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THE TRANSCRIPT.

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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1889.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—Shad are still plentiful and are selling for 30 cents per pair.

—Machine agents have had a good run on corn-planters and other spring farming implements.

—The warm days of this week have had the effect of wooing straw hats from their winter quarters.

—The reservoir, situated near Washington College, was emptied yesterday and thoroughly cleansed.

—The water plugs of town were all overhauled during this week and some minor repairs made to the plugs.

—Many farmers are delighted at the idea of being relieved of the necessity of being in daily attendance upon court.

—Strawberries are in blossom, and even chronic complainers have not as yet had the hardihood to say that the crop "is gone up."

—William Kirby, a Chestertown florist, has been shipping plants to Baltimore, overcoming the competition of florists at that place.

—The paint and whitewash brushers are now busy about town, and are doing much to add to the beauty and attractiveness of many homes.

—The freighting business by sailing vessels is at a standstill, and many of the Chester river vessels are lying at anchor or are tied to their wharves.

—W. H. Stewart, Esq., has recently added to his heard of Holstein cattle, three thoroughbreds, purchased of Messrs. Stevens Bros., Collins, Erie county, N. Y.

—Ladies and lovers of beautiful flowers and bright surroundings, have been busy at work during the past two weeks arranging summer flowering plants, and superintending gardening work.

—The young and old sportsmen in and around Sassafras have been indulging in fox-hunting by starlight, and declare that it is even more exciting than the chase by daylight.

—Much sickness is reported among horses in the upper portion of the county. Dr. Jarman says that distemper and laryngitis are the principal diseases. Dennis J. Nowland, Esq., has five horses sick.

—The Kent Military Band is making arrangements to run an excursion to Bay Ridge, about the middle of June next. The arrangements will be elaborate and complete, and a day of solid pleasure is promised and expected.

—An encounter between Military gentlemen occurred in town on Monday evening. The onset was a desperate one, but in the absence of the good broad sword and trusted revolver, nothing serious resulted, as but one round was indulged in.

—The fishing season at Millington has been an unusually good one; a heavy run and good prices. Brotherly love, however, has not existed in all cases between the gillers and seine haulers, and difficulties and unpleasantness has prevailed between them.

—At a meeting of the town commissioners on Monday evening, Robert Boston was appointed town bailiff, to fill the position held by T. V. Simpson, for the past eight years. Mr. Boston was one of five applicants for the place. Albert Benjamin and John Bently, lamp-lighters were reappointed.

—Capt. W. D. Burchinal continues to improve his wharf property. Independent of the improvement which was noted several months ago, his fine wharf is now being enlarged along its side by about two and a half feet toward the basin, at the foot of Cannon street. The length of the wharf is 170 feet.

—The early corn-planters say that their corn is up, and looking bright and healthy notwithstanding the extremely wet season and protracted spell of cold weather. Bibbins Morris, Esq.'s corn was up on Sunday last and is now showing down the rows. Quite a number have just commenced planting, and claim that in view of the spell of weather which prevailed during last week and several days before, corn was better off out of than in the ground.

—A meeting of the stockholders of the Fruit and Produce Exchange met at the office of the exchange, Henderson's Wharf, on Tuesday last for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The different relations of the exchange to the interests of the farmers and the agricultural community at large were fully discussed. In the face of a combined and systematic opposition to the exchange last season, the enterprise was a decided success, though not to the extent desired by the management.

—Deputy Sheriff Lambert started for Baltimore on Monday morning, having in charge the parties who were recently sentenced to the State penitentiary and the House of Correction as follows: Capt. Joseph Cain, white, violation of oyster laws, four years; Frank Jackson, colored, burglary, six years; Washington Braxton, colored, for assault, two years; to the House of Correction, Capt. Frederick Walters, white, violation of oyster laws, three months, Edward Howard, white, violation of oyster laws, three months; Charles Mattee, colored, larceny, one year; Matthew Williams, colored, aiding prisoners to escape jail, one year; Edward Chavis, colored, larceny, two years. Two prisoners are left in jail. Sheriff Casey states that during his term the jail has never been empty, he having found two when he took charge.

—"The latest swindle," says the Cecil *News*, "is the selling of ribbons. Sharpers visit the farm houses, exhibit rich samples at very low figures, take orders from the ladies, get half of the payment cash, and promise to forward the goods when the remainder is to be paid. Neither the swindler nor the ribbons are heard of again." Let the farmers' wives be careful, and unlike their unsuspecting husbands in many cases, they will escape being duped, and thereby set a beneficial example which their worthy lords may follow with profit when the next "hay fork," "piano" or "Hull-less oat" swindler puts in an appearance.

—The following marriage licenses were issued by the clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county during the month of April.

WHITE.

Levi Everett and Lydia Elizabeth Carter; James E. Weer and Minta Copper; William D. Stevenson and Maggie V. Plummer; William B. Edwards and Willie S. Smyth.

COLORED.

John Clement Cole and Nancy Ford; William Blake and Mary Matilda Thomas; Richard Gibbs and Mary Emma Clayton; William George Franklin Gross and Mary Gaines; Richard A. Chambers and Annie M. Bright; John Adams and Susan Butler; Henry Douglass and Mary Sutor.

—We are pleased to announce this morning the coming of the Peabody Institute Concert, to be held in Stam's Hall on the evening of May 6. It is not necessary to announce that the concert will consist of the most delightful and fascinating music, as the name Peabody Institute is a sufficient guarantee of its high character. The advertisement in this issue gives the names of the participants—one we wish to call special attention to—Miss Birdie Lucas, violinist. We can safely say Miss Lucas is one of the most accomplished violinists in the country; her touch and execution of the instrument are unsurpassed, and her manner on the stage very attractive. All lovers of music, "and this love shows indeed high culture," may be sure of a very delightful entertainment.

—The rainfall during April was a remarkably heavy one throughout the State. In Kent and Queen Anne's counties damage was done to public roads, bridges, mill dams and much of the serious damage which many peach growers claim to have been done to the crop is said to have been the result of the protracted cold, wet spell. According to the Baltimore *Sun's* calculations the total rainfall in Baltimore last month was 8 inches and 70 hundredths of an inch, the largest precipitation in April since the signal office was opened in Baltimore in 1871. The record for the different years is as follows:

1871	1.90	1877	3.30	1883	3.20
1872	2.96	1878	4.19	1884	2.65
1873	2.77	1879	3.69	1885	1.37
1874	6.66	1880	3.07	1886	2.13
1875	4.27	1881	2.00	1887	2.41
1876	1.36	1882	2.14	1888	2.11

In August, 1873, the precipitation was 9.49, and in September, 1882, it was 9.38.

—Asparagus is now plentiful in our market, and the following excellent receipt for preparing the popular spring vegetable may be of value:

"To many this is the most acceptable way of serving this delightful vegetable, which may thus be served at breakfast as well as at dinner. Remove the bass-wood binding; cut off a little of the root end of each sprout; scrape off the white, tough skin with a kitchen knife; wash and drain; tie in small bundles and boil, if possible, with the heads upright and just out of the water. The steam from the water will cook the heads, which, if covered with water, will cook away before the root ends are done; remove carefully from the water and plunge into cold water; drain; place on a side dish; remove the string, pour over them a plain salad dressing of three tablespoonfuls of olive oil, one of plain malt vinegar, a saltspoonful of salt and half a saltspoonful of white or a quarter of a saltspoonful of black pepper."

—Of the four balloons which were sent from Chestertown, on Tuesday, April 30, but three have been heard from. Balloon No. 1, or "The Union," which was sent up at three o'clock was found on the farm of Dr. F. M. Sheppard, near Crumpton, on the following morning about six o'clock, in a dilapidated condition. Balloon No. 2, which was started on the evening of April 30, was found on the farm of James M. Vandyke, seven miles from Chestertown, about six o'clock, on May 1, and was reported by George W. White. Balloon No. 3, which was sent up about 8 o'clock P.M., April 30, was found on the morning of May 1, about seven o'clock, in Robert Lusby's field, near McGinnes', seven miles from Chestertown bridge; reported by William Anthony. The balloons were of various colors, and fifteen feet in circumference. The ascensions were in every way successful. Balloon No. 4, which was also sent up at night, has not as yet been heard from. The gentlemen reporting the finding of the air-ships, will accept the thanks of the committee as also the thanks of the TRANSCRIPT.

—The following note is printed as a matter of interest to those who have never been so unfortunate as to form the acquaintance of Hull-less Oat agents, but have learned of them through the embarrassing misfortunes of friends:

No.....

THE GRAIN AND CEREAL COMPANY OF CARROLL CO.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF MARYLAND.

SAMUEL SHUNK, President. C. J. STEWART, Sec. & Treas.

Doth hereby agree to Sell (60) Sixty Bushels of HULLESS OATS for Mr.....

.....of.....Dec. 14th, 1887.

Kent county, State of Maryland, at Ten Dollars per bushel, in good notes, less $2.50 per bushel commission, on or before the 14th day of November, 1888.

We make no money statements, and the person accepting this bond acknowledges to have purchased the grain at a speculative value.

.....Buyer. SAMUEL SHUNK, President.

This Bond void without Seal of the Company and Signature of the President attached thereto.

Personal Mention.

Rev. R. W. Todd, pastor of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, has been suffering for several weeks past with an ulceration on the ball of the left eye. Mr. Todd is under treatment by Dr. Chisholm, of Baltimore city.

Prof. T. N. Williams, president of Washington College, has been invited to deliver the annual address before the Belles Letters Literary Society, of Columbia College, New York, at the commencement exercises, June 26. The invitation has been accepted.

Mrs. Crisfield and her daughter, Miss Edith Crisfield, are visiting at the home of James A. Pearce, Esq.

Mrs. Sallie Emory, of Queen Anne's, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. W. Frank Hines.

George E. Hadaway, Intenal Revenue Collector, and editor of the Easton *Ledger*, was in town Monday, May 6, and was kept busy attending to his official business.

R. F. E. McClelland, of West Chester, Pa., is visiting friends in town.

Miss Eunice Gemmill will spend several weeks in town with her aunt, Mrs. Blackiston.

Miss Bella Wheatly, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Mrs. J. Frank Wheatly, of Edesville, has returned home.

Miss Lulie R. Greenwood, of Chestertown, is visiting friends and relatives at Edesville.

Miss Mamie Roberts, who has been teaching in a young ladies' seminary in New Jersey, has returned to her home, for the summer.

Miss Ettie Trew, of Morgan's Creek, is visiting Mrs. Joel R. Clements.

Mrs. M. F. Earle, of Centreville, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Carroll, of Chestertown.

Miss Mamie Weathered has been spending the past week with Miss Janvier, near Turner's Creek.

Interesting Sunday School Exercises.

Quite a large and interesting Sunday school meeting was held at Morgan's Creek school house last Sunday afternoon. Prof. T. N. Williams of Washington College was present and delivered an appropriate address, setting forth the claims of the Sabbath schools and catechising the children. This Sunday school was opened about a month ago, through the philanthropic efforts of Mr. A. Melvin and Miss Ettie Trew, and now numbers forty-two. Preliminary steps have been taken towards building a church in that neighborhood. Committees have been appointed and the probable location and cost will be determined next Sunday afternoon. Great interest is being manifested by the people generally in that locality for greater and more convenient church facilities, and it is to be hoped that the enterprise will result in the erection of a commodious place of worship.

New Advertisements.

W. T. Wright calls attention to his change of advertisement, in which he asserts in plain blunt English, that he has the largest assortment, newest styles, best quality and lowest prices in all of his many lines of fine goods. He puts in a *special*, calling attention to his immense stock of fine clothing. Read his advertisement.

Economy is wealth, then economize by buying the best article of the best men. The "Little Diamond" sulky cultivator is sold by Smith & Clements.

C. T. Nicholson says that low prices for fine goods is a "winning card." Visit his "*five-cent store*." Lots of articles cheaper than the cheapest, indeed a *novelty* in cheapness.

W. H. Coulborn, of Seaford, Del., places a card in this issue, calling the attention to his stock of peach baskets and box shooks. Prices satisfactory for dull season.

Capt J. W. Thompson advertises special bargains at his carriage bazar. Cheapness and durability are claimed to go hand in hand in these special drives.

The ladies of Kennedyville M. P. Church, will hold a festival on the church green, on June 13, 14 and 15. Strawberries, ice cream, water ices, cake and other delicacies will be in abundance. All are invited and should go.

The Courts.

Orphans' Court, May 7, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Charles T. Westcott was appointed guardian ad litim to minor heirs of Sarah M. Apsley deceased. I. R. Leaverton and J. C. Loud, adm'r of Isaac Cordray, filed release from Marietta Loud. Joel R. Clements, adm'r of Mary E. Catlin, passed his first and final adm'r account. Anna M. Bacon, extr'x of George H. Bacon, passed her final adm'r account. John H. Simpers, adm'r of Catharine D. Vannort, filed inventory of the personal property of his decedent.

May 7.—County commissioners met with a full board. After a consideration of "The Bridge Question" and the passage of a resolution in reference thereto, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, routine business was taken up. James Brown and wife, colored, upon recommendation for pension, were allowed $15, and the amount ordered to be provided for by levy of 1889. Official bonds of W. H. Ford, Geo. O. Roeder and Horace M. Stuart, collectors of county and State taxes, heretofore appointed by the commissioners of Kent county, having executed and presented their official bonds as such collectors, the same were approved and ordered to be filed with the clerk of the circuit court for Kent county for record. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy and ordering transfers and abatements.

Base Ball Notes.

The telephone bells go ringing,
Till editors think it's a bore,
For citizens' voices are ringing,
"Hello, there! what's the score?"
—*Exchange.*

The base-ball season for Kent is in full blast, and the struggle between local clubs for the mastery still goes on; the small boy, as well as his more antiquated brother, has entered the fight with enthusiasm and "Great Expectations," but how often do "the best laid plans of mice and men" etc. fall. On last Saturday the "Little Giants," of Washington College, met the Locust Grove team on their grounds and suffered defeat, the score standing eight to fourteen. Many friends of the Washington College club were present, and the odds were strongly in favor of the visiting team. Both teams have good material in them, and before the close of the season fine games may be expected. The Locust Grove nine will play a return game on Saturday, on the college grounds, when an interesting contest is anticipated. The young Americans, of up and down town, played an enthusiastic game on Saturday, under the very romantic names of "Little Potatoes," for the down-towners, and "Bumblebees," for the up-towners. The game was played on the college grounds, the score standing 9 to 0. The score stood 23 to 23 when a disagreement arose and the umpire decided in favor of the down-town team.

The Still Pond nine played an exciting game with the Kennedyville team on Saturday last. Score 11 to 20 in favor of Still Pond.

The American Association and League teams stood at the end of last week as follows:

ASSOCIATION RACE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.
St. Louis	13	4	.812	Brooklyn	7	7	.500
Kansas City	10	4	.642	Cincinnati	5	10	.333
Athletic	9	6	.615	Columbus	4	9	.307
Baltimore	8	6	.571	Louisville	3	12	.200

LEAGUE RACE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.
Phila.	5	2	.714	Chicago	4	5	.470
New York	4	3	.625	Ind'nap'lis	5	5	.500
Pittsburg	6	4	.620	Cleveland	5	6	.450
Boston	5	3	.600	Wash'gt'n	0	7	.000

The following base-ball rules for 1889 will be of interest to lovers of the national game.

"The synopsis of base-ball rules for the current year as given in Spalding's guide is as follows:

Foul tips not out.

Four balls, instead of five, take your base.

Runner need not touch bases on returning on a foul.

The imaginary line has been eliminated from the pitcher's box.

Bunted balls will not be strikes unless willfully blocked off foul.

If thrown ball hits umpire, runner must return to base he started from.

Extra player or tenth man may take his place in the field at the end of any inning.

The umpire shall not reverse his decision on the testimony of any player or bystander.

Base runner entitled to take one base without being put out if batted ball hits umpire on fair ground.

Players must come in from the field and seat themselves on the player's bench at the conclusion of their half in the field.

After a player has been fined once for abusing the umpire, that official shall retire said player from the game and substitute one of the men in uniform.

Game not ended until ball has been returned to pitcher, all runs up to that time to count, the batsman to get credit for all the bases he can made on the hit."—*Marlborough Gazette.*

RAILROAD TALK.

Improvements Commenced—Tolchester to be Touched.

Railroad improvement has commenced, and about fifty men are now on this end of the line making general improvements, about thirty of them being at Dulany's. There are six new cars and an engine now in use, some ties and other arrangements made for a vigorous prosecution of the work of *repairing*. No rails have as yet been laid, nor has any visible steps been taken to advance the construction of the track to Tolchester beach, though it is claimed that they are assuming shape. The double rates which were in effect prior to May 1, and were declared off, were again ordered on after one day, consequently the double rates still exist on the Kent county branch.

Says the Morning *News*:

The scheme to again put in operation the road known as the Kent county, Delaware Bay and Smyrna railroad is again assuming definite shape. This road, extending from Chestertown, Md., to Bombay Hook, through Clayton and Smyrna, was built a number of years ago, but has never, owing to a number of reasons, been a success. The road extends over fifty miles through a farming district of high order. It is at present owned by the Central railroad of New Jersey. The latter road acquired it in the same deal by which they obtained the Southern railroad of New Jersey. The moving spirit in the new road is to all appearances Emil Thielens, but behind him is the Central railroad of New Jersey. Thielens has visited Smyrna several times and is meeting with the encouragement of the people of that vicinity. It is understood that Thielens, who is a Philadelphia merchant, has made a contract with the New Jersey road. It is proposed to spend $100,000 in reviving the road. An entire new track is to be laid, and work will be commenced May 1.

The Diamond State Iron Works, it is understood, will furnish the iron supplies for relaying the road. It is expected to have the new road in running order by July 1. Fruit and passengers can then be carried from Chestertown and the two Kent counties by train to Bombay Hook and thence by floaters to Bay Side, New Jersey. Here connects the New Jersey Southern road and then by way of the Central of New Jersey to New York city.

It is apparent that the Jersey Central intends to make an effort to cut into the P. W. & B. freight traffic, and the new road claims that they can land fruit in New York several hours earlier than the Pennsylvania.

The latest map of the New Jersey Central places the new road as one of its branches. The name of the old Rombay Hook line has not as yet been changed.

The Planets for May.

The bright sisterhood of celestial beauties during May, will be presided over by Venus, as morning star. She will be the most conspicuous object in the eastern sky, as she will oscillate westward from the sun, each morning rising earlier with increasing brilliancy.

Jupiter is morning star; Venus is, however, more brilliant, but her brilliancy is dimmed by the regal beauty of the dawn, "'while Jupiter seems almost her equal in brightness as he shines with the midnight sky for a background.'" The great planet in his approach to the earth, will loom above the southeastern horizon at the last of the month, when the acme of his splendor will be reached.

Saturn is the "Star of the evening" during May. He was "in quadrature with the sun on the 3d, then on the meridian about sunset, and finally situated for observation." When the darkness will permit the stars to come out, he may be seen in the west, slowly approaching Regulus in the handle of the sickle.

"Mercury as evening star reaches his greatest elongation on the 24th and may be easily seen by the unaided eye, for a week before and after that event.

Mars is evening star and moves westward from the sun to meet Mercury moving east, and will be in conjunction on the 5th.

Neptune is evening star until the 22d, and then morning star.

Uranus is evening star, as also are Mercury, Mars and Saturn at the end of the month.

Venus, Jupiter and Neptune are morning stars."

How to Kill Moths.

The following suggestions are given as being valuable to a large number of the readers of the TRANSCRIPT, and particularly valuable at this season when housekeepers are busy with preparations for summer.

"The destruction of moths is one of the greatest vexations which careful housekeepers have to contend with, and their depredations are not to be remedied after they have once made inroads. Houses heated by furnaces are especially predisposed to have moths, but every housekeeper must be on the watch for them, for from the time the windows begin to be left open the trouble begins. Heavy carpets sometimes do not require taking up every year unless in constant use. Take out the tacks from these, fold the carpets back, wash the floor in strong suds with a tablespoonful of borax dissolved in them. Dash with iusect powder or lay with tobacco leaves along the edge and retack. All moths can be kept away and the eggs destroyed by this means. Ingrain or other carpets, after shaking, are brightened by sprinkling a pound of salt over the surface and sweeping carefully and thoroughly. It is also an excellent plan to wipe off the carpet with borax water, using a thick flannel cloth wrung tightly, taking care not to wet it, but only to dampen. Open the windows and dry the carpet before replacing the furniture. Other woolens, including blankets and wearing apparel, must be beaten and brushed and folded smoothly. Be careful to clean every spot with ammonia water, not too strong, and a dark woolen cloth. Tie pieces of camphor into little bundles and put in each article. Wrap the article in newspapers, as printers' ink is a great preventative of moths, and sew them up in strong sheeting bags, labeled so it will not be necessary to open them during the summer except for use."

From Kennedyville.

Peaches are the leading topics, and it is generally conceded they are badly injured, particularly the very early varieties and trees which were full last year.

The Still Pond base-ball club vanquished the Kennedyville boys Saturday last. Score 20 to 11. The visitors scored seven runs in the first inning, after which the playing was quite closely contested. The return game will be played at Still Pond, Saturday next.

The railroad company has increased the section men here, and is preparing the road-bed for new rails and ties.

Since the storm numbers of seabirds have been noticed about the ponds and low places in the fields, willet, marlin and yellow-legged plover, together with English jacksnipe. They did not remain long, however, a shot or two and they sought other quarters. CRUSOE.

THE FREE BRIDGE AGAIN.

The Latest Action in Reference to the Purchase of the Bridge.

Though the question of whether or not the Chester river bridge shall be free or continue a toll bridge, has of late been comparatively quiet, the subject has, as was evinced by the action of the county commissioners of last Tuesday, been seriously considered in its various relations to the interests of the people of Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

At a meeting of the county commissioners on Tuesday last the question was taken up for consideration, and the following resolution passed by a vote of three to two:

WHEREAS, The Chester River Bridge Company has declined to accept the offer of $7,500 heretofore made by Kent and Queen Anne's counties for the purchase of Chester river bridge, and, whereas said bridge company has informed the authorities of the said counties that said bridge cannot be bought for less than par value of its capital stock, namely $11,400, therefore,

Resolved, That the county commissioners of Kent county do hereby accept the offer of the Chester River Bridge Company to sell the bridge at Chestertown, with its capital stock, property, rights and franchises to Kent and Queen Anne's counties at and for the price of $11,400, being par value of said stock as authorized by act of 1887, chapter 376. One half of said sum to be levied by each county in three equal annual installments in the levies of 1889, 1890 and 1891 without interest, control of said bridge to be delivered to said counties July 1, 1889. But it is understood that this resolution shall not bind the county commissioners of Kent county until the commissioners of Queen Anne's county shall have also accepted the said offer of said Chester River Bridge Company, and shall have duly communicated said acceptance to the commissioners of Kent county, and the concurrant action of the commissioners of both the said counties shall have been communicated to said Chester River Bridge Company, and shall have been accepted by it.

Two of the Kent county commissioners are still of the opinion that the price asked for the bridge, though it be par value and not greater than its actual worth to its owners, is disproportionate to the advantages to accrue from the bridge being made a free bridge, and withheld their sanction to the purchase at the price named, $11,400. A majority of the board have, however, decided that the bridge should be purchased and have embodied that decision in the above resolutions. A settlement of the matter is now left entirely to the decision of the Queen Anne's county commissioners.

Court News.

THURSDAY, May 2.—Jacob Levy indorsee for Henry Smeltz, against John Stevens. Jury trial. H. W. Vickers for Levy. W. M. Slay for Smeltz.

Levy sued Smeltz on a promissory note endorsed to him by Smeltz from whom the defendant had purchased a horse and gave the note in payment. The defendant claimed that the horse was purchased by him for Levy, at Levy's request, and that he (Levy) was to get the note from Smeltz who owed Levy, and return it to him and get the horse. Levy, however denied this, and showed that defendant had used and treated the horse as his own. The jury rendered a verdict for Levy.

FRIDAY, May 3.—James P. Hatcherson against the Tolchester Beach Improvement Company. Trial before jury. Barroll for plaintiff. Slay for defendant

In 1887 James P. Hatcherson levied upon certain wheat belonging to C. M. Willis, to satisfy certain judgments of H. C. Chase. Willis delivered the wheat on Tolchester wharf, consigned to A. W. Woodall, and had it manifested in his own name. After the delivery by Willis, the sheriff ordered the clerk on the steamer Louise, of the Tolchester Steamboat Company, to ship the wheat in his name as he claimed it under his execution. The wheat was delivered to Andrew Woodall by the steamboat company and the money paid to the Rasin Fertilizer Company, of Baltimore, who claimed the wheat under a bill of sale. The action was brought against the Tolchester Company, who entered as a defense, that the Tolchester Steamboat Company is a corporation separate and distinct from the Tolchester Improvement Company, and that the wheat was delivered to the former company and not to the defendents in the suit. Verdict for Tolchester Beach Improvement Company for costs.

The jury after being out a day and night on the case of Clarence Smith against John Hurlock and others, brought in a verdict in the afternoon for Smith in the amount of $646.74. The particulars of the case were fully reported in the TRANSCRIPT of last week.

SATURDAY, May 4.—Henry Spear against C. L. Severn, continued from Friday. A suit for damages for violation of contract. Henry Spear sold his peach crop in 1887 to C. L. Severn at 35c. per basket. Some time in September, while delivering Smock peaches, Spear claims that Severn notified him that he would take no more peaches and wished to have no further business with him. In consequence Spear claimed a loss of 800 baskets of peaches, and brought suit for a breach of the contract. Severn, who is engaged in the canning and evaporating business at Millington, offered as a defense that Spear first violated the stipulations of the contract in not delivering the peaches according to agreement. The testimony was conflicting in many particulars. Jury brought in a verdict for Spear for $62.

Court adjourned until Thursday morning, when it was expected that either Judge Robinson or Judge Wickes would be in Chestertown to open court. Judge Robinson, it it understood, will not be able to be present, and either Judge Wickes or Judge Stump will preside.

Spray from Tolchester.

TOLCHESTER, MD., May 8, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Tolchester is enjoying a whale boom just now, as one of these monstrous fish is soon to make its appearance here on exhibition. It is said that it looks as natural as life and not half so dangerous.

The busy season of our workmen will soon be over, and it is then hoped that the current of expenses will turn the other way. Mr. Howard, the painter, with his force of painters is doing much to beautify the exterior, and Mr. Stam, of Chestertown, will do the paper work. The music stand, a building costing over one thousand dollars, will be a thing of beauty, and one of the finest south of New York. All the repairs are expected to be completed by May 30, when the grand opening will take place. Come and see us on that day, the whale will be here.

The great question just now is, how are your peaches? Well, some say, all are killed, others say only part while still others say none at all are hurt. But perhaps we can all tell better the true state of affairs in the peach line after June 20.

Farming is very late with us, and very little corn has been planted.

The shad season is about over and the fishermen say it has been a good one. HARS.

KENT'S EARLY HISTORY.

Interesting Facts Concerning "Old Kent" and its Settlers.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—About a month ago I sent you a copy of the first recorded marriage certificate in Cecil Monthly Meeting, in 1698. To that certificate we find names of the ancestors of many excellent and intelligent people who have been well known between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and even in Ohio and Indiana, as well as many who yet live in Kent county.

I propose to send you another, in fact several, but before doing so, would write you a few lines suggested by that first certificate. Some years ago Col. Hanson contributed to the TRANSCRIPT, a series of articles on "Old Kent." I was a constant reader and wondered why the *Northern* section of our county was so entirely ignored. After some investigation, I am convinced that the Northern half of the present Kent county was not a part of "Old Kent." The lands of the Tockwough Indians were taken up quietly, along the Sassafras river in about 1650 by gradual settlement, sections being made according to individual taste. In fact, between the years 1638 and 1660, people from England, Virginia and Delaware were streaming down the shores of the Chesapeake and making detached manors in such a way that the present records fail to show these settlements as definitely as one would wish.

In 1635 the first Assembly of Maryland met at St. Mary's, with but two settlements represented, St. Mary's county and Kent Island (call it county if you please). As the Kent Island settlement increased, naturally the original settlers paddled their own canoes up the Chester river to Grey's Inn, Corsica and to Chestertown. Those people traveled by water, for the forests were dense, uninhabited and lonely. The bounds of Kent included those people along the Chester, St. Michaels and Wye rivers. The county seat moved from Kent Point to Grey's Inn then to Chestertown. There is no record that any Kent Islander ventured to break the waves around Swan Point to make settlements above, or if so, he continued out of daily reach of his native island.

The *north* line of "Old Kent" may be drawn about where our present railroad runs. The line *then* was very uncertain, there being then no necessity to mark it out. The same Cecil Monthly Meeting that sheltered the marriage guests of Howell's Point, Howell's in 1698, now stands a quarter of a mile north of the said railroad; west, half a mile from Lynch's Station in Kent county. Few people know why it was ever called Cecil, fewer people know that for a great many years the upper half of Kent was a portion of Baltimore county, and then later, in 1674, it was in Cecil county, Cecil having been formed of the Eastern part of Baltimore county.

I am much indebted to Johnson's History of Cecil county for many facts not generally found in our Maryland records.

In the records of Cecil county, 1698, George Warner and seven others prayed that their meeting house at the head of Still Pond creek might be registered according to Act of Parliament, and promised to pray for the eternal happiness of the court.

Picture a fleet of canoes every Sabbath morning paddling up Still Pond creek, past where now is a mill dam, and where now grows an ash swamp. CITIZEN.

["Citizen" promises an article for the next issue of the TRANSCRIPT in reference to the early history and respective dates of Kent and Cecil counties.—EDS.]

Millington Items.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—A four-horse wagon loaded with lime, and belonging to Samuel Hurlock, Esq., was passing through town on Monday morning, when one of the horses became frightened at an ox-cart and turned so suddenly that the tongue was broken out. Several parties standing by caught the horses, and no further damage was done.

Some of our farmers say that the recent storm has materially injured the peach crop in this section.

On Saturday last we had quite an interesting game of ball between the Unicorns of Millington, and the Sudlersville nine. The score stood 31 for Unicorns and 15 for Sudlersville. Base-ball is booming, and the boys, when they get warmed up to business, expect to make matters gay and festive for some of their country competitors.

Farmers have their work in good shape, and though our merchants declare that business continues dull, there is every reason to believe that things will soon brighten and times become better. Politics will commence to move, wheat *may (?)* bring a good price, and with only a fair crop of peaches and good prices, we have hopes for the future.

The 30th passed off pleasantly but quietly in Millington. It seems that all the enthusiasm of the occasion concentred and crystalized at the town of the "Great Bridge." RUSTICUS.

Sassafras Notes.

Some farmers are planting corn and others are not ready to commence; some too slow and some too fast.

Asparagus is plentiful, R. S. Griffith cut and shipped 400 bunches to New York on Monday. B. F. Caulk has also shipped a large quantity.

A colored man while fishing with a bow net under the bridge, at Kennedy's mill, a few days ago, was unable to bring his abundant catch to shore, and called for help. They drew out a German Carp weighing fourteen pounds.

Some say that the peaches are seriously hurt, and others claim that thy are not injured to any great extent; later developements will enable a satisfactory conclusion to be reached.

The peach crop is now the subject of general conversation, and, as a matter of fact is a subject of deepest interest to the Kent county farmer. Opinions are so conflicting, and individual growers are either so positive in regard to the various estimates put upon the amount of damage to the peach crop, that it is impossible to get a very satisfactory idea of the peach prospects for the present year. Reports from various sections of the county differ; yet it is safe to say that in some sections and with some varieties the damage has been *very* great, while in other sections and with other varieties the injury is slight. Reports concur, however, that old trees and trees that bore full crops last year are the ones most seriously effected.

Politics are unusually quiet but will arouse from their lethargy later on.

Strawberries are not hurt, and strawberry and ice cream festivals will soon be in order.

Fox hunting by moonlight continues to be enjoyed. WHO?

The fishermen along the Wicomico river say there has not been so many fish for many years as there are this season. They attribute the unusual supply to the Maryland fish commission and the eel bill. Over 20,000 eels have been caught.—*Snow Hill Messenger.*

Easton District Preachers' Association to be Held at Still Pond, Md., May 21, 22, 23, 1889.

PROGRAM.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AT 3 P. M.—1. Devotional Exercises. 2. Organization. 3. Address of Welcome, by J. D. Rigg. Response by E. C. Atkins. 4. "Easton district and its outlook." J. France. 5. "With what frequency is it admissible to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." R. H. Adams, J. A. Brindle, F. J. Cockran.

TUESDAY EVENING.—1. Sermon by R. C. Jones. 2. "What is the best plan of conducting Revival Work." W. M. Warner, W. W. Sharp, J. B. Merritt, D. Gollie.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.—1. Devotional Exercises. 2. "Pastoral Work." Essay by W. S. Robinson. 2. "Is the General Conference rule respecting the instruction of children practicable; and if so, what is the best method of observing it?" J. A. Arters, E. C. Atkins, J. M. Lindale, G. T. Alderson. 4. A review of Robert Elsmere, by R. W. Todd. 5. "Is public or private solicitation the best method of raising church benevolences?" R. K. Stephenson, J. D. Rigg, I. G. Fosnocht, G. S. Conoway.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.—1. Devotional Exercises. 2. "The proper care of Probationers." Essay by W. W. W. Wilson. 3. "*Resolved*, That the action of the General Conference in extending the Pastoral term was wise." E. P. Roberts, S. M. Morgan, J. Robinson, J. D. Lecates. 4. "The imperative demand of the Pulpit of to-day upon the ministry. "Essay by W. R. Mowbray.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—1. Devotional Exercises. 2. "The proper treatment of converted children." Essay by G. W. Townsend. 3. "What is the duty of a Christian in the present crisis of the Temperance reform? R. C. Jones, C. A. Hill, A Chandler, W. Sheers, J. D. Reese.

THURSDAY MORNING.—1. Devotional Exercises. 2. "In what did the merit of Christ's Sacrifice, as a means of Redemption, consist?" Essay by S. J. Morris. 3. "*Resolved*, That women ought to be eligible as Delegates to the General Conference." N. McQuay, T. H. Haynes, W. B. Walton, H. C. Turner.

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PENINSULA ITEMS.

Seven persons were publicly whipped at Dover Saturday last.

We understand that a fine cane was received here by express, addressed to the most worthy citizen named for the Father of his Country. After consultation with those most competent to judge, it was without difference of opinion, presented to George Washington Ingram. The presentation speech, by one of our most esteemed citizens, was worthy of the occasion, being a parallel between the original G. W., with the odds in favor of the former.—*Middletown Transcript.*

The Smyrna Creamery, which has been doing so well during the winter may expect a boom on introducing the cows to the clover fields. This period comes with May. It will not be surprising to see the monthly pay for milk jump up to $2,000. In fact they expect this we think. The pay for butter used to come in the way of trade; now it comes to the creamery men, in cash, and finds its way in general circulation, it cannot be otherwise than felt beneficially in the community. The legislature amended the charter last week increasing the capital stock.—*Smyrna Times.*

The outbuildings, horses, five hundred bushels of grain, and a valuable lot of farming implements, belonging to John E. Cole, Esq., were destroyed by fire on Wednesday night of last week. The fire was discovered at about nine o'clock at night, and burned with such rapidity that it was impossible to remove anything of value. Mr. Cole lives on the farm of Col. William McKenney, situated about three miles from Centreville. The buildings were insured for $975. Mr. Cole's loss is about $1,200 with no insurance. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin, and $100 reward has been offered for the apprehension of the "fire bug."

The May term of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's county met on Monday 6th instant. The docket foots up as follows: Civil trials, 114; civil appeals, 21; references, 8; criminal trials, 9; criminal appeals, 20; and appearances, 60. The criminal appeals are all for the violation of the oyster laws and are from the dockets of Justices Phillips and Winchester. The term will likely prove an interesting one, as several "hull-less oats" cases will come up for trial. "There are now imprisoned in the jail awaiting the action of the grand jury fifteen prisoners, five white and the remainder colored. Among the colored prisoners are two females. The white men with one exception, are held as principals and witnesses in the attack on the police steamer McLane in Chester river last March, All of the colored people, with two exceptions, are held for theft. There are more prisoners in jail held for court than has been for several years previous."—*Centreville Record.*

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby,