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The Outlook for the Packing Interests.

The packing of canned vegetables, especially of corn and tomatoes, is the most important industry ever developed in Harford county, our county being, in fact, one of the largest producers of canned goods in the country. While the demand for canned goods is no doubt increasing with the growth of the country, the facility with which vegetables can be packed makes over-production easily possible, and this point should be guarded against, or loss will result. Owing to the scant stock in the hands of dealers at the beginning of the year 1887 and the subsequent failure of the tomato crop in the Western States, fairly remunerative prices were obtained for both corn and tomatoes. Under the stimulus of this slight prosperity the probablity is that more factories will be in operation this year than ever before, and there is great danger that prices will be depressed and many failures result.

In this condition of affairs it would therefor be prudent for packers who are thinking about enlarging their business operations and those who are preparing to venture upon an untried field, to examine closely the situation and shape their course accordingly, so that our county may maintain her position as one of the chief packing centres of the country, while at the same time avoiding the wide-spread disaster which will surely result from over-production and inability to handle the pack, such as overtook our packers in 1884.

The fact should not be lost sight of that disaster to the packer is followed by loss to the farmer who raised the produce and in many cases loss to the laborer, also, who was employed to pack it. Consequently, the packer and the farmer are both interested, in the beginning of the season, in considering whether it will be prudent or not to venture more largely into a business in which failure from over-production must seriously affect many persons besides those who are apparently alone concerned.

While the season of 1887 was moderately profitable to the packer, the grower and the laborer, it would be well to compare the outlook now with that which existed this time last year.

The situation on the 1st of January, 1887, may be summarized as follows:

1st. The markets were entirely bare of canned vegetables of all kinds in first hands and the retailers feared their stock on hand would not hold until the new pack came in. Therefore the packer could rely upon the certainty that the market could not be demoralized by old stock carried over, and there was an assurance of a large demand and of sales at remunerative prices.

2d. The tin market was overstocked and cans were lower than was ever known in the history of the packing business.

3d. The failure of several attempts at combination among the box-makers was followed by a war of rates in these articles, and boxes were lower in prices than ever before or than they will ever be again.

4th. The farmer, having learned by dear-bought experience, was careful to whom he sold his produce, and the experienced packer only offered such prices as the market at the time justified and that he was reasonably certain he would be able to pay. Consequently all bills for produce were paid and the farmer made a fair profit on what he raised.

5th. Labor, having suffered before, was careful to demand prompt payment and was willing to accept a fair remuneration. Consequently, all were paid and were apparently content.

Now contrast this with the outlook now, at the beginning of the year 1888:

1st. The market is well supplied with all kinds of canned vegetables, with a prospect of more or less surplus to carry over. This surplus would have crushed many of our packers had it not been for the failure of the Western pack. Future sales, therefore, will probably be difficult to make by old packers and almost impossible to be made judiciously by new and inexperienced packers.

2d. The tin market is higher than it was ever known to be in the history of this industry and cans, it is believed, will be 25 per cent. higher in price than last year.

3d. The box makers, having all lost money last year, by reason of their disagreement upon a standard of prices, have now entered into a strong combination, with a cash deposit made by each member, which is to be forfeited by any one who violates the terms of the combination. In accordance with this arrangement they have advanced the prices of boxes twenty-five per cent.

4th. The farmer, believing that the packers made immense profits last year, are now looking forward to higher prices for their produce. If the experienced packer declines to pay more than he feels the outlook will justify, the new packer, expecting large profits, may make contracts at the prices which may be demanded, thereby helping to increase a pack which promises to be the largest ever made. The result will inevitably be a fall in prices and much loss to the farmer as well as to the packer.

5th. Canning-house labor has also caught the infection and believing that large profits were made last season, is naturally looking forward to larger pay for work. In this state of mind many laborers will be found willing to risk all in the hope of sharing in the prospective profits of the man who promises to pay the most.

6th. The Eastern packer must now make up his mind to give up the Western market, since it is known that the West is now prepared to pack all the canned vegetables needed to supply the wants of their own section, and Eastern packers will be fortunate if they can keep Western packed goods out of their own home markets. Consequently, the demand for Eastern packed goods will diminish from year to year, just in proportion as they are driven out of the Western markets, and one good crop in the West is likely to accomplish that result. Eastern packers cannot compete with their Western brethren, who buy corn at $6 per ton and tomatoes at $4 per ton, and get cans, cases and labor as low as they can be had in the East, while our packers must pay from $11 to $12 per ton for corn and from $6 to $7 per ton for tomatoes. In addition the freight from here to the West is of itself a fair profit. Therefore the sooner our packers cease to look to the West for a market the better it will be for them.

After calmly considering these points it is fair to conclude that the outlook for the packing season of 1888 is by no means encouraging, and portends disaster and loss if not financial shipwreck to many a business craft.

It is stated by those who ought to know that the men who began packing corn and tomatoes five years ago found themselves, at the close of the season of 1886, considerably behind financially, and when the season of 1887 closed they were just about where they commenced five years before. They had acquired, it is true, much valuable experience, and those who packed good fruit had gained for it a good reputation, which if properly followed out will bring them success. Those who were earlier in the business have established reputations, for their goods and their chances of success are correspondingly increased.

If these points, as stated, are correct, it would therefore seem to be wise for those not heretofore in the business to proceed cautiously, at least, and not venture all they have in a business the outlook of which is attended, just now, with unusual risk and uncertainty.

There is a fair, and only a fair prospect for a small profit to be realized by experienced and careful packers of established reputation the coming season, and those with everything to lose and little to gain should consider the chances well before undertaking the business.

—The Grand Jury adjourned on Tuesday, after a session of thirteen days, during which they performed their duties in an industrious, painstaking and judicious manner. Their experience with unwilling witnesses, particularly with those in local option cases, appears to have been the same as the experience of former grand juries. They found 28 presentments for violating the local option law, which with 33 cases of the same kind remaining on the docket, makes 58 to be disposed of. The number of cases on the criminal docket is 100.

At the last term of court 53 cases for violating the local option law were tried. In these there were 16 convictions, 32 acquittals, in 5 cases juries failed to agree and 3 cases were stetled.

—The new assessment bill reported in the Senate is similar in its provisions to the last assessment law. Buildings used exclusively for public worship and their furniture, together with parsonages, graveyards, cemeteries, &c., are among the exemptions. Harford will be divided into two assessment districts, with three assessors in each. Boards of control and review, consisting of three in each county, are provided for. The assessors and reviewers are to be paid $3.50 each per day. One clerk is allowed to each board who shall be paid $3.50 each day. The assessors and boards are required to assemble May 1, 1888 to begin the work.

—Mr. W. W. Corcoran, the well-known philanthropist, died in Washington, on the 16th instant, in the 90th year of his age. He was rich not only in this world's goods, but also in love for his fellow-man, prompting him to ever-increasing acts of charity and benevolence. The example of a life in which vast riches are worthily used to alleviate human suffering and to provide means for elevating the human race, is rare, and is worth a great deal in this unfeeling and selfish world.

—Mr. Blaine has declared emphatically and positively to a representative of the New York *World* who interviewed him in Florence, that he will not be a candidate. This assertion would seem to resolve all doubts on the subject, and the various little Presidential booms in the Republican party which have been kept in the dark so long can now come forth and caper about in the sunshine.

—The National Democratic Committee on the 23d instant reconsidered its action of the day before and fixed upon the 5th of June as the day when the National Convention will meet at St. Louis.

—Hon. Jas. J. Lindsay, of the Senate, has our thanks for a copy of the bill to extend the limits of Baltimore city.

Local Affairs.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—Mr. B. Frank Wakeland has sold his farm of 36 acres, near Churchville, to Mr. George Gorrell, for $2,000.

—Mr. John F. McCurdy has bought the farm of his father, the late Wm. J. McCurdy, in York county, consisting of 133 acres, for $5,000.

—Mr. Harry D. Hanway has been appointed overseer on the farm he lately sold to Mr. A. B. McCreery, near High Point, and will therefore not remove.

—Mr. H. R. Carter, representing the J. V. Carter Company, of Bordentown, N. J., is travelling through Harford county, making contracts for boilers, engines and all kinds of canning machinery.

—A land-slide on the M. C. Railroad, near Fallston, last Saturday morning, delayed the mail train from Baltimore an hour or two. The track was expeditiously cleared, however, and the trains ran as usual.

—Mr. Stewart Famous has rented the farm of Mr. Edward H. Bradford, near Fork. The latter has sold his personal property and will remove to the neighborhood of Aberdeen, where he will engage in canning.

—Dr. Lewis J. Williams was reported to be very low, yesterday, at his residence in Baltimore. His sons, Messrs. S. A. Williams and F. R. Williams, of Bel Air, and his daughter, Miss Mary Williams, are with him.

—Messrs Geo. D. Waters and John M. Streett, having dissolved partnership in business at Wimbledon, Mr. Streett has resigned the postmastership and recommended Mr. Waters as his successor. The business will be continued by Mr. Waters.

—Mr. W. B. Makinson, of Kissimmee, Fla. formerly of Churchville, Harford county, offers for sale a number of town lots in that enterprising place. The price of these lots is from $150 to $250 each, and Mr. Makinson assures us they are a good investment.

—Mr. Samuel L. Kennedy, of Upper Cross

—The Aberdeen Southern Methodist Sunday School will hold an entertainment in the church Friday evening of next week, March 9th, at 7½ o'clock. The programme will not be elaborate but promises to be interesting. The pupils of the school will receive their annual rewards Admission free.

Roads, expects to start, Saturday night, for Ohio and West Virginia, where he will buy a car-load of fine driving and work horses, which he will sell at public auction, at Havre de Grace, on March 17th, at 12 o'clock, M.

THE OYSTER SUPPER at Highland station, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, for the benefit of the Highland Presbyterian Church, was a gratifying success. The receipts were $270.72, the net profits being about $230. The building will be commenced as soon as spring opens.

BOUGHT THEM BACK.—A correspondent says: "The person who traded the spoiled eggs for groceries, in the vicinity of Delta, came around, a few days ago, and bought the eggs back, paying good money for bad eggs. It was not a very profitable deal."

SWORN IN.—Capt. Charles L. Dallam and Lieuts. Walter W. Preston and Harry Bateman last Saturday received from the Adjutant General their commissions as officers of the Jackson Guards, of Bel Air, and were duly sworn in before Justice Lyle. As this company now constitutes a part of the Maryland National Guard, the members will take increased interest in military exercises. It is composed of good material and if an occasion should arise when their services were needed we have no doubt they would cover themselves all over with glory.

A REMEDY FOR CROUP.—A medical friend who is averse to getting up at any and all hours of the night, sends us the following pet formula of Dr. J. Nott Moore, for croup, and adds:

"Let parents keep it on hand. Doctors can then rest easy at night. In my hands it has proved of immense value. It is a good preparation for colds as well. Here it is:

"Bromide potash, 2 scruples; chlorate potash, 1 drachm; pv. ipecac, 8 grains; pv. ext. licorice, 4 drachms; distilled water, 2½ ounces; syrup, squills, 4 ounces.

"Dose.—A teaspoonful every half hour till relieved.

"This is for a child from one to three years old."

LOSS BY FIRE.—Mr. J. Calvin Michael lost, by the burning of his barn, near Aberdeen, on the 23d instant, a pair of Hambletonian colts, two years old, valued at $450, and a mule valued at $200, together with hay, straw and farming implements. The fire was first discovered by Mr. Michael's daughter. With the assistance of Mr. Henry Tarring, a neighbor, they saved four valuable carriages and several sets of harness. The barn was nearly new and complete in every respect.

CAR DAMAGED BY TRAMPS.—Last Tuesday evening a car containing some empty cans and cases belonging to Mr. Geo. F. Walker, at Van-Bibber station, B. and O. Railroad, was left unlocked by the wagoner who was hauling them. During the night some tramps made the car their lodging place and lighted a fire on top of the cans. About two dozen cans were melted and ruined and a hole was burned in the floor of the car. The tramps took some of the empty cans and carrying water in them extinguished the fire.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—On Friday Charles Whims, colored, was tried before a jury on the charge of stealing 40 shells, 1 basket, and 10 lbs. of sugar, the property of Edward Carsins. Verdict not guilty. Webster for the State, Wm. Young for defence.

On Friday the petit jury were discharged until Monday, at which time the case of Henry Hare and Sarah Hare, his wife, vs. the Commissioners of Baltimore county, came up for trial. This case was for $10,000 damage for injuries received by Mrs. Hare while walking across a county bridge in which there was a hole. Messrs. Wm. S. Keech, of Towsontown, and Wm. Young, of Bel Air, appeared for the plaintiff, and Col. D. G. McIntosh and J. M. Gallagher, of Towsontown, and J. T. C. Hopkins, of Bel Air, for the defendants.

HEAVY RAIN AND BAD ROADS.—The rain of last Friday night and Saturday saturated the ground with water and converted many of the public roads into quagmires, over which it was dangerous to drive. Many accidents happened, but none of a serious nature are reported.

As Rev. Thomas Wood, of Bel Air, was driving on the Bel Air and Churchville road, near Hanna's old shops, his horse's feet became entangled in the mud and the animal fell, breaking the shafts of the buggy.

Several of Messrs. Henry Reckord & Sons' horses were also crippled on the roads.

Some damage is reported to wheat fields, from washing, and the foot-bridge at the Rocks of Deer Dreek was washed away. This is a serious inconvenience, as it compels many persons on this side of the creek to make a circuit of at least a mile to get to the station, which with the bridge they could reach by walking a few hundred yards. An effort is being made to secure a county bridge at the point named.

On Monday and Monday night we had a small-sized blizzard, which made the roads solid but did not increase the comfort of travelling.

DARLINGTON AFFAIRS.—A handsome reception was given by Miss Jennie P. Edge, at her father's residence, near Darlington, last Saturday, to her brother, Mr. Edward S. Edge and his bride. The attendance was large and was composed of the most prominent persons of the surrounding country. The invitations were to tea, from 5 to 10 P. M. The ladies mostly retained their wraps and all were free to come and go at their pleasure.

The attendance at W. H. Scott's public sale, near Darlington, last week, was large and things brought good prices. Mr. Scott gave up farming on account of his health and intends to take a rest this summer.

Mr. Wm. Dickinson and his nephew, McIlvain, left Darlington, on Monday, on their way to California, to seek their fortune.

Joseph Hopkins, who died on the 23d of February, in his 83d year, belonged to a family remarkable for longevity. The oldest brother, John W. Hopkins, died ten or twelve years ago, aged 75 years; last fall their sister Priscilla died, aged 87, and during the winter a brother, Charles Hopkins, passed away, at a good old age. Joseph, Priscilla, Eliza and Ann lived together at the old homestead, where there was always an open door and a loving welcome to strangers as well as friends. The poor never left their door hungry.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The County Commissioners, on Monday, received bids for opening the Sandy Bottom road, as follows:

Wm. A. Wilson, $320; Thomas Lynch, $463; Wm. G. Scarborough, $495; Joshua Whitaker, $499; R. L. Scarborough, $548; O. H. Tolley, $1,000. The contract was awarded to Wm. A. Wilson at $320, and the contract for three culverts to the same for $50 for the three.

Wm. E. McCann was appointed General Road Supervisor for the Fifth district, in the place of Dr. W. D. Scarborough, resigned.

The Clerk was instructed to request Thomas E. Cathcart, surveyor, to make a change in the location of the Highland station road.

Wm. H. Harlan presented a numerously signed petition requesting the Commissioners to compel the M. C. Railroad to improve the public crossing at Bel Air and not allow trains and freight cars to stand on said crossing.

The consideration of the question of compelling the P., W and B. Railroad Company to station a flagman at Swan Creek crossing was temporarily postponed.

On Tuesday Commissioner Geo. B. Silver was instructed to have the bridge on the public road from Glenville to Harmony Church repaired.

The Commissioners will meet on the public road leading from Priestford Bridge to Glenville on Monday, March 5th, at 10 A. M.

Michael Whiteford was authorized to expend $50 in improving the road at Pylesville.

The board will meet again March 12th.

BEL AIR NOTES.—Mr. Charles Forwood came near meeting with a serious accident, on Thursday of last week, in front of Dr. Hollingworth's drug store. He was driving down the street in a road cart, just as a teamster was trying to turn three awkward mules. The team whirled around unexpectedly and young Forwood's cart was caught between the wagon and a lamp-post. The cart was smashed, the axle broken and Mr. Forwood's coat was torn. His escape from instant death was very narrow.

On Monday Bailiff Small arrested Agnes Dorsey and placed her in jail for non-payment of a fine for disorderly conduct, imposed on her some time since.

On Sunday Bailiff Bateman arrested George Smith, Sr., and George Smith, Jr., father and son, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.—Justice Lyle fined the father $2 and costs and the son $1 and costs.

Miss Belle Wilson, of Pocomoke City, is visiting Rev. Mr. Hoblitzell and family, in Bel Air.

Miss Juliet Evans, of Baltimore, is visiting at the residence of Mr. S. L. Bond, Bel Air.

On Tuesday of last week Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro and his pupils of Bel Air Academy were present, by invitation, at the exercises of the Bryant Literary Society of Bel Air Graded School, Prof. Milton E. Smith, Principal, which took place at the school house. An address of welcome to the visitors was delivered by Master Frank H. Craighill, and the remainder of the programme consisted of recitations, singing, &c., including the reading, by Miss Anna Webster, of an account of an imaginary journey to the Moon, by way of the planet Mars, written by Miss Hannah Lee. Brief addresses were made by Mr. Taliaferro and by School Commissioner Rouse and Prof. John D. Worthington, Secretary to the School Board. The Academy boys enjoyed the afternoon immensely.

OBITUARY.—Mr. Joseph Hopkins of Samuel, a venerable and well-known citizen of the fifth district, died at his home, near Darlington, on the 23d Feb., aged 83 years. His funeral took place last Saturday, the interment being in the Darlington Cemetery. Six of his nephews were the pall-bearers, viz., Thomas C. Hopkins, Frank J. Hopkins, Samuel Hopkins, Charles Hopkins, Johns Hopkins and Howard P. Hopkins. The funeral services were conducted by George L. Scott and Chas. Y. Thomas, of the Society of Friends, of which the deceased was a worthy and beloved member. Mr. W. H. H. Whiteford was the funeral director. Mr. Hopkins was unmarried. He has three brothers and one sister surviving, who are Henry W. Hopkins, Samuel Hopkins, Wilson W. Hopkins and Eliza Hopkins.

Mr. Lloyd Heaps, who lived near Mill Green, died on Feb. 22d and was buried last Saturday at Mount Vernon M. E. Church. Rev. J. D. Smith conducted the services. The pall-bearers were William Cox, Patrick Hushon, Kennedy Bay, John Wallis, Hugh Bay and James H. Day. Mr. Heaps was in his 86th year. He was a good citizen and was very much respected by all who knew him.

Mrs. Torbert, wife of Robert Torbert, died on Saturday night, Feb. 25th, of pneumonia, at her home near Pylesville, and was buried at Slate Ridge Church on Tuesday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Smith. The pall-bearers were James Norris, Joseph Burns, Michael Webster, James Wilson, Arch. Wilson and John Wallace. Mrs. Torbert leaves her husband with twelve children. One son, Robert, is a soldier on the frontier.

Mrs. Ella Jones, wife of John Jones, who lived near Coulsontown, died last Saturday night. The funeral and interment took place on Tuesday at Slateville Church. Mrs. Jones was sick only four days, with a congestive cold. She leaves one child, only eight months old.

PERSONAL.—Mrs. Edward C. Hopkins and her son and Miss H. R. Hopkins, all of Darlington, are spending the winter at Asheville, N. C. They expect to remain there until about May 1st.

Robert Winkler, a son of Mr. John Winkler, of Emmorton, has been sick with pneumonia.

Mr. R. Burns Duvall, of Chicago, has been visiting his father, Capt. R. E. Duvall, near Fallston.

Mr. Jas. M. Jacobs, who has been very ill at the residence of Hon. Stevenson Archer, is able to go about again.

Miss Maud Riley, of Churchville, is visiting friends in Chester county, Pa., and other places.

Miss Florence Derrickson, of Churchville, is visiting friends in Lower Chanceford, York county, Pa.

Mr. Lawrence Ady, of Sandy Hook, left on Monday for California, where he intends to make his future home.

Mr. Edward Ward, of Forest Hill, has gone to Nebraska to live.

Miss Laura Hanson, of Churchville, is visiting at the residence of Mrs. Armiger, in Baltimore.

Mr. S. N. Hyde has been quite sick for several weeks from a severe cold contracted while superintending the getting of ice at his farm in Long Green Valley. He was spending the winter in Baltimore, with his family, at Hotel Rennert, but removed to his country home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Concannon and their daughter, Miss Agnes Concannon, of Harford Furnace, left for Portland, Oregon, last Friday. They have several children living there. They were accompanied by Miss Mary A. Mahan, of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Concannon left their Harford home and friends with deep regret.

Mr. Silas B. Silver, of Deer Creek, left on Wednesday for Kansas City, where he has business interests.

Mr. Arthur Vosbury, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is improving slowly. He is still confined to his room, however, but there are some hopes that he will soon be able to attend to business again.—*Electric Light.*

D. T. Benson has been appointed postmaster at Benson, Harford county, in place of C. A. Benson, resigned.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE GRAND JURY.—The Grand Jury found the following additional indictments before adjourning on Tuesday:

William Webster of Jno., for assault with intent to kill Jason Smithson.

John Hughes, Amos Norris and Peter Dolan, for assault upon Conductor Johnson, of the Maryland Central Railroad.

Frank Amos, A. S. Baldwin, J. H. Emmord, Edward Oldfield and B. F. Minnick, for selling fertilizers without a Harford county license.

Daniel R. Burrill, for keeping a disorderly house, in Bel Air.

Wm. J. Black for keeping a disorderly house in Bel Air.

For violating the local option law:

James Irving, Alonzo R. Walker, Isaac Deckman, Daniel M. Whiteford, J. Randolph Watters, Daniel R. Burrill.

Before adjourning the Grand Jury presented the following report to Judge Watters:

The Grand Jury for the February term respectfully report to your Honor that we have diligently enquired into all violations of law that have come to our notice. We have examined 164 witnesses, made 59 presentments and found 56 true bills. Of these 13 were for selling fertilizers without license; 5 for assault and battery; 1 for assault with intent to murder; 4 for larceny; 1 for house-breaking; 2 for keeping disorderly houses; 1 for disturbing public worship, and 28 for violating the local option law.

We visited the jail and found contained therein 10 persons, viz.: 7 white men, 2 white women and 1 colored woman, held on the following charges: 1 for larceny; 1 insane; 1 awaiting sentence, and 7 serving out sentence.

As to the condition of the jail, we can only confirm the reports of former Grand Juries. It is unfit for the purpose for which it is used.—The prisoners are as comfortably provided for as the construction of the building will admit of.

We deemed it unnecessary to visit the Almshouse, as your Honor has had a recent and full report (by the last Grand Jury,) from that institution.

Much of our time has been taken up in the examination of witnesses evidently willing to testify, and who only gave the facts known to them after tedious questioning and much useless waste of time.

In conclusion, the Grand Jury desire to thank your Honor, the State's Attorney and all other officers of the court for the courteous and valuable assistance rendered us in the performance of our duties, and respectfully ask to be discharged.

Very respectfully,
HUGH A. JONES, Foreman.

The per diem paid to the Grand Jurors was as follows:

Hugh A. Jones, $38; Loyburn Knight, $34 90; Lewis King, $37.10; Joseph James, $35.50; Charles Rigdon, $30.20; Joshua McLaughlin, $40.40; Thomas McKenna, $32.50; Robert Cross, $38.30; Edward Carsins, $30.90; George R. Carver, $30.80; Joshua Barton, $39.00; Robert L. Mitchell, $32.80; John F. Wells, $34 60; David J. Lewis, $32.10; Chapman Martin, $35.80; Wm. T. Easter, $31.80; David Miller, $39.50; Wm. E. Robinson, $32.50; Wm. H. Harward, $32.50; John Stine, $32.50; Joseph Smith, $36.50; Charles A. McGaw, $33.70; Edmond Mitchell, $27.10.

OUR BUSH RIVER NECK LETTER.

Tin Wedding—The Canning Fever.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hollis gave their friends one of the pleasantest entertainments we have had this winter, in the way of a tin wedding, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of a happy married life. Each guest brought a present, according to custom, but the gifts were not all of homely and useful articles of tin, but many of them were handsome and valuable. When all were put together they made a beautiful sight. A bountiful meat supper was served from eight to eleven o'clock, the tables groaning under a profusion of good things such as only the far-famed housekeepers of Bush River Neck know how to prepare. That ample justice was done to the feast was evident to all. After the supper the company were entertained by Mr. Hollis with his fiddle and his fun, both of which are mirth-provoking. The host was assisted by Mr. Charles W. Kimble, who draws a musical bow. Everybody had a jolly good time. At 2 o'clock a handsome fruit supper was served. Indeed, Mr. Editor, taking it all in all, this entertainment was unsurpassed. It was very late, or rather very early in the morning before the last guest took leave—and all added to their congratulations the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Hollis might live to celebrate their golden wedding. Among the guests from the neighborhood of Bel Air were Messrs. Wm. L. Cooley, Stanley Patterson, Charles Silver, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Walker, Miss Lizzie Walker, Miss Hattie Cooley, Miss Zulie Elliott. From Aberdeen there were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Morgan.

Mr. John H. Sutton has sold his stock and farming implements and removed to New Market, near Perryman. He has rented his farm to Mr. L. E. Matthews, who will engage in the canning business with Messrs. J. C. Hollis and J. F. Towner.

Mr. James T. Walker has bought 1½ acres of land from Messrs. Cronin & Mitchell, at Bush River Neck Railroad crossing, and will build a large canning factory upon it. He has engaged 400 acres of corn in the neighborhood, and will run two canning houses, one of them being at his home place. All the farmers have the canning fever this year. JIM SANK

FROM LAPIDUM.

The ice began passing out of the river at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. No damage along the river is reported.

Mr. Willie J. Price had his canal lock seine hauled on Tuesday and landed a lot of fish, bass included.

Messrs. Spencer, Bros. & Co. are actively engaged repairing their fishing outfit.

Although frozen in February we expect to thaw in March, and can give your people an open river and canal navigation, besides if they call here with their products we can hand them the cash or give them in exchange lumber in every shape, fertilizers, coal, but no ginger, except in a pulverized condition.

—A well-spring of pleasure is a healthy baby; keep your baby in good health by using Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup—the friend of infancy. Price 25 cts.

From all sections of this country comes tidings of the good effects of Laxador in diseases of the liver, stomach, bowels and blood. It cures constipation, malarial fever, headache, nervousness, etc. Price only 25 cents a package. Sold everywhere.

WILNA ITEMS.

Interesting services were held at Union Chapel, on Sunday afternoon, 26th instant. The congregation was large considering the condition of the roads. The Sabbath School has been ably maintained during the winter both by teachers and pupils. Suitable Easter service is being prepared by the school.

Rev. Mr. Calderwood is officiating for the time at the Mountain Christian Church, with a view, it is understood, of being called to the regular pastorate.

The Live Oak Temperance and Literary Society holds its regular meeting on Friday evening, March 2d. The meetings have been interesting and well sustained.

"New Wilna" has enlarged her borders by the addition of an ice house, corn house and stabling, and promises a fair appearance and brisk trade with the opening of spring. "Old Wilna" is probably resting upon the laurels of the past and lies quiet and idle at present. Perhaps the latter remark would also apply to some points not very far distant, which the majesty of the law has been made to reach. It is a source of rejoicing to all good citizens that such desirable results have been obtained.

The Wilna Farmers' Club held their monthly meeting on the 22d of February, and were hospitably entertained at the residence of Mr. B. F. Cronin. The day being a commemorative one, the portrait of "the Father of his Country" and accompanying family pictures were suitably adorned for the occasion. Probably, however, the "carving knife" took the place of "the little hatchet" in the practical discussion which followed. But two absentees were reported, one of whom, F. C. Norris, is enjoying a trip through the Sunny South, and looking up the "Florida boom."

Our public school had a pleasant visit from our County Examiner during the past week, with the encouraging result of increased zeal upon the part of the pupils. OBSERVER.

LETTER FROM McGAW'S STATION.

E. R. S., of Harford Furnace school, sends the following answer to the egg puzzle by S., of Aberdeen:

34 eggs sold the first time for 12 cents and 36 the second time for 18 cents.

We regret to hear of the death of one of our school-mates, the daughter of Mr. James Lynch, which occurred Sunday morning. She was buried at St. Francis Church, Tuesday morning.

The head waters of Bush river are alive with ducks and fish. Mr. James Keithley's nets were filled up on Monday morning.

The Messrs. Dietrich have commenced improving their property. They have cut about 50 acres of woods and talk of building a large canning factory.

Miss Laura Smith, daughter of Mr. F. C. Smith, who has been confined to the house since last fall, is improving in health.

Mr. Frank Dalton has gone to Newport, R. I., expecting to be absent about a month.

PLEASANTVILLE AFFAIRS.

Farm Sold—Sickness—A Belated Ground Hog.

Mr. John T. Akers has sold his farm and canning fixtures to Mr. Wm. Day, for $1,600.

Bertie Henderson, daughter of L. G. Henderson, who has been very ill, is not much improved.

Mr. Thomas Cannon is confined to his house with a sprained back.

Last Sunday evening Mr. J. O. Lancaster heard a strange noise on his front porch, at the hall door. Thinking the noise was made by robbers he went very quietly to investigate matters, and much to his surprise found a large ground hog gnawing at the door. He called his dog Winder to his assistance and captured the ground hog, then and there. Mr. Lancaster says he has no faith in the ground hog after this. JUMBO.

A Congregation Visit Their Pastor.

On Thursday night of last week the folks of McKendree and Vernon charges, crowded the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cuddy, the grandparents of the Rev. J. Fred. Heise, where their young pastor resides, and passed five or six hours in the happiest of ways. They brought abundance of good things for the refreshment table, and left as a united gift with their minister a purse of $38. It was one of the grandest surprise gatherings ever held in this section. It was a gratifying evidence of the high esteem in which these congregations hold their pastor. E. S.

A CARD.

The editor of the *Democrat* last week editorially stated that "Mr. S. W. Bradford was in Annapolis, Tuesday last, with the proposed new law for opening the saloons in Harford. Just what the law is, is yet a mystery except to the few."

I take this opportunity of informing the said editor that the law referred to is written in the English language, and means that "High License," (or the most effectual remedy for stopping the flow of free rum, and decreasing the burdens of the taxpayers,) will be submitted to the people of Harford, who will be enabled to thoroughly solve "the mystery." One of the most beneficial results will be not to open but to close disreputable places, which lure the young and old, and also to transfer the underground way of distributing free whisky, commonly called "Christmas Tree," to legalized localities and authorized persons, who shall pay the county for the privilege. Respectfully,
S. W. BRADFORD.

SALESMEN WANTED.

Pushing, Reliable Men, to Canvass for NURSERY STOCK. Permanent employment Guaranteed. Salary and Expenses Paid.—Apply at once, stating age.
GLEN BROTHERS,
Refer to this paper. 2mh Rochester, N. Y.

Horses! Horses!

I will sell at Public Auction, at the Harford House, in Havre de Grace,
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17th, 1888,
At 12 o'clock, M.,

A Car Load of Horses,

from 4 to 8 years old, warranted sound and kind on delivery. Among them will be several fine Saddle and Driving Horses. These horses were bought in Southern Ohio and West Virginia.
TERMS OF SALE.—A credit of four months will be given, on notes payable in the Bel Air or Havre de Grace National Bank, as may suit purchaser.
2mh S. L. KENNEDY.

Public Sale
—OF—
Trotting Bred Stock,
AT ROMNEY STOCK FARM,
Perryman, Harford Co., Md.,
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th, 1888,
consisting of
21 Head of Mares, Colts and Fillies,
as follows:

THREE DAUGHTERS OF PATRICK HENRY, 1781.
TWO DAUGHTERS OF SHERMAN MORGAN, 2626.
FIVE DAUGHTERS OF ABDALLAH PRINCE, 749.
PLUTUS, LEGATE AND MASTER LIGHT FOOT.
ONE TWO-YEAR OLD COLT, by Geo. Bell, 6172, Standard and Registered, No. 6173.
ONE TWO-YEAR OLD COLT, by Walker Morrill, 2557, Registered.
ONE TWO-YEAR OLD COLT, by Plutus.
ONE YEARLING COLT, by Plutus.
FIVE YRARLING COLTS, by Steve Bailey, 2121.
ONE THREE-YEAR OLD COLT, SENATOR, 6187.
QUEEN DIDO, Grey Mare by Grey Morgan.
WINGATE, 4952, Black Horse, Sire, Hannis 821; Dam Mollie B., by Patrick Henry, 1751.
☞ Sale to commence at 1 o'clock, P. M. Carriages will meet the train at Perryman to convey persons from a distance to farm.
TERMS.—A credit of eight months will be given, purchasers giving note and approved security, bearing interest from day of sale, payable at Harford National Bank of Bel Air.
WALKER & JACKSON,
Romney Stock Farm.
J. S. Richardson, Auctioneer. 2mh

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
Horses, Buggies, Harness, &c.

The undersigned, intending to quit the Livery Business, will sell at Public Sale, at his stable, in Bel Air,
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15th, 1888,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,
his entire outfit consisting of
Horses, Buggies, Harness, Blankets
AND ROBES, to wit:

One Bay Horse, 10 years old, 1 Gray Mare, eight years old, 1 Roan Mare, 6 years old, 1 Bay Mare—all good workers and drivers, 1 Yearling Heifer, Jersey and Short Horn, 1 new Dayton, with Pole and Shafts, 2 Buggies, good as new, 3 second-hand Buggies, in good order, 1 light Spring Wagon, 1 Dog Cart, 2 Cutter Sleighs and Bells, 1 set Double Harness, 2 sets Single Harness, 1 new Fly Net, 1 Buffalo Robe, Blankets and Spreads, 1 four horse Omnibus in good order.
TERMS OF SALE.
All sums of $10 and under cash on day of sale; on sums over that amount a credit of six months will be given, on notes, with security approved by the auctioneer, and payable at the Harford National Bank of Bel Air.
No articles to be removed until settled for.
J. S. Richardson, Auctioneer. 2mh

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP

The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of
WATERS & STREETT,
is this day dissolved, by mutual consent.
The business will be continued by Mr. George D. Waters, who is authorized to collect all bills due to the said firm and will pay all indebtedness thereof.
GEORGE D. WATERS,
JOHN M. STREETT.
Wimbledon, Feb. 22d, 1888. 24feb

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

This is to give notice that the partnership heretofore existing between F. N. Ramsay and J. R. Ramsay, under the firm name of N. F. RAMSAY & Bro., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and F. N. RAMSAY will discharge all obligations against the late firm, and he is authorized to collect all indebtedness due us.
F. N. RAMSAY.
J. R. RAMSAY.
Stroett, Md., Feb. 20th, 1888. 2mh3t

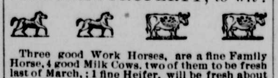
Salesmen Wanted

To canvass for the sale of Nursery Stock! Steady employment guaranteed. Salary and Expenses paid. Apply at once, stating age.
CHASE BROTHERS COMPANY,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.
(Refer to this paper.) mh&my

ROAD NOTICE.—Thirty days after the first publication of this notice application will be made to the County Commissioners of Harford county to establish a Public Landing at Eagle Point, on Bush River, in the First District, and to open a public road thereto, beginning at a point about one mile south of Edgewood, on the road leading from Edgewood to Ricketts' Point, and running thence through the lands of George Cadwalader to the said Public Landing. 2mh

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
STOCK AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS, &c.

The undersigned, having quit farming, will sell at Public Sale on the farm of Charles Stockham, south of Michaelsville, on the road to High House Landing,
On Tuesday, March 13th, 1888,
At 10 o'clock, A. M., the following
PERSONAL PROPERTY, to wit:



Three good Work Horses, are a fine Family Horse, 4 good Milk Cows, two of them to be fresh last of March, 1 fine Heifer, will be fresh about day of sale; 2 Heifers, one year old; 2 young Steers, one and two year old; 1 Brood Sow, 13 fine Shoats, 1 Express Wagon, 1 Horse Cart, good as new, Brown Sulky Cultivator, 1 Hinge Harrow, 2 Steel Plows, 2 Double Shovel Plows, 2 one-horse Plows, 2 one-horse Cultivators, 1 Roller, 1 Cutting Box, 1 Corn Sheller Forks Shovels, Hoes, Mattocks, &c., 1 set Heavy Wagon Harness, complete with butt and breast chains; Plow Harness, 2 sets light Harness, one good as new, Collars, Bridles, Double and Single Trees, Corn Barrel, Meat Casks, Feed Box, Grindstone, lot of Bacon, 1 Cook Stove, a lot of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and many other articles.
TERMS OF SALE.
All sums of $15 and under cash; on sums over that amount a credit of