern that they might, and did, get offices became liens on his comfortable home in Easton, and it went to the Sheriff. When this occured there were white Talbot Republicans in office getting aggregate salaries of at least $10,000 a year, largely and mostly through the work of Joseph H. Gray and Nace Hopkins.

MEXICO AND CALIFORNIA.

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At El Paso tourists for California only, who will leave New York February 25, will join the party, and the Mexican tourists who do not care to go to the Pacific Coast will return to New York. The California party will visit Los Angeles and the Southern California coast resorts, San Francisco, and, on the return trip, the Grand Canon of the Colorado in Arizona. Tourists will have thirteen days in Mexico and nineteen days on the Pacific Coast, the California tour returning to New York on March 27, the whole tour covering forty-five days. The rate, covering all necessary expenses during the entire trip, will be $575 from points on the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburg. For Mexico only the rate will be $350, and for California only $375. The party will trave over the entire route in a special train of Pullman drawing room sleeping cars, compartment, dining, smoking, and observation cars. California only tourists will use special cars to El Paso, and Mexico-only passengers will use special cars returning from El Paso. For detailed itineraries and full information address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia, Pa.

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In The Circuit Court for Kent County In Equity.

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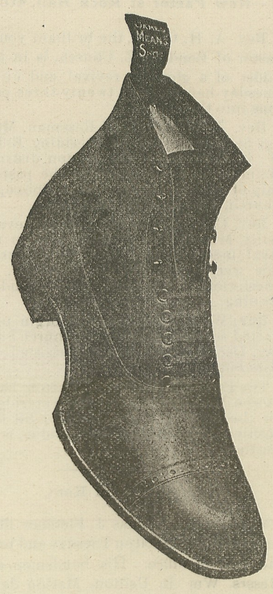

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