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LOCAL MATTERS.

—In the spring the poetlet
Tunes his little lyre,
Opes his little liplets,
Touched with sacred fire.

In the spring the pullet
Little eggs doth lay,
And the little chicklet
Peeplets all the day.

In the spring the manlet
Gambles on the board,
While the lusty callet
Gambols on the sward.

In the spring the treelet
Dons its suit of green,
While the dainty damelet
Follows suit, I ween.

—*New York Mail and Express.*

—Several of the students of Washington College are now in quarantine on account of the mumps.

—The poisoning of dogs still continues in town. Quite a number have fallen victims to the crusade since its inauguration.

—The steamer B. S. Ford, after receiving her new spring costume of white, red and gilt, has been treated to a new whistle.

—The machine agents are fast falling in line and preparing for action, and the farmer may now fortify himself for the protracted siege.

—Arbor Day was generally observed throughout the county by appropriate services, consisting of literary programs and tree planting.

—Arbutus parties have been in order during the past week, and quantities of the poetic little flowers have been worn by their fair captors.

—Mr. Walter Hurd, residing at Melitota, has a goose that has laid forty-six eggs this spring, which is the largest number on record thus far.

—We venture the assertion that there was scarcely a school in Kent county, that failed to plant a tree on Arbor Day and name it Grover Cleveland.

—Four of the members of the Washington College base-ball team will play with the Ridgeley team, on Saturday, in the match game with the club of Centreville. The game will be played on the Centreville grounds.

—The severe hail storm which visited Wicomico county and the lower portions of the Peninsula, doing considerable injury to peach buds, passed Kent by without doing any damage; slight hail was reported in some sections.

—Church Hill's band and dramatic troupe are surprising the natives. It is said that some of the actors go through the scenes in "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" as though "they were native there, and to the manor born."

—Five of the heavy weights of Locust Grove were weighed several days ago and tipped the beam at 1,038 pounds. One of the five who lives in the Grove weighed 228 pounds, and is considered for his chances to be a "fair sized gentleman."

—Peach talk has not as yet become particularly animated and interesting, as a full crop is assured up to this writing. Politics, however, have to a limited extent commenced to simmer, and a restless undercurrent is noticeable in local political circles.

—Orphans Court, April 16, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. I. R. Leaverton and J. C. Loud, adm'r of Isaac Cordray filed release from R. C. Smyth, adm'r of R. H. Loud. Emma and S. M. Thomas, deceased, filed their first adm'r and dividend account.

—Rev. J. S. Willis, of Milford, Del., has accepted an invitation to deliver the address before the Mount Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, June 25. Mr. Willis is an ornate and eloquent speaker, and his address will be a literary treat to the society and its friends.

—A few of the farmers of the county have reported that their planting of sugar corn for early use is up, while a number of others are ready to begin planting. Wm. D. Gould, Esq., just across the river, finished planting one field on Saturday last, and will finish planting his entire crop during this week.

—This week has somewhat on the order of an elaborate reunion day in Chestertown, every section of the county being represented, and many who have an opportunity only on such occasions of meeting friends, enjoyed a real old-time handshake, and indulged in an extensive interchange of ideas and questionings.

—The dwelling house on the farm of W. H. Stewart, Esq., about two and a half miles from town, in the tenancy of Charles Copper, was badly damaged by fire on Tuesday night. The family had retired and were unconscious of any danger until awakened by the report of a gun, which was exploded by the fire in the lower portion of the house. It is probable that, but for the timely warning given by the firing of the gun, the family might have been burned with the building. The fire caught from a defective flue, but was soon extinguished.

—As an outgrowth of last winter's campaign against illegal dredging, Mrs. Laura J. Webb, of Baltimore, owner of the dredging schooner, J. C. Mahoney, has filed in the United States District Court a libel against the Board of Public Works and Captain Thomas E. Howard, of the police schooner McLane. Mrs. Webb, by her attorney, claims $4,600 damages for the sinking of the Mahoney on Dec. 10. The libel claims $2,500 for the schooner, $1,000 for the cargo of oyster and $100 for the loss of license. The schooner it is claimed is responsible for the collision, on account of a want of proper skill in handling or from malace.

—Last Saturday, April 13, Messrs. Luther Francis and Alfred Jester, of Edesville, gave a free balloon ascension about six o'clock P. M. The balloon was inflated by saturating a bundle of compressed cotton, which, when lighted, soon filled the hollow ball, and it sailed off in a southerly direction. We clip the following from the Centreville *Observer*: As Mr. E. B. Vandyke was returning from church on Sunday last at Wye, he saw in a field near the upper road, a most peculiar looking object showing nearly all the colors of the rainbow, and its movements caused by the breeze made it appear very much like it possessed life. He went into the field to investigate and discovered a paper balloon about ten feet long and about fifteen feet in circumference. It had a card attached on which was the following:

EDESVILLE, April 13, '89.

The finder of this balloon will please let us hear from them to see where it went.

LUTHER FRANCIS,
ALFRED JESTER,
Edesville, Kent Co., Md.

The distance covered by the trip is about twenty miles in an almost southernly direction from Edesville.

—The water-works for Kennedyville, which at one time promised to assume definite form, and to place the enterprising little village far ahead of many of its sisters of the State and county, have fallen through, and one of the projectors of the improvement says that it is indefinitely laid on the shelf.

—Some of the young ladies of town have found a new and novel afternoon diversion in counting the boards in the bridge spanning Chester river. One reported a few days ago that the bridge has, independent of the draw, 1219 boards, while the draw is 17 boards wide. Who will test the accuracy of the count?

—Abe Thompson, a colored man about twenty-four years old, fell while speaking to another man at the colored church in Sharptown on last Sunday afternoon, and expired almost instantly. A physician was sent for, who supposed that death was caused by some affection of the heart. The man had not even complained of a headache for more than six months.

—Robert Johnson, a colored carter, living at Scott's Point, had his horse injured at Radcliff bridge, near Chestertown, on Thursday last. Johnson was hauling over the bridge when the horse stepped on a decayed board and broke through. With the assistance of several passers-by the animal was soon extricated, but was somewhat the worse for the fall. Johnson claims that the county commissioners should either pay him damages for the loss of the use of his horse or furnish another to take his place, though so far as we have learned, no formal demand to that effect has been made.

—The State police boats, Mary Compton and Nannie Merryman, are now laid up at Annapolis, the dredging season having closed. Capt. Howard, of the steamer Gov. Thomas, made a final cruise of the oyster grounds immediately following the close of the dredging season, April 1. As was expected, several violators of the oyster laws were found and one captured. To escape capture one captain beached his sloop, the Bianco, and with his men escaped across a marsh. The tonging season will close April 25. The respective captains of the police force will now be kept on constant duty enforcing the State fishery laws.

—The police schooner, Helen M. Baughman, in command of Capt. Charles Kerr, who did such effective work in the recent oyster difficulties of the season just closed, sailed up the river to Chestertown on Monday morning. Capt. Kerr and his men have come up to appear as witnesses in the cases against the dredgers who are now confined in the Chestertown jail. Capt. Kerr arrived about 7.30 A. M. and fired a salute from one of his guns and killed a crow which was flying over the river. The Baughman is a beautiful model for a sailer and with her heavy spread of canvass is well calculated to overhaul the fastest of the dredge boats.

—Messrs. Wilbur Eliason, H. M. Brown and party, who started for Chicago on Thursday last, returned on Saturday. Mr. Brown, who went out to attend a meeting relative to the proposed basket factory, says that it is impossible to say at present what the outlook for the enterprise is. The Chestertown party came near meeting with what might have been a most serious accident. The New York and Chicago limited Pulman vestibuled train, which the party took at Philadelphia, makes the distance of 851 miles to Chicago in 22 hours. At 11.45 P. M. on Tuesday when near Louisville, O., and nearly all the passengers had retired, the train was brought to a sudden halt. Says a dispatch from Canton, dated April 10: "A second attempt was made last night at Louisville, O., to wreck the vestibule train on the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad. Ties were strapped to the track. An employee of the road discovered the obstruction just before the train was due. He was unable to remove the ties and started East to stop the train. He had no signal, but finding a newspaper in his pocket, ignited it and, waving it over his head, brought the train to a standstill. The train struck the obstruction, but not with sufficient force to cause it to jump the track. The attempt made last week at the same point was by inserting fishplates in the switch." While in Chicago, some noted people and interesting places were seen; the most noted personage was Hutchinson, or better known as "Old Hutch," the bloated monopolist who last year got a corner in grain and put wheat up to two dollars, much of which had cost him but seventy cents. A portion of the trip back was made at a speed of a mile per minute.

Congressman Gibson's Marriage.

It is announced that the Hon. Charles H. Gibson, the representative of the First Congressional District in Congress, will be married to Mrs. Maryetta P. Hollyday, at Louisville, Ky., in Christ Church, April 23. The bride elect is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Meta Semple. Miss Hollyday is the widow of the late Richard C. Hollyday, a daughter of the late Humphery Howell, and a sister of Mrs. Randolph Tucker, of Virginia. Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky, a kinsman of Mrs. Hollyday, will peform the ceremony. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will leave for New York, Mr. Gibson having been appointed a representative of Maryland to the centennial of the inauguration of Washington as President. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will reside at Ratcliff Manor, the beautiful home of Mrs. Hollyday on the Tred Avon river, near Easton, Md.

Death of H. M. Thomas.

The entire community was startled on Tuesday morning last by the announcement of the death of H. M. Thomas. The sad occurrence was rendered the more startling from the fact that it came without a moments warning to the family and friends; the end came in a moment and all was over. Mr. Thomas was apparently well on Monday morning and conversed with numerous friends on the street and in the court room. About 11 o'clock he was taken suddenly ill in his office from an attack of acute indigestion; medical aid was summoned, and, though still suffering, he was removed to his home, and in the afternoon was somewhat easier. About half-past eleven o'clock in the evening it became evident that the sufferers condition was extremely critical, and with so little warning of the approaching end of an honorable and purely Christian life, he died about twelve o'clock.

The deceased was fifty-eight years old April 1. He was the eldest of four brothers, and leaves a wife and five children, two daughters and three sons.

Mr. Thomas, while not strictly a politician, he had always been a warm and conscientious supporter of Republican principles, and had represented his party as a candidate for county commissioner, a member of the Orphans' Court, and had three times been a candidate for sheriff. As a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church he has always taken an active part in its advancement, and indeed, in the advancement of all religious affairs. At the time of his death he was recorder of the church, and also filled the position of librarian, which he had held for a number of years. Mr. Thomas was born in Kent county in 1831, and in his death the county loses one of its most estimable and respected citizens.

Welcomed Home.

Rev. Walter R. Graham, who returned from Conference on Tuesday last with his wife, received a most substantial reception and hearty welcome from his congregation and numerous friends on the evening of his arrival. Mr. Graham has been returned to the pastorate which he has so acceptably served for the past four years, and as an expression of their gratifycation he was given a real surprise. At an early hour the participants in the pleasant affair commenced to arrive and were loaded with every imagionable article which enters in to complete a well filled larder; in addition many of the more substantials were put on the list of donations, namely: Barrels of flour, coal and wood. More than an hundred persons were present and all there passed a most enjoyable evening. It should be highly gratifying to both pastor and congregation to have such perfect harmony existing between them.

Personal Mention.

Hon. T. J. Keating was in town Monday last on legal business and paid the TRANSCRIPT office a call.

Mr. John T. Blackiston, of Piedmont, W. Va., accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Clarance Bantz, of the same place, is paying his annual visit to his farm in Eastern Neck, and at the same time visiting friends near Rock Hall and Edesville. Mrs. Bantz will join her husband in Oregon in a few weeks, where he has a lucrative position and contemplates settling.

R. C. Corbaley, of San Francisco, Cal., is visiting friends in Kent. Mr. Corbaley is connected with the Bancroft, Whitney Co, law publishers.

L. C. Justis, Sr., who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is now improving.

Geo. M. Russum, of Denton, Albert Constable, of Elkton, P. B. Hopper and Edwin H. Brown, of Centreville, have been in attendance at our Circuit Court on legal business.

Miss Lucy Robertson, of Lynch's, has returned from a protracted visit to Baltimore.

New Advertisements.

Smith & Clements advertise the Hamilton corn planter for sale in this issue.

The advertisement of Joseph Guest as agent for the Monumental Bronze Co., will be found in another column.

J. H. Ireland, of Locust Grove, advertises the I. X. L. Wind Mill for sale, and claims many advantages over any other on the market. He also advertises Imperial straw stackers and McCormick harvesting machines.

The commission card of W. P. Ireland, late of Crew and Ireland, will be found in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT.

See notice to the stockholders of the B. & D. B. R. R. Co., in this issue.

Notice of the election of a town commissioner will be found in another column.

J. K. Aldridge & Co., call the attention of farmers to binder twine in this issue. See advertisement for particulars.

M. A. Senart advertises cabbage and tomato plants for sale.

The children of Emanuel P. E. Sunday school will hold a festival in Stam's Hall Monday evening, April 22.

In the Churches.

Easter services at Still Pond M. E. Church, Sunday, will be appropriately observed by sermon, music and floral decorations. The Still Pond singers will assist in the singing at Betterton in the afternoon.

Good Friday services at Still Pond P. E. Church at 11 o'clock A. M. The congregation of I. U. and St. Paul churches will unite in that service. All christian people are invited to participate on this occasion. Easter Sunday services at I. U. Church at 10.30 A. M., and St. Paul's at 3.30 P. M.

Services at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, Good Friday, church open during entire day; prayer 3 o'clock P. M. Prayers, sermon and Stabat Mater 7.30 P. M. Easter Sunday, mass, sermon and benediction 7.30 P. M.

Easter Sunday services at St. Dennis' Catholic Church, Galena: Mass, benediction and sermon at 10.30 A. M.

Services at Emmanuel P. E. Church, Chestertown: Morning prayer to-day at 12 o'clock, evening prayer, 5 o'clock; Good Friday, morning prayer 11 o'clock, evening prayer at 5 o'clock. Easter Sunday, Holy Communion 7.30 A. M., service, sermon and Holy Communion 11 A. M., children's service 3 P. M., service and sermon 7.30 P. M. Special music by the choir Easter Sunday.

The services of a sacramental occasion will begin in the Presbyterian Church at Kennedyville, April 18 at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Preaching Thursday evening, Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon at 3½ o'clock by Rev. J. M. Clyme, of W. Va.

The Sunday School of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, will have Easter Day services in the church, commencing at 7.30 o'clock P. M., with the following interesting program:

1. Old Easter Anthem, choir; 2. Chorus, Come to the Temple Rejoicing, school; 5. Prayer, Superintendent T. N. Williams; 4. Chorus, Ring the Easter Bells, school; 5. Reading, Miss Annie Hadley, Easter Sunday in a Mountain Church Yard; 6. Exercises by infant school; 7. Chorus, Beautiful Morning; 8. Reading, from a Hodoo's Life of Jesus, the Risen and Reigning Christ, by W. B. Copper; 9. Chorus, The Lord is Risen; 10. Reading, Miss May Carpenter The Raising of Lazarus; 11. Solo and Quartette; 12. Recitation, Faith, Hope and Charity, by Susie Lambert. Max Terrell and Cora Hynson; 13. Easter Offerings, Collection; 14. Doxology, with chorus, Praise God; 15. Benediction.

Our Kennedyville Letter.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Eureka Grange met at the hall on Saturday evening, April 6, to hear the reading of the Grange Gleaner. The interest manifested was much greater than usual. The introduction was especially applicable, and gave the condition of the Grange as flourishing with a membership of thirty-one, together with numerous suggestions for the good of the order. Thirteen selections were read as follows: "On Life," "Plowing," "Best Manner for Raising Oats," "Work," "If Not Wheat and Corn, What Then?" "Poetry on Spring," "Farmers' Daughters," Poetry, "Courtship;" "Children's Rights," "Friendship," "Voice," Poetry, "Especially Jim," all of which were pronounced good, and some especially worthy of notice. Many thanks are due the editress, Miss Blackiston, for the very able and efficient manner in which she accomplished the very difficult task. The music also was a feature not to be forgotten in addition to the Grange choir. Prof. Judefind performed several very pretty selections which were greatly admired, while the Glee Club just made the old hall shake. It is seldom we hear so many voices blending together in perfect unison and accord. Were it not for their familiar faces one would surely take them for the Manachoir Club from the city.

Small fish and oysters have been quite plentiful of late, while shad are now all the go.

Our farmers are well up with their spring work. Wheat is looking well, as are also the peach orchards. Let us hope no Jack Frost may come to blight our very flattering prospect. CRUSOE.

COURT NEWS.

The April Term Opened and Business Progressing.

The April term of the circuit court for Kent county convened on Monday, April 15, at 10.30 o'clock with his Honor, Joseph A. Wickes, on the bench. Dr. Samuel Beck, clerk; H. C. Chase, deputy; Major B. B. Wroth, crier; James H. Casey, sheriff; E. Lambert, deputy; John H. Greenwood and Jas. A. Russell, bailiffs to the court, and George C. Adkinson, bailiff to grand jury. The trial docket shows 28 criminal cases, 35 cases marked for trial, 15 on the appeal docket marked for trial, and 69 entries on the appearance docket. At the present term eight of the Hull-less Oat cases are marked for trial. The routine business of the opening of the session was entered into, and the following grand jurors were drawn by the clerk:

Wm. B. Usilton, 4th district; Wm. T. Hepbron, 2d dist.; Eugene Gooding, 1st dist.; Furnell Jefferson, 2d dist.; Louis C. Justis, Jr., 2d dist.; William Morris, 4th dist.; Wm. B. Stephens, 3d dist.; Edgar H. Strong, 5th dist.; Philip A. M. Brooks, 2d dist.; Richard C. Smyth, 3d dist.; C. M. Lucas, 4th dist.; Benj. P. Morgan, 1st dist.; Richard W. Jones, 5th dist.; Stephenson Constable, 5th dist.; Albert Medders, 2d dist.; Thomas C. Parsons, 3d dist.; George E. Leary (excused), 5th dist.; Dennis J. Nowland, 2d dist.; William Ford, 4th dist.; Thomas Gale, 3d dist.; Geo. H. Watis, 4th dist.; Thos. W. Toulson, 4th dist.; Thos. J. Pennington, 1st dist.

The following are the petit jurors:

George W. Harper, 2d district; Thos. S. Bordley, 4th dist.; Thos. W. Eliason, Jr., 4th dist.; Wm. H. Bowers, 5th dist.; Daniel U. Dewees, 2d dist.; Julian Hurtt, 2d dist.; Samuel Merritt, 4th dist.; Enoch N. Roland, 4th dist.; William Archibald, 2d dist.; Horace M. Stuart, 4th dist.; Thos. A. Jacobs, 1st dist.; Samuel Comegys, 2d dist.; Edwin S. Morris, 1st dist.; Joseph W. Price, 5th dist.; Albert L. Corey, 5th dist.; Casper G. Woodall, 4th dist.; John Clendaniel, 5th dist.; Benj. F. H. Caulk, 1st dist.; Wm. A. Kennedy, 2d dist.; Geo. A. Jessop, 5th dist.; Francis A. Wallis, 5th dist.; F. Hyland Taylor, 1st dist.; Eugene M. Bonwill, 3d dist.; Benj. N. S. Wilkins, 4th dist.

MONDAY—The appeal case of Trew vs Merritt, for the recovery of $30 for the delivery of fruit trees, as exector of Johnathan Wilson. Judgment in favor of Trew. The case was an appeal from a decision of Justice C. W. C. Johnson. Hynson for Trew, Urie for Merritt.

TUESDAY—The court with his Honor, Judge Wickes on bench, took up the appeal case of McGinness vs Johnson. The case was one of those known as the Hullless Oat cases. Judgment withheld. Barroll and Pearce for McGinness, R. D. Hynson for Johnson.

Lamb vs Smith. An appeal from Squire Dodd, a case of ejectment between landlord and tenant. Judgment reversed in favor of Smith. Pearce for Smith, R. D. Hynson for Lamb.

Case of Parks vs J. M. Startt unfiished. Wickes and Barroll for Parks. Urie for Startt.

Wedding Bells.

The sweet chimes of the wedding bells have not ceased with the cessation of cold and wintry blasts, but still ring on through all the changing seasons, and Kent county continues to send her representatives to figure conspicuously in the bright and joyous affairs. Miss Clara V. Diggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Diggs, 1818 East Baltimore street, Baltimore, was married at Broadway M. E. Church on Wednesday afternoon last, at five o'clock, to Dr. Edward A. Scott, son of Cornelius Scott, Esq., of Galena. The bride is a bright and attractive young lady, whose varied accomplishments and attractive manner have gathered around her many warm friends and admirers. Rev. J. St. Clair Neal performed the beautiful ceremony of the Methodist Church. The ushers were, Prof. E. J. Clarke, of Washington College, Mr. J. Herman Ireland, and Messrs. Frank R. and R. Harry Diggs, brothers of the bride. Prof. Tillman presided at the organ.

When the hour arrived at which it had been announced the marriage would take place, the spacious church was crowded with friends of both the bride and bridegroom elect. At the appointed hour, the bridal party approached the alter, the ushers preceding. The bride wore a rich fawn-colored dress, with rose trimmings, and carried a handsome bouquet of Marechal Niel roses.

After a most enjoyable reception, at the home of the bride's parents, the newly married couple, at 7.30 o'clock, left for the depot, amid a shower of rice and numberless good wishes of friends and relatives. Dr. and Mrs. Scott will take a protracted tour and will then return to Galena, where they will make their future home. A number of the doctor's University friends were present. Many handsome and costly presents were given; among others were an entire silver service from the groom's parents, solid silver coffee spoons, teaspoons, and other useful articles. There were present from Kent, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hurtt, Misses Lizzie K. Scott and Lena Ireland, Messrs. Josie and Bertie Ireland and Mrs. Gilpin.

Millington Notes.

MILLINGTON, April 17.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Sam Johnson, aged about 28 years, son of Ben Johnson, and who has suffered with consumption for some years past, died last Tuesday. His remains were intered in the cemetery at Holden's Sunday afternoon. The funeral was a very large one.

Mrs. Mary Smith mother-in-law of John Green, who has been ill with chronic heart disease, is able to be up again, as reported by her physician, Dr. J. H. Hill.

Last Friday afternoon, when the town was quite deserted by farmers, and every thing very quiet, a foot race for one dollar a side was proposed between J. H. Boyer, who weighs about 220 pounds, and measures about five feet six inches, and R. W. Comegys, who weighs 145 pounds and measures six feet. The race was to be fifty yards, Mr. Boyer being too corpulent to run further on such a warm day. The race was won by Mr. Boyer, Mr. Comegys' ankle turned and he fell when about two-thirds of the distance had been covered. At the time of the fall Mr. Comegys was a little ahead.

Quite an improvement has been made in town by enclosing the lot of land adjoining and belonging to the M. E. Church, with a new pailing fence.

Miss Hallie Crane has left town to spend several week with friends in Spaniards Neck, Q. A. county. RUSTICUS.

Eastern Neck School.

At Eastern Neck school, which is taught by Miss Emily Wallis, Arbor Day was very pleasantly celebrated. The school room had been previously decorated by the pupils and teacher, and looked very sweet and attractive in its dressing of green. By ten o'clock quite a party of patrons, pupils and citizens had assembled. The exercises, which consisted of readings and compositions, lasted about one hour, after which all gathered on the school green eager to plant the first tree. About twenty were planted, bearing the names of Washington, Cleveland, Jackson, Newell, Perkins, one after the teacher, and others after pupils and patrons of the school. The spirit of the day passed even to the little ones who were under school age, and each was anxious to plant his or her tree. One unanimous and proud boast passed from the lips of all assembled, and was echoed from every heart; it was that "Not a Harrison tree is planted on our school ground." W.

OUR CRUMPTON LETTER.

Arbor Day and Its Appropriate Observance in the Schools.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The arrangements for the observance of Arbor Day were upon a somewhat elaborate scale for Crumpton. Our quiet little town, as a usual thing, goes about its holidays and special occasions as its does everything else, in a quiet matter-of-fact way with little of show and little of bluster and demonstration. The preparation for the Arbor Day exercises were somewhat out of the regular order, and all concerned entered into it with energy and interest. The program was opened with the appropriate and beautiful selection, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," by the school, with cornet accompanyment by W. T. Solloway. The roll-call was an entirely new and striking feature; as the names were called each scholar responded by repeating a verse containing the word tree or trees. Mr. H. C. Layman made some appropriate remarks in reference to the letter of Prof. A. M. Newell. "Nature Lessons," having special reference to rural ornamentation, by the advanced class, was an enjoyable portion of the exercises. "The Apple Tree," a reading by Miss Maggie Walls; "The Forest Trees," reading by Miss Maud Scotten; "Trees," an essay by Miss Flora Layman, was selected by the principal, Mrs. Dr. Cahoon as the prize essay; "The Oak Tree," was an appropriate reading, well rendered by Louis Layman; "Roll Your Hands," was another of the novel features introduced for the occasion; this was a motion song given by the smaller scholars, in which they adopted their motions to the words in an admirable manner, and to the evident enjoyment of all present. After the literary exercises, the children filed out to the beautifully ornamented grounds and planted a few trees, as well as flowering shrubs and vines. This was in every respect a notably successful affair, and is worthy of special mention in your paper. COSMOS.

From Our Chesterville Correspondent.

CHESTERVILLE, MD., April 17, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Our W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting in the M. E. Church South, April 5. Quite a number of members were present, and six new ones were taken in. The program for the evening exercises was well rendered by Misses Carrie Moffett, Ethel Solloway, Lillie Carter, Josie Solloway and Master Samuel Schwtka. The "Temperance Trifle," a paper edited by the members of the union and read by Miss Sophia Miller, was very interesting and quite laughable. The next meeting will be held May 3. All are invited.

Mrs. Wesley Jarman and Miss Anna Beall spent last Saturday in Still Pond.

Misses Ella King and Ethel Solloway are visiting in Wilmington.

Chesterville is considered by some to be a newsy village, but your correspondent does not receive most of the weekly news in time for your publication.

Some of our Kent gentlemen are going to Queen Anne's quite frequently. Two of these gents had their hats and overcoats to get home before their owners a few weeks ago. The young men were seen coming home at a late hour, one with a white handkerchief and the other with a red one over their heads.

Miss Anna Beall is now boarding at the other end of the village with Mrs. Carey.

Some of our people are hard to please; they are cross if you put their names in the paper, and they are cross if you do not. At times when no names are mentioned, and those whom the shoe fits so well, puff and blow and ridicule the correspondents. They think if they could not write things worth reading they would not write at all. They read the items all the same, and they give some people something to talk about occasionally. For *women will* talk.

Arbor Day was most elaborately celebrated by the friends and scholars of Mill Branch school, taught by Miss Helen Power. The literary exercises were very appropriate thereto, and surpassed any similar affair ever given there before. After these exercises the school retired to the school green, and there began the planting of the trees, assisted by the trustees, parents and friends of the school. Quite a number of trees were planted and named in honor of some one of our great poets. As the trees were planted appropriate quotations were given by the different grades. After the exercises were over the pupils and friends were invited to partake of a rich treat of ice cream and cake. Altogether, a most pleasant day was enjoyed. The scholars and those who took part in the exercises rendered their peices in an excellent manner, and the teacher deserves a great deal of credit for the remarkable progress and efficiency made by the scholars under her charge.

CHESTERVILLE SCHOOL NO. 1.

Arbor Day was quite appropriately and pleasantly observed by the friends and the scholars of Chesterville school, taught by Miss Anna Beall. The literary program included songs, declamations, essays, calisthenics and dialogues. Quite a number of appreciative visitors were present. A beautiful song, "I believe it for my mother told me so," was sung by Mr. Edward Cooper. A short but very interesting address was delivered by Rev. W. Dolly. Twenty eight trees were planted around the large play ground, consisting of maple, cherry, oak willow, cedar, holly, dogwood, peach, pear, and damson. We think the day was very much enjoyed and very profitably spent by the pupils and teachers of the different schools.

Mr. John Alexander, of Elkton, accompanied by his wife and daughter Lida, were in our village last week.

Rev. W. H. Sanders has moved to Waldorf, Charles county, Md. He is succeeded here by the Rev. W. Dolly, of Rockingham, Va.

Rev. W. Dolly preaches in Chesterville every Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock, and at Millington in the afternoon and evening.

Prayer meeting this Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are invited.

Dr. Jarman returned from Easton last Saturday.

DEATH OF S. W. ALDRIDGE.

Samuel Wesley Aldridge, son of Samuel and Catherine Aldridge, was born Jan. 16, 1833, and died April 6, 1889, aged 56 years, two months and twenty days. He was twice married; his first wife was Miss Sallie Woodall. He was married to his second wife, Miss Nannie Hartly, of Roanoak, Va., November 10, 1885. He leaves a wife, one sister, Mrs. Dr. Hammond, of Baltimore, and one brother, William Aldridge, to mourn his loss. Mrs. Aldridge's married life was short but full of happiness. She was a loving and devoted wife; she loved her home and did all in her power to make home pleasant to her husband as well as those who visited her. We sorrow for him, but not as those who have no hope. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church for a number of years. He was a steward and class leader of the church and will be sadly missed. His teaching and examples are a rich legacy to those friends who are left behind. A few hours before his death he told his wife that he must surely die. A friend asked him if he was willing to go. He answered: "Yes, the Saviour will go with me through the valley of death." He was a loving, tender husband, and died as he had lived—a Christion in faith and practice. He suffered patiently for several weeks with consumption and at the last he went so easily his friends could hardly tell when he ceased to breathe. To his sorrowing wife we extend our own heart-felt sympathy and may God's blessings attend her in her loneliness and may she live in anticipation of a reunion with her husband in heaven. The pall bearers were, Messrs. Aldy Clements, James Jones, Thomas Shallcross, Capt. Brinsfield, William Jarrell and Wesley Jarman. His funeral service took place at the M. E. Church South, April 9, by the Rev. W. Dolly, whose text was:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you not as the world giveth give I unto you."

The interment was in Chesterville Cemetery.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

A new house in the course of erection on the Clayton road near the latter place, was blown down by the wind of the thunder gust on Wednesday evening.—*Smyrna Times.*

The men working on the sewer at Salisbury, struck last week for an increase in pay. They have been getting one dollar per day. The company refused to come to terms and will send away for laborers.

Thieves are terrorizing the vicinity of Felton. $200 was stolen from George Dill, a farmer, and John Porter was shot while feeding his stock, with a view to securing $1,000 which Porter was known to have had.—*Breakwater Light.*

The members of the Bethel M. E. Church at Pivot Bridge, Cecil county, are dissatisfied with the action of the Wilmington Conference in removing Rev. Asbury Burke from Bethel and Glasgow charge, and appointing Rev. Mr. Hammersley in his place.—*New Era.*

Mr. John M. Collins, of Laurel, paid a visit to Salisbury, Tuesday, and on returning home found that a valuable mare owned by him had been killed by lightning. The bolt struck the barn, but fortunately did not set it on fire. The mare was valued at $500.—*Wicomico News.*

The Cambridge policemen have gone out of business, their time having expired April 1. They discharged their duties satisfactorily at a cost of $700. We still have on guard the bailiff, two constables and the high sheriff.—*Dorchester Era.*

Wm. Rothwell, residing on Wm. Polk's farm near Murphey's Mill, reports a new way of pulling out peach trees. Mr. Rothwell's orchard was fourteen years old, and very large trees. He secured the service of F. Duggan and a 15 horse-power traction engine and taking two rows at a time finished the job, about 2,500 trees, in two days.—*Middletown Transcript.*

A distressing accident occurred recently on Mr. John Lane's farm in Parson's district, Wicomico county. Mr. Lank was engaged in burning brush in a large field when two of his children went out to assist him. While thus engaged the dress of his four-year-old daughter took fire and she was soon enveloped in flames. Mr. Lank seized the child and succeeded in smothering the flames, but not until the child had been so badly burnt that her life is despared of.

Mills' Island, a noted island situated in Chincoteague bay, was sold in Snow Hill on Tuesday last, at Trustee's sale, to Dr. John S. Parker, for $1,375. The place is a favorite resort for sportsmen by reason of the splendid ducking grounds which it affords. The island was taken up in 1690 by a man from whom it derived its name, and formed for a long time the chief seat of action in the smuggling trade, which was once extensively carried on in the bay through the numerous inlets that formally intersected the coast at this point.—*Somerset Herald.*

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

What Crank is Poisoning the Dogs?

CHESTERTOWN, MD., April 15, '89.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—During the past week or ten days, some individual of Chestertown, male or female, has taken upon himself or herself the mission of poisoning dogs. A number of dogs, valuable at least to their owners, have fallen victims to the whims of this pernicious crank. A dog is a thing of value to its owner, and often of very considerable value, and the man or woman who secretly distributes poison, to kill dogs promiscuously, does not only a thing that is unspeakably mean and contemptible, but does an act also that is deserving of severe legal punishment, and which I believe can be severely punished. It is to be hoped that the party who has placed this poisoned food upon the streets may be discovered, and it is also to be hoped that owners who have lost dogs will not hesitate to prosecute. G.

"THE STATE" TO BE ANNEXED.

NEAR THE BRIDGE, Q. A.'s Co., MD.

GENTHEMEN:—We are tired of the strife and debate regarding the bridge question. We have asked but little of our county and we only asked for what was actually needed. In no instance has our petitions been granted, except when it could not be helped, and then only very gradgingly.

Now, we are all tired of this kind of treatment, and propose as a settlement of the bridge question, to secede from "The State" of Queen Anne's. and if your county will receive us, and give us our just demands, to become a part of Kent county, or "The Territory." Rich Neck district has always been imposed upon by the lower portion of our county, for, whilst paying more taxes than any other portion of the county, we are kept out of equal enjoyments of county citizenship, and we are tired of such imposition.

How would we be received by your county? We have often envied you your elegant, wide and well-kept roads, iron bridges, terra cotta culverts, &c. If we thought we would be well received, would come in early. As it is, our roads and bridges are in an awful condition and very narrow. Such is not the condition of roads around *Centreville* or the lower part of Queen Anne's county. JUSTICE.

MARRIED.

SCOTT—DIGGS.—At Broadway M. E. Church, Baltimore, Wednesday afternoon, April 10, by Rev. J. St. Clair Neal, Miss Clara V. Diggs, of Balt'more, to Dr. Edward A. Scott, of Galena, Kent county.

DIED.

THOMAS.—Fell asleep in Jesus, suddenly on April 15, 18.', Henry Mifflin Thomas, aged 58 years.

Friends invited to attend the funeral this (Thursday) afternoon, from his late residence on Washington avenue. Interment at St. Paul's.

JOHNSON.—On Friday last, of consumption, Samuel Johnson, in his 28 year.

CARTER.—At his home, near Quaker Neck, on Wednesday morning, William Carter, in the 68th year of his age. The deceased leaves a wife and ten children.

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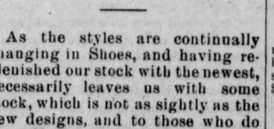
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