The Cecil Whig

ELKTON, APRIL 12, 1873.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Local Miscellany.—Shad made their appearance in town this week in small quantities, and small size also. The price was large enough though to make up for both these deficiences.

Remember that all licenses must be taken out by the first of May.

To-morrow is Easter Sunday, the end of Lent.

The Trustees of the Elkton Academy, will meet on Monday morning, 9 o'clock, at the office of the Secretary, James T. McCullough. One of the objects of the meeting is to fill the vacant scholarship, lately become vacant.

All persons interested in forming a Base Ball Club, will meet on the Court House Yard, to-night (Saturday) at 7 o'clock.—

The stockholders of the Elkton Building Society hold their annual election to-night, and the Auditors will lay a report of the condition of the Society before the meeting. This meeting will be of much interest to the members and should be fully attended.

We notice that the barrels that were recently used in rebuilding the bridge on Bow street, obstructs the sidewalk of the great thorough-fare, "Whig street."—When will they be removed?

A Great Show at the Hall to-night, to be repeated Monday and Tuesday evenings.—The Eastern Shore papers speak highly of it. Our old friend John S. Rowbotham, (Cheap John) is pushing the enterprise, which is a guarantee that every thing will be conducted on high-pressure principles.

Car Building.—The Oxford *Press* says: We can now announce that the preliminary arrangements between the Co-operative Car Company of Wilmington and the citizens of Oxford have been finally agreed on, within the last few days, and the Company will locate in our Borough. Arrangements will be made for an immediate start in the erection of the buildings. Our town will see more active times within the next three months than has been witnessed for some time.

Red Lights and Blue.—Not the Connecticut "blue light" of fabled story, or the red light set on the rocky coast by land pirates to lure the noble ship to ruin; but Dr. Bob Frazer's red and blue—"deeply, darkly, beautifully blue"—not unlike that siren lady's eyes which lures the tender swains to "sigh like a furnace"—seen every cloudy and clear night in the west window of the central drug store. The heavens in June are not more blue than that dazzling blue light when the kerosene is in full glare behind it. And that other red light—had Stambro light been half so bright, the Atlantic, that noble steamer, would have been warned from her ruin, and 600 souls might have lived to day to walk the earth, who sleep below the wave. Those dazzling lights are beacons of perpetual warning to be careful of your health, or you'll have to swallow the villainous drugs that lie concealed behind them.

The Steamer.—Cyrus P. Smith, Captain Brown, which ran last season between Elk Landing and Baltimere, is about to resume her trips on the same course this season. Many of our citizens desire the boat to run and have petitioned the owners to that effect. The owners of the wharf offer to deduct any expenditures for improvements in clearing the channel which may be made by the owners of the boat, from the rent of wharf. It is estimated that $300 expended would clear the channel so as to make a good landing on low tide. Mr. Brown we understood offered to give $100 toward the work but the wharf owners refused to contribute in any way than that above named. There is a good prospect of a very fair trade this season from the "Landing" if the steamer makes regular trips. The opening of the new Elk Neck road, it is believed, the eastern end of which crosses within a stone's throw above the steamboat wharf, will largely add to the shipping from the "Landing" if the proper facilities are afforded.

Engineer Appointed.—A committee, appointed by the Elkton & Masseys Railroad Company, composed of Hon. J. Tome, President of the road, J. B. Groome, Esq., Secretary and Dr. R. C. Mackall, to appoint an engineer and receive the first instalment on the stock, held a meeting in Elkton on Tuesday last. J. B. Wingate, Esq., late of the Kent County Railroad, was chosen as Chief Engineer to locate the road and make an estimate of cost and make the necessary profile maps, to enable the Directors to let the road to contractors. The work of locating will commence next week or the week following.

We understand that the payments on the stock were not general, a number of subscribers failing to respond to the call.—This wont do, gentlemen. When you put your hand to the plow it is bad policy to look back. In the language of Miss Susan B. Anthony, applied to a business transaction of a different character: "You must pay up or dry up." The work wont go on without the money.

The committee will meet again on Tuesday next to receive payment from those in arrears.

A Sad Occurrence.—On Friday, one week ago, yesterday, Mrs. Hannah J. Murray, wife of John C. Murray, residing near Bay View, in this county, met with a distressing accident, some accounts say, while the woman alleges that it was the deliberate work of her own hands. Mrs. Murray has been afflicted by a species of insanity caused by a severe attack of fever four years ago. Her type of insanity is of that melancholy kind which induces its victims to seek to destroy themselves. The accomplishment of this desire for self-destruction was prevented by the careful and constant watch of her friends, who placed every instrument of death out of her reach. She had, it was believed by her friends, entirely recovered her reason, and the watch over her had been discontinued. On the morning above stated Mrs. Murray was sweeping the house, and in one of the rooms a loaded gun was sitting behind a trunk; and from the position of the body and the nature and location of the wound, made by the charge, which entered the small of her back and passing through her body under her heart, escaped through the breast and entered the ceiling, it seems almost certain that the fatal occurrence was an accident caused by removing the gun. When she was found she held the broom and gun, which were under her body, clasped in one hand. On the next day Mrs. Murray was partially conscious and asserted that she did the act intentionally. Her mind several days before the occurrence was observed by the family to be wrong, and under the circumstances her declarations will scarcely weigh against the very improbable theory that she could or would have placed the gun in the position the wound indicates had the trigger been drawn deliberately.

EASTER SERVICES.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Morning prayer at 6 o'clock A. M.

Mid-day service and *Communion* at 11 o'clock.

Evening services at 8 o'clock.

For good cheap Clothing go to L. FRANK's Conowingo Md.

The End of Court.—The April term of Circuit Court closed on Friday evening of last week.

The jury rendered a verdict in the case of Trafford *vs.* the Deer Creek Iron Company, which was not concluded when our report closed last week, of $990.94 for the plaintiff. This was one of the cases removed from Bel Air Court. The cases removed from Harford county and tried here during the last term, cost upward of $1,100, which will of course be collected off Harford county. There were but sixteen cases tried in the long session of three weeks, the majority of which were of a very trivial character. In one case of larceny the loss was estimated at $1.50.—In another of assaults and battery the fine was 10 cents and a week in jail. Such trifling affairs should be kept out of the Circuit Court by the Justices of the Peace. The small committment fees, which go to the Majestrate, are acquired at a heavy cost to the tax-payers of the county.—When the ponderous judicial machinery which is kept in operation, is compared with the amount of work done, the quantity seems inconceivably small; and the wonder is how so much time can be consumed to so little purpose.

Let us a take a look at this mill of the gods. And first we have three Judges, and forty-eight jurymen, three clerks including assistants, sheriff and two assistants, one crier and five bailiffs. The number of regular jurymen is found to be entirely inadequate, and numerous "tallies" are summoned, who receive $2.50 for a day's services if the work lasts only an hour. The pay of the regular panel, who are not considered *safe* by the lawyers when they have a bad case, still goes on. Formerly the Court used to consist of one Judge. Then three bailiffs were found sufficient to do the waiting; but with an increase to the bench it was found that more bailiffs would be necessary, so that details could be made when the Court wanted a bunch of game, or there was an auction to cry, and the business of the county not suffer by the waiters being short-handed.

Our clumsy and expensive judicial machinery has survived its day of usefulness. The "Grand Inquest of the body of Cecil county," is a humbug, and the Petit Jury isn't much better. An honest, sensible Judge would dispose of ninety-nine cases out of every hundred that are tried before juries in a more just and equitable manner, and in infinitely less time than they are got through with by the jury. The interminable bosh of the lawyers before juries would be cut short, if the judge had the case before him.

The practice of compelling twelve men to agree when the half of them are convinced that the other half are ignorant of the merits of the case they are shut up to agree upon, is one of the most stupendous judicial farces that it is possible to conceive. We might go on to point out absurdities of our clumsy judiciary, but for the present these will suffice.

County Commissioners.—The County Commissioners were in session on Tuesday and Wednesday last, chiefly engaged in examining and passing accounts, preparatory to the next levy.

In the disputed question of locating a bridge over Big Elk Creek, two sets of examiners were appointed, one consisting of David Palmer, John R. Russell and John P. Wilson to examine the Parke, Smith & Co. site, and the other consisting of James McCauley, George F. Harlan and Dr. R. C. Carter to examine the Brewster site.

The reports of Messrs. Lindsay and Palmer, examiners of Back Creek road, Messrs. Moore, Tosh and Henderson, examiners of Stony Run road, and Messrs. Johnson, Ricaud and Simpers, examiners of road from North East to Bay View, were each received and adopted.

Messrs. Benoni, Cooling, W. R. Mearns and Stephen Atkinson were appointed examiners to view and determine the propriety of building a bridge at or near Maffit's Mill on Stony Run.

The tax-collectors were reappointed as follows:

First district,	Geo. G. Morgan.
Second "	B. F. Chambers.
Third "	S. K. Blake.
Fourth "	J. S. Smith.
Fifth "	B. F. Logan.
Sixth "	S. J. Jenness.
Seventh "	W. T. Patton.
Eighth "	M. S. McNamee.
Ninth "	W. D. Pierson.

John W. Passmore, County Surveyor, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and John Janney appointed to fill the vacancy.

James Davis was appointed Constable in the Eighth District.

George T. King, Constable in the Third district, tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

Two hundred dollars was appropriated for grading the hill near Colora Station.

One hundred dollars was appropriated to repairing road from Ramsey & Wells' Paper Mill to Stony Run.

The County Commissioners were visited by the School Board, who made a statement of their financial condition and asked a levy for school purposes of thirty-five cents, or in lieu thereof that the County Commissioners would assume the school debt and levy twenty-five cents additional for school purposes.

A special meeting will be called for the purpose of making the levy.

Orphans' Court.—The Orphans' Court for Cecil county was in session on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Present—Hon. James McCauley, Chief Judge; Hon. James M. Evans and Hon. James A. Lewis, Associate Judges.

Sundry claims against deceased persons examined and passed.

The following bonds were duly examined and approved: Bond of William Waring, administrator of Theodore Physick; bond of Martha A. Burns, guardian to J. R. and H. Eugene Burns; bond of Thomas T. Reynolds and Jane E. Biles, administrators of John L. Biles; bond of Benjamin J. Green, executor of James T. Bond; bond of Annie R. Jones, administratrix of Robt. Jones; bond of Sarah J. Brickley and James A. Coulson, executors of Andrew J. Brickley.

The following lists of sales, debts and inventories examined and passed: List of sales of John Husfelt; list of debts of Charles H. Lynch; second list of debts of Theodore Graham; inventory of the goods and chattles of Andrew J. Brickley; inventory of the goods and chattles of William Keithley.

The following accounts were duly examined and passed: Final account of John Wroth, guardian to Nora J. Cochran; first account of John Wroth, guardian to Laura Cochran; second account of Benjamin F. Brinton, administrator of Ellis P. Brinton and distribution struck on same; fourth and final account of B. C. Reynolds, administrator of William M. Reynolds; fourth and final account of Benjamin C. Reynolds and Joseph T. Reynolds, administrators of Jacob Reynolds and distribution struck on same; first and final account of Henry S. Rutter, administrator of John Hess; fifth account of Thomas R. Krauss, guardian to Christiana, Harvey B. and Thomas R. Rink; first account of David A. Mackey, guardian to Mary B. Reed; first account of John G. Underwood, administrator *c. t. a.* of Reuben Griffith; second account of George W. Gifford, guardian to Lewis H. and Josephine C. Brown; first account of John T. Alexander, guardian to Moses, Aaron and Alonzo J. Alexander; final account of John Williams, administrator of Ebenezer Irwin and distribution struck on same; fourth account of Margaret S. Mitchell, guardian to Henry and John Wirt; sixth account of David A. Palmer, guardian to Charity A. Perdue.

The Court adjourned to meet at its regular meeting in May next.

School Commissioners.—The Board of Public School Commissioners set on Tuesday last. Present—F. S. Everist, President; S. J. England, George Biddle, and John Squier, Secretary.

Mr. Biddle, to whom had been refered the question of selecting a site for a new school house in Pearce's Neck, in the First Election District, submitted a report that a lot could be obtained from John W. Morgan or Henry Rowan, and that either lot was available for the purpose, but expressed his preferance in view of all the circumstances, for the lot of Mr. Rowan. The Board authorized Mr. Biddle to purchase the Rowan lot, and procure a deed for it.

Mr. Almon Calkins appeared before the Board and stated that his children would have to walk two miles and a half to school, unless a school house be located near his residence, on the road from Elkton to North East. The subject was referred to Mr. Biddle, whereupon Mr. Calkins, failing to see in the action any favorable sign of immediate action in his behalf, waxed wroth, and declared that himself and neighbors had resolved never to pay any more school tax till he got what he wanted. It must unfortunately be added that the School Board did not seem to "scarce worth a cent."

Joseph H. Clark and Wm. T. Crow were appointed Trustees of Public School No 1, First Election District; vice, John W. Morgan and N. H. McCoy, whose residence are included in the boundary of the new school district.

Henry Rowan, J. W Morgan and N. H. McCoy were appointed Trustees of the new school provided for by the order above noticed.

Augustus Bloomfield was appointed Trustee of Public School No 1, in the Sixth Election Disteict, vice Marshall J. Hunt, removed.

A considerable portion of the session of the Board was devoted to hearing statements pro and con respecting a difficulty between Trustees and Teacher of the school held in the old Universalist Church, in the Second Election District. Miss Veach, the Teacher of the school last session, was not acceptable to Mr. Rhoades, President of the Board of Trustees, and he gave her notice to quit. Messrs. Titter and Allen encouraged her to continue. The result was that on the morning of the first day of the present term Miss Veach went to the school house, and, finding it locked, forcibly entered and took possession. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Rhoades arrived in company with Miss Smith, whom he had selected to take the school. Miss Veach refused to give up, and Mr. Rhoades left and applied to the School Board. After a patient hearing, the Boad decided that the entire action had been irregular and ordered Miss Veach to continue the school, the remainder of the term.

A resolution was passed declaring that the term of employment of all teachers shall close with the school year, and that reappointments are necessary before the first of September, in order to entitle teachers to continue in possession after that time.

Bill of S. S. Hambo for stove furnished theololed school at St. Augustine was ordered to be paid; also, the bill of Miss Layman for last quarter's salary, which was not presented in time to go on the regular list.

The School Board paid an official visit to the County Commissioners, and made a statement of the finances of the schools, showing a debt of $21,000 mainly growing of building new school houses. The Board showed that the debt had been diminished about three thousand dollars last year, but it is an incubus on their energies, which they would fain have removed. They, therefore, petition the County Commissioners, either to assume this debt and grant a levy of twenty-five cents additional, or if the debt was to remain, to grant them a levy of thirty five cents for school purpose the coming year. The action of the County Commissioners will be found in their proceedings.

The School Board resolved to substitute the New American Speller for Raub's Speller, now in use. Smith's Grammar for Fewsmith's and Mitchel's Geographies for Cornell's. By this action the Board claim that they will get as good books at an annual saving of several hundred dollars. It purposed to make these changes gradually.

A proposition to substitute the series of Readers known as the "New American" for McGuffey's, now in use, was earnestly supported by Mr. Samuel McKeechum, agent for the sale of the New American, and as earnestly opposed by Mr. W. H. Loper, agent for the sale of McGuffey's Series. The Board hold the matter for future consideration.

The Secretary was authorized to contract for the books adopted at rates and on terms prescribed by the Board.

Rising Sun Items.

Visitors.—Last week we had a visit from four very substantial and business looking men. Said to be connected with the new Air Line Railroad, lately surveyed down Stone Run. One of the party was formerly superintendent of the Camden & Amboy Railroad.

Farming.—Our farmers are now pushing things. Wheat looks very well. Grass is starting finely. Some oats have been sowed. Ground rather wet for operation.

Gust.—On Saturday evening we had the first gust of the season. Considerable thunder, lightening and rain.

Wild Geese have been going north very steadily for some days. Several flocks daily—but all fly to high for roasting.

Financial.—At the last meeting of the Building and Loan Association money sold at 9@10 per cent premium.

Improvements.—Our city fathers have reconstructed the side walks, complained of in our last, and travelers are now safe without taking to the road. Mr. John T. Burkins, late of the Centre House, is turning his dwelling into a Hotel, designs to erect shedding &c., at once. Passmore & Co., are about erecting a new wharehouse near the Railroad Depot, for grain, coal and phosphate business and still the croakers say our town is played out.

Resumed.—The Cheese Factory has again commenced hostilities—but on a different basis. Mr. Brown buys all the milk at a stipulated price and intends making either cheese, butter or ice cream as may pay best.

Fourth District Items.

Weather etc.—The weather for the past two weeks has been very fine, allowing the farmers a very good chance for planting their Spring crops. The oats through this section, are probably half sowed, and some are plowing and making preparations for planting corn. The wheat is looking quite green, and the prospect for a crop seems better than it did at this time last year.

Local Option.—The Pennsylvania Local Option is creating quite on excitement Immediately along our northern border. A new shop has been started at Lewisville, and others are proposed at different points along the line, making it convenient for those just over the line, who are pressed to *slip* over and get a drop: One poor fellow near Kimbleville, remarked to us the other day that it seemed just like Sunday to him all the time.

Married.—On the 1st inst., Robert Peterson of this District and Mary Johnson, of Chester county Pa.

Died.—At his residence near Fair Hill, on Monday the 7th inst., of paralysis Andrew Magough, in his 69th year. A native of and during his whole life a resident of Lancester county Pa., excepting the last 5 or 6 years, which were spent in this county, at the home he purchased where he intended to end his days. A quiet unobtrusive citizen.

Port Deposit Items.

Fine Stock.—Mr. J. Tome, shipped by boat from Baltimore to this place one day this week four head of fine Jersey heifers. It is certainly creditable to this gentleman that he is appropriating a portion of his ample means for the introduction of thorough-bred stock into our neighborhood.

Our Future.—A few days ago in conversation with an intelligent business man residing in town, he remarked that upon the completion of the Columbia and Port Deposit railroad, our town must either go up or down and as the development of her immense resources of granite was yet in its infancy we might confidently expect to note a revolution soon that would result in a rapid increase of our population, which would necessitate building on every available site within the borough limits. We trust he is a true prophet.

Excitement.—For several days our crack shots have been enjoying their favorite sport with a "Manchester repeating rifle," which made its appearance in town recently in company with a stranger who proposes to raffle it when a favorable opportunity offers.

Intemperance.—We see some shameful exhibition of drunkenness in our streets occasionally. One day last week a German appeared in our town and entertained the highway idlers by his drunken antics, much to their delight and his disgrace.—Had he been, under similar circumstances, in a town with well organized authorities, whose sympaties with the rum traffic did not so control their official acts as to tolerate such conduct, he would have found a convenient, though more retired stage in the lockup. We are sorry to say that from observation some of our townsmen would make him fit companies.

High Water.—The river is said to be higher than it has been since sixty-five. Had there been as much water in the river when the ice was gorged here, Port Deposit would have been one of the "has beens." The steam-boat could not land at J. Tome & Co.'s wharf on Wednesday, the freight had to be unloaded at Bond Bros. & Co.'s wharf owing to the height of the water, which was entirely over the wharf of J. Tome & Co.

North East Items.

Gillers on the North East river for herring and shad have commenced in force.—Shad scarce; herring at the head of the river, abundant. The hauling seines have not done much yet at the mouth of the river.

Oyster Supper.—At B. F. Thomas', on Saturday evening last, for the benefit of the officers and hands of the mud scow and steam tug passed off very agreeably. Mrs. Thomas, the proprietoress, knows how to get them up in good style.

Died.—After a lingering illness, on the 8th inst., Charles Benjamin, son of I. N. Benjamin, Esq. He was a young man of considerable promise; we sincerely regret his loss and sympathize deeply with his bereaved parents.

Lost a Valuable Horse.—McCullough Iron Co., lost a valuable horse last week; said to be from the results of the Horse Plague; valued at $700.

New Landlord.—Ed. P. Mask has taken charge of the Cecil House, in Charlestown. Vice.—V. Algard, engaged in fishing.

Grain.—Oats are very nearly all sown in this vicinity. Wheat is looking remarkable well.

New House.—Wm. Scotten, the enterprising manager of the McCullough Iron Co., is about to build a row of houses for the accommodation of the hands, at the works.

Boney.—The *smiling butcher* continues to serve us with good meat; best cuts at 16 c. per pound.

The Teachers' Normal Association.

PORT DEPOSIT, April 8th, 1873.

A very interesting meeting of the Teachers' Normal Association, was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Brick School House. An essay was read by Mr. Calhoun, on "Compulsory Education," giving a statistical report of the thousands of children growing up in ignorance in different parts of the Union, and showing the advantage to the masses derived from this system; quoting Prussia as an example.—After the reading of the essay its subject was taken up and spiritedly discussed by Messrs. Warner and Trainor, the former taking the negative and the latter the affirmative side of the question.

A spicy essay by Miss Biddle, entitled "Demoralizing Influence in School," was next read, after which Messrs. Calhoun, Trainor, Quigley and Everist expressed their views on the subject.

The select readings consisted of "Archie Dean," by Miss Jennie Wilson; its "Reply" by Miss Mate Roberts, and an original poem by Miss Biddle, dedicated to "The Model Man."

The appointments by the President for next meeting are as follows: Essay—Mr. Warner, Mr. A. A. Hanna. Oration, Mr. Gifford. Discussion, Mr. Watts and Mr. Trainor. Subject—"Plan of Classification." Referred questions Miss Jennie Wilson, Miss Mate Roberts. Select Reading, Miss Clendenin and Miss Emma Wilson. Association then adjourned to meet on Saturday, May 3rd, at the usual time and place. Public invited to attend.

MATE L. ROBERTS, Sec.

Cecilton Items.

Horse Drowned.—Mr. John Cavender, a farmer who resides in the lowest extremity of Pearce's Neck, was returning home from the Beach fishery, and attempted to drive across the mouth of Pearce's creek which is a hazardous undertaking at low water. The tide being high the horse was unable to draw the carriage to the opposite shore and commenced kicking and struggling to get free from the vehicle, but drowned in the attempt. Mr. Cavender succeeded in reaching the shore, but was badly stunned by a kick from the horse.—The animal was a very valuable one.

Death of an Aged Lady.—Miss Sallie Hague, a maiden lady who had reached an advanced age, died recently, it is thought, from bruises she received by falling down stairs.

Farming.—Notwithstanding the many drawbacks the farmers have from stormy weather, they are progressing rapidly with their Spring work. A number of the farmers are setting out peach trees.

Thunder Storm.—On Saturday night we were visited by a heavy thunder storm for this season of the year.

School.—The School Teachers resumed their work again the first of April.

Fishing.—The love of fishing seems not only to be hereditary but contageous, for if you question a young man as to what he intends to do in the Spring his answer will be "Goin' to fish;" and it is with difficulty that the farmers get hands at all. All of the fishermen are doing well in our rivers.

Sociable.—The benevolent congregation of the Westminister Church, held a sociable for their beloved pastor, Mr. Gillard. All who attend it were very liberal in donating.

The Vulcan, 1010 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Terra Cotta Garden Vases, Statuary, Fountains, Bronzes, Clocks and Mantel Vases. Illustrated Catalogues sent by mail. 57

Pilot Town Items.

River.—The river is high. The pilots are making preparations for rafting as soon as the water is low enough. A good Spring's rafting is expected.

Surgical Operation.—Dr Rans Crothers performed an operation on a boy, Joseph Brown, by taking part of the bone below the knee out. He had been unable to walk for 15 months, on account of the diseased bone. The patient is doing well.

Fish.—The usual amount of old fellows are moving to the fisheries. The wagons are hauling around the finy tribe.

Public School.—The schools in this district opened April 1st. At Rowlandsville, Mr. A. Hanna, Principal; Still Valley, Miss Georgeanna Thompson. The attendance at several have been small.

Soap Stone.—Mr. C. B. Cutler is quarrying soap stone. He has an extensive bed of that mineral on his farm. He is going to manufacture it at Conowingo.

Conowingo Items.

—Mr. Levin Frank intends moving his family to Conowingo next week I believe, and will continue here for about two months, when he will return to the country and stay through the Summer season and again return to Conowingo in Autumn.

—The millwrights have finished Bell's saw mill, Messrs. Moore and Barrow, sawyers, are running the mill.

"Verdict for Plaintiff."

THOMAS TRAFFORD
vs.
HOWARD SPENCER AND OTHERS.

Archer and Ex-Judge Price for Plaintiff, Constable for Defendants.

This case was instituted in Harford and removed to this County for trial. It was an action to recover for services as superintendant of iron works. After a trial of four days the Plaintiff succeeded in getting a verdict in his favor, but, as if to illustrate the old adage of the uncertainty of human enjoyment, before the jury that had rendered the verdict had reached their homes, the Defendants had filed in Court a motion in arrest of judgment which was destined to snatch from Trafford his hard won trophies and to leave him in a position bearing a strong resemblance to an utter rout. For the benefit of the uninitiated, we will explain that a motion in arrest of judgment is in effect saying to the Court that the proceedings upon the Plaintiff's part are so imperfect that no judgment ought to be rendered in his favor, notwithstanding Plaintiff has obtained a verdict. Of course a verdict will do him no good unless he can get a judgment. Where judgment is arrested, nothing is left for the Plaintiff but to dismiss his suit and begin again; and if the said suit is begun 3 years after the cause of action first accrued, it is out of date and consequently barred.

One of the main errors in the Plaintiff's cause of action, as set forth in his pleadings in this cause, was the total absence of a statement of any breech of the contract by Defendants. The Plaintiff had said Defendants had discharged him but he had *not* said they had not paid him.

Although this would seem to be a very apparent error, the Court (Wickes and Stump, Judges,) did not see it, but upon an examination, had announced that the pleading was correct and so clearly correct that they would not hear Mr. Constable, the Defendant's counsel, argue against it.

It also appeared that the Plaintiff's pleading had been altered after the jury had retired to consult upon their verdict, and altered without the knowledge or consent of Defendant's counsel, although as it afterwards appeared, by leave of Judges. Although this alteration consisted in merely filling up some blanks left for dates, which it was unnecessary to fill, still it was an amendment, and fatal on the motion in arrest of judgment, and therefor should never have been done, considering its disasterous consequences.

After the verdict was rendered, one of the jurymen who had set in the case, told an outsider that Defendants had gained the case. Though he was much laughed at then, it now appears that he alone rightly understood the effect of the verdict.—That though the verdict was for the Plaintiff, the victory and the case was in favor of Defendants. "He laughs best who laughs last," as the French adage has it.

The Parker Gun.

Our readers have no doubt noticed in our columns for the past two weeks the card of Parker Brothers, of West Meriden, Conn., with a cut of their world-renowned breech-loading double-barreled shot gun. We have delayed noticing, in order to test one which is now in our possession. This we have done, to our entire satisfaction, and do not hestitate recommending it as the best gun that we have ever handled. It is all that the manufacturers claim, and perfect in every detail. At the grand shooting tournament held at Chicago, on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th of last month, the "Parker" proved superior to all other guns, winning more prizes than any other style, either breech or muzzle loading. It is being adopted by all the leading sportsmen of the country—*Otsego.* (N. Y.) *Democrat, Aug. 12th 1871.*

LOCAL OPTION IN PENNSYLVANIA.—The revised statement of the vote on local option shows that thirty-seven counties have decided against license by an aggregate majority of 36,771, while twenty-seven counties have declared for license by 58,821 majority, giving a net majority for license of 22,050 in all the counties except Philadelphia and Potter. In 1854, when the last general vote on the question of license was taken, there was a majority of more than 5,000 in favor of license in all the counties of the State.

Philadelphia will vote on the question next Fall, and of course will go largely for license.

"THE BEST THING IN THE WEST."—Under this head we are publishing the advertisement of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Rail Road Company in the Whig. The company is offering for sale in tracts to suit purchasers, on ELEVEN YEARS time, 3,000,000 acres of the best farming, grazing, fruit, grain and vegetable land in the United States, at from $2,00 to $8,00 per acre with a reduction to purchasers, who settle on, and improve their lands, of 22½ per cent, or nearly one-quarter of the whole purchase money. The undersigned has been appointed Agent for the Company at Elkton, for the sale of passenger and transportation tickets from Cincinnati, Ohio, to any point on the road, and return. Full discription of the lands, with maps, can be examined at our office in Elkton, or will be forwarded by mail to any person applying; together with the price of first-class and second-class tickets; and all necessary information furnished, to persons contemplating a visit to the "garden of Kansas," or purchasing homes in that delightful region. Apply to or address.

E. E. EWING, Elkton, Md.,
Agent for the Company.

TRADE.

What a fuss some storkeepers make about low prices and what a farce it is, anything to make people believe that they are getting goods for less money than they can buy them elsewhere. About every other customer quotes prices in the Hollow especially at the BEE HIVE, when they know there is quite as much and very probably more difference in the quality than in the price.

A good article at a fair price is very much cheaper than a poor article at a low price, and it's a fair inference that no man—unless he's a fool or a knave—is going to sell his goods at less than cost, and all this ado about low prices is simply to sell and make money. Good goods at fair prices are abundant in Elkton and are sold on reasonable terms, but NOT IN THE HOLLOW.

We take pleasure in announcing to our customers that a recent improvement in our machinery has enabled us to manufacture, either our usual grade of Ground Bone or one much finer than we have before offered, or than is generally to be found in the market.

Those who especially desire a prompt return the first season and yet wish to permanently improve their soil, will, we think, find this Fine Bone adopted to their wants, and themselves relieved from the necessity of resorting to munipulated fertilizers.

In filling orders, we will send the usual grade unless the extra fine is especially mentioned. Samples of either with prices, &c., sent free on application.

THOS. WARING & BRO.,
Colora, Cecil county, Md

Statement of a Kansas Farmer.

ONE OF THE EARLIEST SETTLERS OF CHASE COUNTY.

"I was born in Ohio, and when a young man moved to Illinois. I next moved to Iowa, and from there to Wisconsin. In the year 1858 I came and settled in Chase county, Kansas, two and a half miles northwest of Cottonwood Falls, where I still live. I have farmed every year since I have been here and have always raised good crops. I have devoted my attention principally to wheat raising, and my average yield has been 25 bushels to the acre.—My average yield of corn has been 50 bushels. I have the first bearing apple orchard in the county; my trees bore in six years.—I planted peach pits, and had fruit from them in three years.

When I came here, I brought three cows and three yoke of oxen. I gave one cow and one yoke of oxen for interest in advance on money at five per cent per month to pay for my land, there being no homestead law then. I sold one yoke of oxen to get provisions to last me the first year, leaving me with one yoke of oxen and two cows; from these two cows and their issue, I have raised and sold fifty-seven head of cattle, and now have on hand forty-six head.

When I landed here I had no money, and my family consisted of a wife and seven children, all small. The milk and butter from these two cows supported us almost entirely, and left something over. This is the finest country for the dairy business I was ever in, and there is nothing can be made more profitable. One of my original cows is now twenty-five years old, and has a suckling calf by her side. She has missed only two calves in seventeen years.

Eight years ago I bought two small Spanish mares, from the increase of which I have had thirty-two head of horse stock, and some as fine horses as you could wish—by improving to good American horses all traces of Spanish stock disappear in the third generation. My family have enjoyed good health, and I regard this the healthiest country I have lived in.

WM. COPELAND.

Half Alive.

It is a sad thing to pass through life only half alive. Yet there are thousands whose habitual condition is one of languor and debility. They complain of no specific disease, they suffer no positive pain; but they have no relish for anything which affords mental or sensuous pleasure to their more robust and energetic fellow-beings.

In nine cases out of ten this state of lassitude and torpor arises from a morbid stomach. Indigestion destroys the energy of both mind and body. When the waste of nature is not supplied by a due and regular assimilation of the food, every organ is starved, every function interrupted.

Now, what does common sense suggest under these circumstances of depression? The system needs rousing and strengthening, not merely for an hour or two, to sink afterwards into a more pitiable condition than ever (as it assuredly would do if an ordinary alcoholic stimulant was resorted to), but radically and permanently.

How is this desirable object to be accomplished? The answer to this question, founded on the unvarying experience of a quarter of a century, is easily given.—Infuse new vigor into the digestive organs by a course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Do not waste time in administering temporary remedies, but make the system up by recuperating the fountain head of physical strength and energy, the great organ upon which all the other organs depend for their nurture and support.

By the time that a dozen doses of the great vegetable tonic and invigorant have been taken, the feeble frame of the dyspeptic will begin to feel its benign influence. Appetite will be created, and with appetite the capacity to digest what it craves. Persevere until the cure is complete—until healthful blood, fit to be the material of flesh and muscle, bone and nerve and brain, flows through the channels of circulation, instead of the watery pabulum with which they have heretofore been imperfectly nourished.

Rip Van Winkle.—Joe Jefferson is the only comedian living who can personate Rip Van Winkle as portrayed by Irving. Have you ever seen Jefferson in this celebrated character? If not there is a very correct likeness of him in the window of the GLASS FRONT. And the mixed cassimeres just from New York, exhibited at the same establishment are oven more admired than the Catskill Mountaineer.

Turk's Island and Ground Alum Salt—at REESE'S.

Garden Tools of all kinds for sale at S. S. RAMBO'S. [55

Wanted.—Country Lard and Bacon in exchange for goods. R. G. REESE.

☞J. A. Wilson, agent for "Wilmington City Soap," has again supplied our grocers with a quantity of that superior article.

MARRIED.

THOMPSON—MASK.—At the Parsonage of the Methodist Protestant Church, in Bay View, on the 10th of April, 1873, by Rev. Wm. T. Dumm, JOHN THOMPSON and MARY C. MASK, both of this county.

THE MARKETS.

Elkton Markets.

CORRECTED EVERY FRIDAY.

WHEAT	1 80@2 00
WHITE CORN	50@50
YELLOW CORN	50@52
OATS	40@43

Baltimore Markets.

FLOUR.—Western Fine at $4; 100 Western super, $5.25; Howard street do. $5.50; Western extra $6.25; do. $7.25; City Mills extra $7.75@$8; Western Family $7.75@$8; Howard street do. $7.75; Spring do. $8.50; Western do. $8.00@$8.75.—

WHEAT.—Southern red 193@205 cents for good to prime red, choice amber 210@215c.

CORN.—White 68 c.; yellow 63 c.; Western mixed in Elevator, firm at 61@61½.

OATS are steady in price, and the market is quiet and firm. Mixed Western 47 cents; bright do. 40 cents and Southern, in lots, at 50 cents.

REAL ESTATE.

TO BE LET.

The undersigned offers his House for Rent. Possession on the first day of June. His Furniture is also for sale.
THOS. V. OLIVER,
Feb 8, 1873—3ol Elkton, Md.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

THE RESTAURANT now occupied by Mrs. Philip Becker. The best location in the town of Elkton. The house will be thoroughly repaired, and sold on terms to suit. Apply to RUBEN HAINES,
Attorney for the owner.
Mar 15—tf Elkton, Md.

FOR RENT in ELKTON.

STORE HOUSE in complete order, opposite the Court House. One of the best locations in the town. Immediate possession.
Apply to B. F. MAY, Baltimore.
Or, E. E. EWING, Elkton.
april 5—2m

TRUSTEES' SALE

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Cecil county, in chancery, the undersigned, as Trustees, will sell at Public Sale, at the Court House door, in Elkton, in Cecil county, aforesaid, on

TUESDAY, the 22nd day of April, 1873,

AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M., ALL THAT

LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

situate in the town of Port Deposit, in said county, now in the occupancy of Daniel W. Hamer and Mary Worick.

THE LOT lies on the west side of Main street, opposite the new M. E. Church, and adjoining lots of Mrs. Twelves on the north and D. F. Shure on the south. It has a front of 30 feet on Main street, and runs back that width to the Susquehanna river.

The improvements are a two-story FRAME HOUSE, 16 feet front and 52 feet deep.

The conditions of the Ground Rent will be made known on the day of sale.

THE TERMS OF SALE, as prescribed by the decree, are: One-half the purchase money in Cash on the day of sale, and the balance in Six months thereafter. The credit payment to bear interest from day of sale, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

WILLIAM J. JONES,
L. MARSHALL HAINES,
Mar 29, 1873—ts Trustees.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Cecil county, in chancery, the undersigned, as Trustee, will sell at Public Sale, at the Court House, in Elkton, in Cecil county, aforesaid, on

TUESDAY, the 22nd day of April, 1873,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., ALL THAT

SMALL FARM,

in the Fifth Election District of Cecil county, whereon William Fee now resides, and containing

52 Acres of Land, More or Less.

THIS FARM is situated about 1½ miles south east of College Green, and adjoins lands of William Brickley, Robert Boucher and others.

The improvements consist of a comfortable FRAME DWELLING, with Barn and other outbuildings.

TERMS OF SALE, prescribed by decree: One-half of the purchase money to be paid in Cash on the day of sale, and the balance in two equal instalments at Six and Twelve months thereafter. The credit payments to bear interest from day of sale, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

W. J. JONES,
Mar 29, 1873—ts Trustee.

FOR SALE.

A $500 DUE BILL, good for that amount in the purchase of an "AMERICAN PIANO." Will be sold at a great bargain. Apply at
Mar 29, 1873—3w THIS OFFICE.

JOHN A. HUNTER,
Practical MILLWRIGHT,
Feb 8—1y. Colora, Cecil county, Md.

WING & SON'S PIANOS.

[Successors to DOANE, WING & CUSHING.]

"THE AMERICAN PIANO."

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