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The Transcript

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1887.

—Cummings & Co. have opened their ice cream saloon. Ice cream, custards and water ices on tap every evening.

—Entertainment in Kennedyville tomorrow night for the benefit of the Fire Company. Be sure and go; you will have a good time.

—Wm. Perkins at his Rising Sun Saloon and mess-room attached, supplied 467 meals to visiting clergymen during conference.

—The circus is to be here on Monday. There will be a street parade in the morning. An unutterable sadness will rest upon the heart of the small boy, who in spite of all is compelled to go to school.

—Bishop John F. Hurst delivered a very interesting discourse at the M. E. Church to a large congregation on last Sunday evening. The subject was upon church missionary work in Mexico.

—The entertainment at Fairlee Hall comes off to-morrow evening. An attractive programme will be presented, which will be found advertised elsewhere. Tickets are on sale at Stam's drug store, and will be sold at the door.

—Mr. A. F. Huey, of Massey's, calls attention in an advertisement elsewhere, to traction engines and threshers for which he is agent. Those desiring to purchase an engine or thresher for this season will do well to give Mr. Huey a call.

—Judge Joseph A. Wickes was prevented sitting during the sessions of court after Tuesday of last Week, by sickness. He is suffering with severe cold and has been confined to his bed with fever. His illness is not regarded as of a serious nature, though it is so severe as to confine him to his bed.

—Dr. W. G. Phelps, of Galena, recently met with the serious accident of a broken arm. The day after, however, in spite of the mishap, he is reported to have begun the trimming of his peach trees. The Doctor has an energy that cannot be shut off by the small consideration of a broken arm.

—At the meeting of the directors of the Chestertown National Bank held last Thursday, C. T. Westcott, Esq., was unanimously elected president of that institution to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Geo. B. Westcott. E. S. Valiant, Esq., of Queen Anne's county, was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. C. T. Westcott's election to the presidency.

—Pursuant to call the stockholders of the Kent County Fire Insurance Co. met in the court house on Monday, May 2d. Wm. N. E. Wickes, president of the company, occupied the chair; in the absence of the secretary C. T. Westcott, Esq., acted as secretary. Resolutions were passed requesting the next Legislature to amend and extend the charter of the company to the year 1940. Sundry minor changes were made in the by-laws to facilitate the business of the company.

—The maiden speech of a young lawyer, like the first appearance of a prima donna, always attracts more especial interest than any he makes afterward. Richard D. Hynson, the son of Mr. Richard Hynson, made his maiden speech last Friday, in defense of Tom Ford, a colored man, tried under indictment for receiving stolen goods. The case was tried before a jury. It is said of the speech, by those who listened to it, that it was clear, forcible and to the point. He marshalled his law points skillfully, and won his case. Tom Ford was acquitted.

—The Voshell House made a narrow escape from fire Wednesday night of last week. Judge Stump left his room after supper to go to the postoffice. He noticed as he went out the door that his lamp flickered strangely. When on the street some distance from the hotel he turned and looked toward the window of his room. He saw that there was an uncertain, flaring light, and turned back. Just as he reached his room door the lamp exploded. The Judge immediately threw the mattress from his bed on the blazing oil to smother the flames and then called for help. Assistance soon arrived, and after a vigorous fight the fire was put out before serious damage was done.

—Chestertown was crowded on Sunday with colored people in attendance at the colored conference. Services were held morning, afternoon and evening at the church, and there were also overflow meetings held at the court house. Services were conducted as follows: At Janes M. E. Church in the morning, preaching by Bishop J. F. Hurst; in the evening, by Rev J. H. Thomas. At the court house in the morning, Rev C. A. Tindley; in the afternoon, by Rev J. H. Riddick. At Bethel church a sermon was preached in the morning by Rev W. J. Jackson, and in the evening by Rev C. O. Waters. Bishop Hurst preached at the M. E. Church—white—in the evening.

—John Anthony, of Smyrna, has for a number of years past closely observed the time when peach trees bloom. It is not easy to be nicely accurate on a point of this kind, and perhaps of half a dozen men in deciding the time of bloom not more than two or three would agree upon a certain date. Mr. Anthony has marked as the date upon which the trees in his orchard seemed to be generally in bloom. Here is the list:

1873	April 29.	1880	April 14.
1874	April 19.	1881	No bloom.
1875	May 5.	1882	April 20.
1876	April 16.	1883	April 28.
1877	April 24.	1884	April 20.
1878	April 9.	1885	April 28.
1879	April 27.	1886	April 12.

It is worthy of mention that in 1875, when the blooming was delayed until May 5, there was a tremendously large crop, larger, perhaps, than the Peninsula has ever had before or since.

—Benjamin D. Quimby, a young man 38 years of age, formerly of this county, and trading as B. D. Quimby & Co., in Crumpton, Queen Anne's county, Md., left home on Tuesday morning, April 26th, ostensibly to go to Wilmington but he met a friend on the train, and then went to Baltimore. From there he wrote a friend in Chestertown stating the fact that he did not intend to return. He also returned two checks he had borrowed, one for $150.00 and one for $100.00. The affairs of the firm, Mr. Quimby stated, were all right and he went on to say that he thought it best to quit while he could pay his debts and if on examination the affairs of the firm did not show out right he would return and explain matters. The firm had stock on hand April 12th amounting to $6,800 and was supposed to be doing a good business. It is generally supposed if the young man had not lost his nerve he would have come out all right in the end. As the matter now stands it would seem that some of Quimby's endorsers will suffer to a considerable extent.

—County commissioners met on Tuesday. Full board present.

John P. Hendrickson, collector for 2d district, returned a list of new and additional assessments, which were approved and accepted.

James M. Pote, keeper of standards of weight and measure, presented his report, which was accepted, and his salary of $40 was ordered to be provided for by levy.

The petitioners to widen road from Chester Cemetery to Carvill's Gate presented their petition with certificate of publication of their notice. Cornelius J. Scott, George W. Davis and Bartus Trew were appointed examiners on said road.

Stephen Lecates, collector 4th district, executed his bond as collector, which was approved and ordered to be filed for record with the clerk of the court.

Petition was filed to finish the Whittington and Hurlock road in 1st district.

The examiners on the Crow Forest road filed a report, which was laid over until next meeting.

The board was further engaged in transferring property and examining and passing accounts for levy.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 10.

—Orphans' Court, Tuesday, May 3, 1887—Present, Judges Walker, and Hyland.

John D. Urie, trustee for the sale of real estate of Enals McQuay, dec'd, filed report and obtained an order nisi.

R. D. Hynson, trustee for sale of real estate of James Sadler filed answer of the defendents in the case.

Joseph Downey, adm'r of R. M. Downey, passed his first admin. account.

Willard Melvin was by order of court appointed commissioner to take testimony in the matter of J. H. Hessey vs James T. Lamb and Sarah Rena Sadler.

RICE'S great circus will continue throughout the week to display its attractions, and a performance will be given every afternoon and evening. It is an excellent show and the crowds that flock daily to Broad and Dickinson streets give evidence of its being well patronized.—*North American, Sept. 7, 1885.*

Death of Judge John H. Kennard.

Judge John H. Kennard, of New Orleans, died May 2d at his residence 641 St. Charles street. He was the second son of the late Dr. Thos. C. Kennard of Kent co., and was about 51 years of age at the time of his death. He was educated at Washington College, Chestertown, and at the University of Virginia, where he took the several degrees of A. M. and also of Graduate in Law. After graduation he went South, the climate being as he believed better suited to his health, and for a time was tutor in a private family in Mississippi. About 1859 he married Miss Annie Burruss, daughter of Mr. E. M. Burruss, a wealthy planter of Woodville, Miss., and established himself in the practice of law in New Orleans. Miss Burruss was a lady of great loveliness of character and of personal attractions, and possessed a strong and cultivated intellect. She died about 1880, leaving two sons, the eldest, John H. Kennard, being now engaged in the practice of law in New Orleans. About 1883 Judge Kennard married Miss Helen Yale, of New Orleans, who survives him with two young children.

Judge Kennard was a lawyer of high standing and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice both in the State and the United States courts, and had been for many years senior partner of the law firm of Kennard, Moore & Prentus. Judge Moore having been a number of years on the bench, and Mr. Prentus being a son of the celebrated Sargent S. Prentus.

Judge Kennard was appointed to the bench by Gov. Warmoth, but remained only a short time, and immediately resumed his practice. He was always earnest and foremost in every scheme for the advancement of the commercial interests of New Orleans and was an active and useful member of most of the commercial conventions which from time to time have urged the improvement of the Mississippi river and the waterways of the Mississippi valley. In all respects he was a prominent and useful citizen, whose loss will no doubt be deeply felt in his adopted city.

Church Wedding.

MATTHEWS—ROLAND.

The M. E. Church was filled on Thursday evening of last week to witness a church wedding. The contracting couple were Mr. Wm. T. Matthews, cashier and book-keeper at the Chestertown straw-board mill, and Miss Amelia P. Roland, daughter of Mr. E. N. Roland, residing near Chestertown. As the bridal couple entered the church, Miss Belle Pippin played a wedding march upon the organ. Rev. J. D. Kemp performed the ceremony. The ushers were Messrs. W. Bradford Copper, James C. Bolton, Frank Miller and Walter W. Chapman. The bride was dressed in a handsome green silk and wore a bouquet of natural flowers; the groom was in full evening suit. The bride received numerous useful and handsome gifts from relatives and friends, and they begin their new life with the kindly wishes of a large circle of friends, that their future may be serenely happy.

Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chester Bridge Company.

In pursuant of a legal notice duly advertised in the county papers, the stockholders of the Chester Bridge Co. met in the office of R. Hynson in Chestertown, on Monday, the 2d day of May, 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M., and then and there proceeded to elect nine directors to serve for one year from this date. Wm. N. E. Wickes was duly appointed to receive and count the votes, and Charles T. Westcott was appointed clerk. The count showed that 592 shares of stock had been voted and that the same was largely in excess of a majority of the whole stock, and that the following directors had been unanimously elected, viz: W. N. E. Wickes, Jos. A. Wickes, Richard Hynson, C. T. Westcott, Wm. S. Walker, E. F. Perkins, J. H. Simpers and Sam'l Vannort. Immediately on the announcement of the result of the election, a majority of the directors being present, the board organized and elected W. N. E. Wickes president and continued Richard Hynson treasurer.

A Corner on Hawk heads.

The Kent county law which offers a premium of 50 cts. per head on hawk and owl heads, has a notority and a popularity that reach clear over into Queen Anne's. An enterprising young man from the Queenstown district of Queen Anne's came into Chestertown on Tuesday, with a bag full of hawk heads—he had just 140. These hawk heads, by industry and frugality backed with steel-traps and a double-barreled gun, he had gathered in during the past winter. He came to Chestertown to get them cashed. The first magistrate he visited was fairly paralyzed when he learned that there were 140 hawk heads, and began to ask questions. He soon found that the hawks were killed in Queen Anne's, and refused to issue a certificate. When the young man from Queenstown learned that Queen Anne's hawks were way down below par over here in Kent—that in fact, Kent was not dealing in Queen Anne's hawks at all, a look of intense sadness over-spread his countenance. He did not entirely give way to despair, however. He paid a visit to every magistrate in town, and offered the last five dollars for a certificate for his hawk heads, that would be good against the county commissioners. When he found that neither tears nor money could move the magistrates, he as a final resort visited the State's attorney, to see if in some manner or other, he could not compel the Kent county authorities to take his hawk heads. With a sad heart he left Chestertown in the dewy dusk of the evening. He carried a bag slung across his shoulder, and the bag contained 140 hawk heads.

Drowned Near the Mouth of Chester River.

Milton C. Haynes was swept from a bugeye, near the mouth of Chester river, on last Saturday morning and drowned. A stiff breeze was blowing at the time, the sea was running high, and it was impossible for those in the boat to rescue the unfortunate young man before he entirely disappeared. The drowned man was son of B. F. Haynes, real estate agent of Baltimore. He was accustomed to visit friends in East Neck, this county, and left Baltimore Saturday morning in the bugeye Marie Antoinette, Captain Robert Bogle, which had carried a load of oysters to the city and was returning. There were on the boat besides Mr. Haynes and Captain Bogle, Messrs. H. N. Green, Spencer Wickes, N. Bogle, a colored man and two youths.—They had got across the bay and were in the mouth of Chester river and off Love Point. Mr. Haynes had been standing on the deck, the wind was blowing a gale, and it is supposed the boom suddenly veering around swept him overboard. The other men first heard a splash in the water, then saw a hat tossed upon the waves, and immediately afterwards saw Mr. Haynes struggling in the midst of the billows.—They threw him an oar and a piece of cord wood, and he tried to swim toward them, but the waves rolled so high he could not make any headway, nor could the boat reach the swimmer, who was soon carried out of sight, and no doubt in the tempestuous sea was speedily exhausted. Upon reaching the shore another boat went out to look for him, but nothing could be seen of the unfortunate young man. He was unmarried, and was in the 33d year of his age. He had been for three years past with his father in his real estate office. For 13 years previously he was with Messrs. Johnson, Sutton & Co. He was a strong swimmer, and has been known to swim to Fort Carroll and back to the city. Capt. Bogle and Mr. Green went to Baltimore on the steamer Emma Ford Monday and visited Mr. B. F. Haynes at his home, Edmondson and Arlington avenues. Official report of the accident was made at the custom-house.

Court Proceedings.

[Continued from last week.]

THURSDAY—Present, Judge Stump. The case of McWhorter vs. Osborne was ably argued by S. T. Wickes and J. A. Pearce for McWhorter and Richard Hynson for the Osborne company, and was given to the jury at about 2 P. M.

State vs. Joseph Matthews—stealing tools of J. N. Huey, of Massey's. Before the Court. Smith for State; S. T. Wickes for defense. Guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

State vs. Benj. F. Freeman, col'd, for cutting shade trees maliciously around Galena M. E. Church. Before the Court; same counsel. Guilty; fined $25 and costs.

The case against Jos. Matthews for same offense, was stetted.

State vs. Tom Ford, col'd, for receiving stolen meat. Jury trial. Smith for State; R. D. Hynson for defense.

EVENING SESSION—Ford case continued.

FRIDAY—The jury in the case of McWhorter vs. Osborne brought in a sealed verdict awarding $115.25 for McWhorter, just one-half of his claim.

The case against Ford continued. After argument by counsel the jury retired and after a short absence returned with verdict Not guilty.

Reginald L. Nugent, who declared his intention April 28, 1885, is admitted to citizenship.

State vs. Walter Brown—indicted for larceny. Smith for State; Barroll for defense; tried before the Court; not guilty.

State vs. Theodore alias Low Tilghman—tried on two counts,—first for assault with intent to kill John Gibson, second for simple assault. Before the Court; Smith for State, R. Hynson for defense. Not guilty on first count; guilty on second. Sentence—fine of $1 and costs and three months in house of correction.

The case of Wm. Cahoon against John G. Miers was then taken up, which proved to be an interesting one. The facts in this case are as follows: In 1884 Wm. R. Cahoon sold a carriage to Noble E. Pennington, and on failure of Pennington to pay for same, in April, 1886, Cahoon obtained a judgment against Pennington and wife for $111.15. An execution was issued on this judgment and the sheriff levied upon the personal property of Pennington, among other things upon seven shoats. The shoats were claimed by John G. Miers under a chattel mortgage dated Jan., 1887. The hogs were sold in August, 1886, by the sheriff, and Miers declined to surrender them to Cahoon, the purchaser. Cahoon then sued out a writ of replevin and the sheriff got the hogs and delivered to him. The case came up for trial on this replevin writ Friday last, and was tried before a jury, Hope H. Barroll appearing for Cahoon and Rich'd Hynson for Miers. Miers proved that the hogs were the increase of fifteen shoats included in his chattel mortgage, and though he admitted they were not the immediate issue contended that they were liable to the mortgage debt of $967. Cahoon insisted that only the immediate increase of female animals which are mortgaged, born after default on the part of the mortgagor, are subject to the claim of the mortgagee, and that as the hogs in question are the increase of the increase of the mortgaged animals they were liable to be seized under execution of a judgment creditor. Judge Stump declined to grant the plaintiff's prayers to this effect and decided that all increase are liable to the claims of the mortgagee, and the verdict of the jury was given for Miers. Mr. Barroll as attorney for Mr. Cahoon took exception to the Court's ruling and the case will be taken to the Court of Appeals. The case is an unique one, the question never having before been raised in the courts of this State.

SATURDAY—The jury returned verdict in the Cahoon case, and a jury was impanelled in the case of the Kent Hardware Company against W. J. Vannort—guaranted account of John Lowe. Court then adjourned to meet on Thursday, May 5th.

TOLCHESTER.

Several New Features for the Entertainment of Visitors this Summer.

Workmen are busy at Tolchester. Every year the resort grows more and more attractive. The beautiful little park of planted trees, just back of the hotel, is coming on finely. The trees every season show rapid growth. This year, when the leaves put out, the grounds will be fairly well shaded by these trees. The beautiful slope from the hotel down to the bay, which is sodded with bluegrass, is kept in thorough repair, and shows up very handsomely as the steamers approach the wharf. We understand that the company will grade the beautiful banks for a considerable distance up the beach on each side the hotel, and will take measures looking to setting them in grass sod. This will greatly beautify Tolchester as seen from the bay. That everything will be done under the management of President Eliason to preserve the high tone of Tolchester, is assured by the first important move he has made, abolishing Sunday excursions.

As to the new features of the present season, the company in a circular recently issued says:—"A large, expensive carousal, carrying forty persons, has been added to the attractions, which will afford amusement to both old and young, it being the only one of the kind south of Atlantic City. Adjoining is the new and extensive pavilion, affording shelter in wet weather, also giving those comfortably seated a good view of the fun and frolic of the carousal. A refreshment room with ladies' waiting-room has been attached to the pavilion. "Bishop's Goland." Several new booths have been erected in the park, and tables placed in the old dancing pavilion, for the use of families and social parties. A covered passageway over the wharf. The hotel and other buildings have been repaired and painted, the restaurant greatly enlarged, with increased comfort for all."

The circular says concerning the steamers which the company will run during the excursion season,—The Louise,—"Edison electric light—no heat, no flames, no danger from fire, no oil to spill. The only excursion steamer in the country so lighted. The dining-room below deck, as well as kitcken, pantries, etc., allowing dining space, where first-class meals will be served at popular prices; the whole main deck, 240 feet, will then be devoted to the use of passengers. Also a large lot of new and comfortable chairs has been added. Music by a good orchestra: also pianos and organs on the boat for the use of passengers. The new boat—the large and elegant new steamer, Emma Giles, built by the best mechanical talent of Baltimore—will be used in connection with the Louise in carrying the tens of thousands of people who will go to Tolchester this year." The Emma Giles will have a carrying capacity of 1300 passengers,—more than twice that of the Pilot Boy, which carries 600.

MR. RICE'S SUCCESSFUL CIRCUS.—There was nothing to distinguish Rice's circus at Broad and Dickinson streets last night from other circuses except that the crowd inside the tent was bigger and more eager to get close to the ring. There was not room for them all, and at eight o'clock Mr. Rice ordered the sale of tickets stopped. In the ring bespangled lady riders and acrobatic horsemen disported themselves, half a dozen clowns cracked chestnuts, and wonderful gymnasts performed strange and remarkable feats. The elephants went round, the trick mules and dogs cut fantastic capers, and everywhere there was the familiar glitter of tinsel and the flashing of gaudy draperies. It was the same ring show given by circuses during many years—but it costs only 50 cents to see it, and herein lay its attracting power.—*Record, Aug. 25, 1885.*

The Talk of the Still Pond Farmers' Club.

The president called the Still Pond Agricultural and Horticultural Club to order at 3 P. M. on Saturday. W. D. Pennington was appointed secretary pro tem. The first thing in order being report of standing committees. The president said the samples of paper baskets—with and without covers—furnished by Thos. E. Norris, though an improvement upon the ones he saw in Chestertown, but he at same time thought them objectionable upon several points. Their color was too dark, and they had not sufficient flaw from the middle hoop downward; The holes were not large enough, and were too plain; thought the holes should be cut with a fancy stamp and thus become more attractive. He invited criticisms upon their make and construction.

W. D. Pennington urged similar objections to the president, and thought they should be in shape like the wooden baskets, so as to handle the fruit easily without bruising and crushing it.

T. E. Norris said he had gotten the samples from New York parties, from the factory in Newark, N. J., to show to customers, and wanted an expression of opinion from the club, with regard to them. Upon motion, the chair appointed a committee of three, viz: Henry Kreusen, W. D. Penington and G. W. Price to examine said baskets and report. In a short time spent in examination, the committee reported as follows:

1st—Color—We think our fruit would not show as well as in a white or light grey basket.

2d—Shape—We are of the opinion that they are too straight on the sides to pack well. They should be drawn in more at the middle hoop.

3d—Ventilation—They should be stamped in some fancy pattern instead of round holes.

4th—Strength—The top hoop should be made much stronger, and nailed to the basket more securely. We are also of the opinion that the top hoop should be of wood.

The report of the committee was approved and adopted.

Under head of Questions, F. H. Harper asked for information concerning the growth and culture of what is called the Norfolk grape. He had examined several catalogus and found it mentioned by that name in one only.

N. Barnard, who replied, said he had never heard of it. There is a species of grape grown around Norfolk, Va., and known there as the Scuppernong. It is easily cultivated, is hardy and thrifty, and an exceedingly prolific bearer. They train them generally upon frames, and one vine even, produces an enormous yield. Every trucker grows them, and there is never a cart going into the town without carrying a goodly store of them for market. The fruit is of a grayish white, and very sweet and juicy. He has seen the vines trailed along fences.

E. B. Pennington asked if any one was familiar with the names of parties who sold cattle through the drove yard, and the charges and commissions for selling.

John Z. Clark said he preferred doing the selling himself. There would be no trouble in selling. The farmer can frequently sell from the boat; and is often met by purchasers on the way to the yards. Size made no difference, as it does in Philadelphia. A member here stated he had been offered five cents here at home; the market quotations being 5¼ cents per lb. Clark would rather take 5 cents here than 5¼ cents there, as cattle lose a good deal by weight; an animal weighing 1500 lbs. here would lose from 80 to 100 lbs. by the time he reached Baltimore.

N. Barnard had known a great many cattle shipped from Chester county to Philadelphia, but did not remember the names of any of the merchants.

W. D. Pennington moved a committee of three be appointed by the chair to procure the cards of parties selling country produce in the different cities, and hand them to the club for action; also, cards of parties having fertilizers, binder twine and articles used by the members of the club. The chair appointed W. D. Pennington, J. S. Harris, and F. H. Harper.

The question at what age will brood sows cease to be profitable, was asked by J. S. Harris. Barnard said three years. They ought not be kept longer than that. After that time they were only a source of trouble and not profitable, for they were apt to over-lay their young, and were constantly in mischief. It was almost impossible to keep them within bounds, and required constant care and attention to prevent them from trespassing and depredating.

The regular question, "Is it desirable to manufacture special manures for special crops," was then opened by E. B. Pennington, who said his experience has not been favorable to the use of special manures, save in one or two instances. He had used muriate of potash in combination, and although it produced well and its effects were seen in after crops, yet its cost was too great. He had used on wheat high grade fertilizers, and S. C. rock, and saw but little or no difference. He had used special fertilizer at times and did not succeed very well, but never failed to get a crop of corn with S. C. rock and plaster. When we find lands need special fertilizers then they should be applied; thought the S. C. rock contained all the phosphoric acid necessary for wheat.

J. S. Harris said soils should be analyzed in order to know just exactly what ingredients they contain before planting a crop. Certain crops need certain ingredients in the soil to feed upon and get their growth. If the constituent parts of a plant be known and the soil upon being analyzed be found wanting in any one of the ingredients necessary to its growth, then a special manure which supplies that deficiency should be used. Certain soils might be rich in ingredients to make one kind of crop and yet be wanting in those which would suit another. He once raised a fine crop of corn on a field, and seeded it in wheat immediately after. The wheat grew off finely, shocked well at harvest, and he raised just 200 bushels. That field was rich in corn ingredients and poor in those necessary to make a wheat crop.

F. H. Harper thought it a question whether the elements did not supply sufficient nitrogen; had used phos. acid and potash without ammonia satisfactorily. It was costly to manufacture, and millions of dollars have been lost in making what the elements produce and give.

The hour having arrived, the club adjourned. The question, "Is it desirable to manufacture special manures for special crops," was continued as the subject for discussion at the next meeting.

The I. O. G. T. are steadily increasing in members. Ten new members were taken into the order at its meeting last evening. The officers for the present quarter were installed, after which came a feast of ice cream, cake and lemonade, which the members thoroughly enjoyed.

Two Vacant Episcopal Dioceses.

The Diocese of Easton will hold a convention in Chestertown early in June. An effort will be made at the convention to fill the vacant bishopric made by the death of the late Bishop Lay. By the recent death of Bishop Lee, the Diocese of Delaware is also left vacant. Delaware churchmen are discussing the matter of uniting the two dioceses, and electing a bishop jointly. We give below two articles that have recently appeared in leading Delaware papers. A letter published in the Wilmington *Every Evening* is as follows:

A PLEA FOR THE UNION OF DIOCESES.

Editor Every Evening:—Now that the late venerable and beloved Bishop of Delaware has been called to his rest and reward the question arises, "What shall be done? Who shall be his successor?" The Diocese of Easton has been trying for a year or more past, but has failed to obtain a successor to the late Bishop Lay. It seems to me that neither the Diocese of Easton nor that of Delaware is large enough to find work to occupy the time and energies of an able man nor strong enough properly to sustain him, but that if both of these dioceses were united there would be scope enough for any bishop and pecuniary strength enough to sustain him; and that neither diocese might feel hurt by sacrificing its name to the other, the new diocese might be called the Diocese of Wilmington and there some future day a cathedral might be erected. If this be not at present practicable, the two bishopless dioceses, according to canon 15, section 1, "May associate and proceed to the choice of a bishop to exercise jurisdiction alike in each of the associated dioceses * * * and the dioceses thus associated in the election of a common bishop, and the conventions thereof shall in all other respects remain as before, unconnected and independent of each other." It is very desirable that the conventions in June next should take some steps in this matter, and before then the standing committees of these two Dioceses might meet and see what can be done to promote the best interests of the church in this Peninsula. Vigorous measures are imperatively needed to bring it up to its proper status and to do its proper work. Let personal preferences and local interests be laid aside to promote and secure a larger good. The two dioceses now being without bishops makes the ground clear for proceeding. Such a circumstance might not occur again in 500 years. It may be that the set time has come for a new departure. I hope it has. RECTOR.

The Wilmington *Morning News* discusses the question of uniting the two dioceses as follows:

SHALL THE TWO DIOCESES UNITE?

There is much speculation over the successor to the episcopacy made vacant by Bishop Lee's late death. Several prominent clergymen in the State have been suggested, but there seems to be so much rivalry that it is thought an outside man will be selected. In the latter case, however, there will be the same difficulty as the Eastern Shore diocese has experienced in selecting a bishop on account of the small compensation raised for a bishop's salary. Bishop Lee was rector of St. Andrew's, and was a man of private fortune, so that no necessity for a large salary existed.

The suggestion has been made, and quite favorably received, that this and the Eastern Shore diocese combine, as can be done under canon 15, during the life of one bishop. This would enable the two to elect a man of ability and pay him a good salary and permit him to devote his entire time to the duties of his office. It is a matter beyond controversy that there will be a contest between the high and low church parties in the election, and the probability is that a man of conservative views will be appointed. This is the view taken by a number of prominent clergymen of the diocese.

A Visit to a Public School.

Messrs. Editors:—Having been invited by one of the pupils of school No. 3, Worton Neck, to visit them on Friday last, I accepted and with a friend went to the school house on that day, regardless of the rain. We were met on the green by several of the larger boys as reception committee, who escorted us to the door, where the pleasant face of Miss Porter welcomed us. On entering the room we found the blackboards ornamented with maps, designs, quotations, &c., which were very nicely done. One original design, by little Walter Gale, being especially meritorious for one so young. The exhibition of handiwork was very good indeed and reflected credit on both teacher and pupils. Visitors from the neighborhood and the adjoining district were present and seemed well pleased. The speeches, &c., were good also, but I think the latter part of the evening seemed to be more enjoyable when the young ladies of the school passed around the caramels and cake, both of their own manufacture. I send you a list of articles and names as far as I remember them:

Jennie Atkinson, quilt squares, mat and crocket lace; Martie Stephens, quilt, apron with lace, woollen lace, and caramels; Charles Long, jump-jack, bureau, hatchet, stencil and wheelbarrow; Arthur Leaverton, butter paddle; James Beck, match safe and quilt squares; C. Romie Skirven, brackets; Joseph Duyer, spinning top; George Stephens, husk foot-mat; Annie Stephens, splasher and lace; Emma Anderson, apron with drawn work, toilet-catchall and iced cake; Carrie Anderson, splasher and cake; Thomas Anderson, bootjack; Beecher Stephens, horse's bridle; Lilian Gale, cake; Walter Gale, drawing; Janie Anderson, a plate of gems and quilt squares; Mattie Long, crocket lace. L.

CONVENTION OF PEACH-GROWERS.

The Meeting to be Held in Dover Next Thursday.

The convention, composed of peach-growers from Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, is to meet in Dover, Del., on Thursday of next week. The call for the convention, which is signed by a large number of prominent fruit-growers, says:

It is earnestly requested by the undersigned, appointed by the Delaware Fruit Exchange, to issue this call, that there shall be a full attendance of fruit-growers and dealers on this occasion. There is now a prospect of a most abundant crop of peaches, and it behooves us to use timely action to have it properly distributed throughout the country. If sent to a few large cities a glut in those markets must necessarily ensue. We are as competent to place our fruit in the right market as the city commission men, and by a wise and judicious distribution to avoid the disastrous evils of low prices by overstocking a few places. Many other questions conducive to our interests will come before this convention. The invitation of dealers to buy directly of us at home. The establishment of a fruit market of our own in New York and other places. The arbitrary course of the New York commission men in giving away our peach baskets without even showing us the courtesy of asking our consent, and other questions of vital importance.

We must have lower freights. We must develop more new markets.

We must imitate all the great and successful industries of our country by co-operating with each other for our own good.

We must cease shipping at hazard. We must have system.

Come to this convention and give us the results of your calm, thoughtful and progressive judgment.

We recommend that the fruit-growers in the vicinity of every railroad station on the Peninsula and in New Jersey and the fruit dealers in every city throughout the country immediately select a numerous committee for each individual locality to attend said convention, and to forthwith notify W. N. Brown, Secretary Delaware Fruit Exchange, Wyoming, Del., of the names of all such delegates.

Signed by the committee and others interested: N. Barnard, Still Pond, Md., Chairman; John P. R. Polk, Wilmington, Del.; A L Hudson, Clayton; J G Brown, Wyoming; J W Taylor, Magnolia; Dr H Ridgley, Dover; W R Cochran, Middletown; Hon E L Martin, Seaford; E H Bancroft, G H Gildersleve, Camden, Del; John W Causey, Charles Barker, J J Rosa, Rev. J. S Willis, Robert H Davis, Milford; Chas. Stockley (ex-Gov), Dr. C H Richards, I Fooks, C H Treat, Georgetown, Del; J R Rickards, W C Rust, P C Cannon, Bridgeville; W H Morris, Albert Curry, Simeon Pennewill, Greenwood, Del; H N Willets, Geo Lockwood, E R Cochran Wm Polk, Middletown, Del; D J Cummins, J W Anthony, G W Cummins, J H Hoffecker, J L Cavender, Smyrna, Del; Gov. B T Biggs, Middletown, Del; Hon J A Wickes, W T Hepbron, Wilbur Eliason, R. Hynson T A Hulme, J S Harris, J Frank Wilson, W D Pennington, E B Pennington, G W Davis, Wm Archibald, Sr., S Vannort, John Brice T J Shallcross, Lewis C Justis, W J Vannort, J A Groves, Wm Archibald, Jr., E P Janvier, W W Stephens, Dr. W S Maxwell, W Usilton, Kent county, Md; E H Brown, Dr. A E Sudler, S B Hurlock, J H Evans, E B Walls, Queen Anne's county, Md; Judge Frederick Stump, Wm Ware, Cecil county, Md; Dr. J T Bishop, Washington county, Md.

SALE OF THE "PLAINS."

Benedictine Sisters the Purchasers.

The estate of Mrs. Bourne, situate in Caroline county near Greensborough, and more familiarly known as the "Plains," was sold a few days ago to the Benedictine Sisters of Charity, of Newark, N. J., for $35,000. The sale was negotiated by Mr. B. F. Townsend, real estate broker, Wilmington, Del. The property was owned by Allen Thorndyke Rice, editor of the *North American Review*, and has been in the market since the death of Mrs. Bourne, Mr. Rice's aunt, about five years ago. There are 750 acres comprised in the purchase, consisting of 500 acres of plow-land, 20 acres of fruit trees, 130 of oak and other timber. The buildings were erected by an aunt of Mr. Rice at an expenditure of over $125,000. They are of frame with brick basements. The main body of the Sisters will remove to the Plains, leaving a small number to take care of parochial work at Newark. This will be the first Benedictine academy in the country and will be the head of the order hereafter. The buildings are admirable suited to the purpose of the new purchasers and will need slight expenditure in alteration. One will be used for an academy, another for a nunnery and the third for guest-house. The stock, farming implements, the unreserved furniture, carriages and growing crops are included in the purchase. It is the cheapest property ever disposed of on the Peninsula.—*Centreville Record.*

CLOSE OF THE COLORED CONFERENCE.

The Appointments.

The Delaware M. E. Conference, colored, closed its session at Janes M. E. Church, Chestertown, on Monday. Following is the list of appointments:

Philadelphia District.—W. H. Coffey, P. E.—Bridgeton, N. J., Thomas Sals; Camden, N. J., J. J. Campbell; Cape May, J. A. Richardson; Chester, Pa.; A. W. Hamilton; Delaware City, R. H. Coleman; Merchantsville, N. J., J. H. Johnson; Middletown, Del., L. W. Deakins; Mt. Holly, N. J., J. L. Cole; Mt. Zion, N. J., B. Wallen; New Castle, Del., J. H. Scott; Odessa, Del., R. J. Waters. Philadelphia—Rainbridge Street, L. Y. Cox; Frankford, E. H. Webb; Germantown, H. Jolley; Haven, King J. Stell; Zoar, J. Hudson Riddick. Port Deposlt, Md., J. C. Carroll; Salem, N. J., J. E. Webb; South Wilmington, C. H. Findley; Spring Lake and Atlantic City, N. J., to be supplied. Wilmington—East Zion, J. R. Waters; Wilmington Circuit, D. A. Ridout.

Dover District—G. H. Washington, P. E.—Airy's, Md., C. Earl; Bridgeville, Del., G. Townsend; Cambridge, Md., James A. Scott; Cambridge Circuit, Md., J. Griffith; Church Creek, Md., J. H. Johnson; Dover, Del., A. Brown; Dover Circuit, J. R. Brinkley; Vienna, Md., D. R. Dunn; East New Market, Md., C. O. Waters; Federalsburg, Md., C. J. Hall; Golden Hill, Md., P. J. Adams; Laurel, J. E. Grigsley; Lewes and Rehoboth, T. M. Cole; Madison, Md., J. H. Harman; Milford, D. J. Waters; Nassau, W. B. Green; Seaford, G. S. Holly; Slaughter Neck, Lincoln and Milton, A. J. Handy; Smyrna, J. W. Lankford; Townsend, F. J. Lee; A. R. Shockley, transferred to New York East Conference, and stationed at Haven Memorial Church, New Haven, Conn.; Wm. M. Webb transferred to Newark Conference, and stationed at St. John's, Orange, N. J.

Chestertown District—W. J. Parker, P. E.—postoffice, 1018 Arch street, Philadelphia—Centreville, J. D. Eibert; Chestertown, William H. Thomas; Church Hill, C. H. Hutchins; Crumpton, J. S. Willis; Denton, M. B. Snowden; Easton, J. H. Mason; Fairlee, S. E. Adams; Galena, W. J. Moore; Greensboro', J. W. Cook; Kent Island, W. H. Rogers; Marydel, G. W. Young; Millington, A. W. Lowber; Pomona, P. Burrows; Queenstown, G. M. Lawdin; Royal Oak, J. W. Bond; St. Michael's, D. J. Brittingham; Sassafras, A. Grimage; Skipton, M. H. Horsey; Still Pond, W. U. Dickerson; Talbot, W. L. McKenney; Trappe, S. H. Winters; Baltimore City Preparatory School, branch of Centenary Biblical Institute, Baltimore, J. H. Nutter.

Salisbury District—J. H. White, P. E.—postoffice, Salisbury, Md.—Accomac, Va., J. K. Adams; Berlin, Md., T. M. Hubbard; Blackwater, J. W. Brown; Chincoteague, Va., to be supplied; Crisfield, L. E. Toulson; Deal's Island, to be supplied; Fairmount, J. A. Pearce; Fruitland, H. T. Rich; Horntown, Va., N Morris; Pocomoke, Md., T. B. Coleman; Princess Anne, T. H. Johnson; Quantico, W. J. Jackson; Salisbury Circuit, J. Q. Dennis; Snow Hill, J. H. B. Hubbard; Snow Hill Circuit, to be supplied; South Berlin, C. A. Horsey; Stockton, A. J. Wallace; Jamestown, Md., to be supplied; Kingston, W. A. Johnson; Marion, J. W. Pinckney; Nanticoke Point, J. H. Holland; Salisbury, E. E. Parker.

From Little Delaware's Capital.

DOVER, DEL., April 25, 1887.

Eds. Transcript:—I have no doubt you have heard that our Legislature adjourned sine die on Friday last. From the number of laws passed you might suppose there would be no further need for a Legislature for the next twenty years—except as a divorce mill. Divorce suits seem to increase by geometrical progression.

Some interesting little incidents occurred during the session, among which were addresses before the Legislature by ladies. Just after the House had passed the high license bill Mrs. Martindale, accompanied by a host of members of the W. C. T. U., were