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Democratic Primaries.

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee for Harford County, held in Bel Air, on Tuesday, the 7th day of June, 1887, it was

Resolved, That the Democratic voters of Harford County hold primary meetings at the usual place of voting in each district, on

Saturday, the 16th day of July, 1887,

at 3 o'clock, P. M., and select from each district TEN DELEGATES to a Convention in Bel Air, on WEDNESDAY, 20th JULY, at 12 o'clock, M., to send delegates to represent Harford county to the State Convention to be held in Baltimore City, on the 27th day of July, 1887, to nominate candidates for Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Attorney General of Maryland.

PLACES OF MEETING.

First District—ABINGDON.
Second District—HALL'S X ROADS.
Third District—BEL AIR.
Fourth District—JARRETTSVILLE.
Fifth District—DUBLIN.
Sixth District—HAVRE DE GRACE.

The member of the Executive County Committee will, if present, call to order the meeting in his district, and if not present the meeting will organize itself.

HENRY D. FARNANDIS,
Chairman.
HOLLIS COURTNEY, Sec'y.

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Harford county, in Bel Air, on Tuesday, 7th June, 1887, it was

Resolved, That the Primary Elections be held in the several Election Districts, at the places of holding general elections in said districts,

ON SATURDAY, JULY 23d, 1887,

from the hour of 9 o'clock, A. M., to 6 o'clock, P. M., except in the 3d District and in Havre de Grace, where the hours shall be from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 7 o'clock, P. M., for candidates for the following offices:

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.
FOR THREE JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS' COURT.
FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.
FOR FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES (no two from the same district.)
FOR SHERIFF.
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.
FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, (each district to select its own member.)

Resolved, That the following persons are named as Judges of Election, who will appoint the necessary Clerks:

First District.—Abingdon Precinct—Geo. Wm. McComas, Clem. Sewell and Daniel Callahan.—Magnolia Precinct—George W. Brown, John Scully and Christopher Herbert.

Second District.—Hall's Cross Roads Precinct—Henry M. Courtney, James W. McGaw and Jacob Hollis. Hopewell Precinct—Augustus Smith, George W. Botts and W. B. Hopkins.

Third District.—Bel Air Precinct—John G. Rouse, Humphrey Wilson, Geo. R. Cairnes.—Churchville Precinct—Wm. H. Harward, John Trago and Wm. F. Hays. Fallston Precinct—Alphonzo Robinson, John Clark and Jos. G. Favour.

Fourth District.—Jarrettsville Precinct—Samuel J. Decta, J. Frank Devoe and Wm. A. Durham. Upper Cross Roads Precinct—Dennis H. Standiford, John Divers and Samuel W. James. Norrisville Precinct—Thos. H. Wiley, Nicholas Wiley and John P. McClung.

Fifth District.—Dublin Precinct—R. Lamar McCann, Joseph R. Hopkins and Hugh A. Jones.—Stearns' Precinct—James R. Whiteford, Martin T. Murphy and Henry S. Gorrell.

Sixth District.—Havre de Grace—S. E. Penning, Jos. H. Carver and Thomas Healy.

Notice to Candidates.

General tickets to be used at the Democratic Primary Elections, Saturday, July 23d, 1887, including the names of the candidates who may desire it, will be printed at the offices of *The Harford Democrat* and *The Ægis and Intelligencer*.

Persons desiring their names to appear on the tickets will please send them to one or the other offices on or before Friday, July 15th, as it will be necessary to close the forms at that time.

Each name must be accompanied by Two Dollars to pay for printing, and for this sum one thousand tickets will be furnished for each district. These tickets will be placed in the hands of the members of the Executive Committee for the respective districts.

Persons desiring extra tickets can procure them for a moderate charge.

Death of Judge Bartol.

Hon. James L. Bartol died at his residence in Baltimore, on the 23d of June, in the 74th year of his age. Judge Bartol was born in Havre de Grace, his father being George Bartol, a well-known and successful merchant. His early education was received at Havre de Grace, with a view to his becoming a merchant, but when 15 years old he was sent to Chanceford, York county, Pa., and placed as a private pupil in the family of Dr. Samuel Martin, a most accomplished teacher, and two years later graduated at Jefferson College, Pa., with marked honors.

Upon returning to Harford county young Bartol concluded to study law and became a student in the office of the late Otho Scott, in Bel Air. Mr. Scott was one of the ablest lawyers the State of Maryland has ever produced and stood at the head of his profession. His pupil did credit to so able an instructor.

Mr. Bartol's health having become impaired he made a voyage to Florida and Cuba and consequently he did not apply for admission to the bar until 1836. The next year he settled in Caroline county and practiced law in the courts of the Eastern Shore counties. In 1845 he removed to Baltimore city and continued to practice his profession.

He was an unswerving Democrat, but had no taste for politics and no aspirations for office. In 1857, without solicitation on his part, Gov. Ligon appointed him as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, to succeed John Thompson Mason, who had resigned. The same year he was elected to the office by the people.

Having removed to Baltimore in 1867 he was again elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, and remained on that bench until 1883, when confirmed ill-health caused him to resign.

In the death of Judge Bartol Harford county loses one of her most honored sons and the State of Maryland a citizen of distinguished worth. Judge Bartol united to great legal ability a gentleness and kindness of manner which attracted to him every one with whom he came in contact. He was, nevertheless, firm and decided in the performance of duty and a more impartial and upright judge never graced the bench of any court.

Judge Bartol's wife, who was a Miss Cherbonnier, died a few years ago. He leaves one daughter, who is the wife of Charles E. Hitchcock, of Baltimore, formerly of Havre Grace.

Judge Bartol's funeral took place last Saturday, from the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Charles E. Hitchcock, in Baltimore. Services were held at St. Ann's Church, by Rev. Dr. John S. Foley, assisted by Rev. Wm. E. Starr and Rev. Edward McColgan.

Rev. Dr. Foley delivered the panegyric. The pall-bearers were: Judge Wm. Shepard Bryan, Hon. Richard Grason, Walter Farnandis, S. Teackle Wallis, State's Attorney Charles G. Kerr and Judge Oliver Miller, honorary; Messrs. John Malloy, Dr. L. J. Williams, John P. Poe, William. H. Perkins, William R. Griffith and E. J. D. Cross, active. Burial was in Greenmount.

—Charles M. Owens, Isaiah Watters and John Brandau, judges, and John B. Sanner and Wm. S. Byrne, clerks of election for the 7th precinct, 1st ward of Baltimore city, were on Monday sentenced by Judge Duffy in the Criminal Court to serve two years in the Baltimore city jail for conspiring to defraud at the municipal election of 1886. Jas. H Hamlin, judge of election in the 18th ward, was also sentenced to two years in jail and to pay a fine of $1,000 for receiving illegal votes at the congressional election the same year. Henry Heintzerling, convicted of the same offence, did not appear and his bail was forfeited.

Cheating at elections is getting to be a dangerous business in Baltimore city. It is a crime that ought to be made odious.

The K. of L. Convention.

The Knights of Labor held a convention in Baltimore, on Monday, for the purpose of agreeing upon laws in the interest of labor, to be presented to the next Legislature.

A number of resolutions were presented, from among which the committee on resolutions found twenty-two distinct things which they want the Legislature to pass. Among them are the following:

The appointment of an inspector of factories who shall be a practical mechanic, familiar with hygienic laws and the practical workings of factories.

The employment of children under the age of 15 years in mills, factories, workshops and mines to be prohibited.

That the hours of labor of men engaged in mechanical and manual labor for the city or State be reduced to eight.

That the State and city tax sufficient of the rental value of all bare lands to pay the expense of State and city government and abolish all taxes on the products of labor.

That the first Monday in September be declared a legal holiday. That every Saturday afternoon be declared a half holiday, to be known as "Labor Day."

That we demand of the next Legislature the calling of an early convention to draft a new constitution for the State of Maryland.

To prohibit the use of second-hand barrels for flour.

To imprison all persons selling adulterated food.

To imprison all employers who compel their employees to sign a paper not to join any labor organization while in their employ.

A number of other suggestions were made, chiefly in the interest of particular trades.—The Knights insisted that a higher degree of intelligence and independence should characterize the men sent to the Legislature, and no good citizen will find fault with them for this. Legislatures are generally too subservient to the rich and powerful and the members too intent upon their own aggrandizement to look after the interests of the laboring and producing classes by whom the voting is done and who are forgotten as soon as election day is over.

—An iron bridge on the Pennsylvania Railroad, between Philadelphia and New York, was moved a distance of fifty feet, last Sunday, and placed on trestles, in eleven and one-half minutes. The structure is 180 feet long and weighs 160 tons. Tracks, switches, frogs, &c., were laid, and not a moment's delay occurred in the running of trains. The bridge had to be moved so that it might be used until a stone bridge is built and ready for service. Preparations for its removal occupied six weeks. Thirty men were engaged in the work.

—The Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati was anything but faithful to its depositors and stockholders. Its losses are estimated at from $6,000,000 to $10,000,000, all of which was sunk in the attempt to corner wheat in Chicago. The firm of White, Fassler & Kelly, manufacturers of the Champion reapers, is involved in ruin by the transactions of the bank.

—Jacob Sharp, charged with bribing the board of aldermen of New York city, in 1884, to vote for a street railway charter in which he was interested, was convicted, on Wednesday. The trial lasted thirty-four days, including twenty-three days consumed in getting a jury. The jury were out only fifteen minutes.

—John Thomas Ross, who was convicted of the murder in Baltimore, last January, of Emily Brown, an aged street beggar, for the purpose of selling her body for dissection has been sentenced to be hanged.

—Ten Broeck, the famous thorough-bred race-horse, died at the home of his owner, F. B. Harper, in Woodford county, Ky., on Tuesday.

Local Affairs.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—The County Commissioners will meet again July 11th.

—Dr. C. A. Rutledge will open his ice cream saloon at the Rocks of Deer Creek on the Fourth of July.

—The Maryland Central railroad authorities are about to build a station house and waiting room at Loch Raven.

—A correspondent says that Mr. W. H. Smith, who lives near Darlington, has the finest field of corn in the county.

—Mr. John B. Price, of the First District, is announced as a candidate for Commissioners at the Democratic primaries.

—Work has commenced on a new iron bridge where the Maryland Central Railroad cross es the York turnpike, at Towsontown.

—The Democratic primary meetings will be held in Baltimore county on the 22d and 23d of July, and the county convention July 25th.

—Mr. A. E. Cullum, near Perrymans, has 60 acres in tomatoes for canning. Fifteen acres of these are said to be unsurpassed by any field in the county.

—Application has been made to the Postoffice Department for the establishment of a postoffice at Franklinville, Baltimore county, with John Ridgely as postmaster.

—The ladies of Mt. Vernon M. E. Church will hold a festival, at the church, July 15th and 16th. A rock fish supper will be served each evening. Good things will no doubt be furnished in abundance.

—Annie E. Wallis, daughter of Mr. Wm. R. Wallis, of Centre M. E. Sunday School, collected $16.05 for the Children's day offerings, being more than double the amount collected by any other Sunday School scholar in West Harford Circuit.

—Mr. Adam Simnacher, horse trainer a tthe Bel Air Fair Grounds, expects to start to-morrow with his fast horse, Allen H., for Easton, Md., having entered the horse in a race for the 2.30 class, which is to take place there on the Fourth of July.

—Philadelphians who visit Harford vis. Connowingo have induced the P. R. R. Co. to put on a new train, leaving Philadelphia at 2.10 P. M., making through connections at Perryville for Conowingo and points on the Port Deposit and Columbia Railroad.

—Children's Day was observed last Sunday, June 26th, at the Grove Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen. The pulpit was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. An interesting programme was rendered. A large congregation was present.

—Mr. David Carman has purchased from Mr. Walter Harward 2½ acres of land, near Monks' Store, and intends to erect upon it a blacksmith shop and dwelling house. Mr. Carman is a good workman and will no doubt succeed in building up a good business.

—Mr. Wm. R. Wallis, near Forest Hill, has probably the best field of Fultz wheat in Marshall's district. His oats, also, is unsurpassed by any in the county. Mr. Wallis expected to begin cutting his wheat Monday. He used on his wheat and oats 200 lbs. of McAfee's dissolved bone to the acre.

—Mrs. I. E. Hoopes, formerly of Harford county, has opened Oriole Cottage, a first-class boarding house, at Atlantic City, N. J. The house is delightfully situated, within full view of the ocean and Mrs. Hoopes has had much experience in catering for guests. Harford county visitors to Atlantic City may be sure of a warm welcome and every comfort at Oriole Cottage. See advertisement.

—Rev. C. L. Damaron, pastor of the Aberdeen Southern Methodist Church, will preach next Sunday evening, July 3d, at 7 45 o'clock, to the young people. Subject, "Sowing and Reaping." The Sunday School of the above church contemplates holding a Missionary Anniversary at an early date. The school is in a flourishing condition. Number on roll 118; number present last Sunday, 95.

—Mr. H. Faust has opened a splendid new cafe, at No. 17 Baltimore street, between Charles and Light streets, Baltimore. The central location of this establishment, its first-class appointments, polite service and unsurpassed cuisine must make it a popular resort for ladies and others who visit the city for a day. Faust's Model Cafe will compare favorably with any other restaurant in the United States.

JOPPA ITEMS.—Mr. E. D. Onion, of Baltimore, has removed with his family to his country residence at Joppa.

Mr. Wells O. Clayton has completed Mr. J. B. Hanway's canning house and has erected for him an office and a Fairbanks' scales for weighing coal.

ARRESTED AND FINED.—On Thursday of last week Constable Lee arrested at Aberdeen Edward Webber, on the charge of assaulting J. H. Wann, colored, and for carrying a concealed weapon—a pistol. Justice Harris fined him $1 and costs for the assault, and $5 and costs for carrying a concealed deadly weapon. Webber paid his fines, amounting to $11.15, and was released.

A ROAD TO BE IMPROVED.—The County Commissioners on Monday appropriated $400 for the purpose of improving the public road leading from Glencove to Berkeleyville, 5th district, Mr. D. C. Wharton Smith agreeing to give $100 and the use of his steam stone crusher for the same purpose. Mr. Smith, with commendable public spirit, has already spread a boat load of oyster-shells on this road, at a cost to himself of $150.

HYMENEAL.—On Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Emmett Grafton and Miss Agnes V. Gorrell were married in Deer Creek M. P. Chapel, by Rev. S. F. Cassen. The church was well filled by friends of the young bride and groom. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Joseph E. Gorrell. The ushers were Oliver Rigdon and John Robinson. The ceremony was preceded by a wedding feast, at the residence of the bride's parents, near the Hickory.

THE RAILROAD COMPANY CENSURED.—The coroner's jury in the case of the killing of Alexander Gautron in the railroad accident on the P., W. and B. Railroad, at Havre de Grace, on Tuesday afternoon of last week, rendered a verdict censuring the railroad company and its employes "for the reckless manner and high rate of speed in running the trains through our city, thereby endangering the lives of our citizens and the travelling public."

BODY EXHUMED.—Freeborn Rice, a well-known colored man living in Bush River Neck, died suddenly, on Saturday, June 17th, shortly after having eaten of a dish of stewed rhubarb or pie plant. The case appears to have excited but little attention until after the old man was buried, when facts became known which led to a belief that he had been poisoned. On Saturday last the body, which had been buried in the neighborhood, was exhumed and the stomach and its contents removed and taken away for analysis. The result of the analysis is not yet known.

IMPROVING.—Mr. Phelps, who was accidentally injured, two weeks ago, while engaged in bringing a mowing machine down a stairway at Moore Bros. store, Fallston, is improving under the care of Dr. Charles Bagley. Mr. Phelps and another man were rolling the machine down from the upper story, when it fell carrying Mr. Phelps with it. The latter fell upon his head, causing concussion of the brain. His escape from instant death was narrow.

Mr. Edward Colgan, of Fallston, who sustained a severe sprain of the knee by an accidental fall, a few weeks ago, is now able to walk about, but is still suffering from the effects of the accident.

PRESTON STATION, B. AND O. R. R.—The laying of second track on the new B. and O. Railroad has reached Preston station, and the double track will be used from there to Baltimore, commencing July 1st.

A new schedule will go into effect on July 3d and more passenger trains will then be put on, including a new mail train each way. The mail train going east will leave Baltimore at 7 o'clock, A. M., and the west bound mail train will leave Philadelphia on arrival of New York mail at 7.15 A. M. The new postoffices on the route will be served by these trains.

Mr. John J. Murphy, the telegraph operator who was hurt by the explosion of the engine at Chester recently, died last Friday, at his home in Chester, and was buried on Monday.

DISTRICT LINES CHANGED.—A petition was presented to the Commissioners, on Monday, asking them to change the lines of Fallston and Bel Air precincts, as follows:

Beginning for the same at the line of the first district, on Winter's Run, and running up said stream to the new bridge at Wm. H. Waters'; thence from the east end thereof, following the public road past Thomas Amos' property and between the farms of Wm. H. Waters and B. F. Warner, to the High Point road; thence with said High Point road, between the farms of Wm. E. Blair and the late Samuel Hanway, until it intersects the line of the Fourth election district at or near High Point.

The petition was granted. The voters whose voting place will thereby be changed from Fallston to Bel Air are as follows:

A. Haviland Hull, A. A. Hull, Edwin Haviland, S. P. Hull, H. D. Hanway, Mahlon Thompson, S. E. Hanway, Chas. Goowater, C. W. Hanway, Bickett Hutton, I. W. Thompson, Wm. E. Lockard, Jas. L. Whitaker, C. S. Bavington, Joshua Whitaker, Wm. E. Dowlin, Charles Whitaker and Horace B. Twining.

A LENGTHY CASE.—The case of Frank Bateman vs. The Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Company, began in Baltimore county court, at Towsontown, on Thursday of last week, and was still on trial yesterday. The suit was for $5,000 damages for injuries sustained by the plaintiff by reason of the alleged unsafe condition of the turnpike. Mr. Bateman, it appears, was driving from Fallston towards Baltimore, in a wagon. In descending a hill near Keech's lime kiln his horse ran away and the wagon struck a stump near the line of travelled roadway, causing him to lose command of the lines, and the wagon was precipitated over an embankment. Mr. Bateman's leg was broken by the fall. The case was tried for the plaintiff by Messrs. Wm. Young and John I. Yellott, the opening statement being made by George Y. Maynadier. The counsel for the Turnpike company were Geo. H. Williams, Robert R. Boarman, Wm. Dawson and D. G. McIntosh.

At a previous trial of the same case a verdict was given in favor of Mr. Bateman, but a new trial was granted.

OBITUARY.—Mr. Josiah G. Furlong, formerly a well known citizen of Harford county, died at his residence in Baltimore city on the 22d June, in the 45th year of his age. A wife and five children survive him.

Mr. Samuel Miller, one of the oldest residents of Harford county, died at the residence of Mr. Wm. Gorrell, near Swan Creek, last Thursday, in the 81st year of his age. Mr. Miller was keeper of the Harford county almshouse about fifty years ago. His funeral took place from the residence of Mr. Gorrell, last Saturday morning. Interment at Rock Run Cemetery.—*Electric Light.*

Mrs. Marie Louise Raine, the mother of Col. F. Raine, United States Consul General to Berlin, died in Dakota, on Wednesday of last week, in her 91st year. Col. Raine's leave of absence from his post of duty was chiefly for the purpose of seeing his aged mother, whom he had not seen for three years, and he was preparing to visit her when the news of her death was received. Mrs. Raine had a number of friends and acquaintances in this county.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING.—Meetings were held on Tuesday afternoon and evening, in the Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, Rev. E. D. Finney, pastor, under the direction of the Sabbath School Association of the Presbytery of Baltimore.

The themes discussed at the afternoon session were as follows:

"The Necessity and Sphere of the Sabbath School," by Rev. John P. Campbell, of Baltimore; "Qualifications and Aim of S. S. Teachers," by Rev. T. W. Anderson, of Baltimore; "The Infant Jesus," by Rev. S. McLanahan, of Baltimore.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Rev. C. D. Wilson, of Churchville. The opening address was by Rev. John P. Campbell. "Sabbath School and Temperance" was discussed by Dr. E. Hall Rutledge, of Baltimore. Rev. T. W. Anderson explained the best method of cultivating an interest in missions and Rev. S. McLanahan spoke on "The Truths of Scripture the Means of Conversion and Education." The closing address was made by Rev. E. D. Finney.

Questions pertaining to S. S. work were written out and being handed up were answered by Rev. Mr. Campbell.

The music, which was excellent, was under the direction of Mrs. Martha Hanna, who performed on the organ.

ACCIDENTS.—Week before last Mr. Wm. Devoe, living near Federal Hill, went to the spring with one of his children, to get some water, and being taken suddenly ill fell into the spring, with his face downwards and was unable to rise. The child called assistance and Mr. Devoe was taken out, almost drowned. His condition, since, has been very critical. He is attended by Dr. Frank Turner.

Dale Hoblitzell, youngest son of Rev. Mr. Hoblitzell, met with a severe accident, Wednesday morning, by falling from the back porch at the M. P. Parsonage, in Bel Air. His right collar bone was fractured and he was also considerably bruised about the head. Dr. E. Hall Richardson was called in and set the fracture. The little sufferer is doing as well as could be expected.

On Wednesday, while engaged in stacking hay, Mr. John Streett, of the Hickory, accidentally fell backwards head foremost off the rick, but was fortunately caught by Mr. James Peterson. The fall was broken and Mr. Streett's life, most probably, saved thereby. As it was he was seriously bruised. One of his arms, it was feared, was dislocated.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.—The board of School Commissioners was in session on Tuesday, Mr. Arthur Vosbury, President, in the Chair, and Messrs W. H. H. Whiteford and John G. Rouse.

Misses Clara Vansant and Emma E. Amos were recommended for scholarships in the State Normal School.

Mr. Edward M. Brown was recommended to the State Board of Education for a Life Certificate as a teacher.

Commissioner Whiteford was instructed to have the necessary repairs made at Franklin School, No. 9, fifth district.

The following bids were received for supplying the schools with coal:

J. B. Hanway, $6 45 per ton, for schools in 1st district.

E. M. Allen, ag't, for supplying schools Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19 and Nos. 1, 2 and 3, colored, 5th district, $8 per ton; and Nos. 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, and No. 1, colored, 2d district, $7.25 per ton.

Henry Reckord & Sons, 1st district, $7.45; 3d district, $7.70; 4th district, $9.75 per ton.

The contract for the 1st district was awarded to J. B. Hanway, and the contract for parts of of the 5th district to E. M. Allen, ag't.

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

BEL AIR NOTES.—A pleasant entertainment was given, on Wednesday evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Streett, to Miss Rose Keeling, of Harrisburg.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Lawrence McCormick and his bride were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gilbert. The guests were composed chiefly of the relatives and near friends of the bride and groom.

The Clymer Family of cornet players will give an entertainment, in the Court House, on Saturday evening, July 2d. This orchestra consists of nine persons, being composed of Prof. J. D. Clymer, his son and daughters. The entertainment will include vocal as well as instrumental music, sketches, songs, a Punch and Judy show and other popular and pleasing features.

The Bel Air National Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent., payable on and after to-day. The undivided profits of the bank amount to $20,000, the surplus or reserve fund being $7,500. The bank is in a prosperous condition.

The ladies of the M. E. Church having secured the privilege will sell ice cream and lemonade, on Hays' Addition, July 4th, during the display of fireworks at night.

Mrs. Hinkle, of Pennsylvania, and Miss Belle Hart, of Baltimore, delivered interesting addresses at a missionary meeting held in the M. E. Church, Monday evening.

WILLS RECORDED.—Among the wills lately recorded in the office of the Register of Wills are the following:

The will of Parker Gilbert, by which all of his estate, real and personal, is bequeathed to his wife, Elizabeth Gilbert, during her life, and after her death to be divided equally between his two children, John F. Gilbert and Phœbe E. Ward. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, is named sole executrix. The will was witnessed by Amos A. Mitchell, Wm. H. Touchston and John T. Mitchell. The executrix's bond is $1,000. Dan. R. Gilbert and Wm. H. Barnes were appointed to appraise the personal estate.

The will of Alexander T. Levering bequeaths all of his property, of whatever kind, to his sister, Sarah R. Levering, who is appointed executrix. The signature was witnessed by Daniel E. Lynch, Thomas A. Shanahan and Jas. T. Shanahan. The bond of the executrix was fixed at $4,000. Jas. K. Keech and George Rogers were appointed to appraise the personal estate of the deceased.

The will of Mark Bartleson bequeaths whatever property the testator may die possessed of amongst his legal heirs, in accordance with the laws of Maryland if he had died intestate. His son, Edward E. Bartleson, of Montgomery county, Pa., and his son, Wm. D. Bartleson, of Harford county, Md., are named as executors, without being required to give bond. It was witnessed by Thos. Bradenbaugh, Wm. H. Rockey and W. D. McCrevy. Executors' bond, $500.

CLOSE OF THE LEVY.—The County Commissioners met on Monday and finally closed the levy for county expenses. The county tax was fixed at 74 cents on the $100, the State tax being 18¾ cents.

The assessed value of property in the county and taxes thereon in each district is as follows:

FOR COUNTY PURPOSES.

	Assessment.	Tax.
1st District	$1,459,872	$10,803 06
2d and 6th Districts	3,709,935	27,896 78
3d District	3,061,421	22,758 52
4th District	1,923,098	14,135 37
5th District	2,397,128	17,738 75
Bank and other stocks	365,306	2,703 26
Total	$12,977,268	$96,031 74

The tax upon bank and other stocks amounting in value to $974,255, are paid to the county and State direct by the corporations in which the stock is held, and the State taxes gathered in by the collectors, amount to $22,515.65.

The commissions to be paid to collectors of taxes are as follows:

1st District	$ 658 55
2d and 6th Districts	1,716 64
3d District	496 70
4th District	620 68
5th District	748 29
Total	$3,885 13

The basis of taxation, as compared with last year, has been increased $66,827. The commissions to collectors is but little more than one-half the amount paid last year, when it was $7,314.01. The reduction is $3,428.88.

The appropriation to Public Schools, at 17 cents on the $100, amounts to $22,061.35.

PERSONAL MENTION.—Rev. R. J. Keeling, D. D., and his daughter, Miss Rose Keeling, of Harrisburg, arrived in Bel Air, last Thursday. They were the guests of Mr. J. M. Streett. Dr. Keeling left on Friday, expecting to go to Omaha, to be absent about a month. Miss Keeling remained here. Dr. Keeling was the successor of the late Rev. John R. Keech, as rector of Rock Spring Episcopal Church. He was warmly welcomed by his many friends.

Mrs. Larned, wife of Major Frank Larned, of Baltimore, was a recent visitor at Col. Otho S. Lee's, in Bel Air. Miss Agnes Jay, daughter of Mr. John Jay, of Aberdeen, is also visiting Col. Lee's family.

Miss Worthington, of Darlington, has been spending a few days with Mr. J. K. Worthington, at Claymont, Delaware.

Misses Mollie and Ossie Walker, near Webster postoffice, are visiting at the residence of Mr. Joseph A. Coale, near Bel Air.

Mrs. Alice Maslin, of Baltimore, is at Dr. E. Hall Richardson's.

Mrs. F. Shaffner, of New York, and Miss Alice V. Skiles, of Uniontown, Pa., are now on a visit to Mrs. Hortense Jeffery, in Bel Air.

Mrs. D. C. Wharton Smith is a frequent visitor at "Archmere," the beautiful county seat of her father, at Claymont, Delaware.

Mr. John Silver Hughes, of Baltimore, formerly of this county, is about to remove to Minneapolis, Minn., for the purpose of engaging in business. He expects to leave on the 11th instant and go by way of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, &c., traversing by boat the entire length of Lakes Huron, Erie and Superior. Mr. Hughes thinks the West is the place for young men.

Mr. Wm. S. Webster, formerly of Creswell, who removed to Colorado last year, has taken up a ranche and intends to engage in stock raising.

BEL AIR ACADEMY—MEDAL AWARDED.—The annual examination of pupils of Bel Air Academy, Mr. W. T. L. Taliaferro, Principal, took place last week. From the report of the principal it appeared that the highest averages in nine studies were gained by James F. Mitchell (93.04.) and J. L. Griffith Lee (89.69.) Jas. F. Mitchell obtained 100 in Algebra, Arithmetic and Geometry; Griffith Lee 100 in Algebra and Arithmetic; N. N. Nock, Jr., 100 in Algebra and 90 in Latin; Horace Boarman, 90 in Latin; J. J. Finney, 75.90 in Latin; John D. Stearns, Latin 93, Algebra 85.71; R. H. Webster, Latin 85.60; Algebra 98; J. Wilson Richardson, Geometry and Trigonometry 95, Algebra 98.

On Friday the contest in declamation took place, before a committee, consisting of members of the bar and others. The contestants were John D. Stearns, R. Harry Webster and James F. Mitchell. The Principal's gold medal was awarded to John D. Stearns. Masters Mitchell and Webster also acquitted themselves with credit. J. L. Griffith Lee, also declaimed, but having won the medal last year was debarred from competing this time.

The badge in the Academy Debating Society was won by James F. Mitchell.

The committee propounded the following test in spelling:

"It is an agreeable sight to see the unparalleled embarrassment of an harassed pedler attempting to gauge the symmetry of a peeled onion which a sibyl has stabbed with a poniard, regardless of innuendoes of a carnelian hue."

This was a poser to the boys, as it is to nearly everybody else, the lowest number of errors made being 4 and the highest 12.

A historical chart, made by J. Wilson Richardson, was admirably executed.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.—The anniversary of American Independence will be celebrated throughout Harford county with more enthusiasm than for many years past.

At Bel Air the Declaration of Independence will be read by Mr. Walter W. Preston and addresses delivered by Messrs. S. W. Bradford and W. T. L. Taliaferro.

The literary exercises will begin at about 6 30 o'clock, P. M., and after dark there will be a grand display of fire-works, under the charge of Mr. Jas. M. Reynolds. These will consist of a masonic device, rockets, mines, flower-pots, a star, mottoes, &c. The Clymer Family, nine in number, seven of whom are ladies and children, comprising a cornet band, will play at intervals during the exercises. The affair promises to be entertaining. It will be held in Hays' Addition to Bel Air, which is situated near the Bel Air turnpike, between the town and the Fair Grounds.

Susquehanna Assembly, Knights of Labor, Havre de Grace, will celebrate the day by a grand pic nic at the National Camp Grounds, Oakington Station. Orators from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore are expected and Wright's brass and string bands will furnish music. There will be dancing and other amusements, but intoxicating liquors will be excluded.

Corporal Baer Post, G. A. R. will celebrate the Fourth by a pic nic in Ramsay's grove, near Delta, with speeches in the evening and fireworks at night.

A moonlight pic nic will also take place at Dwyer & Leight's fishing shore, Otter Point.

A match game of base ball will be played at Aberneen on the afternoon of July 4th, between the Nonpareil Club, of that place, and the Pen Mar Club, of Baltimore.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The musical and literary entertainment by the pupils of Calvary school, Miss Mattie S. Richardson, teacher, which was held in the school house, last Saturday night, was well attended. The exercises gave great pleasure to the patrons of the school, and the children themselves were pleased with their own efforts.

Mr. Noble L. Mitchell, County School Examiner, delivered an excellent address.

The programme was varied, and consisted of singing by the entire school, Miss Mattie S. Richardson performing on the organ. The opening address was by Eddie Dever; there were several dialogues, one being "The Months," by one boy and twelve girls; recitations by Carrie M. Webster, Addie Dever, Sophia Webster, Johnny Schuck, Effie Cottle, Walter Dorsey, Mary Callahan, Ben. Dever, and George Mitchell; tableaux, "The Declaration of Independence," by Florence Osborn and Will Hamby, and "Too Late for the Train;" "the Oriole March," performed upon the organ by Miss Mamie Dever; pantomime, "Advertising for a Wife;" solo, "Jack and Gill," Addie Dever.

Others who assisted in the dialogues and singing were Lillie Derrickson, Florence Osborn, Mollie Anthony, Mamie Dever, Hattie Dever, Annie Callahan, Fannie Harvey, Gertrude Thomas, Ella Swartz, Clara Hamby, Annie Mitchell, Amelia Sargable, Lina Sargable, Addie Preston, Katie Kirby, Lizzie Dorsey, Celia Grist, Charles Andrew, David Callahan, Tina Callahan, David Dever, Alonzo Mitchell, Richard Webster, Will Hamby, Albert Dorsey, Norman Smith and Guy Morris.

Prizes for good deportment, consisting of books, were awarded to Lilly Derrickson and Carrie M. Webster.

Calvary Public School is in a flourishing condition, as appears from the report of last quarter, lately published in *The Ægis*, being perhaps, the best in the county. The teacher, Miss Richardson, has given general satisfaction and the patrons are anxious for her return in the fall.

PROHIBITION METTING.—A meeting of Prohibitionists was held in the Court House, last Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing the party for the approaching political campaign.

P. F. Ball presided, with F. A. Brown Secretary.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Thomas Wood, pastor of Bel Air M. E. Church.

Messrs. Edward Sweeting, of the 1st; T. W. Mather, of the 2d, and R. W. Eubank, of the 6th district, were elected members of the county central committee, the other members being P. F. Ball, 3d; S. L. Spencer, 4th, and J. B. Scarborough, 5th district. The Secretary was directed to ascertain whether Messrs. Sweeting, Mather and Eubank will serve.

The Executive Committee was organized with P. F. Ball, chairman; J. W. Anderson, Secretary; Rev. Thos. Wood, Treasurer, and Messrs. Thos. Smithson and Wm. G. Jeffery.

Messrs. David Harlan and Geo. Bailey, 2d district; Wm. G. Jeffery, P. F. Ball and Wm. S. Osborn, 3d; S. L. Spencer and Rev. T. E. Peters, 4th; J. B. Scarborough, 5th, and S. J. Seneca and R. W. Eubank, 6th district, were elected delegates to the Prohibition State Convention, with power to fill vacancies—the number of delegates to which Harford is entitled being twelve.

The Executive Committee was instructed to call a convention early in June, to nominate a county ticket.

The chairman, Mr. P. F. Ball, offered resolutions arraigning both the Republican and Democratic parties.

Rev. Mr. Wood, while not opposed to the resolutions, declared his unwillingness to have them published before candidates are named and insisted upon his point so strenuously that the convention finally adopted the resolutions and ordered that their publication be deferred until nominations are made.

Mr. Wood said he wanted it stated in the resolutions that the Republican party is wedded to high license, but no amendment was made.

John Lloyd Thomas, F. A. Brown and J. W. Anderson wanted them published at once and S. L. Spencer favored their publication later.

Mr. John Lloyd Thomas, the representative of the State Committee, asked that his name be printed in full in the proceedings, as there is another John L. Thomas in the State, whose name leaves a bad taste in his mouth.

LETTER FROM SHANE.

The late rains have improved the corn crop in this section.

Mr. Albert Almoney was the first to cut wheat, having cut some on Monday, the 20th June.

Mr. John T. Almoney in tearing down the old store house at Shane found several old coins, among them a copper cent dated 1794, with Martha Washington's head and face upon it, and her name printed on it.

Mr. John Anderson is building a new porch and repairing the house on his lower farm. Mr. Joshua Rutledge is doing the carpenter work.

Mr. John W. Wright has the stone hauled for the foundation of his new house at Shane.

Next Sunday is children's day at West Liberty.

Politics is very quiet in the Seventh, there being no fight here.

Mr. Henry S. Wright, our road supervisor, is making great improvements on the road leading from White Hall to the Harford county line.

L. S. M.

OUR BUSH RIVER NECK LETTER.

Teachers and Scholars Entertained. Good Road Mending—Short Crop of Wheat—Personals.

A basket pic nic was given, on Wednesday of last week, at Locust Point Farm, by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson, to Miss Maggie Dowlin, teacher of our Public School, and her pupils. The guests were handsomely entertained and the affair was enjoyable. Miss Dowlin was appointed to succeed Miss Sallie C. Watters, and has proved herself a very efficient teacher. She is deservedly popular with both parents and scholars.

All road-menders should drive over Mr. H. Clay Nelson's section, from Chelsea to the corner house, in the Neck, and learn how to make roads good. His work is a credit to him. The road is oval and smooth, not ridged up in the middle, and is comfortable to drive over.

Our public schools have closed and the school marms having gone home to take a rest some of the fellows are left out in the cold.

Farmers are harvesting and find their wheat a short crop, attributable to excessive rains and hot suns.

Miss Lizzie Walker, daughter of Ex-Sheriff Walker, is rusticating at the