

and dancing will be participated in. Admission 25 cents. The public is invited to attend.

West County Agricultural Fair.—The Fair will open, on the Fair grounds at Barton station, Kent railroad, September 16, and continue three days. A number of farmers from this county exhibit stock and agricultural products at this Fair, and among them may be mentioned Dr. Wm. H. DeCourcy, and B. Emory, Joshua Cosden and a number of others representing all sections of this county. See advertisement of Fair elsewhere.

Recent Rain Storm which prevailed 7 p. m. last Saturday ceased about 6 p. m. Monday. The total rainfall in this section heavy and thoroughly saturated the land, and farmers are taking advantage of opportunity by breaking fallow for wheat. Monday the wind blew with considerable velocity and force, but did not amount to a storm. The only damage done was to blow down corn, but farmers say not much to its injury.

Public Library.—It is a settled fact that it is to have a first-class public library. Young men composing the society have erected in their new hall, two large and some book cases; they have about two hundred books already, and nearly fifty dollars invested, and they propose to extend the expenses of this to any one upon the subscription of \$2.00 yearly, payable semiannually in advance. This enterprise is well worthy of encouragement, and we congratulate our Easton friends, with best wishes for their success.

Camp.—This Camp closed last Tuesday the 19th inst. The current reports are, the meeting in the woods was an entire success and the camp was thoroughly enjoyed by tent holders and visitors with the exception of the continued rain storm which, in tendency to mar the pleasure of visitors, is informed that it has, heretofore, been enjoyed nicely, but this year the camp far exceeded its former character; this is highly commendatory to the managers and Centreville friends generally and should be promotive of zeal and energy the ensuing year.

Religious Items.—As Wye Camp was still in session last Sunday there was no service in any of the Methodist churches.

A. Mitchell, Rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church, preached both morning and evening interesting sermons as is usually his custom.

C. W. Prettyman is expected to fill his pulpit in the M. E. Church next Sunday, Providence permitting, and his congregation will doubtless be pleased to see him once more in his accustomed place.

L. Greenfield, Pastor of the M. P. church, held service, he being on a visit to the mountains, but is expected to fill his pulpit in the church next Sunday.

Equal Mention.—Wm. C. Bullen, a native of Kent Island, and who left his native country years ago to seek his fortune in other parts of the United States and other countries, is now on a visit to his relations and friends. This is Mr. B's second visit in the past 36 years, he having spent a few months in this county 5 years ago. He first took up his abode in New Orleans and from there he went to the Northwestern frontier and entered the Mexican war in the 1st Iowa dragoon regiment through this war and was honorably discharged in 1849. He afterwards became a California and Australia. For the past 20 years he has resided in California.

Mr. Earle, who has been confined to his bed on sickness for the past week, was able to get out yesterday.

Palmer, Esq., left for Saratoga last night and Matthias George, Esq., will leave for New York place this week.

G. Newnam, late of Queen Anne's county, deceased, be, and she is hereby authorized to sell the personal estate of said deceased at public sale on a credit of six months. Ordered, that the annual valuation of the real estate of Chas. W. Leegar and Phyllena Leegar, minor children of John W. Leegar, late of Queen Anne's Co., deceased, as made by C. W. Smith and J. R. Dill, be received, filed and recorded.

The Court then adjourned to meet Tuesday next, August 26th, 1879.

Death of Col. Stephen J. Bradley—We clip from the *Observer* the following sketch of the late Stephen J. Bradley, who died at his late residence, "Cottage Hill," near Sudlersville, in the upper part of this county on Thursday, the 14th inst., in the 71st year of his age.

Col. Bradley was born in Caroline county, December 17th, 1808. His father, John Bradley, a farmer, died in Tuckahoe Neck, Caroline Co., in 1820. His mother was Rebecca Jump, daughter of Benjamin Jump, of that county. She was a devoted member of the M. E. Church, and an exemplary wife and mother. She died in 1818, when her son Stephen was only ten years of age. He commenced attending school a year or so previous to his mother's death, and continued until 1826 when he left school and engaged as a clerk in the store of Capt. Thomas Auld, the former master of Frederick Douglass. For a short time afterwards he was a clerk in a store in Hillsborough, and at the age of nineteen he commenced farming on the Bradley farm in Caroline county, which had been in the family for four generations. Its earliest possessor having been Chas. Bradley, who came from England in the latter part of the seventeenth century. In 1834 Col. Bradley removed to Queen Anne's county, settling near Hillsborough, and in 1842 removed to "Cottage Hill," which estate he has owned and occupied until the present. In 1848 he was nominated and elected by the Whig party as sheriff of this county, in which office he served for three years. In 1853 he was elected on the same ticket to the General Assembly of the state. In 1857 he was elected to the Senate, his opponent being Gov. Wm. Graham. This was one of the warmest campaigns ever known in this county, and Col. Bradley always looked back to it with a pardonable degree of pride, he being the only one on the American ticket that secured his election. The balance of the officers elected that Fall being Democrats. In 1867 he was a member of the State Constitutional Convention, being elected by the Democrats, and having for his colleagues in that convention Hon. R. B. Carmichael, (who was president of it) Hon. Thos. J. Keating and Dr. Washington Finley. In 1872 Col. Bradley was nominated by the Democrats for judge of the Orphans' Court, but declined, on account of his age and the distance he resided from Centreville, to serve in that capacity. For the past fifty years he has been a member of the Methodist, being connected with the M. E. church until 1868, when he joined the M. E. church south, and remained a consistent and useful member until his death. On the 20th of June 1828 he married Miss Maria F. Baynard, daughter of Daniel Baynard of Caroline county, who at her death left five children, one of which died in 1848. After the death of his first wife, he married her sister Elizabeth, who with her two daughters survive him. Col. Bradley was a gentleman of high honor, sterling integrity, strict honesty and generous impulses. He was a kind father and an excellent neighbor, who was esteemed in his neighborhood, and loved by his friends.

County Nominating Convention.—*Harmonious Session—A Strong Ticket Nominated.*—The Democratic County Nominating Convention met at the Court House last Tuesday, the 19th inst, in pursuance to call of the State Central Committee for this county and nominated a ticket for the suffrages of the people of the county. The county officers to be voted for this year are State Senator; two members of the House of Delegates; State's Attorney; Sheriff; three County Commissioners; three Judges of the Orphans' Court and County Surveyor. The canvass for the various places was made at the

County Surveyor.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend the ticket nominated by this Convention to the hearty and unanimous support of the Democratic Conservative party of this county.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

September Magazine.—Considerable educational flavor is imparted to the September SCRIBNER by the three essays of the number—1. Professor Boyesen's interesting illustrated paper on "The University of Rome," an institution but little known in America, and one which gives the writer occasion to discuss the peculiar characteristics of the Italian school system in general; 2. Mr. W. C. Brownell's exposition of the unique methods of teaching in "The Art Schools of Philadelphia," these methods consisting largely in immediate drawings with the brush, meager study of the antique, and the study of anatomy in the dissecting room—principles which are somewhat reflected in the illustrations of the paper, which are all by pupils of the schools; and 3. Professor T. H. Lounsbury's discussion of the arguments for and against "English Spelling Reform,"—the writer taking strong ground in favor of the proposed reform, which he predicts must soon become a living issue.

To balance this element the number contains a large quantity of light summer reading, including the following papers: "Signs and Symbols," by Mr. Frank B. Mayer of Annapolis, including some striking illustrations of old American inns, and one superb engraving by Mr. Cole entitled, "Bringing in the Boar's Head"; "My Lord Fairfax, of Virginia," an interesting sketch of the sixth lord and some of his more noted ancestors, by Mrs. Constance Cary Harrison; "An American Home on the Amazons," by Mr. Herbert H. Smith,—being an account of the success of Mr. R. J. Rhome's experiments in the cultivation of cane, tobacco and other Brazilian staples, accompanied with drawings by Mr. Champney; "Sandy Hook," by Mr. George Houghton, with picturesque drawings by Mr. F. S. Church; and a sketch of Mr. W. S. Gilbert, of "Pinafore" fame, by Miss Kate Field, accompanied by a portrait.

ST. NICHOLAS for September helps the boys and girls to begin the new year of schooling with a great variety of amusing stories, pictures, and interesting articles. It begins with a large frontispiece, drawn by Addie Ledyard, and, near the end, it gives young Louis Napoleon's life history, with a portrait engraved from a photograph taken a little while before his death.

There are eight short stories, all illustrated. First comes "Three Drows and a Crew," a tale of terrible floods and wonderful escapes; then an amusing story of "Bob's Missionary Work" in the effort to improve a poverty-stricken quarter of his native town. A third tale recounts the excitement and pleasure of "A Run After Sword-fish"; another details the mishaps of a girl who persisted in wearing fine winter clothes in the wild places of Florida; a fifth narrates a lively episode of Pennsylvania child-life; another deals with elves and a tender-hearted German girl; yet another describes the bad and good fortunes of a miner's orphans in the great oil-regions; and the eighth, with a comical picture by Hopkins, tells of the triumph of a wise old man who could say "Buttered Pease," in Choctaw.

Lady Beautifiers.—Ladies you cannot make fair skin, rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes with all the cosmetics of France, or beautifiers of the world, while in poor health, and nothing will give you such good health, strength and beauty as Hop Bitters. A trial is certain proof. See another column.

DIED

BAYNARD—On August 11th, Florence May, daughter of James W. and Maggie V. Baynard, aged 4 months and 4 days. [Kent papers please copy.]

JARBELL—On the 14th instant, Edna E., daughter of James H. and M. C. Jarrell, aged four months.

SIMPSON—Died near Mathew's town, Talbot county, Md., August 9th, 1879, Annie M., daughter of Mathew and Mary Simpson.