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Score Another for President Cleveland.

President Cleveland is entitled to place another feather in his cap for his letter to the Secretary of the Interior urging him to protect the rights and interests of settlers in the West against the encroachments of the great railroad corporations which have gobbled up nearly all the land along their lines. The specific case was that of Guilford Miller, who had taken up land under the homestead act and improved it by building an humble home upon it. The Northern Pacific Railroad attempted to seize the land of this homesteader upon the plea that his farm was part of a tract from which it was entitled to select enough to make up for any deficiencies in its subsidy. The matter hung in the Land Office at Washington for years, the humble farmer's cause being so just that even, in the face of the great influence of the corporation, the officials hesitated about lending themselves to so great a wrong. At last the matter was brought to the personal attention of the President, and his manly and straightforward letter to the Secretary of the Interior will and should immortalize him.

Mr. Cleveland says: "Our public domain is our national wealth, the earnest of our growth and the heritage of our people. It should promise limitless development and riches, relief to a crowding population and homes to thrift and industry. These inestimable advantages should be jealously guarded and a careful and enlightened policy on the part of the government should secure them to the people."

Finally he says to the Interior Department by way of instruction, "I suggest that you exercise the power and authority you have in the premises upon equitable considerations, with every presumption and intendment in favor of the settler."

President Cleveland's brave and manly declaration in favor of justice and right may prevent him from getting the support of the great railroad monopolists of the country, but it will be read and pondered by the people, whose voice will be heard if he is again a candidate.

An Example Bel Air Should Follow.

The Harrisburg *Patriot* of April 29th contains a description of a new shoe factory lately established there. The firm is composed of James Monaghan, H. M. Kelley, W. Finney Bay and J. G. M. Bay. The last two are natives of Harford county, being sons of the late Thomas Bay, of Cooptown. Their factory building is 40 by 120 feet in size, three stories high, and has a capacity of turning out 1,500 pairs of fine shoes per day, with 500 operatives. The cost of the machinery was between $12,000 and $15,000. The *Patriot* commends in flattering terms the enterprise of the Messrs. Bay, who are connected with a number of other business interests in Harrisburg.

A factory of this kind ought to be established in Bel Air. There is a large amount of idle capital here, which if invested in an industrial enterprise like the one described, would not only pay a handsome profit directly, but serve as a nucleus for attracting here other manufacturing establishments. Bel Air has one railroad, and we hope in a few years will have another; labor would be found here in abundance, the climate is healthy, and there is no reason why the town should not become a manufacturing centre. Nothing will increase the business importance and prosperity of a town and neighborhood like manufactories employing a number of hands, and it is worth an effort to secure something of the kind here. We believe the establishment of a shoe factory in Bel Air is entirely feasible, and we hope some movement in that direction will be made.

The Masonic Centennial.

The celebration of the Centennial year of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Maryland, which will occur next week in Baltimore, is an event of much interest to the craft, and indeed to citizens generally. Mt. Ararat Lodge, of Bel Air, in common with other lodges of the county and State, expects to participate in the grand procession on Thursday next, May 12th, with full ranks. A handsome centennial bronze medal, issued as a souvenir, has been secured for the occasion by many of its members, which, together with the usual masonic dress, including silk hat and white apron, will give a neat appearance to the turn-out of the "mystic brethren." It is expected this lodge, one of the oldest in the State, will make a fine display of members on the occasion; and its membership being composed of some of our best and most prominent citizens, ought certainly to secure for it favorable notice anywhere. Their fine, new temple in Bel Air is nearing completion and is an ornament and a substantial improvement to the town and county-seat.

Many prominent masons and masonic lodges from other States and Washington City will take part in the celebration in Baltimore on Thursday next.

—The Baltimore City Council on Monday paid *The Sun* the graceful and unusual compliment of passing resolutions congratulatulating its founder, Mr. A. S. Abell, on the approaching semi-centennial of the establishment of *The Sun*, and recognizing the constant effort of that paper to promote the growth and importance of Baltimore. *The Sun* is foremost and fearless in advocating everything tending to increase the material interests of Baltimore city and in condemning ill-advised and harmful projects. It is a power in the city and State, and it wields its influence wisely.

—*The Monthly Church Messenger* is the title of a neat little paper just started at Stafford Court House, Va., by Rev. J. W. Steele, formerly of Aberdeen, Harford county. Mrs. Steele has charge of the Children's Department. The *Messenger* is the first paper ever published in Stafford county. It gives general local news as well as church news and is interesting and well conducted. Mr. Steele was for many years a correspondent of *The Ægis*. We extend our best wishes for the success of his useful enterprise.

—Attorney General Charles B. Roberts, during a visit to Towsontown, on Tuesday, in a conversation with Mr. L. M. Bacon, court clerk, said he was a candidate for Governor, and not for re-election as attorney-general. He entertained no doubt, he said, but that he would carry his own county (Carroll,) and that in his canvass he had no affiliation whatever with any faction or individual.

—Last Saturday a little deal took place at the Baltimore Stock Exchange in shares of the Maryland Central Railroad. The stock made a jump from 1¾ to 2¼ on sales of nearly 3,000 shares. It is not known for what the stock is wanted. A lot of $15,000 Maryland Central first mortgage bonds sold at 80. On Monday another small sale of M. C. shares took place. The latest quotations are 2¼ bid, 2½ asked.

—It is said there are 14,000 tax-payers in Baltimore county, who must raise in the aggregate, this year, $509,840, or an average of $36 41 per head. The highest tax-payer in the county pays $6,192 and the lowest 15 cents. The latter would no doubt be glad to exchange places with the former.

Local Affairs.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—Dr. R H. Smith is building a handsome residence in Havre de Grace.

—The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company last week placed a flagman at the Edgewood crossing of their road.

—Mr. Elmer Davison, son of Mr. Wm. Davison, of this county, has accepted a position in the office of the Jersey Central Railroad, at Jersey City, N. J.

—We are obliged to Mr. Thomas J. Sullivan, agent at Preston, for a copy of the schedule of local passenger trains on the Philadelphia division B. and O. Railroad.

—Mr. George L. Scott's large horse Prince Junior died at the owner's stable, near Darlington, a few days ago, after two hours' sickness, of inflammation of the bowels.

—The examiners on the proposed new road from Clayton postoffice to the Philadelphia turnpike, will meet on the ground, on Monday morning next, 9th instant, at 10 o'clock.

—Mr. W. Scott Barnes, who lives near Churchville, has been very low with malaria and neuralgia of the heart. His friends will be gratified to know that he is a little better.

—The Old Town merchants have formed a company for the purpose of building a fine hotel, with first-class accommodations, at reasonable prices, on North Gay street, Baltimore.

—Mr. Charles Hall, having sold his farm, near Emmorton, to Mr. H. H. Bradford, of Aberdeen, intends to remove with his family to Portland, Oregon, where two of his sons reside.

—A new baggage and parcel room will be completed in a few days at North Avenue station, M. C. Railroad. It will be at the foot of the present stairway. Ladies on shopping expeditions will be pleased to know this.

—The Deer Creek Farmers' Club will meet tomorrow, May 7th, at the residence of Mr. Jas. Lee, instead of at Mr. Geo. E. Silver's. The change has been made on account of sickness in the family of Mr. Silver.

—The Minerva Club of Abingdon, will give their opening soiree at Perrymans, on Tuesday evening, May 10th. The committee of arrangements consists of H. G. Price, H. S. Shallenberger, George Elliott and Wm. Cooper.

—One day last week Mr. Samuel E. Griffith, who lives with Mr. Wm. H. Rogers, near Bel Air, accidentally got the middle finger of his left hand crushed in a drill while putting in oats. Dr. Wm. S. Richardson dressed the wound.

—On Tuesday of last week the run of herring in the Susquehanna River was the largest ever known. Many thousands were turned loose after being caught, there being no sale for them at the low price of $1 per thousand. Shad, however, have continued to be rather scarce.

—Messrs. Geo. D. Waters and John M. Streett have purchased the remaining stock of goods of Mr. Frank Bateman at Wimbledon postoffice, Fallston, and will sell the same at public auction next Wednesday, May 11th, preparatory to putting in a complete stock of general merchandise.

—Mr. Harry G. Price, of Abingdon, is ready for a grand fox hunt. He has five foxes, which he dug out of the ground on Mr. Arch. Cunningham's farm, near Otter Point Creek, several weeks ago. The Elkridge Club had better transfer the scene of their sporting operations to Abingdon. They might have better luck there.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining uncalled for in Bel Air Postoffice, May 1st, 1887:

Adam Simnacher, 4; Mrs. Hannah Snowden, D. C. Hanis, Moses Hackett.

J. S. RICHARDSON, P. M.

POSTOFFICE AFFAIRS.—Lawson Ewing was commissioned on Tuesday as postmaster at Level.

Isaac W. Livezey has been appointed as acting postmaster at Paradise, Harford county, Md.

—Frank Bateman has resigned as postmaster at Wimbledon, and has recommended Mr. John M. Streett as his successor.

MORE PROFIT IN CATTLE FEEDING.—Mr. Jas M. Cain, of Forest Hill, on Tuesday sold to Frank Hammond nine head of cattle, which averaged in weight 1,225 lbs. These cattle were bought on the 18th of last December, when they averaged 870 lbs. in weight, the gain being 355 lbs. each. They cost $3.80 per hundred weight, or $33.06 each, and were sold at an advance of $1.00 per cwt., or $58 80 each. The net profit was $25.74 per steer. They were fed entirely on corn and cob meal and hay.

ARRANGING FOR A COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION.—The Executive Committee of Harford County Sunday School Convention met in Bel Air, on Monday, to make arrangements for the next Sunday School Convention. There were present Vice President O. C. Michael, Rev. Messrs. E. D. Finney, S. A. Hoblitzell, C. L. Damaron and J. R. Schultz; Messrs. J. Martin McNabb, J. Thos. Webster and Wm. S. Osborn. It was decided to hold the convention in Bel Air, July 20th and 21st, the opening session in the Presbyterian Church.

ARRESTS.—Oscar and Harry Banks, two colored boys, were arrested last Monday, by Deputy Sheriff Whiteford, on the charge of assaulting and beating Mrs. Derrickson, near Churchville, while her husband, Mr. John P. Derrickson, was away from home. They were taken before Justice Lyle, who released them on bail for their appearance at Court.

Frank Wallis, another colored boy, was arrested on the charge of stealing a silver bracelet. Waiving a jury trial he was convicted before Justice Proctor and sentenced to jail for thirty days.

MORE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.—The latest announcements of Democratic candidates to be voted for at the primary meetings this summer are the following:

For County Commissioner:—Geo. M. Barton, Dr. W. D. Scarborough, Samuel Hopkins, C. A. Andrew and Wm. E. McCann, 5th district; James R. Taylor, Wm. C. Wilson and George B. Silver, 2d district.

For the Legislature.—J. Fred. Crew, 5th district; Noble L. Mitchell and James M. Scarff, of the Fourth district.

For Sheriff.—A. H. Scarborough, of the 5th district.

BASE BALL.—The Nonpareil Base Ball Association, of Aberdeen, was reorganized, last Tuesday evening, with the following officers: President, W. E. Morgan; Secretary, John A. Osborn; Treasurer, C. C. Kenley. O. N. Cole was elected manager of the club, and Mr. W. Pritchard Captain.

The following are the players: Lester Germon, p.; Howard Price, c.; W. L. Wilkinson, 1b.; W. Wells, 2b.; W. H. Rawhouser, 3b.; G. E. Pritchard, s.s.; E. E. Carsin, l.f.; W. Pritchard, r. f.; H. Sullivan, c. f. The first match game will be played Saturday afternoon (tomorrow) with the Chesapeakes, of Perrymans, on the grounds at Aberdeen.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The County Commissioners met on Monday and Tuesday.

Commissioner Poole was authorized to have the bridge near Moores' Mill repaired or rebuilt.

The Clerk was instructed to issue a certificate of indebtedness to S. L. Griffith, for $200, on account of extra allowance on a public road near Joppa, first district.

Robert McFadden, Kennedy Bay and Jas. W. McNabb were appointed examiners to change the location of a public road in the 5th district.

A petition was received from Otho S. Lee, James Lee, Geo. L. VanBibber, J. E. Webster and S. A. Williams for a pension for John C. Martin, who is without means, is crippled to such a degree as not to be able to work, and has a dependent family.

ELECTION OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS.—More interest than usual was taken in the annual election, last Monday, for five commissioners of the town of Bel Air. Five or six printed tickets were in the field, but exactly what each represented no fellow could find out. Some of the persons voted for were in blissful ignorance that they were candidates until the election was nearly over. The candidates elected were Messrs. John F. Lingan, Geo. W. Carver, S. A. Williams, John S. Young and John P. Stine.—The votes were cast as follows:

John F. Lingan 98, John P. Stine 57, Geo. W. Carver 88, Darius K. Prigg 55, John S. Young 64, S. A. Williams 64, Allen Hoffman 52, John G. Rouse 35, Wm. H. Harlan 32, R. E. Bouldin, 22, O. M. Whitaker 27, Chas. L. Dallam 28, Geo. R. Cairnes 29, N. N. Nock 31, Thos. H. Robinson 21, John T. Spicer 1, Edward Golden 1, F. W. Baker 1, John H. Bauer 1, Dr. Benj. Smith 1, Dr. Chas. A. Hollingsworth 2, A. P. Gilbert 1.

140 votes were polled.

SALES OF LAND.—On Monday S. R. Gilbert, auctioneer, sold at the Court House door, for Otho S. Lee and S. A. Williams, trustees, the property of the late Roger A. Streett, containing 120 acres, near Clermont Mills, to Eli Turner, for $2,175, subject to the widow's dower.

On the same day, at the same place, Mr. Gilbert sold for Mr. J. T. C. Hopkins, trustee, the Matthew Wiley Mill property, with 20 acres of land, situated on Falling Branch, near Norrisville, to Dallas Wiley, for $1,300.

Also for the same trustee the saw mill and iron foundry, with 25 acres of land, situated on Falling Rock branch, between Norrisville and Deer Creek, to S. A. Williams, for $1,000.

On Tuesday Mr. Charles Hall sold his farm of 108 acres, near Emmorton, to Mr. H. H. Bradford, of Aberdeen, for $5,650. The sale was effected through the real estate agency of Messrs. J. S. & C. L. Dallam, of Bel Air.

Mr. Walter T. Harward has bought from Jas. C. Harward the Clark place, Thomas' Run, containing 30 acres, for $1,225.

CONTEMPLATED IMPROVEMENTS AT DARLINGTON.—Mr. Edward M. Allen states that he has been authorized to make extensive improvements at the old Friends' Meeting House in Darlington. The grounds are to be enclosed by a substantial iron or stone fence and are to be adorned and beautified with shrubbery and gravelled walks. The venerable old building itself is to be thoroughly renovated and repaired, inside and outside. A handsome free public hall is to be erected on the Meeting House lot, next to Mr. James R. Massey's corner, and in the rear of this is to be a lodge for the use of a keeper of the grounds. It is also stated that the Meeting House will be liberally endowed. It is not known, positively, whose generosity has prompted this benefaction, but it is stated to be Mr. Hugh J. Jewett, whose parents are buried in the graveyard at the old Meeting House.

A school house on the Orthodox Friends' Meeting House lot is also said to be in contemplation.

HOW A HORSE TRADE ENDED.—On Tuesday night of last week Benjamin Presbury, colored, was engaged in scooping herring out of the Susquehanna river, near Lapidum, when he was bantered for a horse trade by Charles Lyman, of York county. The trade was effected, Presbury receiving Lyman's horse and $5 for his own. Repenting of the bargain, when Lyman was about to drive off, a quarrel ensued and Presbury was knocked overboard into the canal, out of which he was fished by his son. Lyman drove up the tow path towards his home. Presbury obtained a warrant for Lyman's arrest, on the charge of horse-stealing, and a constable who went in pursuit overtook him in York county. Lyman had haltered the horse near the canal, for the purpose of feeding it, and the animal having become choked in some way fell into the canal and was drowned. Lyman being beyond the reach of Maryland law and Presbury's horse being dead, the constable returned without either prisoner or horse, and Presbury accepting the result took the horse Lyman had left. The affair caused much talk about the fishing-shores.

PROFTS OF A SMALL FARM.—Mr. Joseph R. Hopkins, on his little farm, near Darlington, has demonstrated that farming pays, notwithstanding farm products are very low in price. He has 57 acres, of which 50 are cleared. His crops last year were as follows:

468 bushels of Wheat, at 86 cents per bushel	$ 402 48
3,600 bushels of Tomatoes, at 22 cts	792 00
55 barrels of field Corn, at $2 per bbl	110 00
60 bushels of Potatoes, at 50 cts	30 00
10 tons of Hay, at $8	80 00
Sold Wheat Straw	60 00
Pastured Stock	25 00
Total receipts, worth	$1,499 48
Allow one-half for value of labor	$749 74
Fertilizers	200 00
Total Expenses	949 74
Net Profit	$549 74

The farm is valued at $100 an acre, or $5,700. Therefore, the net profit, above labor and fertilizers, was nearly ten per cent. on the value of the land. Besides, Mr. Hopkins kept two cows and pastured five of his own horses part of the time. This would more than balance the taxes and insurance. Mr. Hopkins canned the tomatoes and realized an additional profit from them.

IMPROVEMENTS AROUND ABERDEEN.—Charles W. Baker has commenced building a handsome residence on his lot at Michaelsville, near Aberdeen, in the rear of his present residence. The latter will be removed. Mr. Baker is also building a row of eight new tenant houses in his field, adjoining the B. and O. switch, near his warehouse.

A cemetery has been laid out on the public road leading to Churchville to Aberdeen, on the lands of Geo. W. Baker and J. W. Carsins. It is intended chiefly for the use of the congregation of Bush Chapel. The land was surveyed and laid out by Mr. Wm. S. Bowman.

A race-track has also been surveyed and laid out by Mr. Wm. S. Bowman in Mr. Charles W. Baker's field, near Aberdeen, for the purpose of training some of the fast horses for which that enterprising neighborhood is noted.

Mr. Edward A. Bodt is building a new dwelling house, on his farm, between Churchville and Aberdeen.

Mr. Charles James has built a large new barn, in the same neighborhood.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.—The board met on Tuesday. Present, Messrs. A. Vosbury, President, and W. H. H. Whiteford.

Ten dollars were appropriated for the school library at No. 8, fourth district, an equal amount having been raised for the same purpose by the school.

The salary of Miss Lily Thompson, teacher at No. 19, fifth district, was fixed at $60 per term, for the spring and summer terms.

A number of bills were presented and passed.

Petitions were received for new school houses at the following places: Near Cunningham's Cross Roads; at Franklin, near Castleton, and at Berkeley, near Darlington—all in the 5th district.

A delegation, consisting of Messrs. Kennedy Bay, Wm. M. Scarborough and others was before the board, protesting against the removal of the school house from its present location.

Mr. Vosbury was authorized to enquire into the advisability of continuing the colored school at Havre de Grace through the summer term and if necessary to make such an allowance therefor as he may deem proper.

The board will meet again on the first Tuesday in June.

BEL AIR NOTES.—Fifteen or twenty pupils of the Bel Air Graded School attended a children's party given, last Saturday, by Master Fred. Hancock, at the residence of his parents, near Churchville. The little folks had a delightful day.

Mr. Frank A. Richardson, who is in charge of the Baltimore *Sun's* Washington bureau, was in Bel Air, on Monday, getting out letters testamentary on the estate of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Amanda Z. Howard.

A number of young ladies and gentlemen of Bel Air and neighborhood have formd a riding club, and will meet once a week for the delightful and exhilarating exercise of horseback riding. The club is composed of Misses Virginia Lee, Lizzie Streett, Maggie Bell and Etta Richardson. The gentlemen are Messrs. Alex Bell, Gover Streett, W. Beatty Harlan, F. H. Jacobs, Walter W. Preston and J. Edwin Webster.

Town Bailiff Small has made a count and found that there are 206 houses within the corporate limits of Bel Air and 26 immediately outside. The question of annexing the "Belt," will come up one of these days.

Mr. D. C. Standiford, representing Lister's Standard and popular fertilizers, was in Bel Air on Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Chesney, widow of the late County Commissioner James R. Chesney, has removed from Michaelsville to her house on the corner of Main street and Port Deposit avenue.

Mr. John S. Bullock, Clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore city, was in Bel Air, on Monday. He had been the guest of Mr. Wm. T. Sawyer, of Emmorton.

Mr. Adam Simnacher, trainer of horses, came up to the fair grounds, on Wednesday, with four fine horses, which he has for training. Mr. Simnacher is an accomplished trainer and takes good care of horses entrusted to him.

ARRESTED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.—Mr. Henry L. Taylor, of the second district, was taken into custody by Sheriff Jarrett, on Tuesday, on a writ of attachment for contempt of court, for refusing or neglecting to pay the alimony ordered by the court to be paid by him to his wife, Clara B. Taylor, pending a suit for divorce. Mrs. Taylor was formerly Miss Clara B. Ackerman. She was from Carthage, New York, and came here six or seven years ago with her father, who was a travelling photographer. She was very young and pretty, and Taylor, who was an old man living in Bush River Neck, became enamoured, proposed, was accepted and was married to her, on the 18th of May, 1881. The marriage did not prove to be a happy one, and bills for divorce were filed by both parties. Pending these proceedings the court, in August, 1883, ordered Taylor to pay to his wife $12 a week alimony for the support of herself and child.

Mr. Tayor is possessed of several farms in Bush River Neck, but it is stated that all of his property is mortgaged to its full value. The last payment of alimony by him was in May, 1886.

His counsel is Mr. Henry W. Archer. Mrs. Taylor is represented by Messrs. Wm. Young and Wm. L. Cooley.

COUNTER CHARGES OF ASSAULT.—On Tuesday morning Jas. Treadway, of Marshall's district, appeared before Justice Lyle, in Bel Air, and obtained a warrant for the arrest of his neighbor, Dr. W C. McCurdy, whom he charged with assault. Mr. Treadway's statement was that while riding along the road on horseback, near the residence of Dr. McCurdy, at Madonna, he heard some one calling to him. Turning around he saw Dr. McCurdy approaching. The latter, upon coming up to him, drew a pistol and pointing it at his head ordered him to come down from the horse. He alighted and as he did so stooped down and picked up a stone.—While he was in the act of doing this he says Dr. McCurdy struck him several times with something, cutting severe gashes in his head, and then walked off. The parties had had difficulties several times within the past year

Shortly afterwards Dr. McCurdy also appeared before Justice Lyle and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Treadway, on the charge of assaulting him upon the public road and threatening to assault him again. He said Treadway had called him an opprobrious epithet, upon meeting him, Tuesday morning, and they had clinched. Both parties gave bail for their appearance at court.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT A SLATE QUARRY.—A distressing accident occurred, last Friday afternoon, at the Harford and Perch Bottom slate quarry. Francis Morgan and Richard Reese were walking from the blacksmith shop to the engine room, and when about ten feet from the edge of the quarry, Mr. Morgan was struck by the hoisting-box, which was running at lightning speed down a wire cable suspended over their heads from the dump into the quarry, and fell a distance of 75 feet. When picked up he was dead, his skull being fractured and his entire body, in fact, mangled and broken.

Justice John O. Stearns held an inquest, the jury being composed of Robert E. Evans, foreman; Wm. E. Finney, Wm. H. Hughes, George Pierce, Edward D. Williams, Lawrence Day, Thos. Jones, James A. Harvey, Richard Williams, John T. Hughes, Frank Harmon and Wm. J. Barrett. They rendered a verdict of accidental death, exonerating the company from blame.

Mr. Morgan was a native of Wales and was much respected. He had been engineer for the company from the time its engine was started. Several persons who saw his danger called to him, but failed to make him hear. Mr. Reese, who was only a few feet in advance of Mr. Morgan, was greatly shocked by his narrow escape. It is said that Mr. Reese and Mr. Morgan had stopped under the cable to view the effect of a blast. The men were out of the quarry and the hoisting boxes had been taken out to save them. Two of the boxes were being sent down into the quarry together, thereby greatly increasing their speed and the force of the blow.

Mr. Morgan was buried at Slateville Church, Sunday afternoon. The funeral was a very large one. The pall-bearers were Richard Reese, John Williams, Benjamin Williams, Howell Williams, Thomas Smithson and Robert Glasgow. The deceased leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters.

MRS. HOWARD'S WILL.—The will of the late Mrs. Amanda Z. Howard, was admitted to probate in the Orphans' Court of Harford county, on Monday. Mr. Frank A. Richardson is named as executor. The bequests are as follows:

To her son, Richard M. Howard, the farm on which he resides, containing 250 acres, and 133 acres of wood land, for life; at his death to his wife, for her lifetime should she remain a widow, and at her death to the children of the said Richard M. Howard.

To Richard M. Howard $1,000 Western Maryland R. R. bonds and two District of Columbia bonds; also to the same the household furniture, personal property, plate, &c., on the farm on which he now resides.

To her son-in-law, Frank A. Richardson, in trust for her grand daughter, Amanda S. Howard and her grandson, Beale R. Howard, children of her deceased son John, the home place "Verdant Valley," 400 acres, partly in Harford and partly in Baltimore county. Also to Frank A. Richardson, in trust for the same grandchildren, 16 acres of woodland, together with mortgages. Also to the same grandchildren her household furniture, plate, stock, &c., on the home place.

To Frank A. Richardson, certain ground rents in Baltimore city, in trust, for the use of her grandchildren, Beale R. Howard and Amanda S. Howard, children of her deceased son John, and to Charles E. Howard and John C. Howard, children of Richard M. Howard, equally.

To Maria Berry, colored, for life, $40 a year.

To Frank A. Richardson, as trustee for her our grandchildren, Baltimore city and bank stock, and all the rest of her personal property not otherwise disposed of.

To the vestry of St. James' P. E. Church, Baltimore county, in trust, $500, the income of which is to be applied towards the payment of the salary of the rector.

The will was witnessed by Blanche Richardson, C. H. Streett and Walter B. Warner.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORPHANS' COURT.—Court met on Monday. Present, Hon. C. W. Billingslea, Chief Judge; Hons. James M. Cain and John W. Barton, Associate Judges.

The appointment of F. A. Richardson as executor of Amanda Z. Howard was confirmed, the executor being required to give bond in the sum of $30,000.

Charles H. Streett and John Patterson were appointed appraisers of the personal estate of Mrs. Amanda Z. Howard, deceased.

The appointment of Rev. Jos. L. Barry as executor of Martha Tweedale was confirmed.—Bond required $1,000. Thomas Healy and Thomas Gleason were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

A. A. Fletcher filed his resignation as guardian of Daisy Reasin, which the court accepted and revoked his guardianship.

Mary C. Stockham was appointed administratrix of John Stockham The administratrix was required to give bond in the sum of $25,000.

OBITUARY.

John Ferguson, aged 92, an old citizen of Darlington, died last Friday, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson. Funeral services were held on Saturday in Grace Memorial P. E. Church, Darlington, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. E. W. Wroth officiated. The interment was in Darlington Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Judge John H. Price, Jos. R. Hopkins, B. J. Williams, J. W. Andrew, Isaac Wilson and C. Wilson. Mr. Ferguson left two daughters, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Janie Ferguson, of Fallston, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was a quiet, unobtrusive citizen and was greatly respected. He was a member of Stephenson Masonic Lodge, of Lapidum, and had belonged to the masonic fraternity for seventy years.

Mr. Wm. Holland Divers, Sr., aged about 84 years, died on Monday, at the residence of his son, Wm. H. Divers, Jr., near Churchville. Mr. Divers was an educated, intelligent gentleman and was formerly a school teacher. The only public office he ever held was that of register of voters for the third district, the duties of which he discharged for some time with great acceptability. Besides the son at whose house he died he leaves four daughters, who are Mrs. James Webster, of Webster's Mill; Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Herrick, of New Jersey, and Mrs. Geo. H. Gorrell, of this county. He was buried Wednesday morning, at Churchville Presbyterian Church. The funeral was largely attended. The pall of which he had been a member for many years, bearers were Wm. Webster, Geo. Webster, John F. Derrikneso, Robert Mitchell, John Barnes and Alfred Kimble. Rev. C. D. Wilson officiated.

Miss Jennie Moulsdale, daughter of Mr. Thos. Moulsdale, of Abingdon, died on Sunday, of typhoid fever, at the residence of her sister, Miss Lily Moulsdale, in Philadelphia. Miss Moulsdale was fifteen years of age and was a bright and attractive young lady. Her remains were brought on and interred on Monday afternoon in the graveyard of the M. E. Church, Abingdon. Rev. G. L. Cuddy officiated. The pall-bearers were C. K. Sewell, Charles E. Nelson, Arthur Magness, Thomas Hooker, Gilton Wilson and George Vanbise.

Mrs R. J. McLean, widow of Col. G. W. McLean, of the U. S. Army, died in New York, on Sunday. She was a sister of Mrs. Edwin H. Webster, of Bel Air, and of the late James M. McCormick. She leaves four sons, who are Dr. Malcolm McLean, H. C. McLean, Donald McLean and Walter McLean, the latter being in the U. S. Navy. Mrs. McLean was a highly cultivated, refined and most estimable lady. Her death is deeply regretted by her many friends in Harford

Mrs. Mary A. Russell, widow of the late Wm. Russell, died at the residence of her son-in-law Mr. George Walker, Hall's Cross Roads, last Sunday night, April 24, of heart disease, aged 75 years. The funeral took place Tuesday, services being held at the house, conducted by Rev. D. Jamison, assisted by Rev. C. L. Damaron. Mrs. Russell was a member of the Aberdeen Southern Methodist Church. The interment was at the Grove Church. The pall-bearers were Messrs. George Harris, Richard Holloway, Wesley Gibson, Joseph Gibson, Clark Gibson and R. H. Hopkins.

OUR BUSH RIVER NECK LETTER.

A Pleasant Excursion—Other Items of Interest.

On Monday about 35 ladies and gentlemen had a very pleasant May day excursion on the schooner Emma Estelle, Capt. Wm. A. Byrd, commander, whose kindness and courtesy greatly enhanced the pleasure of the trip. The excursionists boarded the vessel at Swan Creek, and sailed down the bay to Turkey Point. On our return we stopped at the U. S. Fish Hatching Station, where we witnessed the interesting operations connected with artificially hatching shad. There we met Capt. J. A. Smith and Mr. J. M. Crichton, who are connected with the Fish Commission. They kindly showed the party around and explained the manner of procedure. A large force of men is at work building a wharf, improving the battery and putting in machinery. In time it will be one of the finest resorts for excursions on the Chesapeake Bay. The steam yacht connected with the station is one of the finest I have ever seen. It is fitted up in handsome style, with every modern appliance and convenience. A splendid repast was spread in the cabin, and the bracing breezes of the Chesapeake sharpened every one's appetite. We got back to the landing at about 7 o'clock, tired but delighted with the trip. Many compliments and thanks were showered upon Capt. Byrd for his attention and kindness.

Divine service will be held on Sunday next, at the Independent Chapel, Bush River Neck, by Rev. J. Harry Chesley. The Sunday School will be organized at that place at 2½ o'clock. Mr. Chesley preached a very effective sermon, last Sunday week, at the place named, to a large and appreciative congregation.

Our canners are having their cans shipped to them by wholesale, and are very busy getting ready to fill them with corn and tomatoes. A big effort is being made in the Neck this spring for canning. JIM SANK.

FROM UPPER CROSS ROADS.

Thieving—Narrow Escape—Other Matters.

One night last week some one stole a set of harness and a lap-spread from Mr. J. M. Curry. The night before, upon returning home he put the harness in the buggy and the lap-spread in the carriage-house.

The same night a set of harness worth $40 was stolen from Dr. Green, of Long Green Valley.

Also on the same night a suit of clothes, for which the hostler on Mr. Samuel Patterson's place, Hyde station, M. C. Railroad, had just paid $25, was stolen.

Thomas Kelly and Patrick Kennedy were employed in cutting timber, last Friday, when a large pine tree became lodged on another tree. While Mr. Kelly was engaged in cutting to free it, Mr. Kennedy incautiously walked under it when it snapped off and he came near being caught beneath it. As it was it catch his axe. If it had struck him, it would doubtless have killed him.

The Upper Cross Roads Cornet Band is getting along finely. They meet every Tuesday night.

Thompson & Hitencock, formerly of this county, have opened a large provision store at Hampden, Baltimore county. They will also run a butcher wagon. They are enterprising and accommodating gentlemen.

The hand-shaking time will soon be here and political clubs will soon be organized in each district. Come on, all you young Democrats, and we will take up the best men and surely win.

Mr. John B. Curry will soon commence his large bay house. John H. Engle will build it.

Harry Standiford, of Taylor, has rented the wheelwright shop at Upper Cross Roads and is ready for work. Joseph Wheeler, formerly the wheelwright at this shop, has removed to Delta He is a good workman. His son Ben. will soon be in partnership with him. R. H. THOMPSON.

WILNA ITEMS.

Balmy spring is upon us and our farmers are busily engaged in trusting to the freshly turned earth the germ of future rewards, and nature is assuming her loveliest aspect.

Mr. M. Standiford, one of our most enterprising farmers, has vastly improved the appearance of that portion of Thomas Kemp's farm between Wilna and Union Chapel, by removing the old worm fence and accompanying debris. Indeed, one who has not visited our community during the past decade could not fail to observe a vast improvement in the general surroundings.

Our public school has entered upon the last term of the year with about forty pupils, and a favorable outlook for desirable progress and forthcoming examination is already being discussed.

A stereopticon exhibition, for the benefit of the Sabbath School at Union Chapel, is announced, and is enlisting the energies of the young folks in disposing of tickets. A spirited rivalry is being waged, owing to the rewards offered. The school is in a flourishing condition under the following officers: James T. Norris, Superintendent; J. W. Wood, Assistant; Wm. O. Davis, Librarian and Secretary, and M. E. Norris, Treasurer.

The Live Oak Temperance and Literary Society closed its public meetings for the season with a pleasant evening's entertainment, consisting of readings, recitations and singing. The society is performing a good work in upholding the moral tone of the community and diminishing the power of a fearful evil in our land.

Mr. B. F. Cronin and family are occupying their farm, near Wilna. Mr. Cronin was formerly a resident of Spesutia Island and notes the fact that we have here added impediments to the plow share, but we trust as a community we may afford him advantages which will more than counterbalance this inconvenience.

Mrs. J. W. Wood, of our vicinity, has been quite ill, but is now convalescent. Mrs. Wood is a South Carolinian by birth, and has recently received the sad intelligence of the death of her father. She has the sympathy of friends in her affliction.

The Wilna Farmers' Club meets at the residence of T. O. Hollingsworth, on Wednesday, 4th inst., and W. C. T. U. at Mrs. J. K. Hamilton's on Saturday.

Mr. Gravenhurst, of Frederick, visited his property at Wilna, during the past week.

Miss Carrie Bateman is visiting relatives in Baltimore. OBSERVER.

FROM WHITEFORD.

On Monday, May 2d, Mr. W. Charles Daughton died, at the residence of his mother, near Whiteford. He had been very low with consumption for some time. He was an honest, industrious young man and will be sorely missed by his grieving mother and friends.

Mr. Hugh Cm. Whiteford had his foot severely hurt last week, but is now able to go around.

Mrs. Sallie Parke last week received a stroke of paralysis, which materially affected her speech.

Mr. William Norris, of Whiteford, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of malarial fever.

Mr. Hugh R. Whiteford is very ill with the pleurisy, caused by a severe drenching in the rain. CLAP RALPH

WATERVALE.

Watervale is a station on the Maryland Central Railroad, at Winter's Run. It consists of a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, in successful operation, and a vacant storehouse; also a large flour mill, owned and operated by Mr. Wm. H. Waters. Applications have been granted for a postoffice and a telegraph office at Watervale, and both will be established as soon as the store is again occupied. Watervale might be made a thriving place. B. H. A.

LETTER FROM CHURCHVILLE.

The Cattle Market—Feasting on Fish.

B. Hope bought and shipped to the Philadelphia market, on Wednesday, 26 head of cattle from Wm. Oldfield; 18 from Samuel F. Whistler and 2 from Robert F. Hanna.

Everybody is happy here, herring being plentiful, only 15 cents per hundred at the river.

Mr. Maxwell, marble cutter, of Bel Air, is cleaning up and straightening the grave stones of the Pannell family, in the Presbyterian churchyard. It is a great improvement.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

—East Harford Southern Methodist Church.—Preaching next Sunday, May 8th: Aberdeen 7½ P. M.; Perrymans 11 A. M., by the pastor Rev. C. L. Damaron. All cordially invited to be present.

—Rev. James B. Craighill will preach at Grace Chapel, Hickory, on Sunday, May 8th, 1887, at 7 30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M.

—Appointments for Sunday, May 8 h.—Preaching at Mt. Tabor at 10.30 A. M., and at Yingling Chapel, near Dublin, at 3 P. M. The Sabbath School at Mt. Tabor will be reorganized at 9 A. M., on the same day. All of the former scholars and all others are cordially invited to be present and join the school. S. F. Cassen, Pastor.

[Announcements of Marriages and Deaths free—Obituary Notices five cents per line.]

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