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THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1890.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—If the old expression holds good, April showers should bring May flowers.

—Betterton proposes to build up for itself a boom as a summer resort and a fishing ground.

—Rainy Fridays' were the order of March, and April seems inclined to encourage the custom.

—J. H. Weer, a good Republican of the second district, has been appointed postmaster at Kennedyville.

Several reports have been received that "pear cider" sales have as a rule been suspended until after court.

—Bay side fishermen are busily engaged in fishing operations. The run of fish, however, has not as yet been very great.

—The census enumerators want it distinctly understood that ladies refusing to tell their ages are liable to a fine of thirty dollars.

—Benjamin H. Startt, Esq., who died near Crumpton, on Tuesday night, is said to be possibly one of the oldest Oddfellows in the State.

—Machine agents are now active, and brightly painted farming implements are now in position to strike the death blow to hard times.

—The Crumpton cannery will be in operation during the present season and an extensive acreage will be planted in tomatoes on the faith of its assurances.

—A number of the stores and private residences of Chestertown are receiving new coats of paint, and look much more attractive in their spring suits.

—The Rock Hall friends of Capt. Medford Larrimore, formerly of the steamer Gratitude, propose to give the Captain a cordial reception when the new line is formally opened.

—Friday morning last, gave to disconsolate fruit men the very cold comfort of finding the thermometer well below the freezing point, and substantial evidences of ice to be found.

—A meeting of the Official Board of the Chestertown M. E. Church is called for Thursday night at 7.30 o'clock. The new pastor, Rev. Dr. Willey, is anxious to get acquainted with his members and arrange plans for future work.

—Spring suits, parasols and straw hats have come to the front during the past week, and after the several balmy, beautiful days it is safe to say that the season is here "when spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil."

—Twelve hundred and twenty-four letters, postals and packages were mailed at the drug store of Colin F. Stam, Esq., during March, or two hundred and twenty-four more than during the previous month.

—The census enumerator receives for his services ;two cents for each inhabitant, two cents for each farm, twenty cents for each industrial establishment and five cents for each surviving soldier, or soldier's widow.

—Friday of last week ended the eleven days which an old superstition claims that April borrows from March. The days until April the eleventh are called "borrowed days" after which time spring was thought by be superior.

—The report of the Agricultural Department at Washington shows an increase of 73,909,000 in the wheat crop of North America for 1889 as compared with the previous year. The wheat crops of the world show a decrease of 111,593,000 bushels for the same period.

—At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. of Chestertown on Tuesday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: President, W. T. Sutton; vice-president, Arthur Toulson; recording sect., Geo. B. Twilley; corresponding sect., Samuel Hicks; treasurer, M. W. Thomas.

—The congregation of Emmanuel P. E. Church, on Tuesday evening last, gave their pastor, Rev. S. C. Roberts a very plesant surprise. A large crowd assembled at the Sunday school room and with a cart containing household goods and provisions proceeded to the rectory on Queen street about eight o'clock, where a plesant evening was enjoyed.

—In accord with an established rule of the Protestant Episcopal church, the vestries for the respective churches are elected annually on Easter Monday. There was no meeting for that purpose on Easter Monday, for Emmanuel P. E. Church, Chestertown and in that case the old vestry hold over.

—R. Bergen moved into his new and elegant store-room in the Burchinal building last week, and it is safe to say he now has one of the handsomest stores on the shore. Messrs. J. A. Perkins, Jr. and H. Brice of Philadelphia offered many happy suggestions in regard to the aesthetic arrangement of the more delicate and showy fabrics.

—The appeal club cases from Talbot county were heard on Tuesday of last week by the court of appeals, with a full bench except Judge Robinson, who was disqualified by having tried the cases below. The cases are of special interest and the opinion of the court which will be handed down soon will be looked forward to with interest.

—The temperance people of Kent are making a vigorous fight in behalf of Local Option as opposed to High License. The question will be submitted to the people on May 10 and until that day the campaign will be energetically carried forward. A well attended meeting of temperance committees were held in Chestertown on Tuesday last when a series of meetings were arranged to be held in the respective election districts of the county.

—The quality of bravery is not confined to either light or heavy weights, so thinks the State. The crew of the State police steamer, Gov. Thomas was recently weighed, Capt. Howard included, when the crew of twelve hardy tars and men of battle tipped the beam at 2002 pounds, an average of 166-5-6 pounds each. The jumbo of the crew is seaman Sturgess who weighs 210 pounds, while the light weight of the number is mate Smith who is able to record but 122 pounds to his credit.

—Mr. James Johnson, of Millington, is said to have spent much time in the collection of a vast number of interesting relics of the past. It is claimed that he has files of old news papers and almanacs which would fill a railroad car, and in the collection will also be found a file of all tickets voted in his election district from 1855 to the last election. He insists that his greatest peculiarity is, however, his obstinate adherence to Democratic principles.

—The April term of the circuit court for Kent county will open on Monday next, April 21. Neither the criminal nor the appeal docket is expected to be lengthy and the term will in all probability be a moderately short one. It is, however, impossible to forecast to any degree of certainty the work of the grand jury. The Harris murder trial will possibly be the most interesting case to be tried.

—Wm. D. Gould, Esq., living just across the bridge in Queen Anne's, expects to have the ground in order and his corn planted before the end of next week. Mr. Gould is an advocate of early planting and says that while in exceptional cases it may prove to some extent a failure, as a rule it has been far more satisfactory in its results than his experience in planting later in the season has been.

—Two gentlemen of the second district have planted one acre in white and purple lilacs. One of the experimenters in this new industry shipped several barrels to New York on May 1, 1889, receiving $8 per barrel. The clusters are tied in bunches and carefully placed in barrels for shipment. The same gentleman shipped white lilies to Baltimore last spring which readily sold at two cents for each blossom.

—Farmers complain that they have never known the ground to break so unsatisfactorialy in spring plowing, and attribute the cause to the fact that for two years past we have had so little freezing weather. The most severe weather of the two years it is claimed has not frozen the ground to a greater depth than one inch, and instead of being mellowed by the action of the frosts it is now heavy and stiff.

—We made mention recently of several immense geranium leaves which were sent us. We have since received beautiful specimens from Wm. Burgess, Esq., of Edesville, which were much larger than those first mentioned. Mr. Senart the florist, tried to carry off the palm, but only succeeded in reaching the full measure of the standard set by the Edesville leaves, which were five and one-half by seven inches.

—In examining some old notes which were written by Dr. P. Wroth, one of the most prominent gentlemen of the county over fifty years ago, it was found that "Chester Town" in 1808 had an estimated population of about twelve hundred. When the change was made from writing the double capital in the name Chester Town to the present way of writing, it is not definitely known but was probably adopted by degrees for convenience sake.

—The concert of the Dickinson College Glee Club, which will be given at Stam's Hall to-night promises to be in every sense a musical treat. The young gentlemen of the club come most satisfactorily recommended and a number who have heard them say that their entertainments of instrumental music and song is well worth hearing. The program which we have before us is composed of pieces sprightly in their musical rhythm and choice in selection.

—Parsuant to a call, a number of the stockholders of the Chester Bridge Company met at the office of Charles T. Westcott yesterday. The meeting was called for the purpose of taking action relative to the sale of the bridge property to the counties of Kent and Queen Anne's. There not being, however, one-half of the stock of the company represented at the meeting no business was transacted, but an adjournment was moved until Friday evening, April 18.

—The base ball fever has at last assumed its reign and broken fingers may soon be expected. The younger teams have opened the season with enthusiasm and a number of closely contested games have been played between the "Uptowns" and the "Downtowns" with a division of honors. So far as base ball is concerned Chestertown seems to be divided against itself in these clubs. In the absence of a schedule of games it is impossible to say which leads in the race.

—The work on the bridge at Crumpton is progressing and the prospects are that with the substantial repairs which have been contracted for and which are being made by Robert N. Boston, the old thoroughfare between the upper portions of the two counties will be in first-class condition. Public travel by vehicles was suspended over the bridge on Wednesday of last week. Boat passengers can still go over. If the weather proves favorable, public travel can probably be resumed by the 19th.

—Tennis will be the popular game with the young ladies and gentlemen of Chestertown during the spring and summer. The members of the club of last year met at the home of Miss Belle Aldridge on Friday evening last and reorganized. Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Nelie Walker; secretary, Miss Belle Aldridge; Treasurer, Dr. C. P. Gilpin; executive committee, Harry Brown, Lewin Wickes, Willie Beck and William Rose. The name of the club will be the "Emerald Court Tennis Club." Black and orange will be the badge colors of the club. The membership is larger than that of last year. A tennis club has also been organized at Washington College.

—It is stated that the "Queen Anne's County and the Kent County Steamboat Company" is receiving substantial subscriptions in Queen Anne's county. An offer has been made by a wealthy Baltimore merchant to subscribe one-half of the capital stock of $40,000, this, however, was refused as it is proposed to make the number directly interested in the enterprise as large as possible. In addition to C. C. Strong, Esq., of Kent, who is one of the directors of the new company, ex-Sheriff James A. Casey and Purnell Jump of Kent county, are charter members. Desirable locations for the building of the wharves and freight houses have already been secured at Jackson's creek, Rock Hall and Kent Island. Several active canvassers are at work in Kent and Queen Anne's soliciting subscriptions.

—The following are timely suggestions in regard to the planting of fruit trees: About 25 feet apart is the right distance to set apple trees, unless it is in rich bottoms, where the trees, as they will grow very rapidly and become large and spreading, may be set 40 feet apart. Pear trees should be set 20 feet apart, dwarf pears 8 to 10 feet. Peaches 15 to 20 feet, if they are never shortened in, but are allowed to spread and grow naturally. This plan in some sections is quite popular; the only pruning that is done is to thin out the centres, and thereby encourage a low habit of growth. This permits of easy gathering of the fruit, and some fruit men claim also that the fruit is superior on spreading trees to that on tall ones. Cherries of the common sorts should be set 18 feet apart, for those that grow more pyramidically 10 feet will be sufficient; plums, 15 feet, apricots, 18 feet, quince, 8 to 9 feet. To give an idea of the number of trees required for an acre, if set 40 feet apart, 27 trees are required; 33 feet apart, 40 trees; 25 feet apart, 69 trees; 20 feet apart, 108 trees; 15 feet apart, 193 trees; 12 feet apart, 302 trees; 10 feet apart, 435 trees; 8 feet apart, 680 trees.

—Chestertown was enlivened on Monday morning by a runaway. The horse attached to the coal cart of B. F. Fleming, Esq., ran through the streets and scattered coal along the greater portion of the route. This unexpected harvest of fuel soon called out a small army of men, women and children, with bags, buckets, boxes and wheel-barrows, while one or two dearborns were in the field of industry. One industrious old fellow in the absence of any other receptacle spread his red bandanna on the ground and triumphantly bore it off filled with dusky diamonds. The horse was stopped without futher loss to anyone concerned than the small amount of coal.

—We were handed recently a package of old, discolored manuscripts which were interesting from their very antiquity if for no other reason. The bundle was marked as follows; "Ancient papers, preserved only for their antiquity." One, an old musty paper was an order for the retention of a prisoner for debt, while other time-worn pages were scarcely readable. The most interesting of the package was one containing a lock of rich brown hair tied with a piece of blue silk. The writing was neat and clear, and several delicate scrolls ornamented the page of musty paper. The oldest paper of the package bore date 1733, stamping it with the venerable age of 157 years.

—Three colored men, Wm. Nickols, James Boxley and Amos Reed were arrested by Officers Simpson and Henley between twelve and one o'clock on Sunday morning for gambling. The men were lodged in jail, and were all given an early hearing on Monday morning. Nickols and Boxley belong to the crew of the B. S. Ford, and after paying a four-dollar fine were released in time to make their regular trip with the steamer. The case was given a hearing before Esquire Dodd. Thomas Thompson, Budd Porter and Alonzo Lloyd were also arrested for Sunday gambling and given a hearing before Esquire Burgess, who imposed a fine of two dollars and thirty-five cents, costs included, and released the Sunday lawbreakers. The most popular game with our colored population is crap, and is extensively indulged in.

—The following has been sent us with a request that we publish and ask for a satisfactory solution to the puzzle: Now who will answer? A friend asked me to multiply $5 by $5. I do so and announce the result as $25. Now multiply 500 cents; give the answer in cents, pure and simple, not as a fractional part of a dollar. I do so and am surprised to see the figures climb up to 250,000 cents, which is $2500. As $5 and 500 cents are equivalent, the result is puzzling. It cannot be urged that decimal marks should be used. A cent as such, is as distinct a unit as a dollar, and the result is to be announced in cents, the decimal cannot be pleaded in extenuation of the rather surprising result. But there is clearly something wrong. What is it?

—An interesting decision was rendered in the superior court of Baltimore city last week which resulted in establishing so far as the lower court is concerned, that a poker debt cannot be enforced at law. The particulars were about as follows: A judgment was sometime ago recovered in the superior court for an amount of $390. Enumerated in the items making up this sum was a sum of $5 which was stated to be a loan in a game of poker. Neither Townsend nor his counsel, ex-Judge King and Wm. S. Bryan, objected to this part of the debt at the trial in the superior court. When, however, execution was issued on the judgment, as was done, the amount not having been paid, an injunction was issued by Judge Wright, of Equity court No. 2. He even made the injunction perpetual on account of the poker playing part in the transaction. The case will be taken to the court of appeals, it being contended that the furthest a court can go under the decisions is to allow the amount of the poker debt in bar of the suit, but not to the extent of vitiating the whole debt.

—An interesting suit was recently decided by Judge Harlan of Baltimore. The suit of Joseph B. Hanway against S. Davies Warfield was decided in the Superior Court recently by a verdict for Hanway for $698.09. That was the amount claimed, with interest. Mr. Warfield bought five hundred cases of corn from Mr. Hanway by sample. He sold the corn and it was shipped to New York. It was objected to by the New York purchaser as not being up to the standard of quality for which it was bought. Judge Harlan in instructing the jury said the written contract was that Warfield bought of Hanway the corn, which was to be the same as a sample furnished and like that opened by Warfield on the day of the dealing. If the corn was like that contracted for that would end the case. If it was not as warranted what were the rights of Warfield? The cases in the law books say that a buyer has the right to reject the goods and resist an action for the purchase money. He has a reasonable time to inspect the goods and decide what he will do. What that time is depends on the character of the goods, and may depend on the custom of the trade in the particular goods. But if the buyer has had opportunity and has not seen fit to do what he has a right to do; if he has exercised acts of ownership he loses the right to reject and must stand on the warranty. If sued he may recoup in damages, or he may bring an action for damages for the loss he has sustained, if any, by the defect in the article. The customs of the trade, however, differ materially from the law on the subject, and Judge Harlan sustained the principle of law as being less liable to become abused.

Items from Locust Grove.

LOCUST GROVE, April 15, 1890.

The last few days have been so bright and springlike that the Merry Bee would like to greet you again, after an absence of several weeks. The farmers and gardeners are now very busy with their spring work.

The roads have been very bad between this and our sister towns, but at this writing we learn they are improving; the holes, which in some cases were very deep, are being filled up now.

Mr. G. Harvey Beasten has returned to New York to the sorrow of his many lady friends.

Mr. Wm. Sutton, an energetic young man, has gone to the far West. We hear he intends to try our new State Washington. We wish him much success.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm and Mrs. Meaa, of Wilmington, Del., have been visiting Mrs. George Atwell.

Miss Sallie Sutton is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Collins, at Delaware City.

Capt. James Mitchell, of Cecil county, is visiting his nephew, Mr. G. M. Beasten.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. S. J. Hill is convalescent.

Our boys are talking of organizing a base-ball club soon. We wish they would, as we delight in a good game of ball, when the Locust Grove boys are victorious.

Our new pastor, Rev. E. H. Nelson, preached last Sunday to a large congregation. All were pleased with him, and we hope they will come out every Sabbath. Preaching Sunday afternoon at half-palf two o'clock. A MERRY BEE.

New Advertisements.

The annual report of the town commissioners.

Notice of election of a town commissioner in place of C. T. Westcott, Esq., whose term expires on Monday, April 28, 1890.

Samuel Comegys, sheriff, gives notice of election on Saturday, May 10, 1890, to determine by ballot whether or not high license shall prevail in Kent county.

Messrs. W. B. and R. T. Turner, Sr.'s, advertisement will be found in another column. Their store is located at Greenpoint and they offer for sale lumber, coal, fertilizers, groceries, etc. They keep a full and complete line.

R. Bergen, Esq., has removed to the store-room next door to his old stand on the corner, where he has enlarged his stock, and now has one of the most complete lines of dress goods and general merchandise in Chestertown.

D. Adkinson & Co. advertise a full line of shoes and hats at their new store on Cross street.

On Saturday next, April 19, Hope H. Barroll, assignee of mortgagee, will sell at public auction at the court house door in Chestertown, the property of Ellie D. Moleter, located in Millington, this county.

The following local laws for Kent county will be found in this issue: "High License," "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," "Reducing Sheriff's Fees," "Authorizing the County Commissioners to Borrow $5000 to Pay Cash for Work on Puplic Roads," "Public Printing." "Fish and Terrapins," "Turner's Creek," "Sassafras River Fish."

E. H. Benson, merchant taylor.

Hope H. Barroll, money to loan.

Personal Mention.

We have received the following from Milford, Del.: "The Rev. Dr. J. H. Willey, who has recently been appointed to Chestertown, is regarded as one of the most scholarly men in the Wilmington Annual Conference. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University; also of Drew Theological Seminary, which institution gave him the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, and later the degree of Doctor Philolophy was conferred upon him by Syracuse University. He is a powerful preacher, successful revivalist and consummate financier. We congratulate the people of Chestertown upon securing his valuable services. The Avenue Church in Milford is greatly afflicted by his removal, and feels that his place cannot readily be filled." We extend to the doctor a most cordial welcome to his new field of labor.

The TRANSCRIPT congratulates Worton on having within its social circles as guests two charming young ladies from Galesville, Anne Arundel county. Their description of West river is delightful. The daily news, telegraph, new railroad projects, telephones, etc. The only thing Galesville needs now is a canning house to preserve the coming tomato crop, and Galesville would excel even Lynch's Station in all except handsome beaux.

Miss Lillian Hynson and William Rose, were present at a delightful dance given by the young men of Centreville, on Tuesday of last week.

Prof. E. J. Clarke spent Easter at his home in Pocomoke City.

Miss Mamie Catlin and her brother, Barrett Catlin, spent the Easter holiday visiting their mother, Mrs. Catlin, in Chestertown.

Linwood Sparks, formerly an efficient compositor in the TRANSCRIPT office, made a pleasant visit to his parents last week. Mr. Sparks now has a position in a large printing establishment in Baltimore city.

COURT NEWS.

Interesting Proceedings in the Courts.

Full board of county commissioners present. Danl. Pennington, John W. Robinson and Thomas Mullen, each filed application for keeper of the standards of weights and measures, whereupon an election resulted in the election and appointment of John W. Robinson as keeper of the standards of weights and measures. An order passed requesting and ordering Jas. A. Pearce, Atty., to bring suit on bonds of John F. Whittington, collector for 1881 and 1882. An order passed directing all local laws to be published in TRANSCRIPT and *Kent News*. An order passed requesting Editors of the TRANSCRIPT and *Kent News* to meet commissioners Tuesday 22d inst. An order passed directing clerk to have 250 instructions to road supervisors, printed, as amended. Instructions to road supervisors were considered and amended so as to allow 20cts. for supervising hands, $1.10 per day for cart and horse, $1.20 per day for cart and oxen, 90cts. per day for each horse worked to road machine, and $1.60 for team of two horses whether worked to plow, harrow, scoop or wagon, to take effect April 17. Payment to be in cash on and after the 13th of May. Board was further engaged in ordering transfers and abatements, and examining and approving and passing accts. for levy in 1890.

April 14, 1890. Board met in special session. Full board present. The object being under local law to appoint Trustees of the Poor, whereupon Thomas H. Hessey of the 1st district, Wm. Ford of the 4th district and Walter J. Skirven of the 5th district, were appointed Trustees of the Poor for one year.

Orphans' Court, April 15, 1890.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. The last will and testament of John McIntyre was filed for probate. Geo. T. Cosden passed his first and final admn. account. John P. Nicholson extr. of Isaac Parsons, filed additional accounts of sales and real estate of his decedent. S. M. Thomas extr. of Emma Thomas, filed inventory of the personal property of his decedent and obtained order of sale. Jas. E. Weer admr. of Joseph E. Weer filed his bond which was approved by the court. James S. Harris admr. of James A. Moffett filed inventory of the personal property of his decedent, and obtained an order of sale. Charles Alfred Miller was indentured to John C. Lecompte.

Baltimore Grain Market.

WHEAT.—88 to 90 cents for prime.
CORN.—white, 43 to 43½ cents for prime; yellow, 39 to 41 cents as to quality.
EAR.—Pure yellow $2.10 to $2.15 per bbl.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult, druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Colin F. Stam's, druggist.

FOUND DEAD IN THE WOODS.

The Sad Termination of the Life of J. Frank Wilson, Esq.

The announcement of the death of J. Frank Wilson, Esq., on Friday last, was a shock to the entire community. Mr. Wilson was a most estimable gentleman, and commanded the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends throughout the county. Though he had been suffering for some months past, and those who knew of the case most intimately had reason to apprehend the worst, the sad termination on Friday last came as a severe blow to all who heard of it. He was one of the numerous victims of the grip, and was taken sick in January last. The attack was a severe one, and though the patient temporarily recovered, evidences of mental trouble manifested themselves. Feb. 15 he was again seized by the disease, during which spell alarming symptoms of mental trouble were developed, which, proving alarming, the patient was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, in Philadelphia. Here he was apparently entirely relieved and returned to his home on April 2. Before being carried to the hospital he made an attempt upon his life by drinking an ounce of Bromedia, but prompt action saved him. Since his return he has transacted some business, but his wife has felt the necessity of keeping a close watch upon her husband. It is stated that on Thursday while at dinner he asked his son the size of the shot in the shells, and said that he wanted to shoot a dog. In the afternoon he took his gun and told his wife that he wanted to kill a dog which had been after the sheep. After waiting for some time for his return, his wife started out to look for him and discovered his dead body in a ravine about four hundred yards from the house. The body was lying on its back with the breech of the gun under it. The entire load of number six shot had entered the left side just below the ribs, taking an upward course, producing death, it is supposed, instantly. Lying beside the dead man was a stick with which it is supposed he touched the trigger, which produced the fatal shot. When found it is thought he had been dead for about twenty-five minutes, as his watch had stopped at ten minutes to five o'clock and it was then fifteen minutes past. The shock to the wife was almost paralyzing.

Mr. Wilson was born in May, 1840, and would have been forty-one years of age next month. After going through a country school, he was sent to college by his uncle who raised him, though his father was then living. After returning from college his uncle set him up farming, and in 1872 the young farmer married Miss Mary R. Watts, daughter of Wm. Watts. About twelve years ago he moved to Still Pond, and has since carried on two farms, one owned by William Watts, Esq., the other owned by Mrs. Mariah Wilson. The deceased was always an earnest Republican, and had often been urged to occupy positions on the ticket, and once ran on the legislative ticket but was defeated. He was superintendent of the Sunday school, teacher of a Bible class, and an active worker in all affairs of church. As a general business man he had few superiors, and had been entrusted with the settlement of several estates. He leaves two children a son and daughter. The interment took place at 3 o'clock on Monday in Still Pond cemetery, when fully one hundred and forty carriages were in the line of followers to the grave. Four ministers officiated.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Newsy Tit-Bits from the Classic Hill.

Arbor day was celebrated here with considerable ceremony. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Thos. D. Bowers, of the senior class; Prof. Watts, Rev. W. Sherman Phillips, and Profs. Micou and Reid. Mr. Colin F. Stam one of the Board of Visitors who was present made some congratulatory remarks. About sixty-five trees, mostly maples of different varieties, were planted. If they all grow we will have plenty of shade. May they be as beautiful, strong and graceful as the characters in whose memory many of them are destined to grow.

Because Dr. Reid was suffering with hoarseness, there was no meeting of the Young Mens' Christian Association on Sunday afternoon. Nothing happening to prevent, we hope to have an interesting meeting next Sunday afternoon. Dr. Reid will continue his lecture.

The Shakespeare circle met last Saturday evening at the Misses Roberts, at the Rectory. Mr. C. Cox Hopper being stage manager for the evening. The first three Acts of "The Winter's Tale" were read. The Hostess for the evening introduced a novel and a pretty feature. (We use the word Hostess because our English has such horrible plurals in some cases that we cannot nicely express in one word that our hostess was three.) At the close of the reading for the evening, Easter eggs hand-painted in pretty floral designs were passed to each member. Upon pulling a pretty little knot of ribbon a Shakespearean quotation was brought to light. Pretty prizes were provided for the one who should recognize the greatest number, and for the one who should know the smallest number of quotations. There was a good natured contest for both prizes but everyone seemed to enter into the spirit of the plan and all proved quite familiar with the great dramatist. The idea was very appropriate, coming as it did just after the Easter holidays. Each member kept an egg as a memento of the evening. They were very daintly painted and are pretty and suggestive souvenirs of Easter. The Circle will meet next Saturday evening at the college at Dr. Reid's. Miss Lizzie Roberts was elected manager and will announce the play and cast of characters at the next meeting.

The Athletic Association met on Monday afternoon and organized the base ball team. Prof. Clarke was elected captain, and the following will probably constitute the team; Pitcher, W. S. Stevens; left field and catcher, W. F. Porter; R. F. Duer, short stop and catcher; Prof. Clarke, 1st. base; Fred. Gerker, 2d, base and catcher; Sam'l Beck, 3rd. base; L. L. Bounds, right field; C Perkins, center field; Harper, Usilton and Smyth, right field or center field; L. W. Wickes short stop and catch. The players have not been definitely arranged yet but will go into practice at once, and we think there is a prospect for a good team this year. A game has been arranged with the Hillsborough team for Friday, 25th inst. The game is to be played upon the college grounds.

In making up the list of students worthy of mention for the month of March we left out Robt. Emory who made the highly creditable average of 94.66. This correction should have been made before this date, but he was too modest to call our attention to the matter. We will not leave him out next time.

Mr. Colin F. Stam has planted a nice row of maples in front of his premises along the walk. If every body will do likewise it will improve our walk and be a blessing to this part of the town in the summer.

PLEASANT EVENTS.

Anniversaries, Arbor Day and Other Entertainments.

I. O. O. F. ANNIVERSARY.

The twentieth anniversary of Amicable Lodge I. O. O. F., of Chestertown, held in Stam's Hall on Thursday evening last, was a most pleasant affair. The stage was beautifully decorated with pot flowers in great variety. The committee of arrangements, consisting of E. C. Reiche, Capt. Joseph W. Thompson, Washington Hudgins, F. J. Carter and William T. Matthews, had arranged for the evening an elaborate program, and indeed every effort was made that as usual the occasion might be thoroughly enjoyable. Each member of the lodge was allowed five tickets, to be distributed as he saw proper. These were all distributed, and at an early hour on Thursday evening the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Seated on the stage were Rev. S. C. Roberts, J. W. Chapman, C. M. Lucas, W. Hudgins, Albert Medders and E. C. Reiche. The male quartette from Baltimore was added as a special and pleasant feature, and a number of very pretty selections were rendered. The address by John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Maryland, was ornate in composition and interesting in its treatment of the grand results to be achieved by unity of human action, and its logical deductions and reference to the advantages to be derived from Oddfellowship. Mr. Washington Hudgins took the audience with him on a pleasant trip to the Pacific Coast, where he parted company with his guests and left them to retrace their steps alone. E. C. Reiche, in his address advanced the startling proposition that "an honest man" is not the "noblest work of God," but gently raised the cloak of honor and let it fall on the more worthy shoulders of lovely woman. Several speakers who were expected to be present were unavoidably unable to come.

ARBOR DAY.

Arbor Day in Chestertown was appropriately observed by an elaborate and carefully prepared program, which was enjoyed by the largest audience which has ever been present at the schoot on a similar occasion. Each selection was appropriate to the occasion, and the rendition of the recitations and songs all gave evidence of careful preparation by the pupils, and a deep interest on the part of the teachers of the respective classes. Several trees were planted and terminated the exercises.

School No. 2, Quaker Neck, which is taught by Miss Maggie R. Fowler, observed the day in a most enjoyable manner. Recitations, dialogues and appropriate songs were given by the children, and in spite of the heavy afternoon shower the day passed pleasantly to both teacher and scholars of school No. 2.

Crumpton public school, though across the river, is of interest to us of Kent. Mr. Rowlenson drilled his pupils in a most delightful literary program, adding as a pleasant feature of the proceedings the music of the Crumpton band. As the school building is situated in a wood the necessity of tree-planting was not felt; and had it not been for the rainstorm, instead of trees beautiful vines and various kinds of flower seed would have been substituted. This feature was, however, postponed. Revs. G. J. Smith and J. B. Merritt made appropriate addresses, and the day's entertainment, barring the rain, was a delightful occasion and much enjoyed.

MARRIED.

DECORSE—CAMP.—At St. Paul's Church, by Rev. Mr. Sutton at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, James T. DeCorse and Miss Grace Elliott Camp.

DIED.

WILSON.—At Still Pond, on Friday, April 11, 1890, of Ezra W. Wilson, in the 41st year of his age.

WALLIS.—At Hampton, Va., on Thursday, April 10, Dr. Hugh F. Wallis, formerly of Kent county, but for a number of years past a practicing physician of Virginia. The funeral took place on Friday last at Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg.

STARTT.—At Holden's Hill, near Crumpton, in Queen Anne's county, at 12 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, April 15, Benjamin H. Startt, in the 87th year of his age. Funeral at Union Church at 2 o'clock to-morrow, Friday.

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THE SASSAFRAS RIVER FISH LAW.

CHAPTER 89.

AN ACT to permit fishing with pound nets in the waters of the Sassafras River from Luke's Point to the mouth of said river.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be lawful for any owner of land bordering upon the waters of the Sassafras River and its tributaries from Luke's Point to the head of said river, said river lying and being within limits of Kent county, or to whomsoever they may extend the privilege to take or catch fish from nets or traps known as pound nets, either partly above or entirely beneath the waters of said river, from the 1st day of August to the 1st day of June, next ensuing of each year, provided, however, that such pound nets shall not extend across any channel, nor shall they be so placed as to in any way obstruct the passage of any vessel or boat engaged in trading in said waters, nor shall any seine or net be used in that portion of said pound nets that confines the fish the meshes of which are less than one and a quarter inches square, nor shall any stake or post be used in placing said pound nets of a greater diameter than five inches in the largest part, nor shall such stake or post be permitted to remain in said waters for a longer period than that prescribed in said section for the placing of pound nets.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the preceding section shall not be construed to permit any person to place such pound nets opposite the shore of any owner of land bordering on said waters unless the consent of said owner is first obtained; nor shall any such pound net be so placed as to obstruct the hauling of any seine upon any established fishing shore on said waters, unless so placed by the owners of such fishing shore.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any person violating the provisions of the two preceding sections shall forfeit the seine or nets and the boat and materials used in fishing the seine, and shall, in addition, pay a fine of twenty dollars; provided, however, that the using of any post or stake of a larger size than five inches in the largest part, or permitting the same to remain for a longer period than ten days after the removal of the seine or nets therefrom, subject the person so offending to a fine of not more than twenty nor less than ten dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 14, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.
JOHN HUBNER, Speaker of House of Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January session, 1890.

CARLTON SHAFER,
apr12-3t. Chief Clerk House of Delegates.

Turner's Creek Law.

CHAPTER 141.

AN ACT to change the name of Turner's Creek in Kent county to Turner's River.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the branch of Sassafras river now known as Turner's Creek, extending from said river to the steamboat landing at the head of said creek, and upon which a public landing and Janvier's wharf are located, shall hereafter be called and known as Turner's River.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 21, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.
JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House of Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1890.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk House of Delegates.

Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks.

CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT to add additional Sections to Article fifteen of the Code (1888) of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," subtitle "Liquors, and Intoxicating Drinks," prohibiting corporations in Kent county formed under the provisions of the general laws of the State for the creation and maintenance of Educational, Moral, Scientific, Literary, Dramatic, Musical, Social, Benevolent or Beneficial Societies or Associations, which shall sell, give, furnish or dispense to the members thereof, "any spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters," or any intoxicating drinks of any kind or description whatever," from admitting to membership persons under twenty-one years of age; and also all persons not *bona fide* residents of Kent county, and to make members of such corporations competent witnesses in certain legal proceedings, and to provide penalties for the violation of this Act, to be known as sub-sections A and B.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following sections be added to Article fifteen "of the Code (1888) of the Public Local Laws, entitled "Kent County," sub-title "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," to be known as Sub-Sections A and B.

Sub-Section A. It shall not be lawful for any corporation heretofore formed, or hereafter to be formed in Kent county, under the provisions of the general laws of the State, for the creation and maintenance of educational, moral, scientific, literary, dramatic, musical, social, benevolent or beneficial societies or associations of all descriptions, which corporation shall give, sell, furnish or dispense to the members thereof any spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters, or any intoxicating drinks of any kind or description, to admit to membership any person under twenty-one years of age or any person not a *bona fide* resident of Kent county, and upon the conviction, in the Circuit Court for Kent county, of any corporation for having violated any provision of this Act, the said court shall pass an order forfeiting the charter of said corporation.

Sub-Section B. In any proceeding, suit or prosecution against any such corporation, or against any agent, employee or member thereof, for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act, or for the violation of any of the provisions of the Acts of Assembly in reference to the traffic in intoxicating drinks in Kent county, the plaintiff petitioner, or the State shall have the right to call as a witness any member, manager, agent or employee of such corporation; and upon the failure or refusal of any such person to answer any proper, pertinent or relavent question, the court shall commit such person to the county jail for a period of not less than thirty days.

Provided, That any such member, manager, agent or employee, testifying in answer to such questions, shall never be prosecuted for any offence, crime or misdem