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THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1889.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—Reports from all sections of the county are to the effect that the wheat prospects were never better at this season of the year.

—The first spring chickens of the season were offered for sale on Tuesday at forty cents per pound and were sold with but little trouble.

—Mr. James A. Shaw was elected town commissioner last Monday, Mr. Pierce having resigned. There was no other candidate, and but 87 votes were cast.

—Miss Maud, the little five-year-old daughter of Mr. Josiah Ringgold, presented to Emmanuel P. E. Church, for the altar, a brass vase, which she bought with money of her own earning.

—Prof. Fallowfield, principal of the Chestertown public school, says that during his experience as a teacher he has never known as many absentees on account of malaria, as have been this spring.

—The public school association will meet at the school-room, in Chestertown, to-morrow (Friday) morning at ten o'clock A. M. An interesting program has been arranged by the president, Mr. E. F. Perkins.

—Grey's Inn is one of the most wide-awake and energetic towns of the county, and is now booming her business interests. With increased facilities it is expected that the present season will be one of unusual push and business success.

—The school house at Smith's gate, in the First District, known as School No. 1, and taught by Miss Annie Power, was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday about noon. The teacher's desk and contents was all that was saved. The fire originated from a defective flue.

—An energetic fight is being made for the Millington post-office, and as in all such doubtful contests in which politics play a ruling part it is impossible to say who will be the successful applicant. The more prominent of those in the fight are John C. Turner and Clarence Price.

—Kent county with her more than one million blossoming fruit trees and grass covered hills and valleys, presents the appearance of a vast and beautiful flower garden, and to those who are unaccustomed to such strikingly brilliant landscapes and varied rural scenes, must present a rich and beautiful picture.

—William Edward Riley was arrested Sunday last by Constable B. F. Henley, charged with disorderly conduct on the street, and fined $2 and cost. He was also charged with ill treatment to his wife, to which he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the House of Correction for one year. Tried before C. W. C. Johnson, J. P.

—A more delighted set of men were rarely if ever before seen in Chestertown, than the ten dredgers who were released from their long imprisoment last week. The grand jury failed to find bills against them, and after having rusticated and enjoyed Kent county hospitality for more than three months, they were released on Monday of last week.

—The festival held by the ladies of Emmannual P. E. Church, on Monday evening last, was a success. Though $175 was cleared, it was not a greater success financially than socially, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening to any one present. Many of the articles offered at the fancy table were beautiful both in design and workmanship.

—Among those who took prominent parts in the anniversary exercises of the Philomathean Literary Society, of Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., on Thursday last, were Miss Gertrude F. Beeks, daughter of the late John F. Beeks, of Still Pond and Miss Lizzie Caulk. Miss Beeks gave a beautiful rendition of "Genevra," and Miss Caulk admirably sustaintained one of the principal characters of the highly entertaining drama, "Betsy Bobbett."

—A base-ball club to represent Still Pond for the ball season of 1889, has been organized with the following members: John Owens, catcher; James Roland, pitcher; L. Rasin, 1st base; H. Turner (captain), 2d base; F. F. Meyer, 3d base; J. Hurlock, s. s.; Joe Owens, left field; C. Scotten, center field; F. Porter, right field. The club is composed of good material, and with a little practice should play good ball. All communications and challenges should be addressed to L. Rasin, secretary. The club, we infer, is ready for and invites challenges.

—Millington had a slight degree of excitement infused into its quiet precincts on Wednesday, April 17, by a runaway team. A horse and mule belonging to Mr. Spry, of Chesterville, dashed wildly through the streets and for a time created quite an excitement. The wagon of Thomas Dunn was struck and badly damaged, and the load of flour and meal dumped on the ground. Mr. Spry's team was stopped between Millington and Chesterville after having sustained but little damage.

—Rev. John C. Eccleston, of Staten Island has been secured to deliver two lectures at Stam's Hall May 8, 9. His subjects will be Westminster Abby and "Our great western empire, or 'Westward Ho.'" Rev. Dr. Eccleston is an eloquent speaker, and is considered one of the finest lecturers on the American platform. It would be dificult to say too much in regard to the absorbing interest embodied in the subject upon which he will lecture, combining as they do the interest awakened by the romance of antiquity and the restless pulsations of a progressive present. These lectures will be treats such as Chestertown has rarely enjoyed.

—Kent county was visited on Monday night by a heavy frost. The general impression prevails, however, that the peach buds were but little, if at all affected. Several peach growers of experience said that they entertained no fears in regard to the peach crop until after the blossoms fall from the young fruit, because up to that time the peach was protected, and unless in exceptional cases was comparatively safe. There is little doubt that the cherries were seriously injured as also are tomato plants, many of which had been out in the upper part of the county.

Monday was a gala day with the colored population of Kent. The day was bright and auspicious, and at an early hour Chestertown commenced to fill with country visitors, and long before noon the streets presented a scene of peculiar bustle and animation. On street corners, venders of cakes, pies, apples, nuts, etc., with characteristic energy plied their temporary avocations, while at irregular intervals the ubiquitous small boy dispensed strawberry lemonade and cakes to the evident delight of many colored belles and their generous beaux; in short, the day was a genuine old-time Easter Monday holiday with its good time and enjoyment.

—Miss Lottie Spencer, third assistant in Chestertown public school, has resigned, her resignation to take effect June 30. Miss Ella Thomas has been promoted to take the place which will be vacated by Miss Spencer, Miss Pearson to the place vacated by Miss Thomas, Miss Lizzie Roberts to the place vacated by Miss Pearson, and Miss Fannie E. Stuart, of the Galena school, will take Miss Robert's place.

—Thomas Lusby, Esq., a farmer living near Pomona, was stopped on the road on Monday night last near Lynch's Station by two colored men. The men made an effort to stop Mr. Lusby's horse, and one of the men at the time brandished a knife. Mr. L. drew his revolver, which he thinks he used with effect, as the man dropped his knife and both the assailants scampered away. They may have been either after money or the team, but succeed in getting nothing.

—Capt. Stanley Bryan, commander of the police steamer Frolic, has received the following very flattering endorsement embodied in the series of resolutions passed at the last regular meeting of the United Oyster Tongers of Kent Island Union No. 1.

WHEREAS, Capt. Stanly Bryan, of the police steamer Frolic, by his vigilence and strict attention to duty during the season about to close, having given the Eastern Bay such protection as to prevent illegal dredging to any considerable extent, and also stopped the use of large and illegal measure; therefore we desire to express in a public way our appreciation of his services in behalf of the oyster tongers.

Resolved, That we recognize in Captain Stanly Bryan a brave and efficient officer, conscientious in his convictions, determined in his will and bold in the execution of his duties.

Resolved, That we compliment the Board of Public Works in their wise selection of Deputy Commander Stanly Bryan.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Board of Public Works, a copy be sent to Capt. Bryan and a copy be sent to the Centreville *Record* for publication and to the Queenstown *News*.—*Centreville Record.*

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the Sunday School Association, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held last Sunday afternoon, April 21, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, It has pleased "Divine Providence" to remove from our association, Brother H. Mifflin Thomas, who so long and faithfully served the school as officer and teacher; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Association, by the death of one dear brother, has lost a most efficient and faithful co-laborer; that in the midst of our sense of loss and bereavement, it is a source of comfort to know that he met his death in the faith of true Christian duty, and that ere he died he had earned the grateful thanks of this association for his faithful and valuable services.

Resolved, That we extend to his stricken and bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their great affliction, and affectionately commend them to that God who has promised to be near them that put their trust in him.

Resolved, That these resolutions be enrolled on the journal of this association, and a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

MRS. C. M. LUCUS,
T. N. WILLIAMS,
W. B. COPPER,
Committee.

Our National Game.

The ball season is now formally opened, and the great contest for league and association honors has opened in earnest, and at the end of the first week the clubs stood as follows.

	Won.	Lost.		Won.	Lost.
St. Louis	5	0	Brooklyn	1	3
Kansas City	4	1	Columbus	1	3
Baltimore	3	1	Cincinnati	1	4
Athletic	3	1	Louisville	0	5

The Baltimore club has in it good material, and various speculations are indulged in as to the respective chances for position at the end of the season.

Local clubs are eager to enter the field and contest for honors. Clubs have been organized at Washington College, Still Pond and Kennedyville with a prospect of others being organized. As soon as possible a series of games will be arranged and the campaign entered into with determination.

The Still Pond and Kennedyville nine clubs played a match game on the ground of the Still Pond club, on Monday, April 22. The game was more remarkable for the number of runs made than for any other feature, though there was at times a sufficiency of excitement to render the occasion interesting.

On Saturday last, Messrs. Gerker, Stevens, Duer and Rose, of the Washington College team played with the Ridgely club, and succeeded in shutting out the Centreville nine by a score of 23 to 0, making two defeats for the Centreville club during the week.

ACROSS THE RIVER.

Pick-ups from Queen Anne's.

Work is now both morning and evening star, and will be in the ascendency during the greater part of the year.

A few Queen Anne's farmers have planted corn, some are planting, many are nearly ready to commence planting, and a small number will not be ready before about May 10.

Wheat is looking well, both corn ground and fallow, though considering all things the prospect is better on the fallow than on the corn ground.

The prospects for a crop of grass are flattering throughout the county. Grass seed of all kinds having taken well.

Many of the Church Hill citizenship oppose the "Free Bridge" question upon deep rooted principles.

Mumps, pink eye and scarlet fever may be mentioned among other unwelcome visitors, though they have not been of a serious form.

A large number of school thachers took advantage of the Easter holiday season to return to their respective homes, others to leave their respective homes as far behind them as possible. In a majority of cases Baltimore was the Mecca to which they took their flight.

The collectorship agony is past and the appointments made. The contest was a spirited one and right nobly fought.

Peaches are in bloom and as yet the indications are for a full crop.

It is said by some that those who are asking for annexation to Kent are mug wumps, and that Queen Anne's could easily afford to let them come.

Roads have been rough and in rather poor condition for so late in the season.

Queenstown still basks in the sunlight of her freedom from the local option laws and is a popular resort of all lovers of the doubtful luxury and uncertain wealth which lurks in the bowl.

Corsica river is to be dredged by the Baltimore Dredging Company at 12½ cts. per cubic yard, the work to be completed by July 31.

The political caldron has commenced to simmer and boil, and as the warm weather progresses things will assume a more agitated appearance.

New Advertisements.

The annual report of the commissioners of Chestertown, dating from April 23, 1888, to April 23, 1889, will be found in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT.

Chas. M. Stieff, piano and organ manufacturers, Baltimore, advertise in this issue of TRANSCRIPT, and offer Miss Nettie O. Crane as reference.

N. Lieberman, Melitota, advertises plows and plow repairs. For particulars see adv.

The registration notice, to voters, for the May sitting, will be found in another column. Those who are entitled to vote and not already registered should attend to this matter.

Wm. A. Elliott, as agent, gives notice to farmers that he is representing P. P. Mast & Co., and D. M. Osborne & Co., for the sale of agricultural implements. See advertisement in this issue.

Chapman & Lambert, carriage manufacturers, advertise in another column a full line of carriages, wagons, etc., together with a general wheelwright and blacksmith business. Read their advertisement and see the bargains they offer.

Mr. E. E. Marsh, of Warwick, Md., advertise in this issue a fine lot of thoroughbred and high-grade Holstein cattle to be sold at Kennedyville, May 1.

Mr. E. F. Perkins, sec., gives notice in another column that the schools of this county will be closed Tuesday next, and that the week commencing May 20 has been designated "Visitors Week."

Personal Mention.

W. J. Price and Frank Keating, of Centreville, were in town last week and called at the TRANSCRIPT office for a friendly chat.

Wm. P. Ireland, who is engaged in the commission business in Philadelphia, is in the county on a business and pleasure trip combined.

A. R. Weedon and Wilmer Emory, of Centreville, were in town Monday looking after court news, and paid the TTANSCRIPT office a visit.

Esquire William H. Anthony, of near Smith's Corner, Queen Anne's county, is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Joseph W. Parsons, Esq., of Middletown, Del., has been in Chestertown during court.

Miss Lizzie Caulk, of Sassafras, who is attending school at Westminster, Md., spent Easter at home with her parents.

T. Romie Strong, Esq., brought to town on Tuesday a chicken having four perfect legs. The chicken was hatched by a hen of Mr. Apsley, and lived two days.

Mrs. James H. Hurtt, we are pleased to note, is much better and now able to be up and about. She attended the children's festival at Stam's Hall Monday evening.

Miss Anna Rasin, who is attending Mt. Vernon Institute, Baltimoro, spent several days of her holiday with Miss Lillian Hynson.

Miss Mamie Janvier, of Still Pond, is visiting Miss Mamie Wethered.

Miss Lucie Robertson, of Lynch's, is spending the week with the Misses Roberts.

The Misses Nannie, Jennie and Katie Hines, of Baltimore, spent Easter with their brother, Dr W. Frank Hines.

Miss Julia Gilpin, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Mary Beck.

Miss Lizzie Caulk, daughter of B. F. H. Caulk, returned from Western Maryland College, and spent Easter with her patents.

COLORED MINISTERS IN CONFERENCE.

The Baltimore Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Session.

The Baltimore Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the Bethel M. E. Church, Chestertown, on Wednesday morning, at nine o'clock. The territory embraced by the conference is the entire State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, and has 82 ministers and 11 bishops with 100 churches. The present session was called to order by Bishop Campbell, D. D. LL. D., who opened the order of business by devotional exercises, assisted by Bishops Brown and Wayman. Fifty-eight of the eighty-two members of the conference responded to the roll-call. Bishops J. M. Brown, A. W. Wayman and B. T. Tanner, were also present. The following secretaries were elected: Chief secretary, Rev. O. D. Robinson, of Washington, D. C.; recording secretary, N. W. Travers, of Baltimore; statistical secretary, John H. Callett of Baltimore. Bishop Campbell then announced that Rev. D. P. Seaton, of Baltimore, would preach the annual sermon to the conference, after which the Holy Communion will be administered by Bishop Tanner, of Philadelphia. A communion set will be presented to Bethel Church by a committee just before the sermon; the presentation address to be responded to by the pastor, L. H. Jackson.

After appointing secretaries the conference was busy during the day with appointing committees and hearing reports. The conference will have numerous interesting questions during its session. The following visitors were introduced to the conference: Dr. Mitchell, of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Jenifer, of New England Conference; Levi P. Coppin, of Phila. Conference, editor A. M. E. *Review*; Rev. Dr. Phelps, presiding elder of Phila. Conference; Rev. Mr. Bond, of Delaware M. E. Church; Rev. J. W. Dickerson, of M. E. Church; W. J. Parker, of M. E. Church.

From Locust Grove.

LOCUST GROVE, April 24, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The rectory at Shrewsberry is about to take a fall. Rev. Mr. Batte and family have left it and taken board in the village.

Mr. L. C. Justice, Sr., who has been sick, is much better.

The young ladies and gentlemen of this neighborhood gave Miss Grace Kelley a surprise party on the evening of the 18th. All had a pleasant time.

Clarence Hayes, who has been attending the business college in Baltimore, has returned home.

Sereck Shallcross, of New York, has been home on a visit to his parents.

Miss Etta Kelley spent Easter at home, but returned last night.

Miss Belle Redmile has returned from Baltimore, where she has been attending school.

We wonder what is going to be done with the road between here and Black's Station; it has been plowed. At first we thought it was going to be sown in oats, but now it looks as though it was going to be planted in corn. J. I. C.

The new boat-building firm has commenced operation at Elk Landing. Ex-Sheriff Wm. T. Boulden is hauling the lumber for them. We welcome this industry and are prepared to welcome others to our thriving and prosperous prohibition town.—*Cecil News.*

COURT NEWS.

A Protracted Term, but Business being Rapidly Disposed of.

THURSDAY morning, April 18.—Court opened with his Honor Judge Joseph A. Wickes presiding. Chief Judge Robinson has been in attendance upon the Court of Appeals, at Annapolis, and Judge Stump has been detained at home on account of sickness.

The case of Rufus F. Parks vs. J. M. Startt, an appeal from Justice Dodd; case continued from Wednesday, jury trial, verdict for appellant. Urie for Startt, Vickers and Barroll for Parks. In 1878 Startt contracted a store bill with Parks & Son., which firm was succeeded by R. F. Parks. Startt in Oct. 1888, applied to Parks for his horse, that he might train him. Parks agreed to let him have the animal if the old store bill be allowed to go in part payment. The store bill was $15.90 with interest from 1878. Startt took the horse and brought in bill of $20 against Parks and refused to allow the old store bill; justice below gave judgment in favor of Startt to amount of his claim. Case tried before a jury and judgment reversed in favor of Parks, allowing the old store bill and costs above and below. The most interesting point was that limitation was pleaded to the account at trial which is generally considered a sufficient answer to an old debt, but jury refused to accept the plea as sufficent.

Robert T. Ford and Mary E. Ford vs. W. W. Hubbard, appeal from decision of Justice Dodd; trial before the Court; verdict for appellee for $66.50.

Hubbard sued Mrs. Ford, a married woman, under a covenant in lease, which covenant gave to Hubbard "the exclusive privilege of selecting the fertilizer to be used on his farm. Hubbard selected goods made by T. R. Hubbard & Son, and sued Mrs. Ford before a Justice of the Peace for goods so furnished. At trial below, justice gave judgment for Hubbard, from which Mrs. Ford appealed. Ford and wife both executed lease, and Court held that covenant gave Hubbard not only the right to select, but to purchase the fertilizer, clover seed, &c. Judgment of justice offirmed for $66.50 in favor of Hubbard."

Robert T. Ford and Mary E. Ford vs. T. R. Hubbard and Wilbur W. Hubbard; appeal from Justice Dodd; tried before the Court.

In the matter of the suggestion of Capt. Tawes under indictment for firing on the oyster police force, for removal of the case to another county for trial, application was refused.

Grand Jury returned indictments against John Chavis, George W. Sommers, Charles Mattee and George R. Reed, Jr. True bills and present Washington Braxton for assault, with intent to kill; Jeff Wilson, Jim Brown, Tobe Mitchell and Frank Cooper for larceny.

Pennsylvania Railroad Co. vs. Hope H. Barroll; motion for *non pros* for want of jurisdiction; Russum for Railroad Co., J. A. Pearce for Barroll.

Court adjourned until Saturday, Friday being Good Friday and a legal holiday.

SATURDAY, April 20.—Upon the reassembling of the court the case of Pennsylvania Railroad Co., vs. Hope H. Barroll which was continued from Thursday was taken up and judgment for *non pros* rendered, the Court not having jurisdiction; Russum for Railroad Co., Pearce for H. H. Barroll.

Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Co. vs. Edward J. Clarke; appeal from Justice Dodd, who gave damages to the amount of fifteen dollars to Prof. Clarke as damages for a failure of the railroad company to make connection with another train as per schedule; jury trial; verdict for Clarke in amount of $1.63, each party to pay his own costs; Russum for Railroad Co., Barroll for Clarke.

William J. Vannort vs. Freeland P. Short, an appeal from C. W. C. Johnson, J. P. The case was for the recovery of damages for contract of labor, and involved a question of law, of interest both to employees and employers of labor, since the right of either party to deviate from the letter of the expressed contract was the point in controversy. Freeland P. Short hired to Vanuort for eighteen dollars per month with certain specified requirements and conditions to be filled by each party; during the peach season of 1888, and while the peaches were rapidly ripening and hands were scarce, Short in direct opposition to the expressed wishes of his employer left the farm, claiming to have been discharged by Vannort. The point was a question of fact whether or not he had been discharged; tried before jury. Unfinished.

Mrs. Alice V. Short vs. William J. Vannort, for work and service done; appeal from C. W. C. Johnson, J. P., who allowed appellee $44; court trial judgment reduced to $19.72; R. D. Hynson and J. D. Urie for Vannort; Barroll for Mrs. Short.

Grand Jury returned indictments against Washington Braxton, Jeff Wilson, Jim Brown, William H. Mitchell and Frank Cooper. True bills and present John Waters for burglary and Capt. Jeff Davis for firing upon Capt. Charles Kerr.

MONDAY morning, April 22.—The case of Freeland p. Short against William J. Vannort continued from Saturday; judgment for appellee for $25 and interest and cost in both the lower and appellate courts.

William J. Vannort vs. Alice C. Short; Hynson and Urie for Vannort; Barroll for Mrs. Short. Unfinished.

Grand Jury presented Frank Jackson and Hamilton Frisby for assault with intent to kill; Henry Johnson for assault and battery; Matthew Williams for aiding prisoners to escape from the county jail, and Jeff Davis for firing on schooner Helen M. Baughman. Also return indictments against John Waters, Jeff Davis, two cases, Henry Johnson, Matthew Williams and Hamilton Frisby. True bills against Frank Jackson. Grand Jury made following report and were discharged with the thanks of the Court.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court for Kent County, April Term, 1889:

The grand jury report that they have concluded their labors, after being in session six days, during which time they have examined 84 witnesses, made 31 presentments, found 22 true bills. They visited the jail and found it in a neat, cleanly and comfortable condition.

WM. B. USILTON, foreman.

Before being discharged the grand jury passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the grand jury, spring term, 1889, be tendered our foreman, Wm. B. Usilton, for the fair, impartial and courteous manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties devolving on him; to our efficient clerks, Stevenson Constable and Albert Medders, we also tender our thanks for the painstaking and careful manner in which they have fulfilled their duties.

LEWIS C. JUSTIS, JR.,
D. J. NOWLAND,
J. THOS. PENNINGTON,
Committee.

On motion of M. deK. Smith, Esq., Jas. N. Todd, Esq., of Caroline county was admitted to membership of Kent county bar.

TUESDAY, April 23.—Criminal docket taken up. State vs. Frank Jackson, indicted for burglary. Plea of guilty. Smith for State, Barroll for prisoner. Sentenced to penintentiary for six years from date.

Bradley S. Johnson and Edw. D. Fitzgerald, Esqs., of Baltimore city, were on motion of M. deK. Smith, admitted to membership of this bar.

William J. Vannort vs. Alice C. Short; verdict for appellee for $19.72.

State vs. Frederick Watson, indicted for illegal dredging. Plea of *non cul.* Elected to be tried before the Court. Smith and Urie for State, Johnson and Fitzgerald for prisoner. Verdict guilty and sentenced to the House of Correction for 3 months.

State vs. Geo. B. Coleman, indicted for illegal dredging. Plea of *non cul.* Tried before the Court. Smith for State, Fitzgerald and Vickers for prisoner. Verdict not guilty.

State vs. Jas. B. Sandford, indicted for illegal dredging. Plea of *non cul.* Tried before the Court. Smith for State, Hynson for prisoner. Verdict not guilty.

State vs. Charles Mattee alias Charles Wilson, indicted for larceny. Plea of *non cul.* Tried before the Court. Smith for State Slay for prisoner. Verdict guilty and sentenced to the House of Correction for 2 years from date.

WEDNESDAY, April 24.—The court was engaged in hearing oyster cases. The oyster case first taken up was that of State against Edward J. Howard, indicted for illegal dredging; the prisoner put in the plea of not guilty and elected to be tried before the Court; Smith for State; Hynson for Howard.

State against Joseph Cain, indicted for shootidg at Capt. Charles R. Kerr, an officer of the State fishery force while in the discharge of his duties; plea entered of not guitly; elected to be tried before the Court.

State against Joseph Cain, indicted for shooting at the Helen M. Baughman; plea not guilty; elected to be tried before the Court; Smith for State; Hynson for Cain in both cases. The evidence in these cases is to the effect that the prisoners are recognized and were known to be in command of the boats which did the firing upon the police boat and her commander, Capt. Kerr. The defense is that the boats have not and never had any such arms on board as those by which it is claimed the shooting was done. Several of the dredgers wha have been confined in jail appeared as witnesses for Capt. Cain.

Case unfinished.

DECISIONS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The case which was gotten up by Mr. Samuel S. Ford, of Fairmount, to test the matter and ascertain the fact whether or not the owner of an oyster lot, located in the Manokin river, had a right to dredge for oysters on that lot, was heard by Judge Irving last week. The judge filed his opinion yesterday, which opinion clearly states that the owner of an oyster lot, located in the above named river, has no right to dredge for oysters on his lot. The fact is, the owner of a lot is not really the owner of the lot. The waters belong to the county or State, and the owner of the lot only enjoys the privileges of planting or bedding oysters on it. There is a law which positively forbids dredging for oysters in the Manokin, and when any person takes up a lot he does so subject to existing laws.—*Somerset Herald.*

MAGISTRATES TAKE HEED.

When a party, who has been tried before a Justice of the Peace on a criminal charge appeals, he should not be required to enter into an appeal bond, but the justice should make him enter into a recognizance to appear at the next Circuit Court to prosecute his appeal. This is the substance of Judge Irving,s decision upon a suit in court upon an appeal bond given in a criminal case. The statutes of the State, the judge said, did not authorize the magistrate to make the party give security to pay the fine imposed if the court should decide, as the justice had done but all the justice could, and should do is to bind him over to appear at court.—*Marylander.*

THE EASTER-TIDE.

The Great Festival Beautifully Observed—Impressive Services and Gorgeous Flowers.

The Easter Day dawned bright and beautiful, and with its brightness came a pleasant surprise to many who had allowed the lowering clouds of the preceding day to cast deep shadows upon the unseen beauties of the future. Many quaint and knowing looks were cast toward the hurrying clouds of the evening before, and the pattering rain drops, instead of coming on missions of gladness and joy, were but harbingers of disappointment and consequent regret. "Great expectations" had been deposited with the uncertainties of the day, and Easter was expected to bring a fulfillment of bright anticipations, nor was it recreant to its trust. The early dawn showed that the day had borrowed from the deep shadows of the night and storm-clouds added brightness and beauty. The borrowed tints of sweet violets had settled in the overarching sky, while millions of bright blossoms and delicate leaves were studded with sparkling rain drops; the sun shown out with increased splendor and penciled all nature with a sacred loveliness such as the new year has never known; surely none could more beautifully describe it than the poet when he said:

The day so mild
Is heaven's own child,
With earth and ocean reconciled;

The sacred festival commemorative of the Resurrection, was never more elaborately or appropriately observed in Chestertown. At an early hour it became evident that the day was to be one of rich costumes and gorgeous flowers, and as the hour for church services drew on, the ever-varying scene became only the more attractive. The gentlemen to a great extent clung to the sombre suits of winter while the ladies made their appearance in dainty poems bearing all the fascinating rythm of the milliner's art, the delicate Directoire, with its broad undulating brim and low crown, heightened by ostrich feathers. Rich empire gowns with just an occasional Directoire to lend variety, each costume being presided over and rendered more attractive by the queenly Nephitos, Rothschild, Marschal Niel and La France roses.

Each of the churches was beautifully decorated with luxuriant foliage plants and rich blossoms and in each case was filled with attentive congregations. The Methodist Protestant Church was profusely trimmed inside the chancel with pot plants in great variety, and as the warm sunshine shone through the beautifully stained windows it were impossible to think otherwise than that it was indeed good to be there. Rev. W. R. Graham preached an eloquent and impressive sermon.

The choir had arranged the following program of choice music:

Gloria in Excelsis.....Sudd
Christ being raised from the dead...Danks
Christ our Passover.....Chapple (cornet obligato.)
Gloria in Excelsis.....Buck
Alleluia! Christ is risen.....Danks
Soprano.—Mrs. Mary H. Aldrikge; Mrs. Albert S. Groves; Miss Anna Robertson.
Alto.—Miss Mollie Parks; Miss Julia Thompson; Miss Coe Thompson; Miss Marion Lusby.
Tenor.—Dr. Harry L. Dodd; Charles H. Hurlock; Thomas D. Bowers.
Basso.—W. Alfred Biscoe; Thomas D. Dodd; L. Bates Russell; Fred G. Usilton.
Cornet, John N. Dodd.
Organist, Prof. Charles V. Schofield.
Musical director, Wm. Walter Chapman.

Solos rendered by W. Alfred Biscoe, basso; Dr. H. L. Dodd, tenor; Charles H. Hurlock, tenor.

The grand burst of the Alleluia and the deep beauty of Gloria in Excelsis may well be mentioned, yet no break or discord appeared to mar the attractive program.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church was beautifully decorated about the altar, in the recesses of chancel, around the pulpit and reading desk and the entire front of the church, and with such surroundings the beautiful service of the church was more than usually beautiful. The program of classic music as rendered by the choir was one of the striking features of the day's devotion. The swelling opening chorus and the silvery flow of the Easter anthem were enough to make the day memorable to all lovers of sweet music, though they forget the sacredness of the occasion. No faltering tones were given or discordant chords were touched to mar the sublime beauty of the following program:

Opening Chorus:

He Who Slumbered.....Danks
Christ Our Passover.....Danks
Te Deun.....Lloyd
Jubilate.....Danks
Easter Anthem.....Schnecker
C antata Domino.....Dank
Benedic, Anima Mea.....Danks

Mrs. Dr. Beck, soprano; Miss Mary Beck, contralto; Prof. E. J. Clarke, bass; Horace Beck, tenor; Miss Mary Hurtt, organist.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. R. W. Todd, pastor made an entire departure in its floral decorations. Back of the altar was a pyramidal mass of the most exquisite geraniums, the effort of arrangement had evidently been concentrated in the beautful bank of green and red. The profusion of blooms which relieved the unbroken background is, indeed, worthy of mention. The effect was all that could have been expected or desired. The music was impressive and sweet, and was rendered by the choir assisted by members of the old choir and others, though no elaborate musical program had been arranged. The pastor preached a stirring sermon.

The Catholic Church made no further special arrangements other than to beautifully trim and decorate the church with exquisite blossoming plants and cut-flowers. The arrangement gave evidence of a nice precision in the placing of various colors so that the most beautiful and harmonious effect might be produced, and the effort was truly a success. Next Sunday being the day for regular services at Chestertown, the church will be beautifully trimmed, and will be equally as pretty as it was on Sunday last.

YE EARLY MARRIAGE.

A Copy of the First Marriage Record on the Books of Cecil Monthly Meeting.

WHEREAS, Richard Sutton of Philadelphia, Chandler and Sopeboyler, and Mary Howell of Cecill County, spinster, have declared their intentions marriage before severall publick meetings of ye people of God called Quakers in ye pronounced Aforesd According to ye good order used Amongest them—whose prosedings theirin after A deliberate Consideration thereof ware Aproved by the saide meetings—thay Apearing Cleare of all others. Now these are to certify all whome it may Concerne that for ye full Accomplishment of theire saide Intentions this twelveth day of ye Seventh month called September in ye yeare one Thousand Six hundred Ninety and Eight, they ye said Richard Sutton and Mary Howell Appeared in A publick Assembly of ye Aforesaide people and others meett together for that End and purpose in their meetting house in Cecill County Aforesaid and According to ye Example of ye holey men of God Recorded in ye Scripturs of Truth—In A Solemn manner ye saide Richard Sutton taking ye saide Mary Howell by ye hand did openly declare as followeth.

In ye presents of God and before you his people I take this my friend Mary Howell to be my wife promising to be a Loving and faithful husband to hur till death Seperate as and then and theare in ye said Assembley ye said Mary Howell did in like manner declare as followeth friends in ye presents of God and before you his pepole I take this my friend Richard Sutton to be my husband, promising to be a loving wife till death shall seprate us, and ye said Richard Sutton and Mary Howell as a further Confirmation did then and theare sett theare hands and wee whose names are hearunto Subscribed being present—Amongst others att ye Solemnizing of their marriage and subscription in manner Aforsaid as wittneses hearunto have Also to these presents Subscribed names ye day and yeare Above written.

RICHARD SUTTON
MARY HOWELL
now Sutton

John Parsons	Matthew Pope
John Willis	John Pope
John Beck	Thomas Howell
Edward Beck	James Ridley
James Keilie	William Sockwell
William Trew	Henry Hosier
William Trew Junr	John Wooters
William Dixon Junr	George Warrner
John Toquesor Jones	Charles Holandworth
Murgin Browne	Christopher Penock
James Carsey	Howell James

Mary Pope
Sarah Pope
Martha Pope
Mary Lockwell
Naomie Berry
Rebecca Hosir
Ann Warrner
Martha Woottters
Mary Beck
Sarah Hopkins
Mary Goult
Jane Weatherell
Margarett Bailey

CITIZEN.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

The peach trees are in bloom. They got through the winter without a scratch; it now remains to see if it is to be knocked out during the next two or three weeks.—*Smyrna Times.*

Wheat throughout the county is looking well. Mr. John M. Elliott, sent to the *Star* office yesterday, wheat that measured 27 inches in length. It came from a field of 150 acres.—*Easton Star.*

The first ripe strawberries here this season were on Wednesday sent from Philadelphia to Miss Lucy S. Litzenberg, who is quite ill at the residence of her parents on Main street. They were grown in the South.—*Cecil Democrat.*

A fleet of schooners and skiffs from Delaware City are fishing for sturgeon at Bowers' Beach. The roes of the sturgeon are very valuable, and are manufactured into a delicacy known as *caviare*, which brings fancy prices not only at home but abroad.—*Dover Index.*

An effort is being made by the citizens of Cape Charles to have the county seat of Northampton removed from Eastville to that place. An offer has been made for sufficient land for all county purposes, and $10,000 in cash for buildings.—*Snow Hill Democrat.*

Salisbury continues to be visited by the fire fiend. She has suffered the loss of five buildings during the past ten days by this means, one occurring on Thursday morning of last week and one on Monday morning of this week. In both cases the fire company did effective work.—*Snow Hill Messenger.*

A paper has been started in Easton known as "*Free Easton 3,000 Press.*" It is a monthly sheet and is run in the interest of the Musical, Literary and Scientific clubs of Talbot county. It is published by F. M. Fish, who claims that there are 3,000 members of the Talbot clubs.—*Free Press.*

The wild animal which has caused so much excitement of late in Harford county is thought by some to have made its appearance on this side the river. It is rumored that it made an attack on Thomas Wicks on Tuesday night of last week, between Ceder Hill and the Diamond, and tore twenty spokes from his dog cart.—*Cecil News.*

The Tome Seminary for girls, recently founded by a gift of $1,000,000 from Jacob Tome, was formally organized to-day by the election of Mrs. Evelyn Tome as president; Jacob Tome, treasurer, and Thomas Bond, secretary. Securities amounting to $250,000 were handed over as the first instalment on the donation.—*Wilmington Evening Journal.*

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