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LOCAL MATTERS.

—Some of our farmers' corn is up and looking well, while others have not finished planting.

—Strawberries, from Double Creek, Queen Anne's county, appeared in our market the latter part of last week

—It was decided by the M. P. Sunday school last Sunday, that the festival which has been in contemplation, would not be held.

—In the case of Joseph Rasin against Robert H. Smith, reported in last week's TRANSCRIPT, the verdict of $125, was for Mr. Rasin and not for Mr. Smith as reported.

—Fishermen on the river have been troubled with crabs getting in their nets. A number have been brought ashore and enjoyed by some of our citizens, among whom were the boarders of the River View Hotel.

—Asparagus and wool are now proving important articles of freight. The Chester river steamers carry large shipments each trip. Emory's and Wilkins' are the principal points of shipment for the long spring vegetable.

—Rev. R. C. Jones, of Odessa, Del., was elected president and E. C. Atkins, secretary of the Easton District Preachers' Association, of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, which convened at Still Pond, Tuesday afternoon.

—Mr. James Crouch, of Chestertown, has a mare at his father's, near Edesville, that dropped a colt one day last week with three legs. The colt was well and fully developed except the missing limb. The thigh was well formed, at the end of which was a hoof.

—The approaching luscious peach upon its arrival will find abundant and improved methods for its transportation. The peach basket is already in the market with enhanced beauty of proportions, increased in strength and the more poetically inclined agent, H. M. Brown, declares that his baskets are "things of beauty," and consequently will be "a joy forever."

—The schooner Bonita has been sold to Messrs. P. E. Whorten & Sons, Stockton, Worcester county, and will be engaged in the coasting trade out the Chincoteague Inlets. The Bonita is well and favorably known in Chestertown, and will be missed by the young people who have frequently enjoyed moonlight excursions down the river off the schooner.

—The recent heavy rains have beaten the wheat down in some sections of the county. Many fear that the earlier wheat crops which were in blossom at the time, have been somewhat injured by having the blossom knocked off. These fears, however, if well founded, will be a cause of no serious alarm as the area of the wheat crop in blossom at the time was limited.

—The senior examinations of Washington College commenced on Wednesday, May 15, and will close tomorrow. There are four members of the senior class, J. S. W. Jones, Somerset; B. F. Flounders, Cecil; I. L. Twilley, Wicomico; and W. T. Russel, Chestertown. After the examinations which will close tomorrow the respective graduates will be relieved of the customary program of studies and will have nothing to do but write their graduating orations for June 26, and observe the rules of the college.

—In an interview with C. W. Kennard & Co., they state that the past spring season has been a remarkably good one for them. Remarkable for several reasons. First, owing to the low price of corn, they did not expect to sell near the quantity of goods that was sold last year when corn was higher; and secondly, because many farmers did not feel able to buy fertilizers, preferring to risk a crop without, rather than spend money for fertilizer, with the above named disadvantages. They state that they have increased their sales over last spring which proves that their fertilizers give satisfaction. They expect a large fall trade. Their advertisement appeared in the TRANSCRIPT early in the spring.

—W. A. Elliott, Esq., of Chestertown, several years ago sold a violin to Dr. J. Lane Finley, of Church Hill, which had been in the Elliott family for nearly a hundred years. Dr. Finley recently sent the violin to Prof. W. H. Smith, of Centreville, for repairs. Says the Centreville *Record*: "The imprint engraved on the card on the inside of the instrument is as follows: 'Gaspard Dufso Pruggy Bouonienfio Anno 1516.' The word 'Anno' proves that it is not the number of the instrument but the year which it was made." This shows the violin to be 373 years old. Mr. W. A. Elliott is an expert performer on the violin, as was also his father, the late John Elliott.

—One of the finest dogs, of the English mastiff breed, in the State and owned by Mr. C. W. Kennard, died on Monday morning from the effects of poison. She was a magnificent female weighing 165 pounds, and was 33 inches high, fawn colored with black face and ears, a noble specimen of strength and beauty, being greatly admired by all lovers of dogs, and pronounced by the best judges to be the finest female mastiff in the State. She was gentle and affectionate, and Mr. Kennard and his family were very much attached to her. Her pedigree can be traced back for more than two hundred years. Her father and mother were imported from England, the former costing $350 and the latter $275. Mr. Kennard does not believe that any one poisoned his dog, but thinks she got some rat poison that had been placed at his stable to destroy the rats.

—Now that the strawberry season has opened, we give the following from the *Peninsula Farmer*, which no doubt will prove interesting to those of our readers who are engaged in the cultivation of this delicious berry: "Perhaps the largest yield of strawberries ever attained on this Peninsula was grown by a friend of mine in the following manner. The soil was of a sandy loam, and of ordinary fertility, and was thrown up into six foot lands, thoroughly prepared, and plants set eight inches apart, making three rows length of land, plants being eighteen inches apart each way. After the plants started to grow they were heavily ashed with oak ashes, and heavily mulched with clean hay to the depth of three inches, the crown of the plant only being held up with the fingers, and the mulch worked well around the plants. They were never touched after mulching, no work whatever, was given to them. They grew so rapidly that by the plants were a solid bed; each plant touching the other. No runners were allowed to root. In fruiting season the strawberry patch was a sight to behold, and each plant averaged over a quart, an average of 29,000 quarts of berries per acre.

—The town commissioners on Monday last appointed Frank Dwyer town bailiff, to succeedd Thomas V. Simpson, removed. Robert Boston was appointed as Mr. Simpson's successor but was unwilling to give up his trade for the salary, which is about $500. The newly appointed officer of the peace assumed the duties of his office on Tuesday.

—Mr. Wm. O. Shallcross, of Locust Grove, sent to the TRANSCRIPT office last Thursday a bunch of asparagus containing twenty stalks and weighing 8½ lbs. The stalks averaged a measurement of over 1½ inches in diameter at the lower end, and one which measured 2 inches. This asparagus is known as the Philadelphia Mammoth Improved, and possesses a very fine flavor, and also proves what the soil of Kent county will produce in the culture of this delicious vegetable.

—A rare treat to all lovers of fine music was given at Stam's Hall last Thursday evening by the Haydn Quartette. The program contained selections from the best composers, which were finely rendered. Mr. Charles Harding's bass was so thoroughly appreciated that he was requested by some of the audience to give an extra selection, which he kindly did. The soprano of Miss Kunkel was also much appreciated and loudly encored. Miss Lucas' skillful solo selections on the violin were equally as much enjoyed.

—Chestertown, through her enterprising grocerymen, is now bountifully supplied with all the early spring vegetables, the earlier ones of which put in an appearance fully two weeks ago. The following is a list of Chestertown's spring delicacies and their prices.

Strawberries	10 to 12c. qt
Pineapples	15c. to 20c
Tomatoes	20c. quart
New peas	40c. peck
Asparagus	8c. bunch
Cucumbers	2c. piece
Onions	5c. bunch
Bermuda onions	60c. peck
New cabbage	5 & 6c. hd
Lettuce	5c. head
Radishes	5c. bunch
Crabs	15c. a doz

—The Texan fly, one of the most savage of the Diptera family, is reported as being in various sections of the county. The fly is a small black insect somewhat smaller than the common house fly, and attacks the cattle around the base of the horns, where it buries itself in the flesh. The bite is so severe that unless means are applied to heal the wounds and prevent further attacks the horns will be completely eaten out. The ravages on the stock in the upper part of the county by the savage little insects have been rather more serious than in other sections. A good remedy to drive off the pests is to use a strong decoction of carbolic acid and whale oil soap. A more lasting and perhaps effective remedy, however, is an application of tar. We would be glad to have the farmers from various sections of the county report the presence of the fly, and so far as possible give some particulars of it, with the results of any experiments which they may have tried in regard to it.

—Messrs. Smith & Clements, representing the Whitely binder, and Mr. Wm. A. Elliott, representing the Osborne binder, gave a test of their machines' good working qualities last Saturday afternoon, by cutting green rye in the lot of Mrs. H. M. Thomas, on College avenue. Both machines proved equal to the task, which is claimed by their agents to be a severe one, as green rye is much heavier and harder to elevate than ripe rye or wheat. After cutting several rounds the traces of one of the horses of the Whitely binder were detached from the single-tree and hooked over its back, leaving but one horse to pull the machine, which was done for several rounds, thus proving the lightness of draft claimed for it. It is but just, however, to say that one of the horses to the Osborne was very slack, thus throwing the bulk of the draft on the other, which it pulled with comparative ease. Both agents had their machines photographed.

May Sitting of Registrars.

The May sitting of registrars for Kent county, which took place May 13 and 14, show the following results: First district, newly registered white, 3, stricken off, white, 5; second, registered white, 11, colored 2; third, registered white, 3, colored, 1, stricken off, white, 2, colored, 2; fourth, registered white, 1st precinct, white, 2, colored, 6, 2d pr., white, 2, stricken off, white, 10, colored, 6; fifth, registered white, 8, colored, 1, stricken off, white, 7, colored, 2; total registered, white, 29, colored, 10; stricken off, white, 24, colored, 10.

New Advertisements.

James A. Pearce, Esq., as attorney for James B. Merritt, trustee, under a deed of trust from Mrs. Mary A. Spry, will offer at public sale on Tuesday, June 11, 1889, the farm adjoining Chesterville, and owned by Mrs. Mary A. Spry. This farm is well located and valuable property.

Eben F. Perkins, Esq., auditor, gives notice in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT to the creditors of Mrs. Elizabeth Crew, to file their claims with the clerk of the circuit court within four months from this date.

R. D. Hynson and Susan Carter, administrators, give notice to those having claims against William Carter, that their claims must be presented promptly.

Notice is given that letters of administration will be granted to R. D. Hynson and Samuel G. Copper, upon the estate of Eliza Copper, unless cause to the contrary be shown.

L. K. Stam, advertises in this issue the light running Domestic. The machine is a beautiful piece of work, with every modern improvement in stitch, tension, light-running, etc. Read the advertisement.

The ladies of Locust Grove M. E. Church will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival on May 30, 31, and June 1. All are invited to attend.

An enjoyable festival and supper will be held in the agricultural hall at Worten on May 30, 31, and June 1, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church. It is proposed to make it an elegant affair. Read their advertisement and go.

The Odd Follows, of Chestertown, will give an intensely mysterious and interesting entertainment about the middle of June. Read what they say of the ancient Order of Hercules.

W. C. Orrell, Esq., advertises in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT that he keeps a fine line of carriages, roadcarts and dearborns always on hand which he invites the public to call and inspect. He also makes a specialty of repairing of all kinds. Read advertisement in another column.

Smith & Clements give notice that a full line of Champion reaper supplies will be kept on hand during the season. Terms *strictly cash*.

In this issue will be found the new schedule of the Delaware Bay Railroad.

William Perkins, in his advertisemen gives a most satisfactory remedy for warm weather, namely, his Perkins' ice cream.

The Courts.

Orphans' Court, May 21, 1889.—Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. The last will and testament of John F. Watts, deceased, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary granted to C. J. Scott, ext'r named in the will, and F. H. Taylor and W. R. Miller were appointed to appraise the estate of the said deceased. Letters of administration on estate of John B. Scotten, deceased, were granted to Sarah J. Scotten, and Ed. W. Hepbron and George R. Parrott were appointed to appraise the personal estate. Letters of administration on estate Wm. Carter, deceased, were granted to R. D. Hynson and Susan Carter, and Bartus Trew and J. A. Groves were appointee to appraise the personal estate of said deceased. John D. Urie was appointed trustee to sell real estate of Sarah M. Apsley, deceased. Geo. B. Parrott, administrator of Mary R. Usilton, filed release from Charles B. Warren and Rachel B. Roeder.

County commissioners met pursuant to adjournment with a full board present. J. W. Ivens, collector for third district presented his official bond as collector of county and State taxes, which was approved and ordered to be filed with clerk of the Circuit Court for record. Board passed an order, upon application of Richard Hynson, allowing Horace Garner an additional sum of $62.96 for right to appropriate his front yard in widening road from Still Pond to Redding's Corner, and ordered the amount to be provided for by levy. Emaline Brown, colored, upon application for pension was allowed $10, which was ordered to be provided for by levy. Board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy, and ordering transfers and abatements.

Visitation of Grand Officers.

The banquet given by Amicable Lodge I. O. O. F. on Tuesday evening last, the occasion of the visitation of the grand officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland I. O. O. F., was a thoroughly enjoyable affair in all of its arrangements. James B. Guyton, grand master, and John M. Jones, grand secretary, were present and were well pleased to meet the many fellow workers of the order as well as those who have not as yet associated themselves with the time-honored order. The lodge met in special session in their hall at 7.30 o'clock P. M., when the chair was surrendered by the Noble Grand, C. M. Lucas, to Grand Master Guyton, after which the secret work of all the degrees was exemplified by John M. Jones, Grand Instructor. Speeches were made by Grand Master Guyton, Grand Instructor Jones, and Eben F. Perkins, Esq. The session was then closed, when the members and invited guests repaired to the Voshell House, where a feast of Kent county delicacies had been elegantly prepared under the very efficient supervision of Mrs. Hurtt. The menu was tempting in the extreme. The usually animated crab sat in perfect peace beside its usually less animated neighbor, the oyster, while a host of lesser lights sat around awaiting an inevitable fate at the hands of the feasters. Though not evolutionists in its strictest sense, there was not one present who would dissent from the proposition that only after a series of the mysterious evolutionary changes of the kitchen, does the tempting delicacies of Kent reach its highest stage of perfection. After the elegant supper, Prof. Stratton sung a song, as also did F. J. Carter. Short speeches were made by Grand Master Guyton, Grand Secretary Jones, M. deK. Smith and J. W. Chapman.

Oysters as Food.

To the average Kent countian, the following analitical note from the *American Analyst*, regarding the nutritive properties of the oyster can but be of interest:

"Speaking roughly, a quart of oysters contains, on the average, about the same quantity of active nutritive substances as a quart of milk, or a pound of very lean beef, or a pound and a half of fresh codfish, or two-thirds of a pound of bread. But while the weight of the actual nutriment in the different quantities of food material named is very nearly the same, the quality is widely different. That of the very lean meat or codfish consists mostly of what are called in chemical language protein compounds or 'flesh formers'—substances which make blood, muscle, tendon, bone, brain and other nitrogenous tissues. That of the bread contains but little of these, and consists chiefly of starch, with a little fat and other compounds, which serve the body as fuel, and supply it with heat and muscular power. The nutritive substance of oysters contains considerable of both the flesh-forming and the more especially heat and force-giving ingredients. Oysters come nearer to milk than almost any other common food. Their values for supplying the body with material to build up its parts, repair its wastes and furnish it with heat and energy would be pretty nearly the same."

In Chester river and on the bay shores of Kent county, are some of the finest oyster grounds of the State, which supply the delicious bivalves in their greatest perfection. The oyster beds of Chester river after having had over one million bushels stolen from them during the past season, are still in a condition to be the great spawn suppliers for thousands of acres of depleted oyster grounds in the bay and river.

Edesville Town.

May 22, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The base-ball fever is running high; the old and the young, the beautiful girl of "sweet sixteen," and the homely dame of thirty-five, all are interested in the fascinating sport, and while "The Orioles" are being laid on the shelf in every game, "Old Kent" is booming the national game.

On Saturday afternoon, the Rock Hall base-ball club at Rock Hall defeated the Lankford club by a score of 8 to 6 in nine innings. It was declared by the spectators to be the finest played game of the season.

It may be of interest to the readers of the TRANSCRIPT to learn that Daniel Warren, the colored groom, whose death was chronicled in the *News* of last week, is enjoying the best of health. Dan does not appreciated the opportunity afforded him of seeing for himself how the world get along when he is no more. Well, such is the ingratitude of the human race, that a generous editor may insert free of charge, an announcement sufficient to establish a man's fame and never receive even a gallon of choice strawberries for his trouble.

The pupils of Edesville school, assisted by their teacher, Miss V. Belle Coleman, are preparing to give an entertainment on the last of June. Few country schools can boast of more talent than this school, so we have good reason to anticipate a treat.

The estimable wife of Rev. Dr. D. W. Bates, is suffering from weakness and general debility at her home near Edesville. Mrs. Bates is a favorite with old and young, and her speedy recovery is sincerely desired by her many friends. MAX.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. E. F. Rich and Miss Maggie Mitchel, of Baltimore, were the guests of Mrs. C. G. Woodall from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning last.

Prof. E. J. Clarke, of Washington College, left last Saturday morning to attend the circuit court at Snow Hill, which convend on Monday last. Rev. John Todd will teach for the professor during his absence.

Messrs. Groome Ringgold, Charles T. Howard and M. Elwood Baker returned home last week as graduates of Sadlers, Bryant & Stratton Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Naulty were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Voshell, of the River View Hotel, for several days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Naulty were married at Westminster, a few weeks ago, and took an extensive tour through the North before coming to Chestertown. Mrs. Naulty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleff, of Westminster, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Voshell. Mr. Naulty is from Chicago, where he and his happy bride will make their future home.

Mrs. C. B. Watkins and her sister Estelle, of Baltimore, are visiting their father, Mr. James Brice, on College avenue.

Robert Dawson, of Elkton, Md., is visiting his son-in-law, James S. Foard, near Chestertown. Mr. Dawson is 93 years of age, but is remarkably well preserved, and during last year walked from Black's Station to his son-in-law's home, a distance of eight miles.

John Roberts, son of Rev. S. C. Roberts, who has been living in New York for about two years, is home on account of bad health. Mr Roberts has a leave of absence from his employer for a year, and he will remain home until about the first of August, when he expects to leave for North Carolina, where he will remain for some months.

Carroll Perkins, formerly of Chestertown, is visiting in town.

William B. Usilton, of the Kent *News*, who is suffering with malaria trouble, is taking a short visit in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

Miss Julia Keating, of Centreville, is visiting Miss Bertha Hynson.

DEATH'S REVEALINGS.

The Oddities of an Odd Life Ended.

The quiet little town of Mount Holly, New Jersey, recently awaked to find itself "famous." Made temporarily prominent by the termination of a life filled with "picturesque changes" and quaint peculiarities. About the year 1855, in answer to an advertisement put in the papers by John L. Stam, of Chestertown, for the purpose of securing a drug clerk, there appeared a man whose history was veiled in mystery, and whose checkered existence was only revealed by its sad termination about two weeks ago at Mount Holly. The personage who answered the newspaper notice, was one of those quaint characters whose striking peculiarities are interwoven with some thrilling romance or go so far in making up that variety which is claimed to be the "very spice of life which gives it all its flavor." Tall of statue, lank, only fairly good looking, wearing comfortable but conspicuously plain clothing, the man's eccentricities shone out with great prominence. To those who knew him best he made known the fact that he was a married man and was seeking in the rural beauties of Kent, a surcease of his matrimonial sorrows. Every stage or public conveyance which came from the boats was watched from concealed positions, to see whether or not the wife, which was considered the evil genius of his existence had found his hiding place. Henry O. D. Banks, for such was the man's name, was evidently a man of education, and in his profession as a druggist, was considered one of the most efficient compounders of medicines who has ever been in the town. Though evidently a man of culture and intelligence, his life was one marked by the most glaring eccentricities.

At every spare moment he was on the river with the fishermen, or spending his time in a curious kind of way. He charged Mr. Stam no salary and suddenly disappeared, and several years after was heard of in Philadelphia, where he kept a drug store. About four months ago the unknown wanderer put in an appearance in Mount Holly. His death there several weeks ago, says an exchange, "revealed a history that might furnish the theme for a novel rich in sensational developments. A seedy, dejected-looking individual, evidently in the last stages of consumption," he lived out his solitary and mysterious life. Unknown himself he cared little to know others, and was marked by all who came in contact with him, as a "crank." The deep silence which had enshrouded his former career, and which served to deepen the interest in the mysterious stranger, was persisted in and he rarely left his room unless to visit the cemetery on the outskirts of the town. He spent a portion of each day in the cemetery superintending the digging of his grave and the construction of a vault. The village undertaker was visited, a coffin was purchased and all arrangements made for the approaching funeral, which soon came.

With his death his history became known, and those who visited the unostentatious funeral services, told of the eventful and unhappy life. It was learned that he was once a prosperous Philadelphia druggist, and with all his apparent poverty he left an estate of $150,000. Shortly after the late war he had retired from business with a fortune of nearly half a million, and had a wife and several children, with whom he lived happily. But a fascinating woman crossed his path, and became the destroyer of the repose of the once happy family. The ties of home were broken and the sadly eventful life which ended only with his death was opened before him. No divorce proceedings were instituted, but the wronged wife of his early love was paid $60,000 and abandoned forever. After traveling for several years in Europe, he became tired of his purposeless life and lived in elegance near Saratoga, in their unholy liason. This soon ended, however, and a separation took place, when the wreck of a once prosperous and haypy life drifted into Mount Holly, in the guise of a pauper. After leaving the seclusion of his quiet sojourn in Chestertown, his existence only become intensified in its suffering and mystery.

His eccentricity showed itself fully in his will, which was executed a few days before his death.

"That instrument names A. Lewis Smith, of Media, Pa., as executor, giving him about $50,000. The woman who assisted in his fall from social standing is given a legacy of $2,500, and the balance of the estate is to be divided among his relatives, who are known to Mr. Smith, but whose names are not made public. Mrs. Kinsey is to deliver to the executor the Saratoga farm and the testator's watch and diamond stud. In case she refuses the cost of legally ejecting her from the farm is to be deducted from her legacy, as is also the value of the jewelry."

Thus ended a life as "full of picturesque changes and eccentricities as that of the fictitious Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Base Ball Notes.

An interesting game of base-ball was played at Locust Grove on Saturday last, the Grove nine defeating the Still Pond nine by a score of 12 to 10. The game was well played and closely contested to the end. Still Pond lost the game in the 7th inning, on a muff of a fly ball and several bad throws, letting in three runs.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T'l
Still Pond	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	—10
Locust Grove	1	0	4	1	2	0	3	0	x	—12

The Still Pond Base Ball Club expect to play Kennedyville next Saturday at Still Pond.

An animated game was played on Saturday, between the Kennedyville and Sassafras clubs. The game, unlike several others which were played on the same day in the county, was marked by excess of score on both sides, rather than a score startling for the fewness of its errors or runs.

Kennedyville.	t.b.	r.	*Sassafras.*	t.b.	r.
H. Faulkner	8	2	F. Vansant	6	2
W. McKnett	8	3	H. Griffith	6	3
U. Dewees	7	4	H. Price	6	4
H. Minner	7	4	A. Wilson	6	3
H. Redmile	7	3	G. Kennedy	6	1
W. Greenwood	7	4	W. Moore	5	0
L. Redmile	7	5	E. Wilson	5	1
G. Greenwood	6	3	R. Hall	5	2
L. Smyth	7	3	J. Caulk	5	1
Total	31		Total		17

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T'l
Kennedyville	4	1	1	8	5	5	0	4	3	—31
Sassafras	3	0	4	2	5	1	0	0	2	—17

A match game of base-ball between the Chesapeake club, of Rock Hall, and the Lankford club, of Lankford, was played at Rock Hall on Saturday last, resulting in a victory for the Rock Hall club. The score being, Rock Hall, 8 runs; Lankford, 6 runs. The following nines composed the two clubs:

Chesapeake Club.—Pitcher, Benj. Sewell; catch, Hayard Ashley; 1st. base, Benj. Ashley; 2d. base, Thomas Hogans; 3d. base, Jos. Hogans; centre field, Jackson Davis; left field, Marion Sewell; right field, Wm. Scott; short stop, Wm. Boyer.

Lankford Club.—Pitcher, James Connelly; catch, Frank Maslin; 1st. base, W. Smith; 2d. base, H. Rose; 3d. base, Jos. Leaverton; centre field, F. Jester; left field, Hines Thomas; right field, C. Bird; short stop, Geo. Brice.

The interest in base-ball circles is still unabated, and local clubs are playing better ball than they have for several seasons. From various sections of the county finely played games are reported, and in many cases the attendance of visitors is large and enthusiastic. If we are really to "judge the future by the past of man," and apply the rule to the "National game," there is no reason for surprise at the unenviable position taken by the Baltimore club. Following their unvarying custom, the Orioles started out by playing good ball, and gave promise of making a creditable showing in the race for the pennant, but for some unaccountable reason they have again dropped back to their old position. The following is the

STANDING OF THE CLUBS:

In the Association race St. Louis still maintains a decided lead, while Kansas City has advanced to second place, and Brooklyn, Athletics and Baltimore have retrograded. Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland and Chicago are all bunched in the League, with Boston a shade ahead of them all. It is a pretty race.

ASSOCIATION RACE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.
St. Louis	22	6	.785	Cincin'ti	13	14	.481
Kansas City	15	10	.600	Baltimore	12	13	.480
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	Columbus	8	15	.347
Athletic	11	11	.500	Louisville	5	20	.200

LEAGUE RACE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Pr Ct.
Boston	14	5	.736	Cleveland	11	12	.478
Phila	13	6	.684	Pittsburg	9	13	.408
New York	11	9	.558	Ind'nap'ls	8	13	.380
Chicago	10	10	.555	Wash'gt'n	4	12	.250

STILL POND.

A Visitor's Favorable Impression of the Beautiful Little Town.

May 20, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The faith which the residents of Still Pond have in the future of their little village is proverbial, and to one who has not visited it for some years, may seem rather remarkable, but a day would convince him that they were not building air castles, but very substantial-looking churches, halls, stores and pretty, attractive cottages. Being only a visitor myself, I feel that I cannot do justice to the spirit of enterprise which prevails here, yet, being one of the "doubters," and having enjoyed so much real pleasure in being converted to the belief of the "town fathers," I am glad to add my voice to theirs in praising its natural beauty and advantages, which they are making such good use of. Situated in as fine a farming country as there is any where, and inhabited by energetic people, progress is sure. In fact, there is no village on the Shore more progressive, and few larger towns can boast of a finer hall or handsomer stores than those of Clark & Bro. and Harper & Bro.

Though the citizens are thrifty and money-making, the love of the beautiful is not sacrificed to the love of gain. There are few homes without their well-kept grass plot, rose garden and vine-covered porch. At this season, although not pretentious, they are really beautiful! There have been at least a dozen new residences erected during the past two years, but the old homesteads will have the advantage of them for some time to come, because of their beautiful shade trees.

A strong and very commendable characteristic of the people is their merited desire and effort to improve the town generally. On Arbor Day the townspeople joined the children in tree planting, and beside those planted on the school grounds by the children and by individuals, there was a large avenue of promising young trees, from the main part of the town to the M. E. Church, each member planting, naming and boxing a tree. This church is an unusually handsome building for so small a town, and has a large membership, which is blessed by a most energetic and popular pastor.

The roads are wide, and though the sidewalks are not generally paved, they are well-kept. The village is surrounded by some of the finest farms in the county, and the drives are charming. The one winding around the "Still" Pond is remarkable for its picturesque beauty. Any one interested in county improvements, would greatly enjoy a visit to this pretty, progressive town. VISITOR.

Mr. E. Gaither, of Cambridge, is the owner of a rare Revolutionary relict. His great uncle, Henry Chew Gaither, was in the Revolutionary war and became a member of the society of Cincinnati, which was organized shortly after peace was established. The relict in question is a certificate of membership of "Henry Chew Gaither," dated in 1793 and signed by George Washington, president, and General Knox, secretary of the Cincinnati. The certificate is a lithograph, beautifully engraved. George Washington's name is signed G. Washington, in a good busines hand and very legible. Mr. Gaither will have the certificate framed and preserve it.—*Cambridge News.*

Queen Anne's Circuit Court.

We clip the following from the Centreville *Record* of Saturday last:

Three-fourths or more of the dredgers have escaped punishment. Eleven cases sent up from Kent Island were dismissed because of informalities in the proceedings before the magistrate. The indictments were quashed for informality in four of the most important cases, and a large majority of the fellows who were captured and assisted in stealing about 1,000,000 bushels of oysters out of Chester river are free to commit the same offence next winter. The cases in which the indictments were quashed were principally those who fired upon the Gov. McLane with the intent to capture the boat and officers. Had not Capt. Howard sunk two of them the steamer and crew would have been captured. The dredgers did not for a moment think the steamer would attempt to sink their vessels. It was such a surprise that it stampeded a fleet of seventy-five armed vessels.

THE HULL-LESS OATS CASES.

In all the cases tried judgment has been given for every cent of principal and interest claimed by the plaintiffs. The cases were ably tried before a jury, and the promptness with which the verdicts were rendered caused the defendants in four cases to remove them to Talbot county upon the ground that they did not believe a fair and impartial trial could be had in this county. The cases removed are L. W. Covey vs. Charles H. Dean; Frank J. Willoughby vs. Nicholas S. Callahan; same vs. Wm. C. Legg and Wm. A. Kaskline vs. Thos. C. Slaughter. The notes in all the cases were assigned to the plaintiffs for consideration, and they are the innocent holders. The jurors who tried the cases here seem to think the makers of the notes engaged in a speculative scheme, which did not "pan out" for them as profitably as it did for the other fellows.

The court adjourned for the present session on Friday last at 3.30 P. M., after 11 days duration. The indications at first were that a long session would be had, but the removal of a number of Hull-less Oats cases to Talbot county and the carrying over of a number of dredge cases to the November term shortened the session materially.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—A week ago you promised your readers that Citizen would in your next issue go more into the details in regard to the original boundary lines of Kent and Cecil counties.

Two centuries ago, in 1689, the first settlements along the Chesapeake Bay had been rather indefinitely divided into at least twelve counties. These counties of course covered the water settlements.

In Scarf's History of Maryland, Vol. 1, page 215, "On the 3rd day of July 1654, Governor Stone, for divers reasons relating to the public good * * * with the advice of the Council * * * did now erect, make, and appoint *both sides* of the Patuxent River into one county, by the name of Calvert * * * being the southern bounds of Anne Arundel county, * * * This is taken from the Records of Councils and leaves evidence of Anne Arundel, which was "erected" four years before. The language used, "both sides of the river," is significant, and must not escape the reader of *ye olden records*.

Kent county grew from Kent Island, reaching along *both sides the Chester River*.

Hanson tells us of Kent county at one time covering the whole of the Eastern Shore. But Messrs. Editors, we fail to find in his writings one positive evidence of this supposition. In fact while the palm of age may be borne by old Kent, yet its territory was very small. But no less a jewel of the State in all times on account of its small territory.

"By one of the bills of Session 1638-9, it was to be erected into a hundred and called Kent Hundred, * * * until another county should be erected on the Eastern Shore."—SCARF.

In many old writings before 1660, when Talbot county was erected, reference is make to points on the *Eastern Shore*, Tred Avon, and Easton, but do not mention Kent county, aught except as herein before stated.

Mitchner in his "Retropsects of Early Quakerism," gives a geographical chart of the positions of the early Meeting Houses in Talbot, Kent and Cecil counties two hundred years ago, giving seven, which increased in number to twenty-one in the following fifty years. In the minutes of the Talbot county meetings, reference to those outside of Talbot, Kent and Cecil counties is frequently made. These minutes date back to 1676.

Cecil county was not erected until 1674, and was formed out of Baltimore county entirely. Herman had suggested the name as well as the limits, thirteen years before, when presenting Cecilus Calvert with his map of the Province of Maryland.

On the pages of the first Land Record Book, for Cecil county, says Johnson, is recorded the following: "Thomas Notty, Esq., Lt. Gen. and Chief Governor of the Province of Maryland, under the Right Honorable Charles, our Lord and Proprietary of the same, to Augustine Herman and Jacob Young, gentlemen, greeting: Whereas, Complaint to me hath been made that several injuries and abuses have frequently been offered to divers inhabitants * * * by the Delaware Indians hunting upon their Lands * * * and to know of them what part of the land in *Baltimore* and *Cecil* counties they pretend to * * * Anno Domini 1678."

The first Land Records in Cecil, contain a number of deeds for land along Sassafras river and elsewhere on the Eastern Shore, in which the land is described as being in Baltimore county. Captain Thomas Howell, who owned two thousand acres of land at Howell's Point was one of the Justices of Baltimore county.

A proclamation of Governor Charles Calvert, 1674, contains these words in describing the bounds of Cecil county: "From the mouth of the Susquehannah River down the eastern side of the Bay to Swan Point, thence to Hell point and so up the Chester River to the head thereof."

Evidently Charles made here a slight mistake, because a few days later in another proclamation he threw a small portion of the south of Kent under the jurisdiction of Kent Island, See Johnsons History of Cecil, page 82.

Records enough to fill a book may be produced on this subject, which Messrs. Editors, would tire your readers.

CITIZEN.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

The crab fishing at Crisfield this season is one of the largest and most profitable ever known there.—*Salisbury Advertiser.*

Mr. I. N. Fichtner shipped the first strawberries of the season from this station last Wednesday. The consignment consisted of one thirty-two quart crate. The berries were grown by Mr. Levin T. Williams, near Quantico.—*Salisbury Advertiser.*

We are inclined to believe this year is a sort of centennial for the gay and festive potato bug. During the week, a party planted some egg plants and in five minutes discovered four of the unterrified on one of the plants.—*Middletown Transcript.*

The public schools of Wicomico county closed Friday, May 10, for the annual summer vacation. The primary departments of the Salisbury High School finised the year's work by indulging in a feast given by the teachers. In many schools of the county the occasion was accorded due importance by the introduction of literary and musical features.

Bailiff H. W. Lankford, of Princess Anne, came up on the 8.45 train last Wednesday morning, armed with a writ for Frank Bell, a lunatic, who had escaped the officers of Somerset. On his arrival he found Bell swinging the pick-axe for the Sewer Co., on the streets. Bell resisted the arrest, but was without much difficulty, placed in chains and lodged in the "Red Bird" till the first train South. The darkey was laboring under a delusion that some one was mesmerizing him. He claimed to be a spiritualist, and entertained an *Advertiser* reporter by his interview with the Queen of England and President Harrison.—*Salisbury Advertiser.*

Tourists,

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

DIED.

HICKMAN—In Chestertown, on Sunday, May 19, 1889, William John, son of Stephen Hickman, aged 14 years.

PEARCE.—At his home on Eastern Neck Island, after a lingering illness, John Pearce, about 57 years of age.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at Colin F. Stam's Drug Store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung disease quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size $1. Every bottle warranted.

AN UNHAPPY MAN.

The most unhappy man seen on our streets lately was the chronic grumbler of hard times, "Slowman." He had just paid twelve dollars for a suit, and when he saw the identically same suit hanging in front of Wright's Combination store, marked nine dollars and a half ($9.50), it nearly gave him a fit to see what he had lost. Such men don't deserve any sympathy—a live man looks around and buys where he can do the best. Before you buy your spring suit see Wright's new and stylish clothing, from $3.50 to $30 per suit.

BALTIMORE —AND— DELAWARE BAY RAILROAD.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, MAY 20, 1889,

Connecting with Delaware R. R. at Clayton,

Until further notice, Sundays excepted, Trains will run as follows:

GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	Passenger & Freight No. 1, Daily.	Passenger & Freight Thursdays Only.
	Read Downwards. A. M.	P. M.
Leave Chestertown	6 00	1 20
" Worton	6 25	1 45
" Lynch's	6 35	1 53
" Still Pond	6 45	2 00
" Kennedyville	7 00	2 15
" Black's	7 15	2 30
" Lambson's	7 30