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THE TRANSCRIPT.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

—Early peas and tomatoes are now in market; tomatoes are selling for 20c. per quart.

—J. C. Sutton, Esq., of near Black's station shelled his 1888 corn crop this week. The corn was damp and not it first-rate condition.

—Isaac Gibbs, of Sassafras, has lost three colts during the past two weeks of distemper. All of Mr. Gibbs' colts are suffering from the same disease.

—The intensely warm spell of last week caused the soda water fountains of town to spring up as by magic, and the supply will evidently be equal to any demand which may be made upon it.

—Eels are said to be doing much injury in Chester river, by eating the shad which are caught in the float nets. Unless the nets are fished often the shad are eaten to such an extent as to make them unmarketable.

—The Haydn Spring Quartet Concert Club, of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, will give a musical entertainment at Stam's Hall to-night, May 16. This quartet is one of the finest in the country, and deserve a liberal patronage.

—Sheep shearing is now in order, and many farmers have already sheared. Fleeces are generally good though the prospects are that prices will be about what they have been during the past several years, 25c. per pound.

—Though the wheat crop in Kent has rarely, if ever, looked better at this season of the year than at present, the exceptions are rare that the regularity of the fields in some sections of the county, are not broken by heavy growth of rye.

—The flower gardens of Chestertown never looked more beautiful so early in the spring than at present. On every hand rosebushes are profusely in bloom, and many more modest blossoms tend to give variety to the scene and make the effect more attractive.

—A private sewer is being run back of the residences, on Queen street, of C. T. Wescott, Emmanuel P. E. Church Rectory, J. H. Simpers and Montgomery Stewart. The drain will connect with the sewer under Main street opposite the gate of the residence of Dr. Beck.

—The fine of one hundred dollars and costs amounting in all to one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and forty-five cents, which was imposed upon the dredge schooner R. J. McAllister, at the last term of court, for firing upon the police schooner, Helen M. Baughman, was paid on Tuesday last.

—Miss Fanny Stuart, now second assistant in the Galena public school, having been appointed an assistant in the Chestertown school to take effect July 1st, has accepted the same, and Miss Allice Price, at present teaching as a substitute in the fourth grade room in Chestertown, has been appointed to the vacancy at Galena.

—The last of the balloons which were sent from Chestertown April 30, has been found and reported. Balloon No. 4, the only one not reported in the last issue of the TRANSCRIPT, was found on the farm of Thomas M. Robinson, Esq. Three of the four balloons were found within a half mile of McGinnis' postoffice, about 3½ miles from Crumpton.

—Ex-Postal Clerk F. A. Greenwood, who was recently removed, made his last trip with the new appointee, Charles K. Cole, on Tuesday, May 7. Mr. Cole is now in full charge, and so far has shown himself efficient and equal to every requirement of his new office, this fact, however, does not remove the general regret, at the loss of the services of the not less efficient and courteous ex-Postal Clerk Greenwood.

—It is remarkable with what precision the small boy and girl vary their sports with the changing seasons. Now that the season of rope jumping has opened, too much care cannot be exercised to prevent an over amount of exercise. It is a well-known fact, that in the desire to overmatch a friendly competitor, the violent exercise of jumping rope has often been attended with serious and in many cases fatal results. Parents cannot be too careful.

—The Eastern Shore continues to be infested by sharpers and fraudulent representatives of what would be legitimate business enterprises did they actually exist. The latest is the public school house entertainment man, who has put in an appearance around Dover. Says the Dover *Index:* "A swindler is going about the country professing to give entertainments in the public school houses, and after pocketing the admission fees failing to exhibit his show. He is a young man and calls his entertainment the Braden Tripologue."

—There is just the slightest possibility that the following marriage notice, which has been clipped from the Cleveland *Herald*, is capable of numerous local applications, and for that reason we give it space: "In Guilford, Medina county, Ohio, on the 2d inst., by S. Wilson, Esq., Mr. Samuel D. Curtis to Miss Sally Murphy, after a tedious courtship of fifteen years, which was borne with Christian fortitude and patience." As a matter of course, "Christian fortitude and patience" in such cases are considered by many as not only admissible but commendable.

—At St. Dennis' Catholic Church, Galena, next Sunday, May 19, Rt. Rev. A. A. Curtis will administer the sacrament of confirmation. Mass at 10 o'clock A. M.; forty hours devotion will open during mass. The bishop will preach at morning and evening service; evening service will be held at 7.30 P. M. The bishop will also preach Monday morning at 8.30 o'clock. Rev. George S. Bradford will preach Monday evening; Rev. John D. Carey, Tuesday morning at 8.30 A. M., mass; Rev. E. L. Brady, Tuesday evening at 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. J. Scott, of Queenstown, and all others of the Rev. clergy of the Diocsee are invited to attend. Forty hours devotion closes on Tuesday evening.

—The War Department has completed and published the allotments of the $400,000 appropriated by Congress for the equipment of the militia. The allotments are based on the representation of the States in Congress, and in the case of the Territories about to become States the apportionments show the amount to which each of the Territories will be entitled after admission. Of the $400,000, Maryland, according to congressional representation, is apportioned $7,594.16. Of this amount Kent county will get such amounts as may be actually necessary to provide for the current expenses of her one [illegible] company of men, the Kent Guards. By current necessities are meant lights, fuel, janitor and all expenses incurred when called away by the State. New York heads the list in amount, with an apportionment of $34,173.72.

—The TRANSCRIPT in its communications this week, represents nearly every section of the county. The letters are newsy, and will be found interesting reading, combining as they do church, baseball, peach and a variety of other references.

—Spring lamb has been in Chestertown market for several weeks past, and apropos of its presence we insert the following suggestions of an exchange in regard to it: "Roast spring lamb and mint sauce. "Lamb is reasonable enough in price to be served twice a week. Small families will find it profitable to buy a leg and loin, the leg to be roasted and the loin cut up and served as chops or the loin may be roasted and cutlets made of the leg. Lamb requires salt, pepper and the best of butter added before roasing. The butter may be rolled in little balls or cakes, then dredged with flour. The roast should be nicely browned on the outside. Mint sauce is easily made. Chop up three or four sprigs of mint, add it to a gill of white wine vinegar, add also half a teaspoonful of sugar. Mint sauce may be made in large quantities and bottled for use. The common spearmint is the kind of mint mostly used in sauces and is supposed to be the mint spoken of in the New Testament; pennyroyal and peppermint are members of the same family."

—The present fishng season has been one of unusual success to fishermen in Kent county, and throughout the State. Rarely have Chester river fishermen known a larger run of fine fish of every variety than during the present year, and that too in the face of a yearly increase in the number of seines and fishing devises of every kind. There is little doubt but that this is due to a great extent to our wholesome State fishery laws and the adequacy of the means provided for a constant replenishing of our fish supply, the effects of which are felt in every river in the State. Notwithstanding the abundance of the supply prices have generally held good during the entire season, and the demand has remained steady. There were deposited last week in Gravelly Run Branch, a tributary of Corsica river, 700,000 young shad from the Tuckahoe Hatching Station, Caroline county. The deposit was the fourth made by Mr. Hughlett in Eastern Shore streams. The first was 400,000 in Blackwater river April 26; the second 600,000 at Pocomoke City, and the third, 3,000,000, at North East. Of this large number of young fish deposited in our waters, 2,700,000 were hatched at Tuckahoe station; 1,000,000 at Sharptown and 1,000,000 at Salisbury. The fish commission is clearly not a failure, and promises even more satisfactory results.

MATRIMONIAL.

ROBERTS—SPENCER.

On Thursday last, May 9, at 12.30 o'clock, Miss Lottie R. Spencer was married to Rev. Stephen C. Roberts, rector of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Munford, of St. Paul's Parish, assisted by Rev. E. K. Miller, of North East, Cecil county. Mendelsohn's wedding march was rendered by Miss Mary Hurtt. Several bouquets of modest flowers placed on the altar constituted the only ornamentation to the church. The beauty of the marriage ceremony of the church, was rendered only the more impressive and beautiful, by the total absence of any thing having a tendency to lure the mind from the solemnity of the occasion, and the majestic importance of the most sacred rite which God has commanded should be observed among men. The train was taken at 1.20 P. M. for points North.

New Advertisements.

Richard D. Hynson, as trustee of Wm. H. Davis, offers at public auction a large and valuable stock of general merchandise. See advertisement.

H. W. Vickers, attorney for owners, will sell at public sale on Tuesday, June 4, 1889, the valuable estate of the hiers of Baudny Simmons. See advertisement for particulars.

M. T. Goslee, the popular shoe merchant, under Stam's Hall, offers by advertisement in another column special bargains in the shoe line, and guarantees satisfaction.

The Bell Clothing Company, of Baltimore, advertises in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT, offering special inducements and claiming to save their customers money by dealing with them.

In another column of this issue will be found the change of the Tolchester Steamboat Company, to take effect June 1.

The time of leaving Baltimore, by the steamer Gratitude, has been changed from two to three o'clock, P. M.

James A. Casey, Sheriff for Kent county, offers for sale the valuable real estate of Samuel C. LeCompte, in the Fifth election district.

Personal Mention.

Prof. T. N. Williams, of Washington College, who has been invited to deliver the annual address before the Belles Lettres Literary Society of Columbia College, states that it will be impossible for him to accept the invitation from the fact that the commencement of Washington College will take place upon the same date for which he was invited to deliver the address.

Rev W. R. Graham was summoned to Baltimore on Tuesday evening on account of the death of his father. Mr. Graham took the Emma Ford on Wednesday morning for Baltimore.

Dr. Guion and daughter, father and sister of Mrs. Charles T. Westcott, who spent the winter in Chestertown, returned to their home at Newbern, N. C. on Satuaday last.

Miss Addie Kennard has been spending several weeks with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Lillie Holmes, of Oxford, Md., is visiting Mrs. Thomas G. Wroth.

Miss Alice Willson, of Kent county, has been on a visit to Mrs. Thomas A. Embert, of Queenstown.

Miss Rebecca Wickes, who spent the winter in New York, has returned to her home for the summer. Mrs. Wethered Thomas, of New York city, returned with her.

Mrs. Oliver, of Kansas City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Turner.

Miss Lizzie Spencer, cousin of Mrs. S. C. Roberts, is visiting Mrs. Josiah Ringgold.

Miss Nelie Walker is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Emily Boyer, of Millington, to Henry Roberts, Esq., of Delaware City, on May 22.

Miss Mary Sudler, of Sudlersville, has been spending a short visit with Mrs. R. W. Comegys, of Millington.

In the absence of Rev. S. C. Roberts, no services were held in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church on Sunday morning last. The pulpit was filled at night by Rev. William Munford, rector of St. Paul's and I. U.

THE BALL FIELD.

Venerunt, Vidimus, Vicimus.

The most interesting game of ball which has been played in Kent during the present season, was that of last Saturday between the Washington College nine and the team from Locust Grove. On the previous Saturday the college club had suffered a decided defeat at the hands of the visitors, and when the game of Saturday was called at about 3.30 o'clock, the visiting nine, buoyant with their recent success and reveling in bright anticipations of future conquests, were evidently eager for the contest. The college nine was also equally anxious to commence the battle, hoping to retrieve their lost laurels. The men of each club are athletic fine looking fellows and "played good ball." But from the outset, it was evident that the strong curves of Stephens, with Gerker to catch, supported by the field men were too much for the victors of the week before.

Prof. Clarke, captain of the college team soon recognized the fact that his nine was not so easily settled as some might have supposed. The Locust Grove men played a good game, but Hurtt was heavily batted which rendered the fine work of Atwell, catch, less effective. The field men played well, but Hayes, captain of the team, was unable to reduce their work to the precision which had won them the former game.

They came, *we* saw, *we* conquered. The score stood as followes:

College.	Lb.	r.	o.	Locust Grove.	Lb.	r.	o.
Gerker, c,	8	4	3	Atwell, J., 1 b,	5	0	4
Wickes, 2 b,	8	3	4	Archibald, 2 b,	5	0	3
Duer, s s,	8	7	1	Hurtt, W., 3 b,	5	0	3
Beck, 3 b,	8	5	2	Hurtt, C., c f,	5	0	5
Stevens, p,	8	4	2	Atwell, W., c,	5	1	3
Clarke, 1 b,	7	4	0	Hayes, s s,	4	1	2
Dodd, r f,	7	1	0	Soloway, l f,	4	0	3
Porter, c f,	7	4	2	Comly, c f,	4	1	1
Rose, l f,	7	2	4	Redmile, r f,	4	1	3

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T
College	3	1	4	4	4	3	4	13	x	34
Locust Grove	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	4

Time, 2 hours; Umpire, Bounds.

The following is a report of the game at Kennedyville last Saturday:

The "Kennedyville Kids" had an easy conquest on Saturday last, and vanquished the Sassafras boys, notwithstanding they brought a professional battery from Delaware, Mr. Wilson, pitcher, and Mr. Townsend, catcher, who it is said, is one of the best in Delaware. The visitors accepted defeat with very good grace and cheered the "Kids" most heartily. The return game will be played at Sassafras next Saturday.

The score follows:

Kennedyville.	t.b.	r.	Sassafras.	t.b.	r.
H. Faulkner, r f,	9	6	Griffith, 1 b,	5	0
W. McKnett, c f,	9	5	Townsend, c,	5	2
U. Dewees, p,	9	8	E. Wilson, p,	5	0
H. Minner, c,	9	6	Wilson, 2 b,	4	1
H. Redmile, 2 b,	8	4	Price 3 b,	4	1
W. Greenwood, l b,	8	4	Johnson, r f,	4	0
L. Redmile, s s,	8	6	Kennedy, s s,	4	0
G. Greenwood, 3 b,	8	3	Gillispie, l f,	4	0
L. Smyth, l f,	8	6	Caulk, c f,	4	1
Total	48		Total	5	

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Sassafras	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	5
Kennedyville	8	3	3	5	0	6	0	23	x	48

The standing of the clubs of the Association and League clubs at the end of the week ending May 11.

Says the Sunday *News:*

"St. Louis has opened a wide gap in the Association race, and Baltimore has jumped into second place. The Athletics and Kansas City have tumbled. Brooklyn and Cincinnati have braced up and Columbus and Louisville are still in the soup. In the League all the clubs are bunched with the Phillies, and Boston tied for first place. The records are:

ASSOCIATION RACE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.
St. Louis	18	6	.750	Brooklyn	10	8	.555
Baltimore	12	8	.600	Cincin'ti	10	11	.476
Kansas Cy	12	12	.545	Columbus	6	13	.315
Athletic	10	9	.626	Louisville	4	17	.190

LEAGUE RACE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.
Boston	8	5	.615	Cleveland	9	8	.555
Phila	8	5	.615	Pittsburg	8	8	.476
New York	8	6	.571	Ind'nap'ls	7	9	.437
Chicago	9	7	.533	Wash'gt'n	1	10	.166

THE CHESTER BY MOONLIGHT.

Bright Smiles and Sweet Music—an Ideal Excursion.

The most delightful excursion of the season so far, was enjoyed on last Saturday evening, through the kindness of Mr. Joseph Turner, who placed at the disposal of a party of about forty persons the use of his large lighter and his steam launch "Gracie." R. F. E. McClelland, Esq., was proprietor and manager-in-chief of arrangements, and to his efforts is due much of the pleasure of the evening. Dr. C. P. Gilpin, was by unanimous consent, placed in charge of the ice cream and confectionery departments and dispensed with a lavish hand the refresgments for the occasion. About eight o'clock the awkward looking, but safe and commodious lighter was boarded at Scott's Point, and a few moments later the "Gracie" like a tiny Maid of the Mist drew near, and taking the arm of her rugged suitor, prepared for the grand march of the river. The evening was one of perfect beauty. Neither poetry nor romance could ask of the Fates that they smile upon the occasion with more abundant brightness. A flood of mellow light fell from the burnished breastplate of the moon and rested upon a river as bright and beautiful in its stillness as the great mirror of eternity itself. After a run, during which the minutes were meted out in golden numbers, Round Top was reached, and many landed to place their names upon the shelving beach. Fair hands traced fairer names upon the unstable sands, only to be erased and lost forever at the rising of the tide. The occasion was one calculated to inspire a wealth of romantic thought, yet in all the merry party, but one romantic murmur was heard, a murmur intended to be heard only by the sympathetic ear of the golden waters, but the breezes toyed with the lines of silvery sweetness and the following words were caught as they drifted away;

"River, sparkling river,
I have fault to find with thee;
River, thou dost never give
One word of joy to me."

"Dimpling to each touch of sunshine,
Whimpling to each air that blows,
Thou dost never give replying
To my sighing for repose."

After a short stay on the beach the pleasure seekers started for home, and were soon wooed from a contemplation of the picturesque beauty of the occasion to the enjoyment of refreshments, consisting of ice cream, water ice, cake and confectionary. Even the sweet murmurer of the party murmured no more. During the entire trip gentle bursts of song blended with the silvery strains of the guitar and the suppressed music of the ripling waters and was one of the most fascinating features of the delightful trip. By one who heard it from the shore, it was pronounced as being sublimely beautiful. The enjoyment of the trip was as thorough as the evening was bright and enjoyable.

Some day St. Michaels will [illegible] electric lights [illegible] horse or motor cars, railroads, factories, warehouses, theaters, a big city hall and hundreds of other improvements we can not mention just here, but intend to print a supplement during the year with about one hundred pages, and the man who pays his subscription that is now due will receive the copy free gratis.—*St. Michaels Comet.*

What an imagination friend Gibson has.

Edesville Happenings.

On last Saturday, at Edesville, the Lankford nine defeated the Edesville boys by a score of 72 to 13, in nine innings. After the crushing defeat one of the victors added insult to injury by saying that, "We could have done better than that if we had had some one to play against." Come down again, then, boys, and bring some marbles with you, perhaps fortune will be more kind.

Mr. J. F. Wheatley is repairing and adding an addition to his residence.

Prof. W. B. Judefind is at home for a few weeks from Western Maryland College, where he is said to be making rapid progress.

Miss Florence, daughter of B. B. Adkinson, of Baltimore, is spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. P. Jump, at Edesville. MAX.

Kennedyville Items.

KENNEDYVILLE, May 15, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The work of raising the railroad bed is progressing and will no doubt be in good condition in time for the peach crop.

The outlook for peaches has greatly improved since they have grown large enough to be seen. The prospects on young thrifty trees is all you can reasonably expect, while on old trees they are scattering and only a few varities that promise much return.

Wheat and grass are looking exceedingly well, while the farmers are generally planting corn.

The Grange has just purchased 2650 pounds of binder twine at combination prices.

The creamery was somewhat interrupted during part of last week by reason of the inspirator failing to respond. A new one, however, was procured from Baltimore, and a machinist from Chestertown has the credit of attaching it to the boiler, wrong side out, and but for the timely discovery by one of our enterprising blacksmiths, would have caused still greater interruption. Every thing is now working satisfactorily.

Our friend and neighbor, L. C. Justis, is again with us looking a little thiner than usual, from his indisposition of last week, though we are pleased to notice he is very much improved. CRUSOE.

Millington Haps.

MILLINGTON, May 14, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The M. E. Church South, held a festival in McWhorter's hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week. The festival was held for the purpose of putting a new fence around the church lot, and we are gratified to hear that the sum realized was amply sufficient to make the desired improvements, and leave a small surplus in the treasury for other purposes.

Our town still continues to improve slowly—slow improvements, you know, are often the surest. Mrs. Mary Blackiston has had her home on Sassafras street thoroughly repaired and newly painted, and several others have now caught the fever for improvement, and are having their houses painted. Carpenters are now at work putting up a back building to the hotel here, belonging to Alick Maxwell, Esq., of Middletown, and occupied by Samuel Mallalieu.

Wm. Loper left here Monday morning to attend court in Wilmington, as a witness in the case of Dr. Parviss, who was killed by a passenger train on the Delaware road last fall. Mr. Loper was an eye witness of the accident, and will no doubt be an important witness, as his brother-in-law, who is administrator, is sueing the railroad company for quite a large sum.

All of our farmers, except a few who are never in a hurry to do anything, are through planting corn.

Mr. Wm. Rash, a former merchant of our town, moved to Wilmington with his family on Monday last. Mr. Rash will take an important position in the car shops of that place.

Samuel Duling and family, and a carpenter also, moved to Wilmington on Monday last. RUSTICUS.

OUR CHESTERVILLE LETTER.

Interesting Happenings and Newsy References.

On Sunday, May 19, Rev. W. H. D. Harper, presiding elder of the East Baltimore District, M. E. Church South, will preach in Chesterville, hour for service being 10.30 A. M. Communion service will be held immediately after sermon. This is the first quarterly visit for the conference year. The official members of Kent circuit will hold their business meeting on Saturday at 9.30 A. M. This and the fourth quarterly conference are much more important than the other two. Those acquainted with Rev. Mr. Harper and his fine pulpit talent, anticipate an instructive and eloquent discourse.

The ladies of Millington M. E. Church South, held a festival on last Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, which was a complete success. On Friday evening a moderate cyclone made its fearful sweep over this vicinity just before dark, and prevented many from attending from this neighborhood. But Saturday evening was a complete remover of fears as to the success of the festival. Socially it seemed to be highly enjoyed by beaux and belles, both young and old. Almost sixty dollars were realized, after expenses were all paid. Proceeds to build a new fence and other improvements on church.

Mrs. Annie Aldridge is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Sanders, at Waldorf, Charles county, Md. She expects to go from there to Virginia to visit Mr. William Aldridge's family.

Mrs. Downes is visiting in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Edward Burriss, Mrs. William Jarrell and Master Goldie Carey are on the sick list.

Corn planting and housecleaning seem to be the order of the day.

Miss Nannie Aldridge is selling off her stock of flowers cheap, and has plenty of cabbage and tomato plants for sale.

Our W. C. T. U. was held May 3, and there was quite a number of visitors present, which made the audience a large one. Those who took part in the program were: Misses Annie Bell, Sophie and Mary Miller, Lou Trout, Mrs. Dobson and Mr. Way. The next meeting will be May 31, at 8 P. M. All are cordially invited to attend. Some of our young folks want to know what W. C. T. U. means. It means just what it says, that the women will C. To U.

It has been [illegible] said by some one who was [illegible] acquainted with the Chesterville folks that they are a lazy set of people about rising in the morning. We hope that the person who made this mistatement will not class them all alike, for one of our ladies was up on Monday morning and had her washing hanging on the line before seven o'clock.

Quite a number of sick horses are in the neighborhood, and Dr. Allen Jarman seems to be on the go continually, and is quite successful as a doctorer.

Letter from Tolchester.

TOLCHESTER, MD., May 15, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—Tolchester has its trials and troubles as well as its good times. The slight accident to the Emma Giles on the 10th, in the big storm of that date, has caused the company to put on the route the fast iron steamer Tolchester, a little ahead of time. She was to have made her first trip on the opening day, May 30. The first excursion will arrive on that date, and will be from Washington, D. C. It is not expected to be a large one, and will not reach here before three o'clock in the afternoon, as they will take in the sights of the upper part of the bay. The company will try and have everything ready by that date. The carpenters are about through and the painters nearly so. It can safely be said that never before has Tolchester looked so well as this year, as she has undergone many improvements. The whale will arrive about the 21.

The farmers and others along Fairlee Creek can hardly realize the fact that the government is now at work with their mud machines deepening and widening the mouth of that neglected body of water. This we know will give a near landing to the Fairlee villager and also to many large peach shippers. HAPS.

From Crumpton.

May 15, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—During the sweltering, hot weather of last week, Crumpton kept on the move, and town improvements in the direction of beautifying the surroundings of homes did not cease because of hot suns. Flower gardens are now clothed in their freshest and most beautiful robes, gardens are smiling in cheering promises of an early and abundant supply of spring vegetables, town fishermen are glad because of a successful season, and our merchants are hopeful of brighter times and a suspension of the depression in the money market.

Now, of all people, there are none of whom it might with greater truth be said, that "Hope springs eternal in the human breast" than the farmer and their village relatives. The farmers have been kept busy with farm work, and have had little or no time in which to discuss anything other than agricultural work and the present demands of the occasion. No poetic reveries in regard to the inconvenience of sunburnt faces or anything of that sort have been indulged in, stern realities and hard work have been the order of the day.

The sad death of the little son of Mr. Shawn, was one of the saddest occurrences of the year. Mr. Shawn, who lives near Pond Town, had placed a large goods box in a gap in the fence surrounding his pound, and placed one end of a log on the box to hold it in place. Mr. Shawn's children were playing around the box when the log was accidentally knocked out of place and fell, striking the little fellow in the temple, killing him almost instantly. Dr. Fanning was summoned, but too late to be of any aid to the sufferer. The child was four years old.

A class in painting is the latest introduction in our midst. Miss Cynthia Fanning, sister of Dr. Fanning, has organized a class, and many of the young ladies are now earnest followers of Reynold's, Landseer and other masters of the refining art of painting.

The Mite Society, aided by the Crumpton band, which, by the way, have become expert tooters, recently gave an enjoyable entertainment. The Japanese Fan Drill, under the direction of Miss Gussie Godwin, was a decided success.

Crumpton can now boast of one of the most beautiful walks in either Queen Anne's or Kent counties. The willows on the causeway leading to the bridge have been recently trimmed, and clothed in their spring foliage of soft green, are the greatest attractions of the town. U.

Letter form Still Pond.

May 14, 1889.

The prospective quantity of peaches which we will have this season is all an uncertainty. It may reach one-fifth and it may not be one-tenth of a crop. Clay land orchards have very few peaches on them, while on sandy lands the trees have plenty. There are three sizes always on the trees at this season. The two smaller sizes will fall and the curculio may sting the remainder. We believe the wood was injured by the wet weather and hot suns last September. The same thing happened in 1886, followed by the loss of the crop in 1887. Sandy lands do not retain the water after heavy rains, hence the wood is not injured. The peach crop is very uncertain on clay lands.

White cherries will be a failure. The sour varieties promise about a half crop.

Duchess pears will yield nothing except on eighteen-year-old trees and upwads. This is one of the mysteries of the fruit business, they all bloom at the same time, yet the old trees only are fruitful. The Giffard, Manning, Bartlett, Howell, Buffum, Anjou, Lawrence, LeConte and Kieffer are loaded with fruit.

Erwin F. Smith has made an application of potash, bone, kiserite, &c., to W. S. Maxwell's orchard during the past week. This week he will make a similar application to an orchard of F. H. Harper's. Prof. Smith is endeavoring to see if there is any thing in the soil exhaustion theory, and his tests in orchards here and in Delaware will be watched with interest.

We regret the death of John Ponder Saulsbury, Secretary of State of Delaware. In our boyhood days, in the classroom, the play ground and the social circle, we found John an honorable and true friend. Our companions of boyhood are passing away, and we must soon follow.

The highest temperature reported last week was at W. D. Pennington's on Friday—98° in the shade. In Still Pond it was 93°.

Through the perseverance of Rev. Mr. Rigg, our sidewalks are in a passable condition. The average citizen of the village has thought too much of other things to give any thought to the sidewalks, and fortunately we have an industrious pastor, who has taken the lead, and we give him all the credit.

We hope to get our village incorporated next winter, and have the taxes we now pay into the county treasury refunded, to be used on our streets. Taxes are too low for a rich county like this, and we do not want other towns in the county to get more out of the treasury than we do.

OSCEOLA.

This week Centreville Landing has presented a lively and busy scene. There are five steamers in the harbor daily, and about as many sailing vessels. Two of the steamers are the police boats Governor Thomas and Governor McLane, and among the schooners are the Frolic and the Helen Baughman.—*Centreville Record.*

A town that can boast of cocoanuts at 6c. each, strawberries 35c. a quart, and a hand organ and a monkey all the same day cannot be said to be "in the soup" just yet.—*Middletown Transcript.*

FOR WHAT CAN THE BRIDGE BE BOUGHT?

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's Take Further Action in Reference to the Purchase.

No communications have as yet been received by the Kent board of commissioners from the commissioners of Queen Anne's county, in reference to the action of May 9, by the Kent county board. A communication was received, however, on Tuesday last, containing the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas an ineffectual effort has been made by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county and the County Commissioners of Kent county, to purchase of the Chester River Bridge Company, the bridge spanning Chester river at Chestertown, the said company offering at one price and the said County Commissioners offering for it another, and whereas with their respective offers from one to another and the declinations have seemingly ceased; and whereas it is inconvenient and almost a matter of impossibility where the bodies are large and separated by distance to ascertain each others views and to carry on successful negotiation.

Therefore be it resolved, That the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county appoint and designate some trustworthy citizen and tax-payer of Queen Anne's county to visit Chestertown and enter into negotiations with the Chester Bridge Company or its duly authorized agent or attorney for the purchase of the said bridge, the lowest possible price at which the same can be bought and report at once to this body the result, for its consideration and action.

That the County Commissioners of Kent county be requested to appoint an agent, a citizen and a tax-payer of Kent county to act in this same capacity and report to said body.

That W. W. Busteed of Queen Anne's county be and he hereby is selected by this body, as soon as said agents have reported to their respective bodies of County Commissioners that a joint convention of the said bodies, the County Commissioners of Kent and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's counties be called to finally settle and determine this question.

That said Mr. Busteed be requested to act as soon as possible and be authorized to take all necessary steps to make his report upon the whole matter relating to said bridge and its purchase as full and comprehensive as possible.

The Hot Weather and a Storm.

The warmest weather of the season was experienced in Chestertown on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The thermometer registering from 86° to 92° in the shade on Friday, when the highest point was reached. The area of the hot wave was an extended one. In Baltimore the thermometer reached above 92°; on Wednesday at Lynchburg, Va., 92°; Charlotte, N. C., 90°; Augusta, Ga., 92°; Washington, D.C., 88°. On Thursday the thermometer registered 96° in the shade at Saratoga. On Thursday at Bloomington, Ill., the heat was scorching, says a dispatch, "the like of which has seldom, if ever, been known in May. The thermometer ranged as high as 93° in the shade with a suffocating wind." Cases of sunstroke were reported from various sections.

The back-bone of the wave was, however, formally broken on Friday evening by the severe storm, which struck Chestertown about 5.30 o'clock. The wind blew a gale and by many it was feared that Kent county was to be visited by another tornado similar to that of the summer of 1888, when such serious damage was done in the upper portion of the county. For a time the dust was blinding and the entire community was enshrouded by a dense cloud of dust. Persons who were caught on the road in carriages were fearful lest their carriages be taken up bodily or overturned.

The steamer B. S. Ford was lying at her wharf in Chestertown when the storm struck, one of her hawsers slipped over the pile to which she was tied and she was at once turned round by the wind, but was held by the bow lines. Rumors were current in Chestertown that much damage had been done to vessels at Betterton, but were unfounded. A skiff containing three fishermen occasioned much uneasiness, as it was out in the storm. The men and boat put in an appearance later and were all safe.

The storm was very severe in Queen Anne's. The barn on the home farm of Mr. James Brown, about two miles from Church Hill, was blown down and is a complete wreck. The building was an old one and the loss is not very great. The storm came unexpectedly, and with very little warning, and for a time prevailed with terrific force. The rain fall was light, but the wind was felt with severity throughout the State, though but few casualties are reported.

NEWS OF THE COURTS.

A Long and Tedious Session of Court Ended.

Court met on Thursday, May 9, pursuant to adjournment on the previous Saturday. The three days were miseed in order that His Honor Judge Wickes, might be present at the opening of the spring term of the court of Queen Anne's.

The first case taken up on Thursday morning was that of C. H. B. Spry against the county commissioners of Kent county. M. deK. Smith for Spry, Pearce and Hynson for commissioners. The case occupied the entire day, and the verdict of the jury was rendered on the following morning for the amount of $366.27, upon a basis of valuation of $350 for the mules with interest added from the day of the accident to the day of judgment. The case was an important one as involving the responsibility of the county commissioners to private individuals for losses occruing through a failure to keep bridges on public thoroughfares in proper condition. The facts in the case were substantially as follows. On July 31, 1888, Mr. Spry's team (two mules and wagon) was engaged in delivering grain from his farm near Chesterville to the granary on the Queen Anne's side of Chester river to Crumpton. When the last load had been delivered, and the team was crossing the bridge spanning Chester river at Crumpton, the mules became frightened at a load of peach boxes and backed against the railing of the bridge, which gave way, and the team was precipitated into the river and the mules drowned. Whereupon suit was instituted against the commissioners of the two counties for damages to the amount of $400. The defense endeavored to show that the accident was caused by contributory negligence, and to prove that the railing was strong enough to withstand any ordinary force; in this they failed. It was shown that the railing was thoroughly decayed and offered no protection whatever. The Court instructed the jury that the county commissioners had the authority, and it was their duty to levy amounts sufficient to keep the bridges in a reasonable state of repair, and if it be found that they had failed in that, that damages should be awarded to the plaintiff.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 10.—Court opened with His Honor Judge Joseph A. Wickes on the bench.

The case of Frances Duggan against Thomas Broxton. Barroll for Duggan, Urie for Broxton. The suit was on a note given in 1883. Duggan sold Thomas Broxton, Jr., a carriage in 1883 for $175 and took a note in settlement. The matter lay until January, 1889, when Duggan instituted suit in the circuit court. The defendant pleaded not indebted in limitations, but Duggan produced letters from Broxton, dated in the years 1884, 1886 and 1887, in which he acknowledged the debt and promised payment. Verdict was rendered for Duggan for $237.85. The Court held that any admission of indebtedness made within three years prior to the institution of the suit, would bar the operation of the statute of limitations.

Court directed that Frank Cooper, convicted of larceny, be brought into court. Cooper was sentenced to four years in the House of Reformation for colored children.

Wroth & Aldridge against Joseph Rasin. Hynson for Wroth & Aldridge, Barroll for Rasin. Wroth & Aldridge took a bill of sale on the personal property and wheat crop of Robert H. Smith in January of 1888. The bill of sale was duly recorded, but no actual notice was ever given to Joseph Rasin, landlord of Smith, of the execution of the bill of sale. In August of 1888, the wheat crop was shipped by Smith and proceeds paid to Rasin. Of Smith's one-third of crop amounting to $316. Rasin deducted $201, due him for advances on crop, and paid to Smith $115, in cash. Rasin testified that he never knew that Wroth & Aldridge had a lien on the wheat crop until Nov., 1888, and that no demand was made by them for the proceeds of wheat crop until Dec. of 1888. The Court held that Rasin was constructively notified of the execution of the bill of sale by its being recorded, and that Wroth & Aldridge's lien on the crop attached to the proceeds of same, and that they had a right to recover from Rasin. Smith paid to W. & A. but $50 of the $115, received from Rasin. Amount sued for was $266 and interest. Verdict for $209.73.

Joseph Rasin against Robert H. Smith. Barroll and Smith for Rasin, Hynson and Urie for Smith. Jury trial. Rasin sued Smith for $165 with interest on a covenant in lease. Smith brought in a bill in bar of $413, and claimed the difference in the accounts. Smith's bill consisted of claims for laying hedge, board of servants, balance of proceeds of corn crop and wages of hands. Jury allowed $82 of Smith's account, and brought in a verdict for $125.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 11.—Court convened with His Honor Judge Joseph A. Wickes on the bench.

The case of French, Richards & Co., against Richard D. Hynson, adminstrator of John F. Whittington. Barroll for F., R. & Co.. Hynson for Hynson. French, Richards & Co. held a judgment of $180 against A. R. Todd, and laid an attachment in the hands of Richard D. Hynson, administrator of John F. Whittington, to condemn assets belonging to A. R. Todd. The administrator pleaded that there had been a judgment entered before Justice Vachel Burgess, and another attachment to condemn the same assets, and offered the judgment of condemnation of $43 before Esquire Burgess, which he had already confessed. The attachment of French, Richards & Co., however, was laid in the hands of the administ