MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Franklin Taylor, one of our oldest and well-known citizens, died last Friday, aged 66. Funeral services were held on Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Loper, Rev. Mr. Warner offi ciating, interment in Millington cemetery. J. L. Smith was undertaker.

Mrs. John Webb, of Chester, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. E. F. Gambrill spent several days this week in Havre de Grace.

Capt. Jack Nickerson landed 60 tons of coal at Jones' wharf this week and it was quickly sold.

Mrs. Dr. Walls and son, Carter, are visiting friends in Phila.

Miss Carrie Hynson, of Chestertown, is the guest of Miss Julia Cacy.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Sidell are attending the missionary convention at Phil.

Miss Willie Moffett visited Wilmington and Philadelphia and purchased her Fall millinery

Miss Bertie Burchinal spent last week with Mrs. Jas. Vansant.

L. B. McGinniss, of Wilmington, is visiting in town.

H. H. Beneman is in Baltimore and other cities purchasing fall and winter goods. He is a hustler and keeps what the people want.

Miss Ollie Price, of Phila., spent a few days this week with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Price.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Junior C. E. Society of Christ M. P. Church observed last Sabbath as Maryland Day. A delightful program was rendered at 6.45 p. m., under the direction of Mrs. H. S. Barnett.

The festival at St. James had to be given up on account of the storm.

The Semi-Annual Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Easton will convene in the chapel of the Holy Cross, Millington, Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, at 7.30. Address of welcome by Rev. Albert Ware, sermon by Bishop Adams, celebration of the Holy Communion 10 a. m. Wednesday followed by a business meeting. Missionary meeting at 2 p. m. with address by Miss Mahoney, of South Africa, service at 7.30 in evening, address by the Rev. R. S. Claiborne, of Swance, Tenn. All are cordially welcome

Rev. K. M. Bull has returned from Presbytery meeting, at Christiana, Del., and begins his tenth year as minister of Worton Presbyterian Church, his eighth year at Grace Church and his second year at Westminster Church.

KENNEDYVILLE ITEMS.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold a festival October 23 and 24, in the house which was recently vacated by Mr. H. L. Davies.

Rev. K. M. Bull attended the Presbytery last week, which was held at Christiana, Del.

Mrs. James Weer has been visiting her brother, Mr. J. R. Copper.

Miss Lillie Rowe has been on a visit to friends at Rising Sun, Cecil county.

Mrs. Joseph Weer and son, Baldwin, spent the latter part of last week with her mother, Mrs. Louis Hayes, Galena.

Mrs. Wm. McKnett is visiting at the home of Mr. W. A. Pote.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett has returned home after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Smyth.

Mr. Temple Jump, of Cheswold, Del., spent Friday with friends here.

Mr. Frank Johnston spent Monday and Tuesday with friends in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap spent Monday with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Mr. John Hessner spent the latter part of last week with Baltimore friends.

Mr. Craig Johnston spent last week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Rawley spent part of the past week with his grandparents, in Smyrna.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Merriken on Tuesday morning last. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Miss Bessie Webb and Flora Johnston are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Webb, Locust Grove.

A "FLYING FISH" was left at the NEWS office this week by Mr. Geo. W. Hurd This strange fish was caught by Mr. Hurd on Plum Point during the low tide of Saturday. It was a curiosity.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

My! what a lot of notoriety the luscious bivalve is getting these days. If there isn't a check put to so much discussion on the oyster question soon, there will be no show for the display of the oratorical talents of the Legislators on the "issue of 1904," when the Haman ghost comes up for recognition. The Haman Bill! undoubtedly, the biggest of all efforts ever made on the the oyster issue, will take place next winter to enter the wedge by which our free and God given her itage, will ultimately go from us, to the grasping monied combines.

Well Messrs. Editors, it is a concluded fact throughout the tide water counties, that the time has come when oyster cultivation laws must be enacted, to recuperate the run down oyster industry, otherwise there must be a complete extinction. Some proper method of oyster cultivation surely ought to be formulated by the Legislature of 1904, and the oystermen will not be found fighting any proper method, that is thoroughly safe guarded, because they know the future of their "craft" depends on some wise method of oyster cultivation.

But who is to define a proper method? Not the Haman crowd, no, no, oystermen are dubious of that old regime, other forces must take a hand, and bring about something new, Chesapeake oystermen cannot believe the strenuous efforts of Mr. Haman & Co. to be based on their deep anxietv for the well fare of the oyster bottoms, except so far as it may concern their own coffers. Every now and again we have held before us glowing pictures of palatial cottages, with the old oaken buckets hanging in the well, and a life of luxury with the promise. This is what you will have after the depleted bars and barren bottoms are leased, but so far we have not heard from the hard toiling oystermen of the North and East, on the happy realization of that promise.

Chesapeake oystermen can not for the life of them see how there will be a better living for them after the depleted and barren bottoms are leased to corporations. Will not these corporations become in a few years our competitors? Will they not cultivate their oyster farm with foreign labor at such wages as they choose to pay? and will they not dispose of their stock to the consumer at such price as the trafic will bear? Now as to a proper method of oyster cultivation as we see it through our glasses. What can be more proper than the plan of Commander Howard? Namely, return to the bars and barren bottoms the shells, otherwise the industry must continue on the decline, for instance Chester river, that grand old garden spot of the Eastern Shore waters, two able bodied men and a boy to the boat, goes out early in the morning and stays till late eve, if they catch six bushels they are satisfied and that is about all he can do, as they work, when even their tongs strike a lump they know it is an oyster or a stone. The salvation of the day depends on hauling in that lump without feeling for anything further on that dip. There are practically no small oysters and no spat for the reason there is nothing for spat to catch unto, the shells on the bottom being ground up as fine as those on a hard beaten shell road.

The inside bars adjacent to Swan Point are in the same condition, and so it is all down the shore. The bay bars are fast becoming so. Therefore what better plan than Capt. Howards? But let it be done independent of political pull, and by conscientious stewards, who will see that the shells will be scattered when most needed on the oyster grounds.

This section was treated to an "old field" storm of wind and rain on Friday and Saturday, corn shocks were badly scattered in many fields. Fruit also was mercilesly blown off and many trees damaged. The brave little Gratitude, pluckily "held the fort" but was much handicapped at her landing, by extremely low tides which was said to be lower than ever known.

Capt. James Walmsley chanced the trip from the city on Saturday and continued alright until within hailing distance of harbor then his yessel capsized and sank, she is lying in the channell off the Yellow Bank, and it is reported will be a total loss. The captain's money for a cargo of oysters is in the boat's cabin, so also are other valuables of the crew. There were five men on the boat with only a fourteen ft. batteau in which to reach the shore, it required the service of two, to constantly bail out the water to prevent swamping, but all hands reached landing without further mishap.

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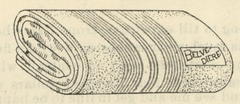
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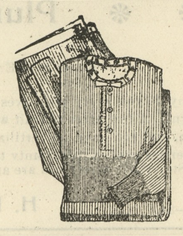
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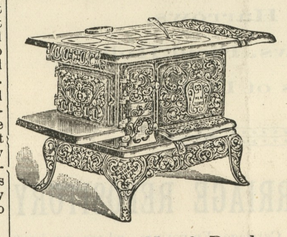
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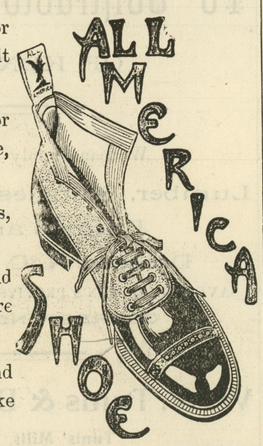
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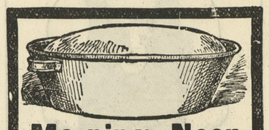
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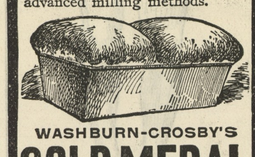
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