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To Travelers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

BALTIMORE AND CHOPTANK ROUTE.
Commencing March 30th, 1880.

The steamer **ENOCH PRATT**, will leave Baltimore, Pier 3, Light street, foot of Camden, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 o'clock P. M., for Easton, Johnstone, Bonnie, Mill, Oxford, Clara's Point, Cambridge, Chancellor's Point, Jamaica Point, Secretary Creek, Clark's and Red Lands and the steamer **Highland Light** will leave same pier, at same hour, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for all the above landings; extending her trip to Dover Bridge, Towers, Potters and Denton. Both steamers making connection with the Del. & Ches. Railway, and Dor. & Del. R. R.

Returning the steamer Highland Light will leave Denton every Sunday Tuesday and Thursday, at 12 noon, and with the steamer Enoch Pratt on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, will make a daily boat, except Saturday, from Medford's at 1 P. M., Secretary at 2, Cambridge at 5, Oxford at 6 and Easton at 9, each boat stopping at the intermediate landings named, arriving in Baltimore at 4 A. M.

Freight taken at low rates.

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ROBERT B. DIXON, Agent at Easton.

St. Michaels & Wye River.

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Capt. E. N. Dodson, leaves pier 12, Light street, Baltimore, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11 o'clock P. M., for St. Michaels, Claiborne and Tunis' Mills. Returning, leaves Claiborne at 6 P. M., Tunis Mills, 7:30, St. Michaels 9, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Leaves Baltimore at 11 P. M. Tuesday and Thursday for Wye River and Public Landing. Returning, leaves Public Landing at 3 P. M. and Wye Landing at 4 every Wednesday and Friday for Baltimore.

☞ Freight received up to the hour of leaving.

H. C. DODSON, General Agent.
St. Michaels, March 25, 1880.

Delaware & Chesapeake

RAILWAY.

Winter Arrangement.

ON and after Monday, Nov. 10th, 1879, trains will run as follows:

GOING NORTH.

STATIONS.	No. 1	No. 2
Easton, Leave,	7 45 AM	9 0 AM
Noddland,	7 56	9 48
Cordova,	8 11	10 07
Hillsboro,	8 18	10 28
Tuckahoe,	8 41	10 48
Greensboro,	9 01	11 13
Goldsboro,	9 14	11 31
Henderson,	9 23	11 39
Marydel,	9 35	12 05 PM
Slaughters,	9 48	12 24
Kenton,	10 03	12 47
Clayton, Arrive,	10 18	1 10
Wilmington,	11 50	6 45
Philadelphia,	1 15 PM	8 25
Baltimore,	3 35	9 25
New York,	6 05	6 05 AM

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	No. 3.	No. 4.
New York, Leave,	4 25 AM	9 00 AM
Baltimore,	7 05	9 45
Philadelphia,	8 00	11 45
Wilmington,	9 15	1 10 PM
Clayton,	10 55	2 40
Kenton,	11 11	3 03
Slaughters,	11 27	3 26
Marydel,	11 40	3 45
Henderson,	11 50	4 00
Goldsboro,	12 01 PM	4 15
Greensboro,	12 14	4 36
Ridgely,	12 31	4 55
Hillsboro,	12 47	5 18
Cordova,	1 04	5 33
Woodland,	1 17	5 50
Easton, Arrive,	1 30	6 00 PM

All Freights must be at the various stations at least Thirty (30) Minutes before starting of trains, otherwise they will lay over twenty-four hours.

Freight Trains will have Passenger Car attached, which will be subject to delays incident to the Freight business.

O. S. SANFORD, Supt.

Easton, Nov. 8th, 1879.

Notice to Travelers.

The omnibuses of the subscriber run regularly from the hotels in Easton to the cars and steamboats, to convey passengers to any place they may desire to go. Passengers at private residences called for at any hour by having word at my office, on Railroad Avenue. Horses and carriages for hire at all times at my livery stable. Travellers conveyed to any part of the county or peninsula. Handsome turn-outs always on hand.

LUTHER W. COVEY

Easton March 25th, 1879.

Farmers and Merchants Packet Line.

The Schooners Clara M. Leonard and Annie M. Leonard.

THE above boats are making weekly trips between Easton and Baltimore, and will do all kinds of freighting as cheap as any other line. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction. Our boats are new and built out of the very best material. Orders left with Messrs. G. E. Bowdoin & Co., Commission Merchants, corner of Bowley's Wharf and Pratt st., Baltimore, will be promptly attended to. Grain bought or taken at the lowest freight rates. All Grain stored in our Warehouses, in case of fire will be at the owners risk. Agricultural Lime delivered at the lowest cash price. Feeling thankful for past favors, we hope by strict attention to business, a continuance of the same.

C. R. LEONARD & BRO.

Office in same room with R. B. Dixon on Dover street, Easton.

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BRICK HOTEL

Livery, Sale and Exchange Stables,

EASTON, MD.,

SOLOMON PIPPIN, Proprietor.

Horses and Carriages

for hire. The carriages are all new and of modern style, and the horses quick draft, safe and reliable.

Passengers conveyed to any part of the peninsula.

Ample accommodations for horses at livery; also good shelter for carriage.

An Omnibus regularly to the cars and steamers.

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Always on hand and for sale or exchange. A polite and attentive assistant at the Stables in the proprietor's absence.

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The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. apr15,79

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In 1 gallon cans, in ½ gallon cans, in quart cans, in pint cans, in ½ pint cans, any shade or color for sale by R. J. Trippe.

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Just received a supply of sweet Florida Oranges and fresh Lemons. For sale at

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BUY YOUR

LUMBER,

SHINGLES, LATHS,

Sash, Doors, Bricks, &c.

AT LOW PRICES, FROM

SAML. BURNS & CO.,

104 Light Street Wharf,

BALTIMORE.

OAKLAND

STEAM SAW & PLANING MILLS.

PINE, HEMLOCK, CYPRESS

AND OAK

LUMBER

SHINGLES, LATHS, PICKETS, MOULDINGS, CASINGS, FRAMES, SASH, DOORS, BLINDS, LIME AND HAIR,

LOCUST AND CEDAR POSTS.

We have always on hand a full supply of *MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, GEORGIA and WHITE PINE, and HEMLOCK*

Timber,

with facilities unequaled in the State for manufacturing and filling orders promptly and delivering anywhere. We invite a comparison with city or other dealers.

Our constantly increasing business is an evidence of fair prices

We have also *BUILDING HARDWARE* and a full line of General Merchandise for country trade.

W. W. TUNIS & BRO.,
OAKLAND MILLS. *EASTON, MD.*
January 14, 1879-1yr

LUMBER!

--AND--

Building Materials,
Shingles, Laths,
Lime, Hair, &c.

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS.

and Mill Work generally.

PRICES LOWER THAN EVER.

My long experience in the Lumber trade should be a guarantee to purchasers of my ability to suit them both in quality and prices.

Prime articles of No. 1 White Pine and White Hemlock Fencing now in stock.

Principal office in Easton and Yard at Easton Point connected by Telephone.

Deliveries made on navigable water free of freight.

Comparison of Quality and Prices Solicited.

ROBERT B. DIXON,
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GRAND OPENING

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METROPOLITAN CLOTHING HOUSE,

178 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.,

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Elegant New York Clothing

UNEQUALLED FOR

ELEGANCE OF STYLE AND REASONABLE PRICES.

The public are cordially invited. No trouble to show goods.

MORDECAI & SMITH,
PROPRIETORS.

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MERCANTILE.

Mrs. M. S. Norris'

GRAND MILLINERY, NOTION

AND

FANCY GOODS EMPORIUM

AND

Bazar of Fashions

(opposite the Court House,)

Easton, *Md.*

The Ladies of Easton, and the county generally, as well as the adjoining counties, are requested to visit this establishment and examine one of the most complete stocks of Millinery, Fancy Goods, Notions, etc., now on exhibition on the Shore, and compare styles, quality and price before purchasing.

A full line of choice goods, always new and attractive, can here be found, embracing every article needed to supply the demand of her ready customers. Her stock is so large and varied it would be folly to attempt to enumerate; suffice it to say, that to call for an article, is to have that article furnished at once. From her long experience in the business, she flatters herself that she knows how to select a stock to meet the demands of the public. When you visit Easton, call and see her. You need only to see her stock to be induced to purchase.

Headquarters for the

BOOT AND SHOE TRADE,

Of the Eastern Shore!

Competition Silenced!

We still Lead in Low Prices!

ELLIOTT & RATHELL respectfully ask the public to call and examine their large stock of Boots and Shoes just opened, and see if they do not eclipse anything ever offered before in the Shoe trade. Just think of it. We can sell a Fine French Calf Stitched Gaiter, for men, made by hand, for the sum of $5.00, heretofore selling readily at $6.50 and 7.00 and an excellent walking shoe for $2.50, worth $4.00, and for Boys, the nicest article of Calf Stitched Shoes for $2.50, worth $4.00, that has ever before been exhibited in this market, and also Boys Pegged Work, finest quality from $1.25 to $2.00, and for Ladies and Misses we can sell a Superb Foxed Gaiter from $1.25 to $2.50 that we defy any city establishment to surpass, if equal. We do not throw this out as a bait, but we ask you to call and convince yourself, that we have not misrepresented anything. We have also Ladies Lasting Gaiters (laced) at $1.00 $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2. We have Ladies Button Gaiters at $2 00, $2.50, $3 00, $325 and $3.75.

We have Ladies' Slippers at 40 cents, 50, 75, $1.00, $1.25, $1 50, $2.00, and $2.50 and Children's shoes at any price from 50 cents upward. We mean business, and our stock is complete and adapted to the wants of everybody. We can get up the finest and cheapest dress shoe for ladies or gentlemen anywhere to be found on the Shore.

We carry for boys and youths low and high cut shoes, sewed, both calf and morocco, a perfectly beautiful article from $2.00 to $2.50. Then to cap the climax we have men's calf boots from $2.50 to $4.00.

Manufacturing and repairing done at the lowest rates and quick despatch. Leather and shoe findings constantly on hand for sale.

The public's obedient servants,

ELLIOTT & RATHELL.

New Goods

AT

VERY LOW PRICES

AT

Joseph Miller's

Grocery Store,

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I would call attention to my present stock of Groceries and Provisions. My goods are all new and selected with care. A very nice article of

Butter fresh from New York State,

which I am selling very low. Also,

Flour, Meal, Tea, Coffee, Spices, Apple and Peach Butter, very nice Mince Meat, Brooms, Pails, Tobacco, Cigars, Notions, Ladies' Hose, Children's Hose, Gent's Suspenders, Collars, Thread, Buttons, &c., &c., &c.,

and all other goods usually kept in a grocery store. The public will find it to their advantage to call and examine my goods and prices. Country produce taken in exchange for goods. "Small Profits and Quick Sales" is my motto. I will not be undersold by any house in Easton for the same class of goods. Give me a call.

JOSEPH MILLER.

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Fall and Winter Stock.

For a particularly fine stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES!

Go to the store of

J. T. S. SMITH,

AT THE CHAPEL.

He keeps constantly on hand a large stock

Dry Goods, Groceries,

Farming Implements

Ready-Made Clothing,

&c., &c., which will be sold as cheap as they can be bought in Baltimore, Easton, or any other place. Call and see him.

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

All the Dailies,
All the Weeklies,
All the Monthlies,
All the Quarterlies,
Supplied at publishers prices by

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A Farm of 117 Acres located in Oxford Neck of Talbot County, can be bought at a bargain, early application is made to

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Miscellaneous.

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And You Will Buy

OEHM & SON'S

SPRING

Clothing!!!

in preference to all others for

STYLE! DURABILITY! FINISH! CHEAPNESS!

Men's, Youths', Boys' and Children's Departments filled up with new fresh goods, carefully made and of latest designs, which we sell at *reduced prices*, having bought and manufactured our entire spring stock before the recent marked advance in the prices of raw material and skilled labor. *GREAT BARGAINS* in all of our Departments.

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Samples and Self-Measurements sent free on application.

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220 W. PRATT STREET, } Adjoining
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SPECIFIC.

Cures Nervous Headache Immediately. It Relieves Colds in the Head and Neuralgia at once.

It cures *Weak, Watery, Inflamed* or *Ulcerated Sore Eyes* in a few days.

It is a Certain Cure for Catarrh, no matter how bad the case may be.

PRICE, 25 Cents.

DR. DOUGLAS, Proprietor,

BALTIMORE, MD.

Symptoms of Catarrh.

Dull oppressive Headache, Discharges falling from the Head into the Throat, Hacking or Coughing, Constant Spitting, Loss of Memory, smell and taste. Offensive Breath, Sore Throat, Dizziness with dimness of Vision, the Eyes are Weak, Watery, Inflamed or Ulcerated. Deafness, Ringing of Noises in the Ears, Depression of Spirits, general debility and Nervousness.

Only a few of the above-named symptoms are likely to be present in any one case.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS
And Dealers in Medicine.

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HEALTH STRENGTH HAPPINESS

IRON BITTERS

IRON BITTERS, A Great Tonic.

IRON BITTERS, A Sure Appetizer.

IRON BITTERS, All agree it Strengthens.

IRON BITTERS, A Valuable Medicine.

IRON BITTERS, Not sold as a Beverage.

IRON BITTERS, For Delicate Females.

Highly recommended to the public for all diseases requiring a certain and efficient *TONIC*, especially *Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Intermittent Fevers, Want of Appetite, Loss of Strength, Lack of Energy, etc.* It enriches the blood, strengthens the muscles, and gives new life to the nerves. To the weak, ladies, and children requiring reconstruction, this valuable remedy can not be too highly recommended. *It tastes like a charm.* It is the digestive organ. A teaspoonful before meals will remove all dyspeptic symptoms.

TRY IT.

Sold by all Druggists.

THE BROWN CHEMICAL CO.
BALTIMORE, Md.

FOR SALE BY
STEVENS & HAYWARD, Agents,
EASTON, MD.

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The place to get cheap Boots & Shoes,
Is at J. HUGHES & CO'S,
in Mason's (new block) Building.

The place to get cheap *Sugar, Teas* & Coffee,
Is at J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

The place to get the Best Flour.
Is at J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

The place to get the best Syrup & Molasses,
Is at J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

The place to get nice Buckwheat & Meal.
Is at J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

The place to get first quality
Cigars and Tobacco,
Is at J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

Anything you want in the Grocery line,
Is at J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

If you want a good pair of
Boots or Shoes, made to order,
Go to J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

If you want Boots or Shoes repaired,
Go to J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

And while you are waiting, and feel like eating Candy or Cake, J. Hughes & Co.'s is the place to get it.

Those who have Country Produce to exchange for Goods please come to
J. HUGHES & CO.'S.

OH! HO! FOR THE FLATS.

J. T. ROBINSON is still on hand, and has just arrived from Baltimore with an entire new stock of

DRY GOODS.

Calicos from 5 to 8 cts, muslins from 5 to 10 cts, good Kerseys at 30 cts. Cassimeres and Ladies Dress Goods in variety. A large and complete stock of

NOTIONS.

Also a full stock of Groceries, a nice lot of Pearl Hominy, Best N. Y. Buckwheat, Sausage, Breakfast Bacon, Sides, Shoulders, Hams, Cheese, etc., cheaper than the cheapest. I have just purchased an entire new stock of

Boots and Shoes,

of every style and quality, a larger stock than I have ever had. These goods have all been bought for cash, and I hope the public will give me a call before purchasing elsewhere. I have *Men's* Boots at $1 90 and upwards, good well made boots. Good Men's Shoes at $1.20. Ladies Shoes at the low price of 75 cents and upwards. Misses and Childrens Shoes at 40 cents and upwards. Don't forget to call and examine. No trouble to show goods. Come one, come all, at the new store of J. T. Robinson, opposite Bayside road, near A. W. Fountain's carriage factory, Easton, Md.

J. COYLE & BROS.,

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Slate and Marble

MANTEL WORKS,

359 and 361 West Pratt Street,

Near Green Street,

BALTIMORE, MD.

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QUALITY PURITY QUANTITY

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST FERTILIZER

By the use of these *pure* Chemicals, the farmer can make a better Fertilizer than those usually sold, at three-times the price. The leading farmers in the State as reference. Write for particulars.

SOLE MANUFACTURERS

The Brown Chemical Co.

25 S. Sharp Street,

BALTIMORE, MD

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HEATERS.

Bibb's New Baltimore!

The most perfect heater made. Nickel plate, top nickel rail. Beautiful in design. Works like a charm. Also a great variety of

HEATING STOVES

AND

Cook Stoves,

THE NEW EMERALD

being the leading cook stove in the market. It has all the modern improvements. We keep the best and cheapest stves in the market. We make a specialty in furnishing repairs or repairing old stoves. Furnaces Ranges, Fire Place Heaters, &c.

Hulse & Nichols.

The Game of 15.

The most popular of all games or puzzles. The latest and best extant. Hundreds of thousands sold during the last few weeks. *Price* 15 cents. Mailed to any address, postage free, for 20 cents.

G. W. Minnick,
opposite the bank.

Miscellaneous.

Written for the STAR.

THE SCHOOLS OF TALBOT:

BEING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATIONAL ANNALS OF THAT COUNTY.

THE TALBOT CO. FREE SCHOOL.

CONCLUDED.

The school seems to have prospered for a long series of years, and was "looked upon as the most frequented in the Province," to use the words of an advertisement, presently to be quoted. It would seem that in the year 1764 the school had been for a considerable time under an excellent master, believed to have been Mr. George Hule, and that increased accommodations had become necessary. The Visitors had also become involved in debt which they were unable to discharge upon their credit. They therefore resolved to resort to a very common expedient of the time for raising money, and issued the following:

"Scheme for a Lottery
"For the Use of the Talbot County School."

"There being necessity for making considerable repairs to the buildings of this school, and also some additions thereto for the Master's convenience, and the funds appropriate to its use being already charged with a heavy debt, the Visitors, unprovided with any other means, take leave to propose the method of Lottery to raise the sum of three hundred and sixty pounds for answering the purpose above mentioned.

"This school through the abilities and extraordinary assiduity of the present master has for many years, even under great disadvantages, been looked upon as perhaps the best and most frequented in the Province; and should this scheme succeed, and the buildings rendered more commodious by having the school well fitted for the reception of boarders it might become yet more extensively useful than it has hitherto been.

"Instruction or right education is universally confessed to be one of the greatest advantages in life. It is the best and truest improvement of our rational faculties; and those useful arts and sciences by which the condition of man has been rendered more happy and commodious are in a great measure owing to it. It purges off the dross of slavery and superstition and bears a friendly aspect on liberty and the social interests of mankind.

"Solicitous to secure this noble advantage, and actuated entirely by sentiments of tenderness and regard for the rising generation, the Visitors flatter themselves that every lover of his country and friend of mankind will warmly promote a lottery so laudable in its intention and countenance with his favour and indulgence this nursery of school learning."

[Here follows the scheme, which had 706 prizes and 894 blanks, making 1600 tickets, which at $4 each, was expected to realize $6,400; all of which were divided among the prize holders. The profit to the school was derived from a deduction of 15 per centum from the prizes, before being paid, which would be $960 or £360 Maryland currency.]

"This scheme is apparently more promising to the adventurer than any hitherto offered, there being not many more blanks than prizes, and the deduction of only 15 per cent., and as the visitors have been much encouraged to propose this lottery, they have reason to hope it will speedily be drawn.

The Reverend John Gordon
Messieur Jacob Hindman
Matthew Tilghman
Jonathan Nicols } Visitors,
Henry Hollyday
and
Mr. William Nicols,

who are appointed Managers, will give bond and be on oath for the faithful execution of the trust.

"The drawing to begin as soon as the tickets are sold, at Talbot Court House, in the presence of a majority of the managers and such of the adventurers as choose to attend, of which the public shall have timely notice, in the Maryland Gazette, and a list of the prizes shall also be published, immediately after the drawing.

All prizes not demanded within six months after publication will be deemed a generous benevolence to the school and applied accordingly.

Tickets may be had of any of the members. All money now in circulation will be received for tickets and paid in discharge of the prizes."*

A subsequent announcement states that the lottery would soon be drawn, as the tickets were nearly all sold, and that Mr. Thomas Goldsborough's name had been added to the list of Managers. But the files of the old paper from which the above advertisement has been taken, give no information whether the lottery was actually drawn, though it is reasonable to presume it was. This case of the adoption of a method of raising money which would receive, at the present day, the condemnation of moralists, indeed of statesmen, and of its sanction by so excellent a man as the rector of St. Michaels parish, Mr. John Gordon, one of whose functions it was to determine for his flock the moral quality of actions, in as much as it indicates that the standards of right and wrong are not immutable, but vary from age to age, may serve to settle, in some appreciable degree, a fundamental question in ethical philosophy.

From this time onward, until its extinction, no record whatever, however slight, of this school has been discovered. How long it flourished and when it ceased to exist is unknown. It is believed, upon tradition merely, that it continued in successful operation up to the time of outbreak of the American revolution, when its revenues having been withdrawn to supply the exigencies of the state during the war, and private patronage during the troubles not being sufficient for its maintenance, its doors were closed. One fact is known, that before public affairs had become thoroughly settled and new provisions could be made for its support, the buildings upon the farm were destroyed by fire, and they never were replaced. There was less solicitude for its reestablishment from the fact that the Rev. Dr. Bowie, a clergyman who had settled in Talbot during the Revolution, having been deprived of his parish in Somerset county on account of his tory principles, had set up an excellent school near Easton, which in a measure supplied the loss of the Talbot Free School. Besides, it is proper to note, that after the war of the revolution, which produced not only a change in political relations and methods, but in habits of thought and courses of action, a subject which has not been sufficiently dwelt upon by historians, popular interest in public education was directed towards the establishment of schools of a higher order than had existed under the provincial regime. Academies and Colleges absorbed the attention of our legislators, who doubtless reflected the sentiments of those they represented. Elementary education received no assistance from the public treasury but was left to be maintained by private patronage. It should be said, also, that the free schools in many of the counties had not been as successful as that established in Talbot. Accordingly it is found that after the Revolution in a number of cases adjoining counties united their funds and established union schools, or academies, and these for years were among the best in the State. In other cases the free school property was handed over to boards of trustees who had no relation to the State or county governments, and they founded excellent schools. In yet other cases, the school property passed into the hands of the trustees of the poor, and thus was diverted entirely from its original use and purpose. The school property of Talbot had a different destiny.

In the year 1782 by an Act of Assembly the visitors of Kent county school which was then exceedingly prosperous, having one hundred and forty pupils, were authorized and empowered "to erect the said school into a college or seminary of universal learning." One of the provisions of this act was that "if the visitors of any county school on the Eastern shore, for the more effectual advancement of useful knowledge and the better promoting the good purposes for which such county schools were originally founded, shall be desirous to engraft and consolidate the funds and estate of such county school, or any parts of the same, with the funds and estate of the said intended college," they should be allowed to do so, and be entitled to appoint one member of the board of visitors of the college "for every five hundred pounds which any such county schools shall contribute towards founding and supporting the said college;" or they might have "any other privileges and advantages in respect to the education of the youth of such county in the college" as might be fixed and agreed upon, in consideration of this sum of five hundred pounds "or any sum or estate of greater or less value which they might contribute." The college then and thus organized was what became and is known as Washington college, at Chestertown. For the support of this school, beside State endowments and donations, the fines and forfeitures which formerly went to the county schools, were set apart. In the year 1784 a similar Act of Assembly authorized the conversion of King William's school in Annapolis into a college, which was and is known as St. John's College, and these two institutions, the one for the Eastern and the other for the Western Shore, constituted the University of Maryland. Of these schools it is unnecessary to say more in this connection.

In the year of the organization of Washington college, namely 1782, an Act entitled "an Act to enable the Visitors of Talbot county school" was passed, of which the following is the preamble:—"Whereas, it has been represented to this General Assembly by the Visitors of Talbot county school, that the school house belonging thereto hath, by unavoidable accident, been burnt down and consumed by fire, whereby the said county is deprived of any public school or seminary of learning; and the said Visitors being desirous of promoting useful knowledge and fulfilling the good purposes for which the county schools were originally founded, are willing to engraft and consolidate the estate of Talbot county school aforesaid with the funds and estate of Washington college, after paying the debts that are justly and bona fide due and owing from the said school, therefore be it enacted &c." This law authorizes the visitors to sell the property at public sale to the highest bidder, and to pay off all debts against the school, according to the tenor of the petition presented; but there is no provision made for the disposition of the remainder of the money received from the sale. This seems to have been left to the discretion of the board of Visitors. This board was composed of these gentlemen, all of whom were residents of St. Michaels parish:

The Rev Mr. John Gordon,
Mr. John Bracco,
Mr. William Hayward,
Mr. William Hindman,
Mr. William Perry,
Mr. Robert Goldsborough.

Having on the 12th of February, 1783, made due advertisement of the intended sale of the property it was, on the 1st of April of that year offered at public vendue, and the hundred acres of land were purchased by Mr. John Stevens for the sum of four hundred and eighty-five pounds "current money." On the first of October a deed was executed by the Visitors to him, he having paid, or secured the payment, of the sum mentioned. A few days after Mr. Stevens resold the property to Mr. James Lloyd Chamberlaine for the same that he had given. Among the records of this county there is note of the disposition of the money received from the sale of the school property; but a report was presented to the General Assembly of the State by the Rev. Dr. William Smith, the first President of Washington College of the subscriptions and donations that had been made for its endowment. In this report the names of several citizens of Talbot are given as benefactors of the school, and the amounts bestowed. In addition to the gift is noted that the Visitors and Governors had received from the Visitors of Talbot County Free School the sum of four hundred pounds. The subscription is thus made entitled Talbot, according to the act of incorporation, to a representation in the Board of Visitors and Governors of the college, and accordingly Mr. Robt. Goldsborough and Mr. William Perry were appointed as members from this county. From that time to the present, the visitors and governors have continued to elect some gentleman known for his fine aptitude to public education from Talbot to a seat whenever a vacancy has occurred in their body. It is to be regretted that the honor of representing the county in the oldest college of the State, and the only one upon the Eastern Shore, has not been sufficiently appreciated—so little so indeed, that few in the county know that it enjoys the privilege of such representation. This respectable position is now held by Hon. Samuel Hambleton. The rights which the county enjoys of sending two pupils to Washington college free of all charge are not founded upon the benefactions of private citizens and of the Visitors of the Talbot Free School, above noticed, but upon endowments and appropriations by the State.

The Board of Visitors having therefore conformed in all particulars to the law—sold the property, paid off all debts binding upon it, and transferred the remainder of the proceeds of the sale to the institution designated as the residuary recipient—became *functus officio*, and thus the Talbot Free School closed forever its organic, as it had years before ended its functional existence.

The people of this county have long cherished their public schools as their most valued privilege and right. They have shown themselves, from time to time, ready to adopt any system of administering them which promised to promote their greater efficiency, however and by whomsoever framed. They have ever been jealous of any attempt to impair or restrict their usefulness. No public burden have they so cheerfully borne as that imposed for the maintenance of public instruction; and there is no private sacrifice they so willingly make as that by which an education, for the common uses of life at least, is secured to their children. How far the growth of these most creditable sentiments is attributable to that school which for more than half a century flourished in their midst, and of which an account has just been given, it would be impossible to determine: but that it had much to do with preparing the popular mind for the adoption of those systems of education which forty or fifty years later were received by Talbot with so much glad earnestness, when other counties which had no such preparation rejected them, and for the reception of that wiser and more comprehensive system which at the epoch of universal freedom inaugurated the era of general education in every portion and among all classes of the people, no one can doubt.

*This probably means in gold and silver at the rate of two dollars sixty-six and two-third cents to the pound, and not in continental script.

†Upon the reception of this report by the General Assembly, it was ordered, Nov. 27th, 1782, that the names of the subscribers and the amount subscribed by each should be entered upon the journals and published with the same "in honor to the first founders, benefactors and patrons of this seminary."—*Private letter of Mr. Principal Rivers, of Washington College.*

Say, Edison, try a mule's shoe, try a mule's shoe, man. It may not do any better as a light than a horse shoe, but it will make your enemies stand further back.

A Leadville man who was seen coming out of a gin mill at 10 p. m. felt terribly ashamed of it. No Leadvillain thinks it proper to leave such a place before midnight.

The woman who was caught out in a shower with her new bonnet on and no umbrella to shelter it, can never be persuaded that the rain was needed.

Mr. Dennis Kearney's present address is cell 181, corridor 10, House of Correction, San Francisco. Send him your congratulations.

"I propose to drop your acquaintance," said the mischievous urchin who threw pussy down the well.

Columbus made an egg stand. But Italians of less renown have made the peanut stand.

"I die content," said the fly in the baker's dough; "somebody will take me for a currant."

You never can persuade a man that a paper that has his name in it isn't worth reading.

The fashion of paper collars is much narrower on account of the high price of pulp.

An infant is the primer of humanity bound in morocco.

Of course the Grant party took in a Little Rock and Rye.

*Maryland Gazette, Sept. 15th, 1761.