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R. J. TRIPPE,

AGENT FOR

Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint,

Easton, Maryland.

SPECIAL NOTICES:

ROYAL OAK, Talbot Co., Md.

To R. J. TRIPPE:

Last fall I painted my house with Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint, bought of you and it has given much satisfaction. Health allows me to say that I can recommend it to any one desiring a good paint, and I believe it will stand as well as any paint.

J. R. HARRISON.

April 27th, 1874.

EASTON, MD.

Mr. R. J. TRIPPE—Dear Sir:—The Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint, I bought of you I believe to be unequalled for appearance and durability, and can confidently recommend it to any one.

J. J. SUMP.

R. J. TRIPPE, Dear Sir:—I have used Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint, and believe it to be a good article, and that it retains its colors well.

R. H. T. COUSENS.

EASTON, MD.

To R. J. TRIPPE, Agent for Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint.

Dear Sir:—I have sold the Paint for what you have the agency, and can confidently recommend it as a good article, and intend to use it again.

W. M. HOLLIDAY.

R. J. TRIPPE:—Dear Sir:—

A year ago last Spring I used Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint. It stands well, retains its color, and I believe it to be a first class article, and have used it this Spring.

JOHN C. BARTLETT.

To R. J. TRIPPE, Agent for Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint.

Having used Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint and having found it to be what it is represented, I take pleasure in recommending it as a good article, economical, and I believe durable Paint. It is ready a consistent form and easily applied, and leaves a pretty glaze.

H. P. HOPKINS.

SOLD AT FACTORY PRICES, CLEAR ON FREIGHT.

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TIMES HAVE BEEN DULL AND MONEY SCARCE,

But New Spring Goods ARE CHEAPER AT

JOS. RASIN'S.

JUST completed opening the cheapest stock of SPRING and SUMMER GOODS, purchased at the lowest "Next Cash" prices, and will be sold at a small advance, and as Cheap as any House on the Shore," for cash or country produce, or on time to prompt payers. Country Merchants and the public are invited to give us a call before buying elsewhere, as we will show our stock and prices.

JOSEPH RASIN.

CALICOES—Beautiful Styles just opened at 8 and 10 cents, at

RASINS.

MUSLINS—Bleached yard wide AT 10 and 12½ cents.

JOSEPH RASIN.

MOHAIRS AND ALPACAS.

A specialty in Pure Mohair and Black Alpacas. An entire new line "AT A REDUCED PRICE."

Such as sold at	50 cts.	now worth	37½
" "	62½ cts.	" "	50
" "	75 cts.	" "	62½
" "	100 cts.	" "	75

Having made arrangements with a large importing House to keep me supplied with these celebrated Alpacas and Pure Mohairs, I can offer them at less price than they can be had in this market.

JOSEPH RASIN.

LIME—NO. 1 STONE LIME.

By the barrel or bushel. Always on hand and for sale at

JOSEPH RASIN'S.

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PHOTOGRAPH AND ART GALLERY.

B. P. STEBBINS, late of New York, having recently fitted up his Art Gallery, on Dover st., Easton, Md., with all the modern appliances and improvements, is now prepared to take

PHOTOGRAPHS, CARD-DE-VISITTS, GEM PICTURES, &c.,

of all kinds and sizes. He would especially invite the attention of the public to his LANDSCAPES and LIFE-SIZE PORTRAITS in OIL COLORS.

Entire satisfaction guaranteed in every particular.

Stereoscopes, Stereoscopic Views, Picture Cord and Tassals, and Picture Frames

of all kinds and sizes kept constantly on hand, and for sale. COPYING of all kinds and sizes, done to order.

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TOWN PROPERTY FOR SALE AND BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE BY

J. F. MANCHAR

Real Estate Agent,

PARAGON HOUSE,

EASTON, MD.

Collector's Notice.

THE Tax-payers of Talbot county are hereby notified that the Collector will be on January 1st, 1875, ready to receive their taxes, and that he will be ready to receive the same on that date, and that on and after February 15th next, I shall proceed to collect the same according to law.

J. V. B. WRIGHT, Collector.

Easton Grocery Trade.

Grocery and Provision Store.

A New Store at the Old Stand.

WELCOME LETTER.

HAVING taken the store lately occupied by Whittington Cox, at the corner of Washington and South streets, Easton, and completely stocked it with

Groceries & Provisions,

Will keep constantly on hand for sale at city cash prices,

SUGARS, TEAS, COFFEES, BACON, LARD, HAMS, BEEF, SALT, VINEGAR, CHEESE, MOLASSES, SYRUP, FLOUR, TOBACCO, SNUFF, CIGARS, Soap, Starch, Opal Oil, Pepper, Ginger, Spice, Pipes, Brooms, Pails, Buckets, Feed, Crockery and Glassware, Meat Mustard, Cakes, Candy, Notions, &c.

Also, a fine lot of CANNED FRUIT and VEGETABLES.

FLOUR by the barrel and at retail.

MEAL always on hand.

He will be glad to have a call from his many friends, promising to do as well by them as any store in the county.

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NEW Spring and Summer Goods.

JACOB WILLIAMS

HAS the pleasure to announce that he just returned from the city with a Larger Stock than ever before OF

Boots, Shoes and Gaiters

of the various kinds and styles, FOR MEN, WOMEN, BOYS, MISSES and CHILDREN.

Also, a full and complete stock of all kinds of

GROCERIES, NOTIONS,

BUCKETS, BROOMS, TUBS, PLOW-LINES, TRACES, &c.

I have also added to my present stock a full line of DOMESTIC

DRY GOODS.

Persons wanting to buy bargains will find them if they will call on

JACOB WILLIAMS, Opposite the Market House, Easton, Md.

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MARTIN & CO.

RECEIVE New and Fresh Goods Daily.

THEY have a full stock of all kinds of Confectionery, and bake daily Cakes and Bread made from the best flour, which they offer to the public at much lower prices than they did before. Call and see.

SWEET POTATOES for table and planting for sale by MARTIN & CO.

FRENCH and German Mustards, very superior quality, in jars or by the pint or gallon, for sale by MARTIN & CO.

APPLES! APPLES! A lot of Jelly Flower, Northern Spy and Grindstone, for sale by the barrel or retail, at MARTIN & CO.

BUTTER! BUTTER! A superior quality of Glade, Roll and Home-made Butter, put up in corn shucks, at MARTIN & CO'S.

TOBACCO! TOBACCO! A stock of Segars, Snuff and Tobacco of different grades, at MARTIN & CO'S.

PICKLES and Catsups on hand and for sale by MARTIN & CO.

ONIONS and Onion Sets. Superior lot of the Potato sets for sale by MARTIN & CO.

FOR early planting a lot of Early Rose Peaches, for sale by the barrel or retail, at MARTIN & CO'S.

FRUITS! FRUITS! All kinds of Fruits, in cans or dried, for sale by MARTIN & CO.

FINE Grits and Hominy, at MARTIN & CO'S.

ENGLISH PEAS, kiln dried, for table use, for sale by MARTIN & CO.

ORANGES and LEMONS for sale at a very reduced price, at MARTIN & CO'S.

CHEESE! CHEESE! A superior article for Summer use, at MARTIN & CO'S.

MARTIN & CO. take all kinds of Country Produce, for which the highest market price will be allowed. ap6

GREAT ATTRACTIONS AT THE DOVER ST. FAMILY GROCERY STORE

Opposite Mrs. Streets' Millinery Store.

Since the opening of navigation, crowds of people have been noticed walking down Dover street to the

Dover Street Family Grocery Store.

It was soon ascertained that the great excitement was occasioned by the arrival of a full line of FAMILY GROCERIES by Henry Nicols, consisting of Flour by the barrel, half barrel, Buckwheat, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Molasses, Cider Vinegar, Bacon, Sausage, Pork, Cod Fish, Mackerel & Herrings, Salt, Cheese, Baking Soda, Also Smoking & Chewing Tobacco, Segars, Coal Oil, Coal Oil Lamps, Oil Cans, Washing Soap, Concentrated Lye, Indigo, &c.

Also a large stock of Wooden Ware, Tin Ware & Queens Ware. He is also in daily receipt of Fresh Vegetables, such as Cabbage, Turnips, Onions, Parsnips; also Apples, Dried Fruit, Beans, Hominy, &c. His stock of Confectionery is complete, consisting of Plain and Fancy Candies & Cakes, Raisins, Oranges, Nuts, &c. Country produce taken in exchange for goods.

Feeling satisfied that he can sell as cheap as the cheapest, he thanks a liberal public for their patronage, and solicits a continuance of the same.

HENRY NICOLS.

FLOUR AND FEED STORE.

HENRY SCHMITZ, in the rear of the Market House, Easton, keeps constantly on hand and for sale, WHOLESALE and RETAIL, FLOUR, MEAL, BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, OAT-MEAL, GRAHAM FLOUR, SHIP-STUFF, BRAN, CHOPS, OVEN, OATS, HOMINY, OIL CAKE MEAL and NAILED HAY.

They invite a call from the public, satisfied that their prices will be satisfactory.

All goods delivered free in town.

Easton, Jan. 1, 1875-1y

Easton Grocery Trade.

Great Attractions.

The Dover Street Grocery and Provision Store.

Opposite the Residence of L. G. W. Fonnes

G. R. COLLINS

KEEPS constantly on hand a large supply of

FLOUR, COFFEE, SUGAR, LARD, TOBACCO, SNUFF, PIPES, CIGARS, CANDIES, CAKES, CRACKERS, NUTS, BACON, LARD, HAMS, Dried Beef, TEAS, SPICES, CORN, OATS, FISH, BLACKING, MATCHES, Sausage,

GLASSWARE, QUEENSWARE, WOODENWARE.

Ready Made Shirts, Collars, Suspenders, Stockings, Notions, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

My stock is bought at the lowest cash prices, and sold at a small advance for Cash. I claim to sell as cheap as the cheapest.—Those who want CHEAP GROCERIES are invited to call and examine for themselves.

G. R. COLLINS.

jr29 Dover St., Easton.

LOOK AT THIS.

THE CHEAPEST STORE IN TOWN.

THE DOWN TOWN GROCERY.

The undersigned takes this method of informing his Customers and the Public generally that he has a full and complete assortment of

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, WOODENWARE, HOSIERY, GLOVES, &C Queensware, Glassware, Tinware, FLOUR, BACON, LARD, Cheese, Butter, &c.

Having bought his goods for CASH he will sell at a small advance for the cash, or to punctual paying Customers. On all Bills of $10 and over a DISCOUNT of FIVE PER CENT will be allowed for CASH.

DUER'S FLOUR.

at $7.75 per barrel, equal to any $8.50 Family Flour sold in Easton. Every barrel guaranteed.

Highest market price paid for all kinds of Country Produce in exchange for goods.—Remember these goods will be sold at the lowest cash prices. The Public's obedient Servant WM. GRACE.

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NEW GOODS! FRESH GOODS!

Family Groceries!

OPEN A NEW STORE and have just received and opened a fresh stock from the city, large and well

Family Groceris.

Mr. Boon gives his entire attention to this line of business, and families may rely on getting Fresh Goods, Choice of the quality, and Cheap Goods. Those in want of

SUGAR, COFFEE, MOLASSES, SPICES,

and everything kept in a Grocery Store, can be supplied. They also keep a full line of

Crockeryware.

Being thankful for past patronage, they are determined to merit a continuance of the same.

C. A. BOON & CO.

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LOOK! LOOK!

WHERE ARE ALL THE PEOPLE GOING?

TO

MRS. H. S. COOPER'S

NEW FAMILY GROCERY, NOTION AND DRY GOODS STORE

on Dover Street, to get bargains at low prices. She has just fitted up the Victor Sewing Machine office for the purpose of conducting a general variety store. In her stock will be found Calicoes, Muslins, Hosiery, Gloves, Ribbons, Cottons, Buttons, Gent's Neck Ties, Collars, Pins, Hand needles sewing machine needles for the different styles of machines, and sewing machine oil, best quality; sewing machine attachments, such as Tuckers, Quilters, sets of Seamers, Binders, small needle Cabinet, and the well known Family Victor Sewing Machine, which can be bought on easy terms. GROCERIES, Sugars, Coffees, Flour, by the pound or barrel, Meal, Potatoes, Salt, best Hams, Shoulders, Middlings, Lard, Starch, matches, Soaps, Blacking, Brooms, Brushes, Washing Soda, Bread soda, Yeast powders, Soda Crackers, Cakes, Candies of various kinds, Chewing Tobacco, Smoking tobacco, cigars, Snuff, Tulip lamp shimneys, Lamp Burners, best Coal Oil, and many other articles too numerous to mention. So when you go to the cheap store, if you do not see what you want ask for it. Sewing machines repaired and old ones taken in exchange for new ones, feeling well satisfied that I can sell as cheap as the cheapest for cash. Country produce will be taken in exchange for goods, carting done to order. Shirts made by measurement. Our friends and the public are most respectfully invited to give us a call

MRS. H. S. COOPER.

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Spoor's Patent Gate.

To the Farmers of Talbot and Caroline Counties.

THIS is to give notice that I have bought the Right for Talbot and Caroline counties, Md., for SPOOR'S PATENT GATE, and am prepared to sell Farm Rights to all who desire to use it in said counties. Price $5 each. The gate has been tried and approved by a number of our Talbot farmers, and may be seen in Easton, in front of the jail.

JAMES BOBB.

Easton, April 6th, 1875-3m

PREPARE FOR HARVEST.

THERE are CHAMPION REAPERS & MOWERS sold in Talbot county last year, and all gave entire satisfaction, and Mr. Nicols will sell one of them to be the best in all respects. Extra accommodations to Grangers.

JAMES BENSON.

FLOUR, COFFEE, Sugar, Salt, and for sale at the Star Grocery store, Corner Pots. and Washington streets.

WILLIAM K. LEONARD.

Select Story.

HETTY MARVIN.

A REVOLUTIONARY INCIDENT.

When the British and Tories attacked New London, Conn., in 17—, and set a price on the head of Governor Griswold, the latter fled to the town of L——, where his cousin, Mrs. Marvin, hid him for some days in a secluded farm-house. But at length the sable foe discovered his retreat, and one sunny afternoon in May he was routed from his hiding-place by the tidings that a band of horsemen were approaching to capture him.

His only chance to escape was to reach the mouth of a little creek which emptied itself into the Connecticut river, just above the entrance of the latter into Long Island Sound. There he had a boat stationed, with two faithful attendants hidden beneath the high banks of the creek. The distance from the farm house to the boat was two miles by the usually traveled road, but a little path across the farmer's orchards would bring him to the road, only a mile from the boat; and save half the length of his fearful run for life.

Just where the narrow path from the orchard opened into the road Hetty Marvin sat, with her dog Towser, tending the bleaching of the household linen. The long web of forty yards or more, which was diligently span and woven during the long winter months, was whitened in May, and thus ready for use. The business of bleaching was well economised, being usually done by the younger daughters of the family who were not old enough to spin or strong enough for the heavier work of the kitchen or the dairy.

The roll of linen was taken by the farmer or his stout "help" to a grassy plot, beside a spring or meadow brook. There it was thoroughly wetted and spread upon the green turf, to take the best heat of the sun, by day and the dew by night. The little maiden who tended it would sit near.

Thus, sat Hetty Marvin, the young daughter of Governor Griswold's cousin, when her hunted friend sprang past her into the road to escape his pursuers.—Hetty was a timid child of about twelve years, yet thoughtful and wise beyond any of her elders. She was frightened by the headlong haste with which the Governor rushed across the meadow. But she quickly comprehended the scene, and instantly quieted her faithful Towser, who, though a friend of the family guest, thought it becoming to bark loudly at his hurried steps.

Her wise forethought arrested the Governor's notice and suggested a scheme to delude his pursuers. "Hetty," he said earnestly, "I am flying for my life, and believe I can reach my boat before I am overtaken if am a lost man. You see the lorks here, but you must tell those who are chasing me that I have gone up the road to catch the mail wagon, which will soon be along, you know. Then they will turn off the other way."

"O, cousin," said the little girl in an agony of distress, "I cannot tell a lie; indeed I cannot. Why did you tell me which way you were going?"

"Hetty, my child, surely you would not betray me to my death. Hark! they are coming—I hear the click of their horses feet. Oh, Hetty, tell them I have gone up the road instead of down, and Heaven will bless you."

"Heaven never blesses those who speak falsely, cousin. But I will not tell them which way you go, even if they kill me; so run as quickly as possible."

"It's of no use; unless I can deceive them I am a dead man."

"Cousin, cousin, hide under my web of cloth; they'd never think of looking there for you. Come, get down as swift as you can, and I'll cover you and stand sprinkling my linen."

"It's my only chance, child; I'll get down as you say." And suiting the action to the words the Governor was soon hidden under the fold of the cloth.

Angry that their expected prey had escaped from the house where they hoped to secure him, the six mounted Tories, headed by a British officer, dashed along the road in swift pursuit. At sight of the girl in the meadow the leader of the party paused.

"Child," he said, sternly, "have you seen a man running hereabouts?"

"Yes, sir," replied Hetty, trembling and flushing.

"Which way did he go?"

"I promised not to tell, sir."

"But you must or take the consequences."

"I said I would not tell if you killed me," said the frightened child.

"I'll have it out of her," said his Tory guide, "I know the child I believe.—Isn't your name Hetty Marvin?" he asked, pleasantly.

"Yes, sir."

"And this man that ran by you a few moments ago was your mother's cousin, wasn't he?"

"Yes, sir, he was."

"Well, we are friends of his; what did he say to you when he came along?"

"He told me—that he was flying for his life."

"Just so, Hetty; that was very true. I hope he won't have to fly hard. Where was he going to hide? You see I could help him if I knew his plans."

Now Hetty was not a wit deceived by this smooth speech. But she was willing to tell as much of the truth as would be consistent with his safety, and she wisely judged that her frankness would serve her kinsman better than her silence. So she answered her questioner, candidly:—"My cousin said he was going down this way to the river, where he had a boat; and he wanted me to tell the men that were chasing him that he had gone the other way to catch the mail wagon."

"Why didn't you do it, if he told you to?"

"Because I thought it was better to tell them which way he really had gone."

"I could not tell a lie, sir. I was afraid."

Hetty began to be troubled and alarm[illegible] tongued Tory, "you are a nice child. Every body knows you are a pet of theirs. What do your cousin say when you told him you couldn't tell a lie?"

"He said he thought I didn't believe it was a sin to speak the truth."

"Well, I'll warrant he gave you some good advice, too, if you were a little more polite to your betters. Which way did your cousin say he went, if you didn't tell me?"

"He said he was going down the road to the river."

"Yes, and a little further, I'll warrant. Which way did he go when he left the road?"

"I promised not to tell which way he went, sir."

"Oh, yes, I forgot. Well, tell us his real words, and we won't trouble you any more."

"His last words were; 'It's my only chance child, and I'll get down as you say.'" And overcome by fright and the sense of her kinsman's danger, should they rightly interpret the language which she had repeated, she sobbed aloud, and hid her face from sight.

Her tormentors did not stay longer to soothe or question her. They had got as they supposed, the information which they wanted and pushed rapidly on down to the river. Now the Governor had arranged a signal with the boatmen that a white cloth by day or a light by night displayed from the attic window of his hiding place would mean that at the mouth of the river, should inform them if he were in trouble and put them on the alert to help him. As soon, therefore, as he started from his cousin's, the signal floated from the window to warn them.—And when they saw the pursuing party dash madly down on the road to the river and recognised the British uniform of the leader they pulled swiftly out to sea.—The horseman reached the shore only in season to see the boat with two men in it nearly out of sight; and supposing their destined prey had escaped relinquished the pursuit.

Meanwhile the hunted victim lay safe and quiet where the simple shrewdness of the little cousin had hidden him until the time came for her to return for supper. Then he bade her go as usual to her home, telling her to ask her mother to place the signal lamp, as soon as it grew dark, in the window, for the boatmen, and to send him there some supper, with his valise, which in the hurry of departure, he had left behind.

The signal recalled the boat, which after twilight, had ventured in sight of the shore and the farm-house, and the Governor quietly made his way to the river in safety. When he rejoined his family in a secure home he named his infant daughter, which had been born in his absence, "Hetty Marvin," that he might be daily reminded of the little cousin whose truth and shrewdness saved his life.

[Correspondence of the Marlborough Gazette.]

Taxation of Railroads, and of the B. & P. R. R.

Messrs. Editors:—The press in different parts of the State having discussed the questions at issue between the State of Maryland and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, the attention of the people has been again called to the relation which railroad corporations in this State bear to the subject of taxation.—In connection with this subject and the pending campaign, it is surprising to hear it charged in this county that the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company is now uniting with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and other railroad interests in the State for the purpose of securing such legislation from the next General Assembly as will relieve the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company in common with other corporations from taxation.

In order that the people of the State may be fully informed on the subject of taxation, so far as the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company is concerned, and that they may learn how faithfully this Company has complied with, and purposes in the future to conform to all legislation upon the subject of taxation, the following statement is submitted which, I am sure, Messrs. Editors, you will be pleased to be the medium of furnishing to the public.

The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company not being exempt under the terms of its charter from taxation is therefore like individuals liable to State and County or municipal taxation upon its property.

By the Act of 1872, ch. 234, which is further amended by the Act of 1874, ch. 408, all railroad companies in this State are required to pay a tax upon gross receipts for *State* purposes, and it is further provided that the property, real and personal, of all railroad companies which shall duly pay into the Treasury the said annual tax on gross receipts, shall be exempt from taxation for State purposes. The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company has regularly and promptly paid under these Acts the tax on gross receipts for the years 1872, 1873 and 1874 into the Treasury.

Under advice of counsel, notwithstanding the decision of Judge Dobbin that the tax on gross receipts of railroads is in violation of the State Constitution, the Company has continued to pay this tax to the State, preferring to discharge its obligations to the State until the Court of Appeals has finally pronounced upon the constitutionality of the tax, rather than attempt to shield itself in its refusal to pay behind the decision of an inferior tribunal. For the year 1874 the Company, some months since, paid into the State Treasury the sum of $2,450 85, which sum will increase as its business enlarges from year to year.

If the counties through which the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company passes do not get the benefit of taxation upon the property of the Company within the respective counties, the fault does not rest with the Company, but with the legislature of the State, and with the Comptroller in the discretion of official supervision and charge of the Act of 1874, ch. 48, was understood to be framed and passed, and which is embodied in the Code by the Act of 1874, ch. 480, in the 87th section of Article 81 of the Code. Under this Act the railroad companies in question pay into the State Treasury the tax on gross receipts, and the State Comptroller is charged with the duty of distributing the proceeds of the same to the counties and the City of Baltimore, the money so paid by them, and to the Annapolis, Court of the City of Baltimore, [illegible] the City of Baltimore [illegible] Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company is required under the law to pay taxes upon all the property owned by it, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has always claimed and enjoyed exemption from taxation.

It will thus be seen how far short of placing the two roads upon an equality will be any legislation which removes the capitation tax, so to speak, from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, unless it goes further and requires as the condition of the exemption on the part of the State of the said capitation tax, that the Company shall consent to a repeal or modification of the terms of its charter exempting it altogether from taxation. So far from entertaining any expectation for the purpose of securing legislation, the friends of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company will endeavor to maintain the proposition that the property of all corporations where they seek relief from the State should be made to bear the burden of taxation upon the same principles as the property of individuals in taxation, and that they will cordially embrace such a modification of the existing laws upon the subject of taxation as will without subjecting to double taxation, give to the counties the benefit of taxation upon the property of railroad corporations within their respective limits, [illegible] increasing the rate of county taxation, and in that sense reducing the burdens of taxation which bear so heavily upon the agricultural interest, and especially upon those of Southern Maryland.

OCCASIONAL.

A Grecian Legend.

When Bacchus was a boy he journeyed through Hellas to go to Naxia, and on the way was very long; he grew tired and sat down upon a stone to rest. As he sat there, with his eyes on the ground, he saw a little plant spring up between his feet, and was so very much pleased with it that he determined to take it with him, and plant it in Naxia. He took it up and carried it away with him; but, as the sun was very hot, he feared it might wither before he had reached his destination. He found a dry skeleton, into which he thrust it, and went on.—But in his hand the plant sprouted so fast that it started out of the bones above and below. This gave him fresh fear of its withering, and he cast about for a remedy. He found a lion's bone, which was thicker than the bird's skeleton, and he stuck the skeleton with the plant in it, into the bone of the lion. Bye long, however, the plant grew out of the lion's bone likewise. Then he found the bone of an ass, larger than that of the lion.—So he put the lion's containing the bird's skeleton and the plant, into the ass' bone, and then he made his way to Naxia. When about to set the plant, he found that the roots had entwined themselves around the bird's skeleton and the lion's bone and the ass bone; and he could not take it out without damaging the roots. He planted it as it was, and it came up speedily, and bore to his great joy the most delicious grapes, of them, which he made the first wine and gave it to his friends to drink. But behold a miracle! When they drank of it they sang like birds; next, after drinking a little more they became vigorous and gallant like lions; but when they drank more still, they began to behave like asses.

THE CANAL EXTENSION CONVENTION AT WESTERPORT, MD.—The Convention held at Westerport, Md., on Thursday last, to inaugurate measures looking to the extension of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal to that place, was largely attended by citizens of the surrounding country, as well as a considerable number from abroad. The meeting was held in Rock's Park, on the Westerport heights, and was presided over by John Coles, of Boston, John Brydrick acting as secretary. Speeches in advocacy of the extension were made by the Hon. Patrick Hamill, Hon. Montgomery Blair, Mr. A. P. Gorman, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, and Messrs Daniel Bier, A. K. Stake and M. Bennon of the board of directors. A committee on resolutions was appointed, which reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, By the citizens of Allegany and Garrett counties, of Maryland, and the county of Mineral, of West Virginia, assembled in mass meeting, that the project of extending the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, or improving the navigation of the Potomac river to the centre of the coal basin at the mouth of the Savage river, is not only feasible, but the commercial, manufacturing, mining and agricultural interests of the entire State now demand it.

Resolved, That a committee of ten be appointed to draft a memorial requesting our representatives in Congress to secure national aid for the work.

A STARTLING PEACE PROJECT.—A correspondent sends the following item from the Philadelphia Times [illegible]

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