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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1889.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—An organ-grinder and monkey were the reigning sensations of Chestertown yesterday.

—The sailing craft of Chestertown are being painted and put in order for summer racing and sailing parties.

—Improvements are still progressing at Tolchester, and everything will be in perfect order for the opening of the excursion season.

—There were five Mondays and Tuesdays in April, in the present month there will be five Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

—Rock Hall, though not enjoying a *boom*, has some new buildings in course of erection. The townsfolk have been busy whitewashing and getting things ready for spring.

—A number of peach growers report that less than one in every ten buds are alive. The killing of the buds is attributed to the recent protracted northeast storm.

—Eastern Neck Island is said to have some of the finest fields of wheat in the county. The Islanders have three strong points in their favor, they have good duckers, good farmers and enjoy life.

—The oyster tonging season closed on Thursday, April 25, and Kent county oystermen laid aside their tonging tackle, to be brought outagain next September, when the season will again open.

—A carload of lime, at Worton Station, belonging to B. F. Fleming, took fire during the heavy rainstorm of last Monday. The car was saved without further damage than having its bottom burned out.'

—The students of Washington College were given holiday on Tuesday, April 30. The boys were keptat work on both Good Friday and Easter Monday, and the holiday on Tuesday came as a pleasant surprise.

—M. T. Goslee, "the shoe man" has made his fine store-room "blossom as the rose" in a new and beautiful suit of wall-paper. It is safe to say that there are but few finer shoe establishments on the Shore. "Quick sale and small profits" have been his winning motto.

—W. O. Shallcross, Jr., of Sassafras, has received a carload of fine Holstein milch cows. The cows were shipped by his brother from New York. Among the lot was a registered Holstein bull, three years old weighing fourteen hundred pounds.

—Crumpton comes to the front with the first and best "fish story" of the season, and though just a little *fishy* it is declared to be nevertheless true. "A lad named Albert Ware, while on the causeway espied a shad darting through the water. Bringing forth his sling-shot, David like, he let fly, killing the fish and triumphantly carried it home."

—The one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of General Washington as President of the United States, was celebrated at Fairlee by a delightful dance. The floor was in splendid condition and the music all that could be desired, and as a matter of course an enjoyable evening was the result. The dancers dispersed about one o'clock.

—We call the attention of industrious housewives to the "Housekeepers' Help" column of the TRANSCRIPT. During the past two months we have been printing a series of standard recipes, every one of which has been tested by one of the finest cooks in the county. These recipes are valuable, and it would be a good ide a to clip and preserve them.

—Orphans' Court, April 29, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Letters of admr. on the personal estate of Catharine D. Vannort, deceased, were granted to John H. Simpers, who filed his bond; and Harry Rickey and C. F. Stam were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

J. Frank Biggs, adm'r c. t. a. of Lydia F. Dauchton, passed his first and final administration account.

—Horace Brown, the sexton of the P. E. Church, who has for so long rung the new year in and the old year out, and has officiated at the bell-ropes upon so many occasions of sadness as well as joy, was given a pleasant surprise on Monday evening last. About fifty of the congregation of the church met at the rectory, and each carrying a bundle, and some bundles, went to the home of the aged Mr. and Mrs. Brown. The annual pound party is quite an interesting event in the life of the old sexton, and when asked if they were expected, he said no, but he hoped they would come. An address was made by the rector, Rev. S. C. Roberts, and the pounders took their departure.

—Postmaster-General Wanamaker has issued the following order: "The President having recommended that, as part of the order of observance of the centennial of the inauguration of the first President, a portion of the 30th day of April, 1889, be set aside for prayer and thanksgiving, in conformity thereto it is ordered: First, postmasters are authorized to observe the usual holiday hours on that day; second, where it is possible to do so without detriment to the public sirvice, their postoffices should be closed at or about 9 o'clock A. M., in order that the employees may have an opportunity to comply with the proclamation of the President issued on the 4th instant; third, postmasters must arrange for the receipt and dispatch of mails that may arrive and depart during the time the postoffice is closed." Postmaster Fowler says that the hours as prescribed by the order and the postal laws were such that the most satisfactory way was to keep his office open as usual during the entire day.

—After the fishing enterprise, which was organized on the bay shore of Adam Diehl, Esq., by Messrs. Joseph R. Usilton, Wm. B. Stephens and Theodore Pennepacker, will have closed, it is proposed to convert the place into a kind of "Idler's Retreat," or a paradise for lovers of piscatorial sports. The place is delightfully situated, being within easy access of Baltimore. The steamer Trumpeter, of the Sassafras river line stopping within two miles of the shore. There are fully twenty places within a short sail, where fine sport may be enjoyed at any time. Perch and rock are the principal fish caught. Fine sailing yachts and fishing skiffs will be at the shore, and competent sailors to man them. A shady grove for pic-nics is near at hand and an ice house well filled. Comfortable arrangements will be provided for excursionists, and it is expected that as a summer resort for city fishermen it will become so popular that for next season a hotel will be found necessary. The location for the purpose desired is one of the finest on the bay.

—On Saturday afternoon of last week, the Friendly Society of the Emmanuel P. E. Church, gave a most enjoyable treat in the Sunday school room, at three o'clock. The program was an interesting one, consisting of an address by the pastor of the church, Rev. S. C. Roberts, religious exercises, vocal and instrumental music, after which ice cream and cake received due attention by those present. The society has done and continues to do a great and good work among many needy persons of the town. It is somewhat on the order of a sewing society, the members furnish all the material and the poor are given the clothing which they make at the meetings.

—J. W. Bell and sister registered at the Voshell House, Monday, from Conowingo, Md., having with them a small boat ten feet long, three feet wide, and weighing thirty pounds, in which they are in part taking a pleasure trip. They arrived in Centreville Monday, from Philadelphia, and took the B. S. Ford at Centrevile in the afternoon and came to Quaker Neck wharf, at which point they launched their boat and rowed to Chestertown. Mr. Bell carried the boat on his back from the wharf up to the hotel. It is held on his back by the means of two straps which come over his shoulders. The boat is made of white cedar. They took the train from here Tuesday morning for a tour north. This is a novel way of traveling, and more especially so for a lady.

—Sunday last was a gala day with the colored people in Chestertown, notwithstanding the unpromising outlook of the morning. At an early hour the colored citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's were on the move and began to pour into Chestertown, and by ten o'clock, with the excursionists who came down on the train, the town presented a peculiarly animated appearance. The number continued to increase until in the afternoon the steamer Gratitude, of the Centreville and Corsica River line, brought a large excursion from Centreville and vicinity, and at a quarter past one o'clock the fine steamer, Emma Giles, brought over from Baltimore about three hundred excursionists, which completely filled the town with its transient population. All of the services in the various churches on Sunday were conducted by visiting bishops and ministers of the A. M. E. Conference and were largely attended. Notwithstanding the large number of visitors, the day passed off pleasantly and quietly.

—Rev. Dr. John C. Eccleston, who is to lecture at Stam's Hall on the evenings of May 8, and 9, upon "Westminster Abbey" and "Westward Ho!" is a native of Kent county, Maryland. He is a son of the late Judge John Bowers Eccleston of this town, and has for many years past been living at "Rose Bank" on Staten Island, New York. He has been an extensive traveler, and is a keen observer of men and things, and one of the most eloquent and interesting lecturers that has ever occupied the platform, and his lectures have been delivered in the largest cities of this country and England. It is seldom that a lecturer so much sought after in the cities can be heard in the rural towns, and we congratulate our people that Mr. Stam has been so fortunate as to secure him for two of his best lectures on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. Dr. Eccleston will deliver the same lectures at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore. The lectures will be illustrated by magnificent stereoptican views, and for this purpose the lecturer has, perhaps, the finest instruments in existence.

—Rev. S. C. Roberts, pastor of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, was the recipient of a most pleasant surprise on Thursday evening of last week. Quite a number of the congregation met at the Sunday school room, and after having made some preliminary arrangements the merry crusaders set out at eight o'clock to lay siege to the rector's castle. Many valuable donations had been previously sent over, and as a matter of course the army of besiegers were expected soon to follow. In spite of the rainy and thoroughly disagreeable character of the night, many of the congregation were present, and as a result of their visit left the larder well filled with a variety of substantials. This annual surprise is a time-honored custom which the Chestertown congregation never fails to observe, and is productive of much pleasure as well as desirable benefits both to pastor and people. The evening was enjoyably spent in conversation and a participation in an abundant supply of refreshments, ice cream, water ices, cake, etc., which had not been forgotten in the general arrangements. About ten o'clock the pleasant meeting drew to a close, and all dispersed in a drenching rain.

—As the strawberry is by far the most luscious of the early fruits, and will soon be ushered in as the choicest of spring delicacies, we clip the following from an exchange, which may be of interest as well as value to cultivators of the fruit. The principal early crop of fruit is the strawberry. Some fruit-growers object to cultivating the crop in the spring, as they claim that stirring the ground injures the roots; but experiments show that where plants have been grown in single stools (the runners kept down the previous spring) and the soil kept clean and loose, better berries and stronger plants have resulted. Where the plants are grown under the matted-row system the ground can only be cultivated between the rows, and to remove the grass and weeds from among the plants requires hard work, which is very laborious. To partially avoid this, the rows may be thinned down on the sides, by removing the surplus plants, until they are very narrow. The result may be more plant food for the plants which remain, and more moisture if the season is dry. Instead of being injured by cultivation the loose soil protects the plants and assists them to secure more moisture, and for every root that may be cut off a dozen rootlets will grow. As the roots feed near the surface, only a light stirring of the surface is necessary, but it should be often enough to keep the soil loose and to prevent grass and weeds from appearing, as they rob the plants of moisture. Another objection is that the plants are liable to become dirty if the soil is kept loose, but the rains will harden the soil, and a light covering of chopped salt hay or pine leaves will prevent all difficulty in that respect if applied after the fruit approaches ripening.

Personal Mention.

Rev. T. O. Crouse, pastor of the M. P. Church, Centreville, who has been extremely ill for several weeks past, is much better, and attended service on Sunday morning. This will be highly gratifying to his numerous friends in Kent.

Miss Hallie Beck, who has been spending the past two months in the country on account of poor health, has returned to her home after a delightful visit, and is much better.

Miss Hackett, of Sudlersville, has been for several days with Miss Lillian Hynson on Queen street.

Miss Mattie Hackett, of Sudlersville, has been spending a week or two with Miss Sallie Cacy during the absence of her mother and aunt, who are visiting friends in Baltimore.

—The prospects are that the new wharf to be built at Rock Hall, by the Chester River Steamboat Company, means the inauguration of a steamboat war between the two lines. Report says that the management of the Corsica River Company made a statement to the Chester River Company last week to the effect that they, the Corsica River Company put their boat on its present route with no intention of setting up an opposing line, but simply to touch at points not reached by the Chester River Company, but if the opposition to the Gratitude, which was opened at Centreville was persisted in by the building of the wharf at Rock Hall, the opposition would be energetically met. The Centreville and Corsica River Company, it is positively asserted have options of ellegible wharf sites at both Queenstown and Kent Island, and if the Rock Hall wharf is built the other company will push work immediately to put up wharves at both places. The new company it is said, further say that in such a case they will put on the line the finest steamer which has ever run regularly up Chester river.

New Advertisements.

Joseph Turner, Esq., has in this issue an advertisement of an extensive stock of granite flag stones, cement and all kinds of building materials.

Rouse & Co., the enterprising merchant of Brannocksburg, gives notice of their great variety of new goods. Read their advertisement in another column.

L. C. Justis, Jr., advertises a lot of *extra* timothy hay. Advertised in this issue of TRANSCRIPT.

S. Walker, of Kenton., Del., advertises for a good driving horse. A liberal price offered for the right horse.

Robert H. Wright advertifes loss of an account book. A suitable reward for its return.

Teachers in Sesssion.

Notwithstanding the severe storm of last Firday, the Public School Association, of Kent county, Ebin F. Perkins, president, met at the public school-room s, Chestertown, with an attendance of twenty-eight teachers. After roll-call and the transaction of some minor business, the question "What is the proper use of the spelling-book and dictionary in the school-room," was taken up for discussion. The subject proved to be a very interesting one and elicited various expressions of opinion from E. F. Perkins, examiner, Miss Insley, Mr. Copper, Miss Gooding, Mr. Topping, Miss Hackett, Miss Smith, Mr. Fallowfield, and Mr. Tonkin. However strange it may seem, there are those, and the word *those* represents eminent educators, who advocate the exclusion of the spelling-book from the school-room. Though ideas differed to some extent among the teachers in regard to methods, the association was strongly favorable to the retention of the speller as one of the necessary books of the public school. Opinions were overwhelmingly in favor of the use of the dictionary as a reference book, but as a regular text book it met with little favor. The proper use of the dictionary is a question which has been mooted and advanced by a great army of teachers. An interesting essay on "The power and use of words," was read by Miss Maggie Fowler. The following questions were reported for discussion at the next meeting of the association. First, "Is a written examination a proper basis for the promotion of scholars?" Second, "Is it well to advise pupils to continue any of their studies during vacation?" One of the questions for discussion was carried over for the next regular meeting, the time having arrived for adjournment before the program had been completed.

GOOD FORTUNE FOR CHESTERTONIANS.

The Fates are Kind and Smile upon Two of Their Sons.

Chestertown has of late struck a vein of interesting happenings, which border so closely upon the romantic, that with a proportionate increase, we may expect within the next few weeks something really startling. The first to lead off in the strictly novel department was William E. Day. Mr. Day is a man of about seventy years of age; a blacksmith by trade, and has spent the past twenty years of his life in Chestertown, working at different times for Messrs. Chapman & Lambert, and though economizing and industrious, ahas never collected around him more than enough to enable him to live comfortably. During the month of March, while in Washington, he bought a bottle of spirits of ammonia, which he wrapped in a piece of an old Washington *Post*, when he started for Chestertown shortly after the purchase. On Thursday last the vial was unwrapped and attention was first attracted to the following:

SPECIAL NOTICE.

This is to notify Wm. E. Day, a native of the State of Maryland, that his niece, Mrs. Annie E. Pierce, of Marion county, Iowa, is dead; she died on the 5th of May last, and in her will she left him $5,000 in money. The said Wm. E. Day is requested to come forward and present his claim between this and the last of April next, as the last accounts are filed for settlement. Any one knowing his whereabouts will please make the same known to him.

WM. H. MOORE, Administrator,
With the will annexed, Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa.

Mrs. Pierce has lived in Iowa for at least twenty-five years, where she has been visited several times by her uncle, but he has not heard from her for four years. As may well be imagined, the unexpected "streak of good luck" completely unnerved the recipient of this good fortune. Mr. Day is a bachelor, and when asked whether or not a slight degree of real romance could not be introduced into the affair by bringing back to Maryland with him "The girl he left behind him," he said no. He left for Knoxville, Iowa, on Friday, expecting to reach there just one day before the time expires within which his claim will be good.

Following Mr. Day's substantial surprise, the Fates have been even more kind to another Chestertonian. Albert Ekert, a German of about twenty-four years of age, who has been employed by Bradley Thompson as a butcher for the past two years, has learned the whereabouts of his mother and sister who have been lost to him for ten years. Ekert came to America from the German capital ten years ago, and left rather than serve in the army, which is a requirement in the Empire. Seven years ago his mother and sister came to New York, where they continue to live. Ekert wrote numerous letters to his uncle in Germany, making inquiry of his friends, but received no response, his uncle being incensed at the departure of his nephew. He also has an uncle in New York, who is a man of means, and a plumber by trade. Thursday last, the New York uncle wrote to the nephew that his mother and sister were in the city, and that he should come on at once. The young man started on Monday. His mother and sister are to know nothing of the expected visit until the prodigal is ushered into their presence. The New York uncle learned of the whereabouts of Ekert through a letter from the indignant uncle in Germany.

Base Ball.

The Washington College club went to Centreville on Tuesday last to meet the Ridgeley club, of Caroline county, for a match game, but on account of rain, the game did not take place. Our college team appeared on the ground in their new uniforms, looking neat, keen and nice, and were eager for the fray, but the rain drove them off just as the Ridgeley club was entering the grounds. Mr. Joseph Turner took a small party down to Centreville on his yacht, among whom were four of the players. The trip was a most delightful one and much enjoyed.

The following is the standing of the champion clubs for the week ending Saturday last:

ASSOCIATION RACE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.
St. Louis	8	2	.869	Cincinnati	4	6	.432
Baltimore	6	1	.857	Columbus	1	6	.143
Athletic	6	1	.857	Brooklyn	1	6	.143
Kansas Cy	5	3	.625	Louisville	1	7	.125

LEAGUE RACE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.
Phila	1	0	1.000	New York	1	1	.500
Pittsburg	2	1	.667	Cleveland	1	3	.333
Ind'nap'lis	3	1	.767	Chicago	1	2	.333
Boston	1	1	.500	Wash'gt'n	0	1	.000

A Patriotic Observance of the National Anniversary.

Chestertown has rarely, if ever before, given a more enthusiastic reception to a national holiday, than that of Tuesday. The morning gave no evidence of the enthusiastic observance of the day which was soon to follow. Business men quietly took their places as on ordinary occasions, and heavy-hearted clerks resumed the monotonous routine of store work. About ten o'cloch a spontaneous attack of patriotism seemed to seize the town, and many hands were soon busied in placing banners, dressing buildings with gay bunting and arranging for an enthusiastic observance of the day. At noon the church beils, the town bell and all the steam whistles burst out in a grand chorus in celibration of the event. In the afternoon, a balloon ascension was given by Colin F. Stam, Esq., and at the same time two bands of music and the Kent Guards were parading the town. The streets were literally alive with persons during the whole of the afternoon. Religious services of an impressive character were held in the Episcopal church at nine o'clock A. M. Enjoyable services were held in the M. E. Church in the evening, when an eloquent address was delivered by Prof. T. N. Williams, of Washington College.

Three balloons were sent up at night, and after raising high in the air sailed off to the northeast.

During the morning the stores were kept open, but at twelve o'clock all places of business were closed and a general holiday indulged in.

The Baltimore A. M. E. Conference Adjourned.

The sixty-first annual session of the Baltimore A. M. E. Conference adjourned on Monday evening last, after a most pleasant and encouraging session. Many important questions were discussed and much business of an important nature disposed of. Upon all matters perfect harmony prevailed and business was expedited by the friendly feeling and a disposition of liberality which prevailed during the entire session. One of the most gratifying features of the session was the hospitality accorded the visiting Bishops and ministers by the ministers and members of all the other colored churches. No courtesy was forgotten and on Sunday last the pulpits were in each case occupied by the visitors, who preached most satisfactorily and eloquently to large congregations. Rev. L. H. Jackson, the pastor of Bethel Church, is largely enthusiastic over the successful work of the conference just closed. The following are the appointments made for Baltimore district, space precludes further mention:

Baltimore District—W. R. Arnold, P. E.—Bethel Church, Baltimore, T. G. Steward; Waters Chapel, Baltimore, F. J. Peck, Sr.; Long Green, J. H. Ballard; Port Deposit, S. H. Robinson; Havre de Grace, W. D. W. Schureman; Chesapeake, E. E. Hughes; Elkton Mission, D. G. Hill; Cecilton, J. Banks; Chestertown, L. H. Jackson; Butlertown, S. C. Butler; Centreville, F. S. Dennis; Church Hill, W. H. Raikes; Easton Station, J. W. Diggs; Unionville, W. H. Rodgers: Denton, Stephen H. Cooper; Ivytown, Thomas W. Thurston; Cambridge, Charles Bourne; Crisfield, R. T. Queen; Fruitland, L. W. Ballard; Pocomoke, J. R. Warner; Darlington, P. H. Green; Vienna, Jas. Wooten.

Our Millington Letter.

MILLINGTON, MD., April 28.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—On Saturday last, while unloading freight, Samuel D. Sterling, a brakeman on the south bound freight train, fell from the platform and received several severe bruises. Dr. J. H. Hill, the company's surgeon, was summoned, but could find no fractures of bones as supposed. The bruises were not of a serious nature, and he was able to return on the up train in the afternoon to his home in Wilmington.

The agent here, J. P. Ahern, has given warning by posting notices in the station, that all through rates to points on the B. & D. B. R. R., will be discontinued after April 30, 1889.

On Friday night last, as R. W. Comegys' hostler was returning home after having carried a drummer away, he drove in a bridge that had been partly washed out, it being so dark that he could not see the danger. Fortunately he got the horse from the carriage, but could not get her out, so left her standing on a knoll, while he walked to Millington, a distance of two or three miles, to get some one to help him. Mr. Comegys, with several men, went out and succeeded in getting her out without much trouble after having let her stand in the water for about three hours. The only damage done was the breaking of one shaft.

The bridge on the outer edge of town, on the road leading to Smyrna, was washed out during the last storm, and has been impassable until some time on Monday.

The dam of the mill pond belonging to J. W. Jarman's grist mill of this place, broke loose on Saturday and nearly all the water ran out.

The mill pond belonging to R. H. Adams' woolen mill, about a mile from town broke, and quite a number of employees were given a few days' holiday.

Capt. Britton, who has for the past number of years been using a scow with a cabin built over her for a house, had to vacate very suddenly on Saturday evening, the boat having sprung aleak. The opening could not be stopped before the boat sunk. The captian has been apparently lost ever since, as he says no place except his boat seems like home to him.

The Millington Star B. B. C. will play a nine from Sudlersville on Tuesday, April 30, 1889. RUSTICUS.

A silversmith residing at Chesapeake City, named H. Dance, who has recently become insane, was brought to Elkton last Thursday and placed in jail. He imagined some one was after him to assassinate him and had nailed himself up in his shop, from which he warned all comers at the peril of their lives. He is said to have a family living in Philadelphia.—*Cecil County News.*

IN THE COURTS.

The April Term of Court Drawing to a Close—Much Business Disposed of.

THURSDAY MORNING, April 25.—Court reassembled pursuant to adjournment, with his Honor Judge Joseph A. Wickes presiding.

The case of State against Joseph Cain continued from Wednesday, was first called. Captain Cain was held under two indictments, first for firing at the schooner Helen M. Baughman; secondly, for shooting at Capt. Kerr while in the discharge of his official duties, as commander of the State police boat Helen M. Baughman.

State's Attorney Smith asked that the case against Capt. Cain for firing at Capt. Kerr be stetted, which was done.

The other case was taken up. Plea not guilty. Elected to be tried before the Court. The case was an interesting one, and during the entire trial the court-room was crowded. State's Attorney Smith proved by the testimony of Capt. Kerr and members of the crew, the fact of firing from Capt. Cain's vessel, the Robert J. McAllister, and further that the men of the McAllister's crew were distinctly seen after the fight and before she was taken charge of by an officer of the police boat, throwing something overboard supposed to have been empty shells. Two of the balls which struck the Baughman, could have come from no other boat than the McAllister, since none of the other vessels at any time occupied a corresponding position to that from which the balls of necessity came. Thomas White, Esq., of Kent Island, swore that, on the morning preceding the fight of Jan. 2, he had heard a conversation between Captains Davis, Tawes and Cain, in which it was suggested that they "go out and give Kerr a round;" did not know who made the remark, but recognized Cain as the man who said, "no, let us wait until to-morrow night." Capt. Cain and his men swore and persisted in swearing, that they saw four shots fired in the air from the two pungies, but that not a shot was fired from the McAllister, nor was there anything thrown overboard from her deck either during or after the fight, and further that there were no firearms of any kind on board. The evidence of the dredgers was far from satisfactory, and was simply a repetition of the evidence as given before the justice of the peace. Verdict guilty, a fine of one hundred dollars and four years in the State penitentiary. Smith for State. Hynson for Cain.

State vs. John Chavis, indicted for larceny. Plead guilty. Sentenced to be confined in the House of Correction for two years from date of sentence. Smith for State. Urie for Chavis.

State vs. Jeff Wilson, indicted for larceny. Plead not guilty. Elected to be tried before the Court. Verdict not guilty. Smith for State. R. D. Hynson for Wilson.

State vs. Jim Brown, indicted for larceny. Plea not guilty. Elected to be tried before the court. Verdict not guilty. Smith for State. R. D. Hynson for Brown.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 26.—State vs. Wm. H. Mitchell, continued from Thursday. Mitchell indicted for larceny. Plea not guilty. Jury trial. Verdict not guilty. Smith for State. R. D. Hynson for Brown.

State vs. Frank Cooper, indicted for larceny. Plea not guilty. Elected to be tried before the Court. Verdict guilty.

State vs. Washington Braxton, indicted for assault upon Thomas J. Parsons with intent to kill. Plea not guilty. Elected to be tried before the Court. Verdict guilty, and to be confined in the State penitentiary for two years. Smith for State. J. A. Pearce for Braxton.

State vs. Matthew Williams, indicted for aiding prisoners to escape from the county jail. Plea not guilty. Tried before the Court. Verdict guilty. Sentenced to the House of Correction for one year from date. Smith for State. C. T. Westcott for Williams.

SATURDAY, April 27.—Robert J. McAllister, owner of schooner R. J. McAllister vs. State of Maryland, an appeal from Justice Davis of Rock Hall.

R. J. McAllister, owner of the schooner R. J. McAllister. An appeal from the decision of Justice Davis, of Rock Hall, declaring the schooner R. J. McAllister forfeit for a violation of the provisions of the State oyster law. The vessel was seized upon charges preferred by Capt. Kerr. No one appeared for the vessel at the hearing, nor was notice sent to her owner, Robert J. McAllister, Esq., of Baltimore. The entries were made on the magistrate's docket by Frank Wheatley, Esq., and afterward approved by the justice. The counsel for McAllister held that under specified articles of the code, the schooner could not be declared forfeit under the indictment. Judge Wickes held, however, that but for the counsel having raised the point, there could have been no question in regard to the forfeiture of a vessel for violating the provisions referred to. The Act of Assembly is obscure it is true but in reference to forfeiture for violating any of the sections named it is perfectly clear that the vessel shall be forfeited.

It would have been better had the justice of the peace given notice to the owner of the vessel, but there is no doubt that McAllister knew of the siezure of the boat and as a matter of course Capt. Cain knew all about it, it would not do that because a justice of the peace makes an error on his docket that persons should on that account escape punishment who deserve it. The vessel was declared forfeited, to be redeemed upon payment of an amount to be fixed after some other evidence is heard.

State vs. George Tawes, indicted for shooting at Captain Kerr, an officer of the State fishery force.

State vs. George Tawes:

The case was one of those known as the "Dredge cases," which has excited so much interests during the depredations last winter upon the prohibited oyster grounds. The defense in these cases have made strenuous efforts to escape the provisions of the state oyster laws. The point in contention was that Capt. Tawes' vessel at the time that she was charged with dredging upon forbidden grounds was on the Chesapeake Bay beyond the jurisdiction of Kent county, and in waters which were not in the immediate jurisdiction of any other county. The oyster law provides that "the officers making the arrests shall bring the offender before a judge of the court or a justice of the peace, most convenient or accessible, to be dealt with" as provided by the statute. Capt. Tawes after his arrest, was taken first to Baltimore city, and passed through the Patapsco river, over which it is claimed Baltimore county has exclusive jurisdiction, and was then brought to Rock Hall and given a hearing. It was held by the Court that the hearing before Justice Davis, of Rock Hall, Kent county was a compliance with the requirements of the oyster law, and that the Circuit Court of Kent county has jurisdiction in the premises.

State vs. John Waters, indicted for burglary. Plea not guilty. Tried before the Court. Verdict not guilty.

Court ordered attachments to be issued for several parties of Baltimore city, summoned as witnesses for George Tawes, the same were issued directed to the sheriff of Baltimore city.

State vs. Hamilton Frisby, indicted for assault with intent to kill, upon Henry Johnson. Plea not guilty. Jury trial. Verdict not guilty.

Court adjourned until Monday morning at half-past nine o'clock.

MONDAY, April 29.—Court met, the case of Stephen Johnson vs. Joel. T. McGinnis called. Suit on a note. Appeal from a justice of the peace.

The defendant in this case obtained a judgment against Johnson for the amount of a note and costs, and Johnson appealed. The trial before the Court developed these facts: Johnson bought from the Hulless Oat Company ten bushels of Hulless Oats at ten dollars per bushel, giving his note for the amount and receiving a bond in which the company agreed to sell for Johnson twenty bushels of the product of the oats at ten dollars per bushel, less a commission of 25 per cent., payable in cash, the oats to be paid for by transferring paper. Under a similar contract between McGinnis and the Oat Company, McGinnis obtained this note of Johnson's, and before it matured he obtained a new note from Johnson for a discount of 20 per cent., and it was upon this new note the suit was brought.

The case was fully argued by the Messrs. Hynson for the appellant and H. H. Barroll for the appellee. The Court in deciding the case said, as between the maker and the payee of this note there are two points for consideration. Was the note obtained without fraud? Was it given for a valuable consideration? As between the holder McGinnis and Johnson, did McGinnis have any knowledge of the want of consideration or of the fraud, if such there was.

The Court said that acting as a jury, the facts would not warrant the conclusion that the oats sold to Johnson was the true consideration of the original note, but that the bond or contract to sell twenty bushels of oats at ten dollars per bushel was the real considerntion, and being an agreement to sell oats for an unreasonable price was fraudulent and void, and that there was no valid consideration for the giving of the original note. The facts show that McGinnis had knowledge of the character of the consideration, and consequently was not an innocent holder of the original note; that the note which he subsequently obtained did not cure the defective consideration in the original note and was subject to the same legal construction, and that McGinnis could not recover. Judgment reversed with cost above and below.

Caroline Hadaway vs. Lavinia Smith; suit in ejectment; jury trial.

The case is an interesting one as effecting the right of married women to transfer property under certain provisions of the Acts of Assembly. The marriage of James H. and Caroline Hadaway took place in 1853. In 1858, her husband was indicted for an assault, with intent to kill one, Andrew F. Clark. The case was tried, and the jury rendered a *special* verdict to the effect that at the time of the assault Haddaway was insane, and he was sent to the Maryland Hospital for the Insane, where he now is.

In 1871, John P. Smith, father of Caroline Hadaway died, and devised to her the farm near Swan Creek, Kent county, now held by Lavinia Smith. Mrs. Hadaway being a married woman, could not make a deed or mortgage for the farm, since her husband being insane could not join in the execution. The legislature of 1872 passed a law which provides that "where the husband is a lunatic or insane, and has been so found upon inquisition, and said finding remains *unreversed* and in force, a married woman may convey her land as if she was a *feme sole*. Mrs. Hadaway then executed two mortgages on the land, which mortgages were foreclosed in 1876, and the farm bought by Lavinia Smith. Mrs. Hadaway sued in ejectment to recover the farm and the mean profits since the sale. No commission in lunacy had ever been issued as to insanity *vel non* of James H. Hadaway, and the contention in behalf of Mrs. Hadaway was that an inquisition as required by the act of 1872 was different from a verdict of a jury in a criminal case, and that without a commission in lunacy and the inquisition thereunder, there could be no compliance with the act of the Legislature. The Court however decided that the verdict of the jury in the trial of the indictment was equivalent in all respects to the inquisition of a jury where a commission *De Lunatico Inquirento* has issued out of chancery, and the jury was instructed to return a verdict for Lavinia Smith.

A bill of exceptions was tendered and the case will be taken to the Court of Appeals. James A. Pearce and Richard D. Hynson for Mrs. Smith, and Albert Constable and H. H. Barroll for Mrs. Caroline Hadaway.

Tuesday being a legal holiday by proclamation of the Governor of the State, court adjourned until Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, May 1.—Court convened and took up the case of Hurlock vs. Smith, action to recover damages by Smith for property unlawfully sold at sheriff's sale in 1887, was begun before a jury on Monday afternoon. The outline facts of the case appear to be as follows: In 1887, Sheriff Hatcherson, under writ and execution sold on farm near Millington two fields of growing corn and some live stock and farming implements, to satisfy claims against George Smith. When the property was sold Clarence Smith, the son of George Smith, claimed that it was his. The sheriff sold the property under an indemnity bond from Mr. Hurlock. Suit has now been brought by Clarence Smith, the son, to recover for property actually sold, and for direct and consequent damages. Judge Wickes adjourned court from Monday until Wednesday, when the case was again resumed. There were in all thirty-nine witnesses summoned, It may possibly be concluded to-day. The plaintiffs are represented by Messrs. Hynson and M. deK. Smith. The defendants by Messrs. James A. Pearce, H. W. Vickers and H. H. Barroll.

Dorchester is the largest county in Marland, having an area of over 770 square miles of territory. When the civil war broke out her forests were immense and abounded in valuable oak timber—no doubt the largest, and having the heaviest growth of any section of the Peninsula. And it was in the "sixties" that the unceasing slaughter began. There was a great demand for this class of timber by the Government, to be used in building war ships and fortifications, and many fortunes were made by speculators who came here from all parts of the country and bought up the timber and shipped it away. And never since has the woodman's ax ceased its work of destruction; for ship-builders from abroad, especially from Maine, have been continually at work in our forests getting out frames for all classes of sea-going vessels and shipping them away in the rough state, and with the depletion of the forests brought by the railroad company there will be but little valuable timber left in Dorchester.

MATRIMONIAL HAPPENINGS.

GIBSON—HOLLYDAY.

The marriage of Hon. Charles H. Gibson, Congressman from the First Congressional District of Maryland, to Mrs. Marrietta Hollyday, of Easton, Talbot county, Md., was celebrated in Louisville, Ky., Tuesday, April 23. The wedding was very quiet, only a few intimate friends having been invited. The ceremony was performed at Christ P. E. Church, which is the largest Episcopal church in Louisville, by the Right Rev. Thomas M. Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky, who is a relative of Mrs. Hollyday. The wedding march was rendered by Prof. Frese. Mr. Harvey Dudley, nephew of the Bishop, acted as usher. Mrs. Hollyday wore a gown of exquisite creation, made of pearl-colored faille silk, a dainty bonnet of faille crepe, shot with silver of the same pearl shade, trimmed with pale pink roses, with gloves of the same tint, and carried a bouquet of Catherine Mermot roses. Congratulations were received at the church from their friends, among whom was ex-Congressman Willis, after which they were driven to the residence of the bride's son-in-law, Mr. Percy Semple, on Oak street, where a wedding luncheon was set. They took the 7 P. M. train for Washington via of the C. & O. R. R. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson attended the centennial in New York, Mr. Gibson being one of the commissioners from Maryland.

VANDEGRIFT—DONNELLY.

Miss Mary G. Donnelly, a charming brunette, of Baltimore, was married on Tuesday, April 23, to Mr. John D. Vandegrift, of Chestertown. The bride looked more than ordinarily attractive in a beautiful costume of white Henrietta cloth, with surah silk and lace trimmings. She is a granddaughter of the late Jacob Barkman. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride, No. 1409 Lafayette avenue. The parlor was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants, and the "knott" was tied under a mammoth bell of La France roses and lillies. The tables were beautifully decorated with bouquets of choice flowers and candies, and the ices were served in various fanciful shapes. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Marion Firor, of St. Paul's Church. The happy couple arrived in Chestertown Wednesday, April 24. The wedding was largely attended and the presents were numerous and handsome.

EDWARDS—SMYTH.

The residence of Mr. Richard C. Smyth, near Fairlee, was the scene of a pretty wedding last Wednesday evening, the contracting parties being Miss Willie Smyth and Mr. Wm. B. Edwards, of Chestertown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. B. Tredway. The bride wore a gray drab d'ete dress trimmed with Persian silk, and carried in her hand a bouquet of Marechal Niel roses. Mrs. W. B. Stephens performed the wedding march. Many friends and relatives were present, and the presents were numerous and handsome. A reception was held at the residence of the groom's parents on Thursday night.

STEVENSON—PLUMMER.

A quiet home-wedding took place at the residence of the bride's father, ex-Sheriff Edward Plummer, near Smithville, at 9 o'clock, last Wednesday morning. The parties married were Miss Maggie V. Plummer and Mr. Wm. D. Stevenson, druggist at 1500 South Ninth street, Philadelphia. Mr. Frank S. Plummer, a brother of the bride, and Miss Tillie Lohmuller, of Baltimore, stood up with the happy couple, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. S. B. Tredway. The marriage was quiet on account of the recent death of the bride's sister. The bride was handsomely attired in a fawn cloth dress. The presents were handsome and numerous; the groom presented his happy bride with a fine gold watch and chain and a diamond ring. After the ceremony they took the steamer from Worton creek for Baltimore en route for Washington. They returned to Philadelphia, their future home, this week.

Y. M. C. A.'s Appeal.

MESSRS. EDITOS:—We entertain no doubt that while dispatches from every direction of the globe are coming freighted with the latest information of the day to your enterprising medium, that you will honor the Y. M. C. A. with a small space in your paper. We do not attempt to be heard for much talk, for such would not be of credit to the grand cause which we *represent*. But we do feel to a great degree constrained to write upon some of the fundamental principles of the association.

What is the object of the Y. M. C. A? It is not a method by which to accumulate money, nor to rob any church of the young members, or to change their creed, and thereby infuse into their minds the idea that morality would save them from their sins. Surely this would be a contradiction to our constitution, and out of harmony with the teachings of God's Holy Word. Morality is good so far as it goes in society, there are *two* societies. Morality enables men to mingle with the worldly society that respects God and His society by abstaining from certain evils, and congratulating themselves upon