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An Extra Session of Congress.

Considerable pressure has been brought to bear upon President Cleveland to induce him to call an extra session of Congress. We hope he will not yield to the clamor. The most important question which will come up when Congress assembles again will be the tariff, but it is by no means certain that it would be settled at an extra session, and the Democratic administration would then be taunted by the Republican press with squandering the people's money by an extra session and failure to accomplish the object for which the extra session was called.

It is manifestly certain that there must be a reduction in the revenue collected every year by the general government from the people. No valid reason can be given why a hundred millions of dollars should be extorted from the people annually over and above the sum required for an economical administration of the government. That vast sum had better remain in the pockets of the people. It would remain then if the tariff were reduced.

Both parties have declared unequivocally in their platforms that this taxation shall be reduced, but nothing has yet been done.—Democrats in Congress have made several efforts to lift the burden from the backs of the people, but these efforts have always been thwarted by the Republicans, aided by a few Democrats who are willing to sacrifice the interests of the people for the benefit of the monopolists whom they represent in Congress. A reduction could have been made any time if the Democrats had been willing to let the tariff alone and cut off the internal revenue taxes, such as those on whisky, tobacco, &c., but such action, while it would have reduced the surplus in the Treasury, would not have benefited the people. What farmers, especially, want, is cheaper implements, cheaper fertilizers and cheaper necessaries of life. Lifting the tax on whisky might cheapen that article but would not benefit the people.

—The Democratic Supervisory committee, Hon. Henry D. Farnandis, chairman, has prepared a long list of names from which they will select the judges and clerks of the primary elections to be held in Baltimore city this fall. These names will be published before the primaries and the committee will be constantly in session to hear objections against them in regard to their fitness, honesty and impartiality. The supervisory committee expected to meet again last night in Baltimore. Their action ought to meet with the approval of the reformers and all others who want fair elections.

—The rapid advance in the price of coffee will be bad news for all who enjoy their matutinal cup of this wholesome beverage. It is said that a year ago $9,000 would buy a thousand bags of coffee, and that the same quantity now will cost $26,000. The rise is attributed to speculation in the article all over the world, based upon the expectation that the crop of 1887—8 will be short. Perhaps we will have to return to the substitutes for coffee used during the war, such as rye, dandelion, sweet potatoes, &c.

—Marcellus J. Booze, a clerk in the internal revenue collector's office at Baltimore, sent in his resignation on Tuesday, giving as his reasons that it is wholly impossible for him, as a gentleman, to associate with some of the Democrats who will be connected with the office after the 1st of June. He adds: "I wish it to be distinctly understood that I retire as a stalwart Republican." Booze has evidently overstayed his time. He ought to have been turned out long ago.

—When political rogues fall out honest people sometimes get to the front. The feud between Gen. Mahone and Senator Riddleberger culminated when Mahone's friends got hold of the election machinery in Riddleberger's own county, Shenandoah and undertook to punish Riddleberger's friends. The latter took off his coat and went into the contest with sleeves rolled up in opposition to Mahone and his Republican friends. The result was a Democratic victory.

—Major Ben. Perley Poore died at the Ebbitt House, Washington, on Sunday, aged 67 years. He had been a printer, editor, correspondent and author, and since 1863 held the position of clerk to the Senate committee on printing. He was a native of Massachusetts. He was of a convivial turn, knew every public man in the country, and was a marked figure in Washington.

—Hon. Henry D. Farnandis has called the Democratic Executive Committee of the county to meet at his office in Bel Air, next Tuesday, June 7th. The members are James Cunningham, 1st district; Oliver N. Cole, 2d district; Henry D. Farnandis, 3d district; John R. Jackson, 4th district; Arch. Wilson 5th district, and Hollis Courtney, 6th district.

—Mr. Blaine is preparing to go abroad with his wife and two daughters. They will visit England, Scotland and Ireland and perhaps Germany, France and other countries. Mr. Blaine, a correspondent states, denies that he contemplates assisting Gladstone in his home rule policy for Ireland.

—The York *Dispatch* on Monday celebrated its eleventh birthday by issuing a twenty-page edition, filled with advertisements and interesting reading matter, one page being printed in German. The *Dispatch* is a live, enterprising newspaper and its success is deserved.

—The Baltimore *Telegram* appeared last week with a new and artistic head. Its first page is illustrated with an excellent portrait of Hon. Frank Brown, postmaster at Baltimore, whose name is favorably mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for Governor.

—The New York *Star* has undertaken to raise $125,000 for a monument to General Grant, in Riverside Park, New York, where he is buried. The *Star* wants 12,500 subscriptions of $10 each, but will gratefully accept smaller amounts.

—J. D. Perrins, the Worcester sauce-maker, is dead. He probably made more dyspeptics than any man in the world and a fortune amounting to over three millions of dollars.

—Mr. H. C. Naill, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, officially expresses his belief that the Republicans should make straight out nominations.

—The Belt line stables in New York were destroyed by fire, last Friday morning. Sixteen hundred horses and many cars were burned.

—The sixth Inter-State Conference and Temperance Training School will be held at Mountain Lake Park, Md., July 26—29.

—The President and Mrs. Cleveland, with Secretary and Mrs. Lamont, are at Saranac Lake, New York, enjoying the trout-fishing.

—Rev. J. S. Lindsay, D. D., of Georgetown, D. C., has been elected bishop of the P. E. diocese of Easton.

Local Affairs.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—The tomato growers have been very busy setting out plants the last few days.

—A fine horse belonging to Mr. Joseph Rogers, who lives near Swan Creek, died last week from an unknown cause.

—The break in the Four-Mile Level of the Tidewater Canal having been repaired the first boat passed through the Canal on Tuesday.

—Application has been filed at Washington for the establishment of a postoffice at Preston station, B. and O. Railroad, near Rock Hall, to be called VanBibber.

—Mr. E. B. Pleasants, formerly chief engineer of the Maryland Central railroad, is about starting for South Carolina, where he will be engaged on a railroad survey.

—There was a very lively hail storm in the upper part of the county, last Friday. The ground at Chrome Hill and Madonna was white with hail-stones, some of which were as large as grains of corn.

—Don't forget to attend the strawberry and ice cream festival to be held on the parsonage lawn of the M. P. Church, Bel Air, this (Friday) evening, from 7 to 10½ o'clock. You will miss a rare treat if you do.

—Mr. D. P. Hollingsworth, at Salem Creamery, Fallston, is now making from 40 to 50 gallons of ice cream a day. He has cream sufficient to make 100 gallons a day, enough, one would suppose, to supply the entire county.

—Rev. A. Louis Hyde, son of Mr. S. N. Hyde, of Long Green, formerly of Boothby Hill, has accepted an invitation to preach this summer at the Presbyterian Church, Berlin, N. J. Mr. Hyde is a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he will be graduated next year.

—Mr. Theodore Welch, of Chestnut Hill, had an attack of vertigo, in Centre M. E. Church, Wednesday, at the beginning of the services at the funeral of Mrs. Lycurgus Ross. Dr. F. P. Smithson, who was present, rendered medical aid and about an hour afterwards Mr. Welch was able to be taken home.

—The fox den on the farm of Col. Hyde, in Long Green Valley, was dug out one day last week and eight foxes of all ages were captured. The heads of a number of fowls were found in the den, which was indubitable evidence of the fact that the sly scamps had been living high.—*Towsontown Union.*

—Rev. John S. Jones preached last Sunday and last Sunday week, in the Presbyterian Church, Churchville, in place of the pastor, Rev. C. D. Wilson, who is a delegate at the Presbyterian General Assembly, now in session in Chicago. Rev. Mr. Jones is one of the ablest preachers in the Presbyterian church, and his sermons are always eloquent and rich in thought.

LIST OF LETTERS uncalled for at the Bel Air Postoffice, May 30th: A. C. Barton, Mrs. L. A. Brown, Mrs. General Morris, Mr. J. H. Maddox, B. W. Wilson, Mrs. Wm. Griffin.

J. S. RICHARDSON, P. M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED.—Mount Pleasant Sunday School, near Norrisville, was organized last Sunday, with the following officers: Superintendent, W. T. Payne; Secretary, Jesse P. Rutledge; Treasurer, Jos. W. Taylor; Librarian, Mollie V. Rutledge.

STORE SOLD.—Mr. Henry Kessler has purchased the stock of store goods belonging to Mr. John H. Michael, at Churchville. The store will hereafter be kept by Messrs. John H. Nagle and A. B. Hanson, who invite their friends to call and see them.

NEW CANDIDATES.—Mr. Thomas H. Robinson, of Bel Air, is announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State's Attorney, and Mr. John W. Cole, of the third district, for County Commissioner. Robert E. Morgan, ex-Sheriff, is announced for the House of Delegates.

SALE OF A HOUSE AND LOT.—Messrs. J. S. & C. L. Dallam, real estate agents, have sold a house and lot situated on Bond street, Bel Air, opposite the Masonic Temple, belonging to Thos. Armstrong, of Baltimore, to George Lyle, for $850. The property is subject to a ground rent of $28.

IN JAIL FOR LARCENY.—Constable Moore, of Havre de Grace, on Tuesday brought to Bel Air jail Charles Haycock, a colored boy 14 years old, who is charged with the larceny of a silver watch, valued at $15, belonging to Elmore Owings, of Perryville. Haycock was committed by Justice Charshee.

ORPHANS' COURT WORK.—In the Orphans' Court on Monday, Mrs. Mary V. Gladden, widow of A. Frank Gladden, was appointed guardian of their children—Grace, aged 9 years; Thomas, 6 years; Kate, 3 years; Mary Francis, 1 year. The bond was for $3,000.

Andrew J. Famous was appointed administrator, d. b. n. c. t. a., of Samuel R. Famous, deceased, to convey a mortgage.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Wm. McComas, contractor, has nearly completed a large dwelling house on the Philadelphia turnpike, near Preston station, for Mrs. Robert Wilson, who will occupy it and keep boarders.

John Lick and others are building three houses on the same turnpike, near Abingdon, on land bought by them from the Harford Furnace Company.

BARN BURNED.—The barn belonging to Mr. Thomas L. Beaumont, on the farm formerly belonging to Mr. J. A. Spicer, near Pleasantville, caught fire from an unknown cause, on Thursday of last week, and was entirely destroyed. Mr. Beaumont lost about sixteen tons of hay, together with some farming implements. The building was insured for $500 in the Harford company. The contents were not insured.

SALES OF CATTLE.—The following sales of cattle at Churchville have been made during the past week:

From Wm. F. & Geo. A. Hays, 18 head of very fine fat cattle; from Shadrack Johnson, 10; from Col. E. H. Webster, 8; from Hosea Barnes, 2. Prices from 3½ to 5 cents.

These cattle were bought by John Kidd for James Sawdon, Jr., and shipped to him at Wilmington, Del.

DECORATION DAY was observed in various parts of the county on Monday. The only observance in this county was at Havre de Grace, where Admiral John Rodgers Post, Grand Army of the Republic, met at their post hall and went in a body to Angel Hill Cemetery, carrying with them a great many fine flowers, and the graves of the few dead soldiers lying there were decorated. After the exercises of the G. A. R. ritual were gone through with Major J. T. Frieze addressed the audience and members of the post. The soldiers' graves at Wesleyan Chapel were also decorated by a delegation from Rodgers Post, G. A. R.

ENTERTAINMENT.—A delightful entertainment was given, last Friday night, by Mr. and Mrs. George B. Rigdon, in their new house, near Cooptown, to Mrs. Rigdon's sister, Miss Jean Amos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Amos. An improvised band furnished good music and dancing was one of the features of the evening. Some time after midnight refreshments were served, but it was early morning before the last of the guests departed. Besides those from the neighborhood there were present from Bel Air and vicinity Messrs. Charles L. Dallam, Calvin Amos, Streett Waters, Miss Laura Dallam, Miss Jennie Amos and Miss Julia Jarrett.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.—On Wednesday of last week while Daniel Hewett, of Perryville, was engaged in digging sand and gravel for the P., W. and B. Railroad, from a bank near Perryville station, a large mass of earth fell down and struck him in the breast, killing him instantly. Mr. Hewett was a widower, 62 years old, and leaves two sons and six daughters, all grown. He was highly esteemed in Perryville.

On the same day James S. Galloway, while under the influence of liquor, attempted to board a train at Havre de Grace, after it started, and falling under the wheels was terribly mangled. His right arm was broken in two places, his shoulder torn and his right foot mashed almost to a jelly. Drs. Cochran and Smith did everything possible for his relief. He was taken to his boarding house in Frenchtown, where he died at one o'clock. He was 35 years old and has a mother living in Kentucky.

HARFORD COUNTY GRADUATES.—Among the graduates at the 22d annual commencement of the State Normal School, held in Baltimore, on Thursday of last week, were the following from Harford county:

Rosa C. Brown, Saidee G. Corrigan, Ida Curtiss, Tacy B. Matthews, Fannie H. Robinson, Bertha M. Walton, Samuel M. Webb.

A diploma was delivered to each graduate by Prof. Newell.

LARGE PECAN TREE.—Mr. James M. Reynolds measured a pecan tree on the farm of Col. Robert H. Smith, Spesutia Island, on which his son, Mr. Robert H. Smith, Jr., resides, and found that the boughs cover a space of 102 feet; the trunk measures 15 feet in circumference, the trunk, being therefore about 5 feet in diameter. It shades a space of 308 feet around it and there is room enough under it for a tennis ground entirely in the shade. It yields from five to seven bushels of pecans every year. Mr. Reynolds says he has never seen a pecan tree, even in the South, approaching it in size. It is supposed to have been planted by Mr. Smith's great grandfather.

PRISONERS TAKEN TO THE PENITENTIARY.—On Tuesday Sheriff Jarrett removed from Bel Airjail to the Penitentiary three prisoners, as follows:

Joseph Underhill, colored, convicted of the larceny of a shad net from Robert A. Mitchell. Sentenced for one year.

Herman Stump, colored, for larceny of a fence post belonging to Mrs. E. A. Jacobs.—Sentenced for two years.

Sallie Fisher, colored, for obtaining goods on false pretenses from Cochran & Young, Bel Air, by means of a forged order. Sentenced for one year.

AN EXAMINATION ASKED FOR.—On Wednesday Mr. J. Harvey Bowman, of Level, notified Mr. A. M. Fulford, of the State Veterinary Board, that one of his cows is sick with an unknown disease, which he feared was pleuro-pneumonia. Mr. Fulford at once telegraphed for the State Veterinarian, Dr. Ward, to send some one to make an examination. Last October a steer belonging to Mr. Bowman died, after having been sick for eighteen months, but no disease has been observed among his cows until now. None of the rest of his cattle show any signs of disease and it is probable that the disease is not the dreaded pleuro-pneumonia.

SUICIDE BY POISON.—On Thursday of last week John Miller, who lived near Peach Bottom, committed suicide by taking a quantity of strychnine in a drink of whisky. After his wife discovered that he had taken it she ran to a neighbor's for assistance, but when help arrived the man was found lying on the front porch dead, his body being contorted and drawn out of shape by the violence of the poison. An inquest was held by Squire Crawford, of Delta, the jury rendering a verdict of death from poison. Miller was a German wheelwright. In 1878, while living at Jarrettsville, he stabbed and seriously wounded Mr. Samuel Streett, for which he was tried, convicted and sentenced to the county jail for three months.

WHITSUNDAY AND TRINITY SUNDAY.—Whitsunday, which is one of the moveable feasts of the church, fell this year on the 29th of May.—It is held in commemoration of the descent of Holy Ghost on the Apostles, when "they were with one accord in the same place," after the ascension of our Lord, on which occasion they received the gift of tongues that they might preach the Gospel "to all nations." This event occurred on the day of Pentecost, a Jewish festival held, as the name denotes, fifty days after the feast of unleavened bread. So the Christian Pentecost occurs fifty days after the great feast of Easter, when Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

On the Sunday following Whit Sunday is commemorated the mystery of the Holy Trinity. The observance of this festival is said to have been established in England by Thomas a'Becket, near the close of the twelfth century. In the fact of three hundred and ten churches in England being dedicated to the Holy Trinity, we read the reverence paid to this mystery in mediæval times; but even this is exceeded in our age, when one-fifth of all new churches are so dedicated. Architects and other artists exerted their ingenuity to the utmost for devices expression of the Three in One, and many very curious ones are preserved.

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

John Casey, 2d district, was placed on the outpensioners' list, with an allowance of $20.

Commissioners Hope and Hooker, who were appointed to inspect the new bridges built by Joseph E. Spencer, near Wm. R. Wallis's, fourth district, and near Creswell, reported that in their opinion the contract had not been complied with. Commissioner Walker was instructed to request Mr. Spencer to make the necessary changes before the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Henry Preston having obtained an injunction to prevent the opening of the Gravelly Hill road through his property, in the second district, was before the board on Monday with his counsel, Mr. S. A. Williams. The papers in the case being informal, the Commissioners offered Mr. Preston $300, to repay him for the damage done to his place. The road, it is alleged, is of no use to Mr. Preston. The Examiners allowed him $15.

A petition was presented signed by Col. John Carroll Walsh, S. L. Griffith, J. B. Hanway, G. L. Kroh, John Leight, Wm. N. Vogts and others, for a public road leading from Joppa Station, B. and O. Railroad, to a point on the road leading from Magnolia station to the Baltimore and Havre de Grace turnpike, running its entire length through the lands of the Harford Furnace Company.

The Commissioners will meet June 13th.

DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING.—The thunder storms last week did not appear to be very severe, but nevertheless some damage was done by lightning.

On Thursday Mr. John Robinson's house, near Forest Hill, was struck. The lightning came down the chimney, struck the floor and passed off at the side of the house, leaving a black mark on the floor. The occupants of the room were Mr. Robinson's mother and sister. The latter, Miss Hannah Robinson, who was engaged in baking bread at the time, was stunned by the shock, and upon recovery found herself lying on the floor. She felt the effects of the shock for several days. Her mother, who is 97 years of age, was sitting down, and did not feel the shock.

On Wednesday while John Laird was fishing at Line Bridge his horse, which he had left tied to a tree, was killed by lightning. The tree was struck, and the lightning, passing down the trunk, left the tree and struck the horse. A mark was afterwards found on the animal's head, which it is supposed was made by the lightning. The horse was a valuable one.

At the approach of the same storm Mr. Stanley Holland, who lives on the farm adjoining Commissioner Thomas Poole's, near the Hickory, was engaged in working corn. When it began to rain Mr. Holland was about to take refuge under a poplar tree which stood in the middle of the corn field, but changed his mind and went on towards the house. It was well he did, for a minute afterwards the tree was struck by lightning. Mr. Holland felt the shock but was not injured.

On Thursday a bolt of lightning struck the end of Mr. George Preston's house, near Federal Hill, knocking off the weatherboarding and the plastering inside. The bolt passed down to the lower floor and into the yard, where it exploded with a great noise. Mr. Preston's daughter felt the shock but was not seriously injured. A mule which was near the house was knocked down but soon recovered.

On Friday Oliver Preston and his son, who live about a mile from Mr. George Preston's, were stunned by lightning.

ODD FELLOWS' BANQUET.—On Monday evening Bienheim Lodge, No. 133, of Aberdeen, and Mill Green Lodge, of Odd Fellows, paid a fraternal visit to Triumph Lodge, No. 16, of Bel Air. After the mystic ceremonies in the lodge room, the visitors were escorted to the Town Hall, where an excellent supper was served by the "wives, daughters and sweethearts" of the members of Triumph Lodge. Seventy Odd Fellows and a few invited guests sat down to the festive board, but there was nothing odd in the manner in which they enjoyed the good things prepared by the ladies. It would have been an odd fellow, indeed, who failed to appreciate the supper. After the feast, at which there was no wine, brief speeches were made by Messrs. Geo. Harris, Wm. B. Baker, F. W. Baker, J. M. Streett, Wm. S. Osborn, J. Martin McNabb and Charles A. McGaw. Among those present were Garrett Osborn, of the second district, who has been a member of Harmony Lodge, of Baltimore, for 52 years; Jarrett T. Baldwin and B. G. Treakle, District Deputies, and others.

The officers of the respective Lodges are as follows:

Bienheim Lodge.—John C. Fletcher, N. G.; James A. Wiles, V. G.; Wm. B. Baker, Secretary; James V. McCommons, Treasurer; Jos. McCommons, Warden; Benj. Herring, Marshal; R. M. Taylor, Conductor; John F. Wells, O. G.; J. Taylor, I. G.

Mill Green Lodge.—J. T. Robinson, N. G.; Isaac E. Morris, V. G.; B. G. Treakle, Secretary; A. Huff, Treasurer; E. T. Treakle, O. G.

Triumph Lodge.—J. W. Anderson, N. G.; J. W. Bauer, V. G.; B. F. Keith, R. S.; Howard Dean, P. S.; Charles Exley, Treasurer, J. Harvey Ball, Warden; Wm. A. French, Conductor; J. Wesley Trail, Chaplain; Jacob Kennedy, O. G.; Jos. Lee, I. G.; Wm. T. Billingslea, R. S. N. G.; D. S. Paige, L. S. N. G.

The committee of Triumph Lodge who had charge of the entertainment were J. W. Anderson, B. F. Keith, J. M. Anderson, J. Harvey Ball and Wm. T. Billingslea.

The ladies who prepared and served the supper were Mrs. B. F. Keith, Mrs. J. W. Bauer, Mrs. J. E. Dean, Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Mrs. W. T. Billingslea, Mrs. Jacob Kennedy, Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Mrs. F. R. Bradbury; Misses Nannie Dean, Lily and Mollie Coale, Lena and Nannie Bauer, Annie Keith, Julia Billingslea, Bessie Hinkson and Annie Underwood.

The occasion was in all respects most enjoyable, one enthusiastic odd fellow declaring that it was one of the happiest days of his life.

BEL AIR NOTES.—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Cochran, of Baltimore, have been spending some days at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young, of Bel Air.

Admiral and Mrs. Wm. E. Leroy, of New York, and Miss Florrie Bell, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Col. Herman Stump, at Waverly. They arrived last Saturday evening.

Rev. Wm. P. Finney, of New Egypt, N. J., been has spending a few days with his father, Rev. E. Finney. Mr. John M. T. Finney was also at home for a day, this week.

Work has been commenced on Mr. Wm. H. Dozen's dwelling house on the Hickory road, nearly opposite Col. Webster's, and on Dr. D. Preston Wysong's residence, corner of Broadway and Franklin street. Jacob E. Bull, contractor. John F. Lingan, contractor, has also commenced building a house on Broadway, for Mr. A. Preston Gilbert, and has staked off a house on the same street for F. W. Baker.

Dr. C. A. Hollingsworth's drug store has been renovated by a coat of paint, applied by Messrs. Bradbury & Prigg, painters. Mrs. Martha Finney's house is also being repainted, by E. Church Garrettson.

Messrs. A. & O. Whitaker are improving their property, corner Broadway and Franklin street, by a neat, new fence, which is being erected by J. Thos. Gorrell.

A full account of the funeral ceremonies of the late Harrison Dorsey Gough, formerly of Bel Air, who died recently in San Francisco, has been very neatly prepared on a typewriter, by Miss Marion Jones, of Baltimore, who is a niece of Mrs. A. Lingan Jarrett, of Bel Air.—Copies have been given to the friends of the deceased. Mr. Gough was a son of the late Harry D. Gough, of Harford county, and a brother of Mrs. Richard E. Bouldin, of Bel Air, and of Mrs. Jas. Glasgow, of Baltimore. Mr. Gough was a lawyer of decided ability and had many friends here who deeply deplore his death.

Dr. J. G. Dance has a wistaria vine in his yard, on Main street, which was planted fifteen years ago. It now covers three sides of his house, or more than eighty feet in length. It is covered with thousands of delicately-tinted flowers. We have never seen anything of the kind more beautiful.

Mr. Hugh J. Jewett's splendid horse Almont Chief was exhibited in Bel Air, on Tuesday. This is probably one of the finest standard horses in Maryland.

On Tuesday Bailiff Small served printed notices at each house in town notifiying persons that they must clean up their outside premises and cellars.

A China fair has been in progress this week at Ames M. E. Chapel, (colored,) the proceeds of which are to be appropriated towards paying the debt on the church.

Mr. William Galloway, of Baltimore, spent Wednesday with his brother-in-law, Capt. R. E. Bouldin.

Messrs. Henry Reckord & Sons are running their roller mills on full time and are turning out a large quantity of first class flour, which finds a ready sale among merchants and private families. Their popular brand is the Corson Snow Flake. Among recent orders were John G. Rouse, 50 barrels; Rouse & Hanna, 50; Rouse & Richardson, 50; Wm. E. Williams & Co., 125; John T. Wilson, 40; A. B. Whitaker & Bro., 50; Cochran & Young, 15. It is also sold in the stores of Wm. H. Bauer, A. C. Geatty, A. H. Strasbaugh and J. F. Mitchell.

OBITUARY.

Willie W. Shadinger, oldest son of Mrs. H. E. Shadinger, died at the residence of his uncle, Dr. Charles A. Rutledge, Rocks of Deer Creek, on Thursday of last week, aged 14 years. Willie was a bright, promising and useful boy, and much sympathy is felt for his mother, who is a widow. He was buried, on Saturday, from the residence of his grandfather, Mr. David Hanway, near Fallston. Services were held at the house by Rev. Geo. K. Warner, of The Manor, Baltimore county, the interment being in the Friends' burying ground, Fallston. The pall-bearers were C. C. Rouse, Frank West, James West, James Hull, Charles W. Harvey, James Glenn.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Ross, wife of Mr. Lycurgus Ross, died on Monday morning, at her home, near Forest Hill, of consumption, leaving to her husband's care three children. Mrs. Ross was an affectionate wife and mother and had a large circle of friends and relatives, who mourn her death. The funeral took place at Centre M. E. Church, Wednesday, Rev. T. E. Peters officiating. The pall-bearers were James Rodgers, David Grey, David L. Tucker, Wilbur F. Wallis, J. C. Tucker and Robert Martin.

Mr. Parker Gilbert, who lived near Wesleyan Chapel, died on Monday morning, of paralysis, with which he was stricken last Saturday. Mr. Gilbert had been in feeble health for a month or more before his death. He was about 74 years of age and leaves a wife, a son and daughter. The son is Mr. John F. Gilbert, his daughter being Mrs. Jarrett Ward, Jr. Mr. Gilbert was engaged in farming, and was an industrious, honorable man, and was much respected by all who knew him. He was buried at Wesleyan Chapel on Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Charlton officiating. The pall-bearers were John W. Carroll, John A. Ewing, George Gilbert, James L. Donahoo, Samuel Bayless, Amos A. Mitchell.

Mr. Wm. Harvey, of State Hill, died last Saturday morning, in his 90th year. He was born near Prospect and was a s'ater by trade. For many years he was a contractor in Washington and other places. In 1840 he settled in York county, where he has since resided. His funeral, which was largely attended, took place at Mount Nebo. Rev. Messrs. Crawford, Davenport, Smith and Wells officiated. The pall-bearers were Jonathan Macomber, John Macomber, Thomas Lane, Henry Donovan, Wm. McCluskey and Wm. Guyton. Mr. Harvey's wife died some years ago.

Lizzie Scarborough, formerly of Harford county, died in Baltimore, May 24th, and was buried at Emory M. E. Church, near Mill Green, on the 26th. Miss Scarborough had been ill for a long time.

Mr. Alex. P. Levering died at his home, near Reckord's Mills, on Wednesday evening, about 8 o'clock. Mr. Levering was stricken with paralysis, some time ago.

LETTER FROM SHANE.

The late showers have improved the crops in this section.

This is the great day for fishing. Every boy and girl who can carry a pole is angling for fish. The banks of Deer Creek are lined with children, all in the highest glee, trying to see who can catch the most fish.

Mr. John Stirling found a terrapin on his farm, upon the back of which was inscribed the date 1611. It had every appearance of being very old.

Politics are getting a little warm in this section. We do not think there will be any fight in the seventh district this time, but we look for a hot time in the convention.

About a week ago Mr. Israel Herbert had a slight stroke of paralysis. He is getting all right again. He is on a visit at Fawn Grove, York Co., Pa. Mr. Herbert is a brother of Justice Gideon Herbert, of Towsontown.

Mrs. Sarah Miller, wife of Mr. Mitchell H. Miller, near Five Forks, died on the 25th of May and was buried on the 27th, at Fellowship M. E. Church. The funeral was largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. Fred. Heisse and Rev. Thomas Wright. Pall bearers, Michael Kunkle, Amos Harrison, Thomas Harrison, Albert Vanderslout, Taylor Hosler and Calvin Richardson. Undertaker, W. Ramsay Webb. Mrs. Miller was 52 years old and leaves a husband and eight children.

E. S. M.

HARFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Special Meeting at Darlington.

A Memoir of the Elder Booth by Dr. W. Stump Forwood.

A special meeting of the Harford Historical Society was held in the Town Hall, Darlington, on Tuesday evening. The attendance was not large, on account of the rain. A valuable memoir of Junius Brutus Booth, the great tragedian, which had been prepared by President W. Stump Forwood at the request of the society, was read by him. It is the most complete and accurate biography of the elder Booth that has ever been written and will probably be published in book form. The following is a brief synopsis of Dr. Forwood's paper:

"Junius Brutus Booth was born at St. Pancras, London, on the first day of May, 1796. His father, Richard Booth, was a respectable attorney and solicitor, residing in Queen Street, Bloomsbury, and his mother was a descendant of the celebrated John Wilkes.

He entered the British Navy as a midshipman, but was disuaded by his father from embarking for America in a vessel which, with nearly all the crew, was lost. He then applied his talents to the art of printing but abandoned this for the study of law. Next he took up painting, having a decided talent for drawing, and finally became an actor, and soon was a rival of Edmund Kean. He won laurels on the stage not only in England but on the continent.

On the 18th of Jan., 1821, he married Miss Mary Anne Holmes, a great beauty. In the same year he and his wife and a pied pony that he had purchased on the Island of Madeira, and which figured largely in connection with his history in Harford county afterwards, sailed for America. They landed at Norfolk, Va., on June 30, 1821.

His first appearance upon the American stage was at Richmond, Va., July 13, 1821. He created a marked impression and played at Petersburg and in New York, whither his fame had preceded him.

Booth first temporarily took up his residence in Baltimore, and played at the leading theatres from Boston to Charleston, Mobile and New Orleans, and in the West.

"Soon after coming to this country he took up his residence in Harford county, about 2½ miles east of Bel Air, where he rented a small house in a very secluded spot out of sight from the public road. After occupying this house about three years he purchased the adjoining farm, of 150 acres, to which he moved his little log house and lived there for a number of years, building a very neat and handsome stone cottage, in the English style, a short time before his death. This he named "Tudor Hall." His eccentricities were numerous and striking. One was that it was sinful—contrary to the laws of nature and the will of Providence—to sacrifice animal life for food. He therefore did not eat the bride who, seif or permit his family to do so—while he was at home. On this subject he had imbibed the notions of one of his favorite authors, Shelley, as expressed in "Queen Mab."

Although not a member of any church to the close of his life, yet it was his uniform practice to reverently remove his hat whenever he passed any church, of whatever denomination. Notwithstanding this show of devoutness, he at one time made an effort, in which he was nearly successful, to open the theatre and have a regular performance at Annapolis on Sunday.

Booth divided his time between the character of a farmer in Harford county and an actor at the principal theatres throughout the United States. He only made one visit to his native country after coming to America, and then he was received with great cordiality and enthusiasm.

Booth had ten children. The eldest, who was named for himself, was born at Charleston, S. C., on the 23d of December, 1821. The others were all born on the farm, in Harford county. Several died in early youth.

The speaker presented much original matter in the life of Booth, which he had procured from Mrs. Elijah R. Rogers, now of Baltimore, but who formerly was a near neighbor of the Booth family throughout their entire residence in Harford county, being more intimately connected with them than any one outside of the family circle. She speaks in the highest terms of them all, and especially refers to Mrs. Booth as a most lovely woman. The speaker continued:

In the latter part of his life, during the last ten years, Booth remained more at his farm—seeming to be careless of the fame and the large revenue which his acting always yielded—for his appearance upon the stage was always greeted by large and appreciative audiences.

In 1852 he played to crowded audiences in San Francisco with his son Edwin.

Booth suddenly resolved to return home, expressing his determination to retire from the stage. He arrived at New Orleans in November and performed in that city for six weeks.—His last appearance was as Sir Edward Mortimer, in "The Iron Chest," and as John Lump.

"Being greatly exhausted after the performance," says his biographer, "it is supposed that he contracted cold, which grew rapidly worse. He took passage for Cincinnati on the steamboat J. S. Chenoweth, and, becoming feverish in a few days, he drank freely of the Mississipi water, which greatly increased his disorder. There was no physician on board, nor had he any acquaintances with him. He kept his stateroom closely, and his condition was only known to the steward. 'His disease turned to consumption of the bowels,' says his daughter, 'of which he died on Tuesday, November 30, 1852, at two o'clock, P. M. The steward of the vessel reported his last words to have been, in a scarcely audible voice: 'Pray! pray! pray!'

"His body was taken to Baltimore, and buried with Masonic honors. He was first buried in the Baltimore Cemetery, but some years later, after his son Edwin's return from California, the body was removed to Greenmount Cemetery, and a handsome monument erected to his memory. His wife died quite recently—30 years later—and lies beside her husband. Also, John Wilkes and the other deceased children, and his father—Richard Booth—all repose in the same lot.

"Thus rose and set the most brilliant star that ever shed light upon the American Stage."

BASE BALL.

Aberdeen and Pen Mar.

Reported for The Ægis.

The Nonpareil Base Ball Club, of Aberdeen, played its second match game last Saturday afternoon, May 28th, with the Pen Mar Club, of Baltimore. Like the last it was an easy victory for the home team. German again pitched splendidly, striking out 9, allowing only 3 hits to be made during the contest. Five errors for the home team gave the visitors three runs. Price caught a beautiful game. The sun somewhat interfered with the game, but between showers six innings only were played. Appended is the score:

NONPAREIL.	R	O	PEN MAR.	R	O
G Pritchard, s. s.	2	2	Coleman, c.	0	3
Carsina, l. f.	2	0	Naler, 2 b.	1	1
Wells, 2 b.	0	2	Meeks, s. s.	2	1
W. Pritchard, r. f.	1	2	King, p.	0	3
Wilkinson, 1 b.	1	2	Johnson, 1 b.	0	2
Rawhouser, 3 b.	1	2	Buntz, l. f.	0	2
Sullivan, c. f.	1	2	Bowers, 1 b.	0	2
Price, c.	1	3	Lutz, c. f.	0	2
German, p.	0	4	Mum, r. f.	0	1
Total	12	18	Total	3	18

Score by Innings.

CLUBS.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot'l.
Nonpareil	0	8	2	0	2	0	12
Pen Mar	0	0	0	2	0	1	3

Two-base hits—Rawhouser, Wells, Wilkinson, Struck out—Nonpareil 6, Pen Mar 9. Base on balls—Pen Mar, 1. Left on base—Nonpareil 6, Pen Mar 3. Double play, Wilkinson and Price. Scorer, J. Harry Michael.

With a little more head work on the part of the fielders in placing the ball and more practice in base running, the Nonpareil Club will undoubtedly be the finest amateur club in Maryland.

DELTA AFFAIRS.

Miss Rissie Stanley is very ill. She is not expected to live.

Miss Ida Metzell is also lying very low with fever. Mr. Albertus Matson buried one of his children on Monday, the 30th.

Mr. Will Bennington had his back severely sprained by the end of a stone slipping off of a rest, as he was raising the other end. He suffers considerably and is not yet able to resume work.

Mr. Henry Atkin is having a cancer taken out of his lower lip by Samuel Brown. It is getting along very well.

A party, composed of Messrs. Wm. and John Malone, James Phillips, Nathan and Lawrence Day, Misses Ella Malone, Ruth Boyd, Anna Mozell and Mrs. Carrie Day, gathered at Peach Bottom, secured two boats, one of which had a pennant, and proceeded to Big Island, for the purpose of catching fish and passing a jolly day in general. They caught of bass, 1; minnows, 3, and killed a snake, estimated from 1 to 8 feet long.

SLIP SHOD.

FROM ABERDEEN.

A fine rain fell here last Tuesday night, enabling our canners to set out tomato plants.—Wheat generally promises well.

Mrs. Mary James, who has been ill, is, we are glad to report, convalescent.

The Nonpareil Base Ball Club received a challenge from the Harlem Club, of Baltimore, for a match game. The time has not been fixed.

The ladies of Aberdeen Southern Methodist Church are working to make their festival, which will be held in Jas. B. Baker's canning house, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, 8th, 9th and 10th, a grand success. If the weather is unfavorable on Friday, the festival will be held on Saturday evening.

STRANGER.

Sunday School Convention.

The Annual Convention of Sunday School workers of Harford county will be held in Bel Air, opening session in the Presbyterian Church, commencing Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock, July 20th, and ending Thursday evening, July 21st. All the schools of the county, of all den