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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1890.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—Lent and Easter are things of the past.

—The Easter bonnet was a delicate little arrangement, but extremely pretty.

—Yesterday, Arbor Day, was not a legal holiday, having failed in the last Legislature.

—Bootblacking was a new but profitable occupation for a small army of boys during conference.

—Tennis is looming up in the future, and the prospects are that Chestertown will be well supplied.

—The local supply of poultry is about exhausted, and prices have been steadily enjoying high latitudes.

—Our market has been abundantly supplied with magnificent specimens of rock and shad, with prices just a little stiff.

—Until September 21 the days will be longer than the nights, and until June 21 the lengthening process of the days will continue.

—Spring chicken has been one of the dainties which came with the advent of conference week, and has been much enjoyed by the reverend visitors.

—The best time of the day to be fitted for shoes is said to be the latter part of the day, because the feet are then at their maximum of size and sensitiveness.

—The steamer Tockwogh, having undergone thorough repairs after her accident of last winter, made her first trip on Tuesday of last week, and is now running on schedule time.

—The Easter holiday of Monday last brought hosts of colored persons to Chestertown from various sections, and a gala day was enjoyed by that portion of the population.

—Yesterday was Arbor Day and elaborate and most enjoyable exercises were carried out at the Chestertown public school and at Washington College, also at many other schools throughout the county.

—Gardening has received due attention, and spring vegetables are luxuries promised for the near future. Sprouts and greens are already here. A ease of the survival of the fittest; they survived the winter, you know.

—The band which was recently organized by the small boys of town, and which is under the instruction of W. C. Orrell, practices persistently, and is improving. It will soon be ready to try a competitive toot with some of our neighboring blowers.

—The fine young stallion Cyclops, Jr., belonging to Jarvis Spencer, Esq., died suddenly on Sunday night. The horse was apparently in good health at seven o'clock and was dead before ten. He was valued at from four to five hundred dollars.

—Gov. Jackson has pardoned Joseph Cain, who was convicted in the Circuit Court of Kent county, at the April term, 1889, of firing into the State fishery force sloop Helen Baughman, and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. Cain was wounded in several places.

—Good Friday was duly observed in Chestertown by religious services at the Episcopal and Catholic churches, and the suspension of business at the bank and the public offices. On account of the heavy rainstorm of the morning, the session of conference and all morning church exercises were but poorly attended.

—The new iron fence in course of erection around the yard at St Paul's will be completed this week. The ladies of the congregation have presented the church with a new carpet which will be in place by next Sunday. These are decided improvements to the church and yard and reflect much credit upon the congregation.

—Flowers were never in greater demand in Chestertown than during the past week. The supply of cut flowers was soon exhausted, and great numbers of pot plants were used in the decoration of the different churches. Kirby, the florist, had a beautiful collection of pansies and hyacinths, and notwithstanding the great destruction of flowers and foliage plants which he suffered during the winter, his stock of plants is varied and handsome.

—The Maryland Court of Appeals commenced its spring term on Monday, and the first assignment will be almost entirely of cases from Kent and Talbot counties. Arguments commenced on Tuesday. The first assignment is as follows; 1, State vs. the Easton Social, Literary and Musical Club of Talbot County, Md.; 2, State vs. the Farmers' Social, Literary and Musical Club of St. Michael's, Talbot county, Md.; 3, The Tolchester Beach Improvement Company of Kent County vs Daniel Steinmeier, from Talbot county; 4, Hurst, Purnell & Co. and others, creditors, and J. B. Hossenger vs. Susan C. Bowes, by her next friend, Martin B. Burris, and J. Cowgill Alston, from Kent county, and, 5, Joseph Ruby vs. George W. Wisner, from Baltimore county.

—By many authorities on the subject, we are now in the very heart of the season for planting strawberry beds. The *Rural Home* says: "We have always regarded the month of April the best month in the year for planting a strawberry plantation. That gives the plants the entire growing season to become rooted and multiply, whether by stooling or runners, and to grow the plants necessary to the production of a large crop of fruit the next season. We might depart from the policy of transplanting in April under some circumstances. If the ground is not in good condition for cultivation in April we would defer transplanting until it should be, some time in May. Occasionally we have an April so cold, backward and wet that not a rood of land is in condition for working that month. In that case we would wait until it was in condition. There is nothing gained in working ground until it is dry enough to work up mellow."

—The following is the program for the Odd Fellows' entertainment at Stam's Hall this evening: I. Singing—"The Opening Ode"—by the lodge. II. Prayer by Rev. S. C. Roberts, P. G. of Amicable Lodge. III. Singing by Quartette—"Banish, Oh! Maiden"—Lorenz. IV. Address by Jas. B. Guyton, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of Maryland. V. Song—"The Vagabond"—by E. Wesley Pyne, Esq. VI. Address by John M. Jones, Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary G. Lodge of Maryland. VII. Singing by Quartette—"The Two Roses"—Werner. VIII. Address by Washington Hudgins, Esq., Past Grand of Amicable Lodge. IX. Singing by Quartette—"The Patriot"—Lloyd. X. Address by a Past Grand Master of Baltimore. XI. Song by F. Wiechert. XII. Singing by Quartette—"Annie Laurie"—Arranged by D. Buck, Esq. XIII. Singing—"The Closing Ode"—by Lodge and Audience. XIV. Benediction by Rev. S. C. Roberts.

—Saturday last was the fifteenth day of Nisan, the first month of the Jewish calendar, and the first day of the Feast of the Passover, the first of the annual feasts among the Hebrews. "It," says an exchange, "will be celebrated by Israelites in all lands and climes for seven days. Those of the orthodox belief will, however, observe one day in addition, making eight in all. This feast was instituted by Moses in commemoration of the deliverance of the Hebrews from the Egyptian yoke. All Jewish families are supposed to exclude leaven from their meals during the seven days. Many of them only placed the unleaven bread on their tables as a reminder of the festival. Saturday morning the synagogues were thronged with worshipers, and the services were of an interesting character. The orthodox churches held services on Sunday.

—The House committee on rivers and harbors has concluded the consideration of the plans and estimates for work in Maryland. The bill will not be reported for some days to come, but it is believed the following gives an accurate account of what it will contain for the rivers and harbors which are of the most direct interest to Kent county: Baltimore harbor $300,000, Fairlee river, Kent county $5,000 for improvements. The following are new projects provided for in the bill of 1888, and for which surveys were ordered: Still Pond harbor, Kent county; Sassafras river, Kent county; Chester river, between Crumpton and Jones's Landing, Kent county; Southeast river, Queen Anne's county; Northeast river, Cecil county; Elk river, Cecil county. Col. Craighill in passing upon the reports of the local engineers who made the preliminary examinations of those localities, reported favorably upon the following as worthy of improvement and recommended the survey: Manokin, Wicomico, Chester, Elk, and Northeast rivers. All of those thus favorably reported have been surveyed and estimated for, and the following sums have been appropriated by the committee on rivers and harbors: Manokin river, $7,500; Wicomico river, $5,000; Chester river, $5,000; Elk river, $5,000; Northeast river, $2,500. For the following localities preliminary examination looking to improvements hereafter are asked for and will probably be provided for in the bill: Rock Hall harbor, Kent county; Turner's river, Kent county; south fork of the Nanticoke river, Caroline county; Linchester river, Caroline county.

Personal Mention.

Miss Josephine Wickes, is the guest of friends in Washington.

Judge Joseph A. Wickes is now attending, the spring session of the circuit court of Caroline county.

Rev. George C Sutton, of Circleville, Ohio, who has accepted the call at St Paul's and I U Churches, this county, will arrive here to-day and preach at St Pauls on Sunday morning next at 10.30, and at I U in the afternoon at 3 30. Mr Sutton is an English gentleman and came to this country about twenty-four years ago.

Miss Ava Patterson of Baltimore, is visiting relatives in Chestertown.

Miss Nannie Nichols, of Baltimore and Miss Isabell Feddeman of Centreville have been visiting Miss Belle Aldridge.

Miss May Ireland returned home last Thursday after a pleasant visit to friends in Pennsylvania.

Samuel N. Smith, of the Centreville *Record* paid the TRANSCRIPT office a visit on Monday last.

Rev. Father Scott, of Queenstown, is said to drive one of the finest mares in Queen Anne's county.

Miss Lena Melvin is visiting relatives in Dover.

Miss Katie Trew has been visiting Mrs Wilbur Simpers.

Mr Allie Perkins of Philadelphia is visiting his parents.

Mrs. John Armstrong of New Jersey is visiting her brother, N G Westcott.

Miss Carrie Sutton of Locust Grove has been visiting Mrs. Beddenfield Spencer of Queen Anne's.

Miss Thomas, Staten Island, is the guest of Miss Rebecca Wickes.

Miss Mary Janvier of Turner's Creek is visiting Mrs. Hope H. Barroll.

Rev W Sherman Phillips is spending a few days with Prof Watts at the college.

Capt. Joseph Thompson who has been quite ill for several weeks past is convalescing.

Court News.

Full board of county commissioners present. Mr Morgan was appointed to put pipe at foot of hill at Georgetown, Capt Woodall bearing half the expense. Messrs Shallcross and Rodenhiser made verbal report as to road at Lynch's with reference to widening. Messrs Groves and Dickinson filed written report on Quaker Neck road recommending that it be increased to a width of forty feet, accepted. James H Baker was appointed in conjunction with the committee to secure rights-of-way. Wm B Usilton filed his official bonds as treasurer for the collection, etc, of county and State taxes, with J K Aldridge, Sam'l Vannort, Sam'l Beck, J H Plummer, M deK Smith and Harrison W Vickers as sureties on each bond. Both bonds were approved and directed to be filed for record with clerk of circuit court by order of board. At same time the treasurer requested the commissioners to appoint a committee to confer with him in reference to keeping books of said office. Messrs. Shallcross and Groves constitute the committee by order of board. Proceedings of joint meeting held in Centreville were read and accepted. R K Pippin, coroner, returned inquisition held on body of Robt Scott, colored, drowned in Morgan's Creek, and costs ordered to be provided for by levy. Board was further engaged in ordering transfers of property and examining, approving and passing accounts for levy.

Orphans' Court, A. D., Hon. Jno. Leeds, of Howard.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. J W Corey, and S M Usilton, admin's, of J N Usilton, and acting guardian to Jno Gale Usilton, passed their guardian account. R T Turner, Jr, adm'r of Philip Wright, passed his first and final admin. account. Rev A W Mather, guardian to Ada C Mather, passed his final guardian account. Mary C Wilson, administratrix of Wm Wilson, filed account of sale of the personal property of her decedent. R D Hynson, adm'r of G W Stewart, filed account of sale of the personal property of his decedent.

Chesterville Items.

Our first quarterly meeting for this conference year will be held at the M. E. Church, South, in this village next Sunday. There will be preaching in the morning at 10½ o'clock, and in the evening a 7½ by Rev. W. H. D. Harper. It is hoped these sermons will be largely attended, as a good sermon is assured.

Rev. W. Dolly has made a decided improvement about his premises by putting pallings around his garden. He was unfortunate, however, in mashing his finger rather severely just as he was about completing the work. RING.

New Advertisements.

J Lloyd McFeeley & Co.'s, spring change of advertisement appears in another column. They report their prices as low as the lowest. Read advertisement.

Smith & Clements advertise the Hamilton corn planter in this issue.

John Bartley advertises that he has added to his stock a line of carpets, mattings and oil cloths, which he is selling at reduced prices. Give his advertisement a careful perusal.

R Bergen, has removed to the storeroom recently vacated by W T Wright, where he has a choice line of dress goods and general merchandise. Mrs. Bergen has removed her millinery store in the rear of the building. Advertisement with full particulars will appear next week.

Resolutions of Respect.

The following resolutions were passed by the M. E. Sunday school on the death of Miss Dora Hodgkins on Sunday last:

Our Almighty Father who doeth all things well, having in the exercise of His inscrutable power removed from our midst our greatly cherished and beloved scholar the late Dora Hodgkins.

WHEREAS, The Sunday school board and members of the Sunday school desire to extend their condolence to her sorrowing family in their irreparable affliction and to express their deep sympathy with them for their great loss which they have sustained in the departure of their loved one. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That during her association with our Sunday school her conduct has ever been marked as a faithful loving scholar, whilst her deportment toward all by whom she has been surrounded has been of that courteous nature which served to endear her in the estimation of her fellow members, Therefore be it,

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this Sunday School board and published in our town papers and a copy be sent to the family. Chas S York, M T Lucas, Joel R Clements, committee.

Stockholders' Meeting.

At the second quarterly meeting of the stockholders of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, held in Chestertown on Monday last, April 7, 1890, Mr. N. G. Westcott, on account of infirm health, tendered his resignation as secretary of that company, after serving in that capacity in the most satisfactory and efficient manner since 1846. In accepting Mr. Westcotts resignation, Mr. Abel J. Rees presented the following resolution:

CHESTERTOWN, MD., April 7, 1890.

To Mr. W. N. E. Wickes, the president, and directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county:

GENTLEMEN:—In moving to accept the resignation of Mr. N. G. Westcott as our secretary, I do so with regret, as he has successfully and at a long time served the company faithfully, honestly and with fidelity; and that through infirmity and physical disability only has he been compelled to ask us to accept his resignation, and I now move that his resignation be accepted.

After accepting Mr. Westcott's resignation a number of applications for the secretaryship were presented, and Mr. Geo. B. Westcott was elected to fill the vacancy. He is a son of Mr. N. G. Wescott and a young man of good business qualifications. He was bookkeeper in the Chestertown National Bank for a number of years, which position he resigned about eight years ago on account of impaired health. Other business matters of importance were transacted.

Two Men Drowned.

John Murray and William Travers were drowned off Gale's fishing shore near the mouth of Worton Creek sometime during Monday night. Capt William Vane with Murray, a fisherman, and Travers, a farm hand living on the farm of John Gale, started out Monday afternoon in a fishing boat, and were struck by a heavy gale. The boat successfully weathered the blow until within about three-quarters of a mile of shore off the mouth of Worton Creek, when the boat capsized. Murray and Travers hung on to the centre-board while Vane clung to the rudder-iron. All would possibly have gone well had not the boat's anchor gone out and kept the boat from floating ashore with her three helpless occupants. Murray and Travers became exhausted during the night and dropped off and were drowned. Capt. Vane, after a terrible experience, succeeded in securing a position on the boat's bottom and cut the anchor rope and the boat drifted off until the mouth of Fairlee Creek was reached, when the captain, greatly exhausted, was picked up by fisherman Zinker. The bodies of the two drowned men have not as yet been found. Murray and Vane are from Melitota, but Vane, during the fishing season, lives in a shanty on the shore at the mouth of Worton Creek. Murray was unmarried, but Travers leaves a wife and three small children.

Temperance Alliance in Session.

In pursuance of the call by Rev R W Todd, president, a meeting of the Kent Co. Temperance Alliance was held at Stam's Hall on Tuesday. Rich T Turner, Jr, appointed secretary of the meeting. Rev J H Willey was recommended as vice-president of our county alliance, his appointment to take effect upon the resignation of Rev R W Todd.

A committee of fifteen members, three from each election district, was appointed to take charge of all matters pertaining to the county campaign upon the license question, and this committee has authority to add ten ladies, two from each election district, to their committee. The secretary of this meeting is directed to notify the members of the committee of their appointment, and that they are requested to meet at Stam's Hall at 10 A M Tuesday, 15th instant. A committee of three was appointed to gather statistics in reference to the advantages that local option has been to our county.

The secretary of this meeting was directed to procure from Annapolis a copy of the law, submitting to the voters of Kent county, the question of license, and produce the same at the meeting of the executive committee next Tuesday.

Five delegates as follows were appointed to attend the State Temperance Alliance at its next meeting: First district, B F H Caulk: second, G W Covington; third, N Barnard; fourth, M A Toulson; fifth, Washington Skirven.

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, N. C. Get a free trial bottle at Colin F. Stam's Drug Store.

CHESTERVILLE AND ELSEWHERE.

Items of Interest, Personal and Otherwise.

Rev. W. Dolly has been sent back to his charge, and he intends to preach in Chesterville every other Sunday night, beginning with his first Sunday at home.

Mr. John Stevenson and family have all been on the sick list for several weeks, but are now convalescent.

Many of the children in this vicinity keep sick.

Miss Anna Beall had her foot and ankle treated by Dr. Ferry, and says she suffers but little pain now, and wishes us to inform the public that she did not have any part of her foot amputated, as rumor said.

Mrs. Frank Burrows, of Kenton, Del., who has been quite ill at Mr. Wm. Frazier's for the past five weeks, is in a fair way to recovery.

Miss Katie Peters, of Virginia, who has spent several months with Rev. Mrs. Dolly, expected to start for her home last week. No doubt this attractive and accomplished young lady will be missed by the young people, but none will miss her as will her devoted sister. However, several think ere long she will come back to Kent and make a longer sojourn

Many of our people are in favor of compelling children to go to school. If such a law were passed we would not have so many boys carrying guns, and allowing their powder to fall on the play-ground where children were having their fun.

Mr. Charles Burris attempted to shoot Goldie Carey's gun recently, and after finding that it shot at one end and burned at the other, decided to let the blackbirds fly.

Our children of proper school age in this district, attend school very regularly when they are able.

Masters Edward Stevenson and Samuel Startt, boys of fourteen summers, urged by older ones who knew better, had quite a little fight last Saturday over marbles. Master Stevenson went home with a black face. Sad times for prize fights.

A gentleman of color in this section was very much alarmed by the constable's queries last week. He begged leave to be allowed to go home and see his boss once more. The pear cider that is bought in Crumpton has a wonderful effect on the nervous system and the vocal cords of many who buy it.

Chesterville would like to have a shoemaker and constable all the time.

Miss Sallie Pennington paid us a flying visit recently.

The latest way of taking members into the M. E. Church, North, is by voting them in by some of the members.

Mr. Abraham Lincoln Hudson's and Mrs. James Dobson's families, of this village, some time since moved into Queen Anne's with Capt. Peter Brinsfield, but tiring of farm life in a short time, have moved back to Chesterville.

The spring bonnets of Chesterville have now been seen. Three terrible alternatives are facing the married man—spring bonnets, spring fever and spring house-cleaning.

A doctor advised one of our patients to take plenty of rest and sleep instead of so much medicine. Late hours will ruin the health of a gent as quickly as of a lady. SUBS.

NEW STEAMBOAT LINE.

Another Opposition to be Met by the Chester River Company.

Shortly following the sale of the steamer Gratitude, the wharves and other property of the Centreville and Corsica River Steamboat Company, to the Chester River Company, it was asserted by many that a new company would be incorporated at an early date, in verification of which the Centreville *Observer* has the following:

"The rumor that a new steamboat line would be started between Baltimore and Centreville assumed definite shape last week. At a meeting held in the office of Hall & Burgess, on Thursday last, "The Queen Anne's County and Kent County Steamboat Company" was organized. J Hersey Hall was elected president, Wm J Price, vice-president, C F Rich, secretary and treasurer. The following board of directors was elected to serve for the ensuing year: J Hersey Hall, Wm J Price, C F. Rich, F A Emory, C O Ford and J B Bright, of Queen Anne's county, and C C Strong of Kent county. The capital stock will be $40,000, divided into sixteen hundred shares of twenty-five dollars each. The company proposes to build a stern wheel boat, about one-fourth larger than the steamer Gratitude, and the boat will have the guaranteed speed of eighteen miles an hour. Wharves will be built at Jackson's Creek and Rock Hall and on the shore of James D Carville, at Kent Island. The main business offices of the company will be in Centreville and Captain Medford Larrimore will have charge of the new steamer. Articles of incorporation were filed in the circuit court for Queen Anne's county yesterday (Monday) morning. The following are the charter members of the corporation in addition to the members of the board of directors: John M Perry, J R Benton and W T Elliott, of Queen Anne's county, and James A Casey and Purnell Jump, of Kent county. Subscription books were opened at the office of Emory & Feddeman, Centreville, yesterday morning, and over $7,000 have been subscribed. Books will be opened at Winchester, Kent Island, and in Kent county during the present week. It is probable that the new steamer will be placed on the route about the last of August.

STATE AND PENINSULA.

The editors of the Clayton *Call* say that they are married. How long since, brothers of the *Call*.

Elkton's shipyard is rushed with work.

Some Delaware small fruit growers complain that the blackberry canes have been injured by the recent winter.

The public schools of Dorchester county have closed.

Tuesday of last week was moving day in Wilmington, Del.

The Hon. Thomas F. Bayard will deliver an oration before the Huguenot Society of South Carolina in Charleston, on April 14, next.—Dover *Index*.

Easton has a "Farmers' Alliance."

Elkton has a photograph gallery.

Elkton has a female seminary.

The Milford *News and Advertiser* published an interesting daily during the session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference.

M. Keating, Esq., the newly appointed postmaster at Centreville, has forwarded his bond and expects to take charge of his office on Monday next.

Gratifying To All.

The high position attained and the universal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative known, illustrates the value of the qualities on which its success is based and are abundantly gratifying to the California Fig Syrup Company.

THE JOYOUS EASTER TIDE.

Eloquent Sermons, Sweet Music and Beautiful Flowers Mark the Day's Observance.

The bright sunshine and soft breezes, which on the evening before gave promise that the Eastertide would dawn clear, bright and beautiful, were not earnests of disappointment to the hosts who were anxiously looking forward with pleasure to an appropriate observance of the greatest of Christian festivals, but were as gorgeous rainbows of promise laden with assurances that the morrow would be fair and pleasant. Great expectations had been deposited with the uncertainties of the future and no lowering clouds flew across the sky to cast deep shadows upon anticipated pleasures of the joyous Easter Day.

On Easter morning the sun rose without a cloud to obstruct its splendor, and though the absence of the fleecy cumulus may have robbed the over-arching sky of the borrowed tints of royal purple and the mellow beauties of the rose, the full sunlight of early morning filled the awakening earth with a flood of golden light so full in the silent sweep of its majestic wings, and so abundant in its golden glory that all nature with one deep and sublime chorus raised the song, "Christ, the Lord, is Risen To-day," while man unconsciously looked from nature up to nature's God, and wherever christianity is known, joined voice, and made heaven and earth reverberate to the full hallelujas in praise of the Risen Lord.

The day was second in its transcendent beauty only to the glorious event which was to be celebrated between the short space of hours, marking the existence of the laughing day-child of the year. Easter comes with each recuring season more solemn and more impressively beautiful than any other Christian festival of the year, awakening that which is noblest and that which is most exalted and Godlike in human nature. And in the midst of joyous Easter music and the fragrance of bursting blossoms, an appreciation of the blessings bestowed by a Risen Lord forces itself upon the nobler part of man, stamping it with a seal of a world-wide and ennobling promise, "So shall ye rise in glory." The Lord is Risen, chanted by choruses, thundered from organs, whispered by voices weak in the delicate arms of childhood, as they march loaded with Easter offerings to the house of God. These things give to the day the rich harmony of its observance. To those who have suffered loss, it comes with a glorious promise for the future, while to those who are bright, it gives promise for continued joys.

Never before, it were safe to say, had more elaborate preparations been made for a proper observance of the sacred festival commemorative of the Resurrection. The long penitential season of Lent had closed, and in all the churches chants of praise and the sweet incense of prayer, mingled with the delicate perfume of Easter blossoms, were the offerings of many hearts.

At an early hour it became evident that the day was to be a memorable one in Chestertown. In addition to the hundreds of visitors already in town, carriages commenced pouring in from every road leading into Chestertown, as the one objective point. Fair votaries of fashion came out in rich costumes, and wearing gorgeous flowers, and from hour to hour, as the time for church services approached, the ever-varying scene became more animated and interesting. Dainty spring hats, surmounted by delicate apple blossoms, wild roses and forget-me-nots, with an occasional vision of lovliness in the form of the "village" bonnets of Tuscan straw, with a dainty wreath of rosebuds coyly peeping out from under the graceful brim, were seen in the coterie of Easter beauties. Airy, fairy things, these visions of lovliness, which sent a glow of pride to the hearts of the wearers and feelings of envy to their less fortunate sisters. Then, too, there were rich costumes, showing the petite form of the bright-faced debutante of spring to best advantage, or enrobing the graceful, willowy form of the stately and dignified queen of many hearts in a fascinating cloak of beauty and attractiveness.

As is usually the case so early in the season, the gentlemen to a great extent clung to the sombre suits of winter, while the ladies made their appearance in dreamy poems bearing all the fascinating rythm of the milliner's art. Rich gowns, in variety of style as bright as the sparkling sunshine, and all presided over by magnificent roses, many petaled, breathing delicate perfume and gorgeous in coloring. Or, possibly, the unfolded beauty of richly colored pansies or the dignified clusters of charming hyacinths breathed their perfume of freshness to add to the beauty of the Easter costumes of 1890.

The churches were all handsomely decorated with bright flowers and foliage plants in endless variety and beauty. No church in town was equal to the demand made upon its seating capacity by immense congregations which thronged to each of the services.

The Methodist Protestant Church was profusely decorated, the chancel being beautifully arranged with blooming flowers and foliage plants, which added much to the already attractive interior of the most beautiful church in the entire Methodist Protestant conference of Maryland. Second only to the sermon of Dr. S. B. Southerland, the music came in as a grand feature of the day. The eloquent sermon was declared to be the most splendid effort of a minister whose sermons stand marked by logical reasoning and beauty of diction. The effort was conceded to be the master production of his life, and as comparing most favorably with the very finest productions of the American pulpit. The text was from Rev, 1 chap, 17, 18 vreses. Rev D S Stephens preached a fine sermon at night from the text: 1st John, 4th chap, 13th verse. Long before the hour for services to commence the church was crowded and many were leaving for want of room. The following programme was beautifully rendered by the choir under the leadership of Professor W W Chapman at the morning and evening services:

Alleluia, Federlein; Now Is Christ Risen, Allen; Gloria in Excelsis (G), Downes; Nunc Dimittis, Tours; If We Believe that Jesus Died, Bunnett; Christ Is Risen from the Dead, Smith; Resurrection, cornet, Holden; Remember Now Thy Creator, Steggall; Kyrie Eleison, Gloria Tibi, Glatias, Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Tours; Christ Is Risen, Danks; Te Deum (A), Downes; Christ Our Passover, Vogrich.

The choir was as follows: Sopranos, Mrs Wm R Aldridge, Miss Annie Russell, Miss Clare Vannort, Miss Anna Robertson; contraltos, Miss Mollie Parks, Miss Julia Thompson, Miss Coe Thompson, Miss Marian Lusby, Miss Ella Thompson; tenors, Dr H L Dodd, J W Chapman, Jr, Hydie Thompson, T D Bowers; bassos, Wm A Biscoe, T S Dodd, Fred G Usilton, L B Russell; cornetists, J N Dodd, W H McFeely; organist, Prof. F O Elmore; musical director, W W Chapman.

Conference passed a vote of thanks to the choir.

Interesting exercises were also held at the church in the afternoon. Miss Hirata, the Japanese young lady who is being educated at Western Maryland College, was expected to make an address, but having the measels, she was unable to be present, to the disappointment of an immense audience. She will, however, remain over and make an address on Sunday afternoon next.

The Methodist Episcopal Church true to its annual custom was beautifully decorated with blossoming lilies, geraniums and bright flowers in variety which stood out like bright jewels in their rich collet of mellow green formed by luxuriant foliage plants. As the bright sunshine fell in mellow beauty through the stained and unstained windows, the scene was indeed intensely bright and in sweet harmony with the Easter Day.

Rev. T. E. Coulbourne made a masterly effort in his sermon in the morning to a very large congregation from the text: 17th Matthew, 1st and 2d verses.

The choir, though having but a limited space of time in which to practice their program, presented a beautiful collection of choice music, which was appreciated by large congregations at the three services of the day. The program was as follows:

Now Is Christ Risen, M L Bartlett; Hosanna to the Prince of Light, W T Giffe; Sing, O, Earth! the Glorious Morning, L O Emerson; How Beautiful Upon the Mountain, M L Bartlett; Christ, the Lord, is Risen To-day, J F Kensey; Dead, Arisen and Ascended, J M Dungan.

Following was the choir: Sopranos, Miss Anna G Lambert, Mrs F M Miller, Miss Nettie Gooding, Miss Sue Lambert; altos, Mrs Todd and Miss Fannie Stuart; tenors, Edw Lambert, M W Thomas; bass, J W Bordley, J W Crouch, R S Thomas; musical director, R S Thomas.

The exercises in the afternoon were interesting, and fine music were enjoyed. A handsome umbrella was presented to Rev R W Todd in a neat speech by C S York, Esq., on behalf of the young men of the church.

The decorations of the Catholic Church were rich and beautiful. Queenly lilies and bright Easter flowers of many colors did honor to the sublime beauty of the occasion. The floral decorations of the beautiful church were seen bathed in the mellow sunlight of declining day. Stillness crowned the hour with a feeling of sacred reverence for the magnificent importance of the glorious Easter Day, and mute but eloquent duty which frail, faltering man of all religious faiths entrusts to the heavenly eloquence of sweet flowers. The effect was truly beautiful and impressive, and was not surpassed by any church in town.

Emmanuel Episcopal church was richly trimmed with cut flowers, bright Easter blossoms and luxuriant foliage plants, all breathing forth an influence of sacred beauty. About the altar, around the pulpit, in the recesses of the chancel and in the windows, indeed the entire front of the church blossomed as a garden of beautiful flowers lending an inspiring sacredness to the services of the day. The unbroken sunlight of a perfect day bathed the scene in unusual colorings of richness, as the collected rays poured through the bright tinted panes of memorial windows. Nothing could have added more to the striking beauty of the effect produced than did the following programme of beautiful music which was finely rendered by the choir of sweet voices:

Processional arthem—"Christ being raised from the dead—H P Danks.

Christ Our Passover—W O Wilkinson.

Te Deum Laudamus, in C—J W Shyrock.

Jubilate Deo, in A—H P Dank's.

Offertory Anthem—"Lift your glad voices in triumph on high" in B flat—H P Dank's.

Gloria Patri—H Bialla.

Kyrie Eleison—Elvey.

Processional anthem—"He who slumbered," in D—C T Steeler.

Offertory anthem—"The Savior Hath Risen," E flat—W C Williams.

Chant—Cantate—Hutchins.

Benedic—Baumbach.

Choir—Tenors, William and Samuel Beck; Soprano, Miss Hallie Beck; Alto, Miss Mary Beck; Bass, Mr. Arthur Skirven.

The Sunday school anniversary exercises were held in the afternoon and were very interesting, consiting of singing by the school and an address by Rev. S. C. Roberts.

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LOCAL LAW for KENT COUNTY

Passed at Session of Maryland Legislature, 1890.

COUNTY TREASURER.

AN ACT to amend Article fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," subtitle "County Commissioners," by adding five new sections thereto, requiring the County Commissioners to appoint a County Treasurer, and to define his powers and duties, to follow section eighty-seven and to be known as section eighty-seven A, eighty-seven B, eighty-seven C, eighty-seven D, and eighty-seven E.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That five new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article Fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws title "Kent County," sub-title "County Commissioners," to follow section eighty-seven, and to be designated as eighty-seven A, eighty-seven B, eighty-seven C, eighty-seven D, and eighty-seven E.

87 A. The County Commissioners of Kent County, at their first regular meeting in the month of April, beginning with the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and at the aforesaid time of regular meeting every two years thereafter, shall appoint some citizen of said county other than the clerk to said commissioners, to be County Treasurer, who shall hold his office for two years, whose duty it shall be to collect all State and County taxes levied in Kent county, and said treasurer shall assess all new or unassessed property in said county, and for this purpose he is clothed with all the powers possessed by collectors of taxes under the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws, and said treasurer may appoint one or more deputies who shall be authorized to act in his place, for whose acts he shall be responsible, and to whom he may pay such compensation as he may deem proper, to be deducted from his salary, and said treasurer shall receive an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars and the further sum of twenty-five cents for each person's property assessed by him, and five cents for each dog or bitch returned to the county commissioners and by them ordered to be entered on the assessment books of the county; but dogs in incorporated towns, which impose a tax thereon shall not be assessed by the county commissioners, said treasurer shall execute to the State of Maryland two bonds with sureties to be approved by the county commissioners, one for fifteen thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful collection and payment to the State treasurer of all State taxes levied and placed in his hands for collection and the faithful performance of all other duties devolving on him, and another bond for twenty-five thousand dollars conditioned for the proper collection and disbursement of all taxes levied and placed in his hands for Kent county, and the faithful performance of all other duties devolving on him, said bonds to be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for said county.

87 B. It shall be the duty of the treasurer, each year, as soon as the annual levy is made, to give public notice thereof by advertisement inserted in two newspapers printed and published in said county, and the taxes so levied shall be due and payable on the first day of September of the year in which they are so levied. It shall be the duty of the said treasurer in the months of September in each year, to sit for two days at the principal town in each election district of said county, and in the months of October and November one day in each of the said towns in each election district as aforesaid, for the purpose of receiving taxes; due notice of each of such sittings shall be given by advertisement as hereinbefore provided; and he shall report to the county commissioners at their first regular meeting in each month the amount of taxes, State and county, separately, collected by him up to the date of such report and the amount of disbursements made, and the balance in hand, and he shall deposit at least once a week in the Chestertown National Bank of Maryland, all taxes received or collected by him up to date of such deposit, the portion due the State, to his credit as collector of State taxes, and the portion due the county to his credit as treasurer of Kent county, and he shall once a month, from and after the first day of October, in each year, deliver to the county commissioners, to be forwarded to the State treasurer, his check for the amount of State taxes to his credit in bank, and the money deposited to the treasurer of Kent county shall only be drawn out upon his check counter signed by the President of the Board of county commissioners in payment of debts and accounts due by said county, duly approved and passed by said county commissioners, and by them ordered to be paid, and any tax payer having a sum of money levied to his use or a debt against the county passed by the county commissioners, shall only be entitled to have the same paid after he has paid the State and county taxes levied upon his or her property, and is not indebted in anywise therefor.

87 C On the first day of January in each year, taxes shall be deemed to be in arrear and interest shall be charged and collected on all taxes not then paid from September first; the date when they became due and payable, and immediately after the first day of January the treasurer shall deliver to each delinquent, who has not prior thereto received the same, an account of his assessment and the taxes and interest due thereon, with a notice and warning to said delinquents attached thereto, that unless payment be made in full within thirty days from the delivery of such notice, that the same will be collected by process of law, and said treasurer may at any time between the first day of January and the first day of April proceed to seize, levy upon and sell the property of such delinquent, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said taxes with interest and costs thereon, according to the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws relating thereto, and all tax bills unpaid on the first day of April in each year shall be placed in the hands of the sheriff of the county, who shall forthwith proceed to