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THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1890.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—The white wash boom has commenced.

—The shady side of the street is becoming more popular.

—"Ministerial luncheons" were popular innovations in Chestertown during conference.

—A bit of lemon juice is said to add much to the delicacy of the flavor of shad roe. Try it.

—It is now gently intimated that ice will cost two cents a pound during the coming summer.

—Some trashy ducks are still in the river and bay, the finer kinds, however, have left their winter feeding-grounds. The year's ducking season is declared to have been a failure.

—The House committee on rivers and harbors has designated $5,000 for Chester river improvements. This amount it is supposed will be used for improvements above Crumpton.

—Owing to some sickness and the busy season with the members of the Kent County Agricultural Club No. 1, several weeks have passed without regular meetings having been held.

—B. F. Harrison, Esq., of Crumpton, has bought of W. C. Legg, the promising young trotting horse, Frank, for $250 cash. The young flyer won a hotly contested trot on Easter Monday.

—For the satisfaction of the great army of Grip sufferers it is announced that the fortunate discoverer of Antipyrin has already made over $1,000,000. He was much more fortunate than many who took his preparation.

—Farmers should be careful since this is the season for sharpers. Wire fence men recently swindled farmers in Pennsylvania, near the Maryland line, out of $125,000. A pretty big haul for farmers to bear during depressed times.

—Excursion talk has already commenced, and pleasant trips have been arranged for the approaching excursion season. Tolchester of course stands at the head of local points, while several pleasant trips to Cape May are being spoken of.

—The friendly Society of Emmanual P. E. Church gave the children a delightful treat on Saturday. The little folk were regaled in the land of ice cream, cake and a good time. Some members from the frendly Dorcas were present.

—Small shipments of asparagus were made by the Sassafras river boats on Friday last which sold for four dollars per [illegible]. The variety was the Conover's [illegible]ossal. Other shipments have followed [illegible] the season will soon be in full blast.

—The prohibitionists held an enthusiastic meeting at Stam's Hall on Tuesday last [illegible] further arrange for a vigorous prosecution of the temperance campaign. The [illegible]dies were enthusiastic in the work, and [illegible]elling speeches were made by several of them.

—The B. & D. B. R. R. has finished the repairs of its track down as far as Nicholson's. The first freight cars were run down last week. The improvements were [illegible] through with a view to the ex[illegible] peach crop and other heavy freights [illegible] passenger traffic.

—Since the peach crop has become an assured failure in the minds of Kent county farmers living near Crumpton, and Queen Anne's farmers living in Double Creek, they are anxious to double the acreage of the tomato plant in order that they may have two instead of one cannery.

—As a gentle hint to the young lady tennis players of Kent, we would state that the bed-tick dresses to be worn by young ladies this summer, will be poetically called "tennis stripes," while the loose comfortable coats made of cast off buffalo robes for the young men will be euphoniously termed "tennis surtouts."

—Eastern Neck Island says she is willing to anticipate a little and surrender her expected laurels as a shipping point for the luscious peach. Not that she will have no crop, but home consumption this season *may possibly* be equal to the supply, and save to her peach-growers the unnecessary expense of freights.

—The oyster season ends to-morrow, when the succulent oyster will hold high carnival and indulge in the following jingle:

The oyster laughed with glee,
Way down in the depths of the sea;
And he shouted aloud and thanked his stars
That he'd come to the month without any R's.
"I'm all right, now," said he.

—The latest society pointers in regard to the dainty disposal of asparagus and the rural watercress, are that asparagus may be eaten with the fingers if these are daintly curved. Water cresses mustn't be eaten with a fork, unless it's a highly formal occasion. Etiquette, etiquette, how much nonsense is done in thy name.

—Crumpton will have a creamery as its next improvement. Messrs. Hill and Sudler, proprietors of the Sudlersville creamery, will commence the anticipated improvement at the earliest possible moment. The enterprise will be enthusiastically welcomed by the farmers, and it is thought will prove a success in every particular.

—The steamer Ford, after making her regular trip to Chestertown on Saturday, made a special trip to Centreville for the purpose of carrying down a large engine and thresher which occupied too much room to allow of their shipment by the Gratitude, the regular Centreville steamer. Several from Chestertown made the trip and returned with the steamer at night.

—The police schooner Helen M. Baughman came up to Chestertown on Monday. Fighting Captain Horney and his crew are summoned to appear as witnesses in several dredging cases. The very genial officers Detectives Droste and Pumphreys, of the Baltimore police force, are also in town as witnesses in these cases. Captain Kerr, the ex-champion of the fleet, is interested in several of the dredge boat cases as a witness.

—Since the subject of roads and road mending has been discussed with much interest by the Still Pond Farmers' Club, during which discussions the advantages of macadam over the ordinary road was fully investigated, the following figures from *Engineering News* may be of interest. Assuming that the average haul is five miles, that two loads per day with two horses would cost $2.50, the difference in cost of moving the total market crops on clay and macadam roads, of average condition and level grades, can be figured as follows:

	Clay Road.	Macadam.
Load for two horses	1,400 lbs.	2,180 lbs.
Number of loads for 3,250,000 tons	4,643,000	2,981,000
Cost at $1.50 per load	$5,703,750	$3,726,250

—Two extensive fruit men of the peninsula recently visited Georgia for the purpose of investigating Southern methods of peach culture, and to reach some satisfactory conclusion as to the Georgia fruit prospect. It was decided that the crop in that State will scarcely be one-half, which failure is attributed by the visitors to frost, though Georgia fruit men contend that an unusally dry season has been the cause of the extensive destruction of buds.

—Extensive improvements are being made at Tolchester preparatory for the coming season. Carpenters, painters, etc., are busy getting things in shape. A toboggan slide costing $5000 will be erected and a steam merry-go-round fitted up. Important alterations to the steamer Tolchester have been made, which gives more open-deck room thus making it more pleasant for passengers.

—The little six year old daughter of Rev. G. R. McCready, fell and sustained a painful but not serious wound last week. Mr. McCready and his family were on their way to Crumpton, the new charge of the minister, and were stopping at Sharptown, Wicomico county, when the litttle child fell upon a large bell with which she was playing and severed the bridge of her nose. Medical aid was summoned and the wound dressed.

—Reports have been received from a number of farmers near St. Paul's and in the lower sections of the county to the effect that a small green insect has attacked their fields of growing wheat and oats. Myriads of the green bugs have collected on the blades, and in some fields the result of their presence is shown by a wilted or blighted appearance of the plant. In the upper districts no complaint has as yet been raised. Farmers are apprehensive that serious injury may be done to the growing crops of wheat and oats.

—Says an exchange; The aphis or plant louse is attacking the peach trees in Southern Maryland orchards. It is a new insect, and its appearance is attributed to the mild winter. This insect is no stranger in Kent, as its injurious effects were long ago felt here by peach growers. The tiny insect deposits itself around the roots of the trees in the more severe weather of winter, but with the approach of mild, pleasant weather, often works its way up the body of the tree and attacks the buds directly, often doing serious damage.

—Avonmore, a handsome stallion belonging to Captain Daniel Friel, Captain Robert J. Wilson and Thomas G. Slaughter, died in Queen Anne's county Friday last from heart disease. Avonmore was by Strathmore, dam Arline. He was nine years old and had a record of 2.29¼. He formerly belonged to Mr. Edward B. Emory, of Centreville, Md. Avonmore was purchased by the last owners, at Mr. Emory's sale last year. Avonmore sired some promising colts. He was standard bred and his loss will be appreciably felt in Queen Anne's and adjoining counties.

—The Hagerstown *Globe* states that an inspection of the large peach orchards on the South Mountain reveals the discouraging fact that nearly all the buds have been killed by freezing. Washington county and a large portion of the constantly increasing peach-belt along the South Mountain has for several years past promised to be a formidable rival to the Peninsula as a peach-growing district. The line of the planting is to a great extent above the ordinary frost level, and is thereby, as a rule, rendered less susceptible to its effects. This year's crop, however, seems to have been the exception.

—Benj. F. Redmile, a merchant of Locust Grove, died on Friday morning, 20th inst., of erysipelas, after an illness of three days. Mr. Redmile was a native of England, though many years in the United States. He was about 67 years old, was an honest, upright man, and a good citizen. He leaves a widow and a large family of children, most of whom are grown. A few days before his death Mr. Redmile received a communication from England informing him of the death of three of his brothers, one of whom left him quite a sum in English money. The remains were intered at St. Ann's Cemetery, near Middletown, Del., on Monday last.

—The fifty-ninth session of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Easton was opened at Christ Church, Cambridge, on Tuesday of last week. The middle convocation embraces the four counties of Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester, and the following clergymen are members: Rev. Dr. Barber, who has been Dean of the convocation for twenty years; Revs. James A. Mitchell, A. Batte, J. E. Jackson, F. B. Adkins, Charles E. Buck, J. H. Chesley, B. Jiles Cook, Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Kent Island, Rev. W. Y. Beaven, of All Saint's, Talbot county, Rev. Geo. F. Beaven, of Hillsborough, Rev. J. M. Chesley, of Miles river, Talbot county, Rev. J. L. Bryan, of Cambridge, Rev. Charles H. VanDyne, of Wye Mills, Rev. E. J. Stearns, of Easton. The session continued until Thursday, inclusive.

—The new bank which has been much talked of during the past few weeks, has become an established fact, and as soon as a satisfactory site can be selected from the numerous list of available places, a bank building will be erected. Until such a permanent house, however, can be secured for the bank, the necessary room will be availed of in another building. The capital stock of $50,000 was promptly taken and the books closed. It is claimed that the amount of stock could easily have been run up to $75,000. A meeting will be held at an early date for the purpose of organization and the election of officers. Many speculations have been indulged in in reference to the respective officers, and the probable site for the new building. It is expected that business will be commenced by the middle of May.

—The public school association of Kent county, will meet at the school room in Chestertown, to-morrow, April 25. The program as arranged will be a particularly interesting one, as the questions to be discussed are of special importance alike to parents and teachers. The regular questions are: 1st. How may backward pupils be most successfully treated by the teacher? 2d. How can instruction be made most permanent? Dr. C. W. Reid, principal of Washington College, will deliver the address, and Miss Helena Link read the essay. In addition to the excellent address promised by Dr. Reid, an educator of vast experience, Miss Link's essay it is safe to promise will be both entertaining and instructive, while the individual opinions as advanced by the teachers will form a highly interesting feature of the day's proceedings.

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 diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size $1. Every bottle warranted.

Personal Mention.

A. R. Weedon and G. C. Roberts, of Centreville, paid us a pleasant call during the past week.

P. B. Hopper, Esq., has been spending several days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hopper will spend several weeks in Chestertown.

The arrival of summer visitors will soon be pleasant features of Chestertown's social life.

Dr. A. P. Sharp of Baltimore, who owns a beautiful property at Rock Hall, in which he takes much pride, made us a pleasant call on Monday last.

Miss Helen Cobb, of Baltimore, paid a short but pleasant visit to Miss Idel Baker during the present week.

Prof. O. F. Elmore has been spending a two weeks holiday in Baltimore.

I. William Hines, the popular representative of the Willimantic Spool Cotton Company, of Philadelphia, has spent this week in town.

Dr. W. S. Twilley, of Baltimore, paid his parents a visit in Chestertown one day this week. Dr. Twilley has recently been selected to the chair of Assistant Demonstrator at the Baltimore college of Dental Surgery. The doctor, by perseverance, skill and industry, has secured a good practice, and his election to so important a position in the college of Dental Surgery is highly complimentary.

Mr. C. G. Woodall is spending a few days in Chestertown on business.

Miss Anna Hubbard is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Miss Fannie Smith, of Queen Anne's, the guest of S. F. Smith, has returned to her home.

Mr. William Blackway, of Wilmington, Del., spent last Sunday with his parents in Chestertown.

Miss Hirata, the Japanese young lady who spent conference week in Chestertown and gained many friends, has written a letter in which she speaks of her recent visit as one of the most pleasant of her life. Her experience in America has been particularly pleasant, but she says that for unlimited hospitality, Chestertown is unsurpassed.

Answers Given.

In response to the query in regard to the puzzle in our last issue the, following answers have been received;

In the first place you cannot multiply money by money. You can add $5 and $5 make $10. Now multiply $5 by $5 you take $5 five times making $25; and the 500 cents you take 500 times making $2500. If you take the $5 the 500 times the answer will be the same. S.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In answer to your query in regard to what is wrong in the $5x$5 puzzle, I would state: The solution of the so called puzzle is impossible and the puzzle is simply a catch. Concrete numbers cannot be multiplied by concrete numbers. It is as absurd to attempt to multiply $5 by $5 or 500 cents by 500 cents as it would be to attempt to multiply 5 bushels of potatoes by 5 bushels of potatoes, or 500 potatoes by 500 potatoes. So the answer given is no answer at all; and the difference in the supposed product obtained is simply the difference between multiplying $5 by 5 and by 500.

D. T. WILLIAMSON.

New Advertisements.

Likes, Berwanger & Co.'s spring announcement of the newest styles will be found in the first page of this issue of the TRANSCRIPT. This is one of the largest clothing houses in Baltimore, as well as most reliable. It is conveniently located on E. Baltimore st., Nos. 10 and 12; and has a polite and accommodating class of salesmen, among whom is Mr. Frank Rochester, a gentleman well known in this and Queen Anne's counties for his pleasant and accomodating manner to his customers.

The advertisement of Wm. Kirby, our popular florist and gardener, will be found in another column. Mr. Kirby announces that his collection of flowers this spring is larger than usual and in excellent condition. He also offers three choice varieties of sweet potatoes.

A. Friedman's spring announcement of clothing and shoes is among the new list in this morning's issue. Mr. F. has a choice line of spring novelties, and his assortment of neckwear is specially attractive. The shoe business is a new feature but will no doubt prove satisfactory.

James M. Startt publishes notice that he has rented the Voshell House stables where he will break, train and feed horses.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The tennis club has laid out its courts, and tennis is all the rage. The members of the Emerald Court T. C. have visited us and tested our court.

The base ball game arranged for Friday next has been postponed until Friday the 2d. proximo. The visiting team could not get into form so soon.

The quarter mile track is being staked out and will soon be ready for the young runners to try their speed.

The Shakespeare club met at Dr. Reid's on Saturday evening and finished "The Winter's Tale." Miss Lizzie Roberts, stage manager for the next evening, selected Richard III., and announced the cast of characters. After spending a very pleasant evening, they adjourned to meet at Miss Addie Kennard's next Saturday evening.

The Young Men Christian Association was not quite so well attended as usual, but there was a good attendance of students. The lecture was interesting and instructive as usual, and we are sorry that more were not there to hear it. The doctor continue will the lecture next Sunday.

He will deal with the two years captivity.

The trees are nearly all living.

The mouth ends Friday and the boys are anxious about their marks.

It looks as though our building will commence soon.

From Betterton.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The fishing perhaps, is the item of most interest to us. We are all dependent more or less upon the innocent shad. We must catch him or her if possible without fail. We need the proceeds from the sales of his luscious body to pay for our seines, for our supplies and for new dresses for our mothers and daughters. We have not been successful enough to make us hilarious, and the prices are too low; but we will survive and try it again, if so allowed.

good-bye JEFFERSON.

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.

Church News.

The beautiful weather of Sunday last brought out almost the entire church going community, and all the churches were crowded with the single exception of the Episcopal church. Rev. S. C. Roberts was confined to his home during the entire day, in consequence of which no services were held during the day.

W. M. Strayer, president of the Maryland Annual Conference preached two strong sermons both morning and evening to large congregations in the Methodist Protestant Church. In the absence of Prof. O. F. Elmore, Miss Clara Usilton, a pupil of the professor presided at the organ most acceptably.

Dr. Willey preached two eloquent sermons to very large congregations at the Methodist Episcopal church both morning and evening. The congregation is much pleased with their new minister and have accorded him a most encouraging welcome.

Rev. J. A. Murphy, held services at Galena both Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. D. E. Day left Kennedyville last week for his new charge and Rev. L. Q. Morrow preached his first sermon last Sunday to a full congregation.

We are in receipt of the following poetic effusion in regard to the batchelor "parting and coming guests:"

"Pretty maids of Kennedyville,
Weep not I pray;
True you have cause for sorrow,
For much I fear you have lost the Day,
Though you may win the Morrow."

Not Quite Free.

The stockholders of the Chester Bridge Company held a meeting on Friday evening to take into consideration the sale of the company's bridge-keeper's house, approaches, capital stock and franchises to the counties of Kent and Queen Anne's.

After a thorough discussion of the situation the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the stockholders of the "Chester Bridge Company," hereby consent and agree to a sale of the company's bridge-keeper's house, approaches, capital stock and franchises for the sum of $11,400 cash to the counties of Kent and Queen Anne's for the purpose of making the same a free bridge, and the directors are hereby authorized to contract with the commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's counties for the sale thereof, upon such terms and conditions as the directors may determine in accordance with the propositions for purchase submitted by the commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's counties."

An effort will be made by the bridge company to arrange their business affairs so that the bridge property may be transferred to the commissioners of the two counties, as provided by the act of 1888 and supplemental act of 1890, at the earliest possible moment. The stockholders show no disposition to throw any obstruction in the way of a speedy consummation of the contract of purchase, and it is thought that the bridge will at least be a *free* public thoroughfare by July 1. It is scarcely probable that the company's affairs can be arranged so as to admit of a very much more speedy settlement.

COURT NEWS.

The April Term of the Circuit Court in Session—Important Work to be Done.

The spring term of the Circuit court for Kent county convened at 10 o'clock on Monday morning last, April 21, with his Honor Judge Joseph A. Wickes, on the bench; Dr. Samuel Beck, clerk; H. C. Chase, deputy; Samuel Comegys, sheriff; Cecil Morgan, deputy; Major B. B. Wroth, cryer; J. H. Greenwood, bailiff to the court, and George C. Adkinson, bailiff to the grand jury. Several hours delay was caused in the drawing of the grand jury by the sickness of two of the members drawn—Messrs. Joseph Rasin and J. Thomas Pennington. The absence of these gentlemen necessitated another drawing to fill the vacancies. Daniel Jewell and W. D. Pennington, of Still Pond were drawn and until they could be notified and their attendance secured, which took several hours, the work of the grand jury was suspended.

The grand jury was drawn as follows:

C J Scott, foreman;	E W Hepbron.
T H Horsey,	J C Wheatley.
John W Jarman,	Edgar H Strong,
John Dickinson,	Wm Ford,
Henry Bramble,	Purnell Jefferson,
Alday Clements,	Sam'l Mallalieu,
Jas S Harris,	A H Johnson,
B F H Caulk,	Lucas Airich,
Sam'l F Cooper,	T S Bordley,
W B Usilton,	J L Beck,
Jas H Gale,	P A M Brooks,
Jas R Staveley,	

PETIT JURY.

John K Aldridge,	G B Westcott,
Thos J Shallcross,	C H Hurlock,
Edwin S Morris,	T W Russell,
D J Nowland,	G A Jessop,
Jas B. Willson,	J T Pennington,
Isaac R Leaverton,	H C Lusby,
Jas R Jones,	J Peacock,
Wm H Bowers,	Spencer Harris,
Wm A Hyland,	T J Willis,
Edw T Comegys,	Bedford Roe,
L C Justis, Jr.,	T S Wickes,
J T Dixon,	Joseph Rasin.
Sam'l Todd,	

Judge Wickes in his charge to the grand jury, enjoined upon them the importance of recognizing that there were many things which they should and should not do. He regretted the necessity, but there were special reasons why he should particularly call their attention to their oath, which bound them to absolute secrecy as regards the proceedings in the grand jury room. The binding force of that oath, he said, referred not alone to a single term of court, but was of binding force throughout their respective lives. The secrecy of the deliberations of the jury room has in cases been violated and disregarded, not intentionally but inadvertently. Reference was made to the principles governing the taking of evidence in cases of murder, and stress laid upon the plea of self defense which is so frequently raised. Attention was also directed to the cases of abortion and defaulters. These cases were emphasized from the fact that the jury will be called upon to investigate several such cases.

Criminal docket called and sheriff's returns taken.

Motion was made in several dredge cases to forfeit the recognizance. Granted and bench warrants issued. In two appeals J. A. Pearce, attorney for defendants, filed motion to quash, and moved that the cases be brought forward to trial docket of this term.

In the case of the creditors of Bellingham, $2,110 was allowed. About fifty-five Poles are interested in the disposition of this amount. The evidence was taken through an interpreter.

TUESDAY; April 22—Court convened with Judge Wickes on the bench. J. A. Pearce, Esq., moved the admission to the bar of Lewin W. Wickes, a student of law.

Eben F. Perkins, H. W. Vickers, and M. deK. Smith were appointed examining committee.

Thomas J. Mann against R. T. Ford and Mary E. Ford, his wife. The case was an appeal from Justice Dodd, on a suit to recover a balance due on a note of $137. The defendant claimed that the note had been paid, raising the question of charges and credits. Judgment below in favor of R. T Ford and wife, and affirmed above. Trial before the court. Barroll for Mann, Hynson for Ford.

Willard Melvin against Jeremiah Moffett, an appeal from Justice Dodd to recover the sum of $11 on witness certificate. Tried before the court; judgment of the magistrate's court affirmed in favor of Melvin affirmed. W. M. Slay for Moffett, Hope H. Barroll for Melvin.

The appeal case of William D. Gould against Dr. Joseph Catlin, a claim for a balance due on account of milk sold, was compromised before coming to trial. Dr. Catlin brought in an account in bar for services rendered to a laborer of Mr. Gould.

Henry Heinefeld, August Heinefeld and Herman Kirshnick, all natives of Germany, declared on oath their intention to become citizens of the United States, and after surrendering all allegiance to any foreign power and assumed all the responsibilities of American citizenship.

Grand jury presented Frank Harris for shooting and killing Alfred Trusty and Edwin Brown.

C. L. Gill against E. T. Comegys, suit to recover balance due on purchase of wheat, case compromised.

James Hynson against Jas. Young, was a suit growing out of the drift logs at Rock Hall. The claim was for a proportionate part of salvage received for logs which drifted upon the shores of the respective parties. The question in controversy was as to the portion each should receive. This question introduced the subject of boundary lines. The lands of the parties lie contiguous and the direction of the division of the property was the key as to the amount which each should receive. The case was an appeal from Justice Davis, of Rock Hall. Tried before the court. Held *sub curia*. H. W. Vickers for Hynson, J. A. Pearce for Young.

WEDNESDAY, April 23.—The greater portion of the day was consumed in hearing the case of *the Trustees* of the Methodist Protestant church against Milton Baker, Joseph Turner and R. T. Turner. This was an action on a bond given to secure the trustees against all mechanics' liens on the church. Frank Howard did a portion of the painting and laid a lien on the church. Howard's lien was paid by the trustees, and the suit brought on the bond. Joseph Turner claimed that there was a sufficient amount in the hands of the trustees to pay off this lien, on the other hand the trustees disclaimed having any money in hand whatever. Case tried before the court. Verdict withheld. J. A. Pearce for Turner, H. W. Vickers and J. D. Urie for trustees of church.

At two o'clock the colored prisoner Frank Harris was arraigned before the court on two indictments of murder, and pleaded not guilty.

Full board of county commissioners present. W. N. E. Wickes, pres. Chester Bridge Company, made a verbal report by request that the company would accept offer of commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's counties as soon as necessary preliminary arrangements could be made. Messrs. Groves and Dickinson, committee on road in Quaker Neck, reported satisfactory progress. An order was passed appointing judges of election as follows, namely:

1st district—Wm. H. Pennington, Thos. M. Britton, Thos. J. F. Smith.

2d district—Philip G. Wilmer, Samuel McKurn, Henry Krausen.

3d district—Jos. R. Usilton, James S. Harris, Geo. E. Owens.

4th district, 1st precinct—Willard Melvin, Jas. T. Dixon, Wilbur Eliason.

4th district, 2d precinct—J. C. Loud, Gustavus Startt, Cornelius Hadaway.

5th district—Stephenson Constable, Jos. R. Ryan, Wm. W. Coleman.

Board was further engaged in ordering transfers and abatements and examining, approving and passing accounts for levy in 1890.

Orphans' Court, April 22, 1890.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. The last will and testament of Benj. Redmile was filed for probate. Jas. E. Weer, administrator of Joseph E. Weer, filed inventory of the personal property of his decedent, and filed list of debts due said deceased. A. W. Mather filed release from Ada C. Mather.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

Interesting Points and Happenings from the Bayside.

Rock Hall, April 22, 1890.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—The buying of town lots and the talk of a new steamboat line to Baltimore is the main talk of our folk at the present time, the former having some reality about it, as lots are being sold and building going on. Lee Durding and John Casey have recently bought lots near the hall of the Nights Pytheas, and will soon have houses under way, so they say. The neat house of W. Durding, near the church, is rapidly nearing completion, and our worthy carpenter, B. Durding, is the man to hurry up such jobs. Three of his sons will soon own and occupy their own home and fireside. The desire of all young men who have been preserved from the drunkard's fate is to own their own little home. No matter how humble it may be, they can say, "It is my own real estate, and none can dispute my rights, and no landlord turn me out." This desire is a noble one, and elevating and refining in its nature, and leads to a wish to see their children educated, refined and virtuous, while whiskey and drunkenness leads to everything low and degrading. The low pear cider shop, opened some weeks ago is closed, and the proprietor takes leg bail to parts unknown, fearing justice might overtake him.

Many of our citizens feel under obligations to Capt. Larrimore and the Centreville and Baltimore Steamboat Company for the *grand improvement* in the way of travel to and from Baltimore at moderate fare and freight charges, which is now done in a two-hours ride. As the same company continues the accommodation, with the fact before us that if by accident or any other cause the boat is taken off the line other boats are ready to take her place, they do not see the use of another boat, nor do they intend to take a cent of stock in any new line, as there is no opening or use for it while our old friend does what is promised. Some few have taken stock with a promise if big dividends, it may be a big thing, but the writer fails to see it, and we are satisfied to let well enough alone, but will cheerfully give a thousand dollars towards getting Mr. Thieleus to give us a railroad to this point, as we think it would be one of the best paying roads in the country, as it cannot be disputed that much of the trade and travel of the Eastern Shore would pass over it, as the store trade, coal, etc., would find this route the quickest and shortest route to Baltimore from all points of the Eastern Shore. The importance of this trade to Baltimore has never been fully realized by the Baltimore merchants. Traveling occasionally with drummers on the boat, they astonish me when they tell of the quantities of goods they sell on the Shore. I allude to flour, boots and shoes, hardware and groceries. It is a well-known fact that many of our oystermen and fishermen have more of the ready cash to spend than some large farmers, and when so many thousands are found along our shore, it is not surprising that the drummers find such good trade here, and it is a well-known fact that Rock Hall merchants stand high with them, and the daily visits of the polite traveling salesmen to our village is explained.

Our much respected merchant, S. J. Wickes, has had friends from the city visiting him, ladies and gentlemen, and his pair of match horses in front of one of the Tolchester coaches loaded with passengers has attracted considerable attention, as the horses were well supplied with bells usually heard in snow time. His beautiful flower beds, statuary and other ornamental surroundings of his residence are much admired by the passer-by, and show much good taste on the part of Mrs. W., who takes great interest in her lawn.

James Downey, having recently purchased the store-house of B. Coburn, has opened the same with a full line of goods in demand, and promises to sell as cheap as any one, quality considered. B. Ashley has purchased Mr. Downey's former house and lot, and expects to improve the same during the summer by the erection of another neat and comfortable house on Fidgity Lane, so called by our would-be wit and critic. It happens to be a fifty-foot avenue, and when Mr. A. builds his new house, will have ten neat and comfortable dwellings all built recently, and with one or two exceptions occupied by the owners.

The new road to the steamboat wharf is being greatly improved lately by raising the frog swamp several inches with shells. If it could be raised nine inches, like Squinty Lane has been done, it would prove a great protection to the carp pond by keeping out high tides. The owner of Crank Doodle Lake has engaged a full supply of young carp from Washington as the most suitable fish for it, as no ocean fish would live in it, so say the professors in charge of the Government Hatching Station at Washington. All visiting this city should not fail to visit this place and see the process of hatching carp, bass, shad, trout and other fish, which are furnished free to all and delivered without charge. The location is near the hall of natural curiosities, Smithsonian Institute, Agricultural Department, &c., and will well pay you to visit it, and many other wonderful sights to be seen in the city that is destined to be one of the finest cities in the world if the same progress continues as has been the case the past twenty years.

Mr. Charles H. Gibson, our worthy representative in Congress, has secured and ordered in the bill to have Rock Hall harbor surveyed, as a preliminary move for an appropriation to have it deepened to accommodate the number of vessels owned here, as well as prospective improvement of a wharf for a steamboat, as every one knows this is the point. The road to Deep Landing through the swamps and plains of Sahara presents no pleasing sight to visitors, and often misleads them in forming an opinion of our beautiful county, as I have often heard strangers remark in passing the muskrat swamp, "Is this the Eastern Shore we have heard so much of?"

The great improvements going on at Tolchester is destined to make that an attractive point this summer, and we hear the engagements for excursions are far ahead of last year. Our friend Eliason knows what he is about, as is proven by the great success he has made of Tolchester, and given our citizens a quick, cheap and desirable route to Baltimore, which should be appreciated by all who have the advantages of the route. What is wanted, and it is hoped we will have, is a railroad connection which was promised by June, but we fear the sound of the locomotive will not be heard so soon.

Although some live peaches can be seen around here, everything points to a bad failure, as those are dropping off. Some trees that a few days ago had a fair crop on them, are now nearly bare, and no variety seems to have escaped the fatal exposure.

The great inconvenience and delay of the Rock Hall mail in Chestertown by the detention of twenty-four hours is now being looked into by the Department, and we hope a remedy will be afforded and that we will get and send the mail by the steamboat. A letter leaving in the morning remains in Chestertown until next day, and reaches Baltimore in the afternoon, notwithstanding we are within sight of Baltimore, hence three days must pass before an answer, whereas by the boat we can have an answer the same day. A long petition is being signed requesting the Department to look into the matter. This arrangement has continued for years, and the consequence is many of the letters reach their destination without Uncle Sam's stamps, and in two or three hours instead of that many days by the route.

The low price of shad and herring is discouraging to our fishermen, but better prices are hoped for.

Mrs. Ballard has returned from her visit to Baltimore, and has the Chesapeake House ready for the reception of boarders and transient travelers. Her severe attack of the grip ending in pneumonia, proved a heavy pull on her health, but she is now rapidly on the mend. Arrangements have been made to meet the daily boat to transfer passengers to the village, having a suitable conveyance with the sign of the Chesapeake House in large letters.

Among our new residents we are glad to mention Dr. W. O. Selby, who has come to stay and has taken an office. He has been connected for some years with the Maryland General Hospital of Baltimore. Also, his brother, W. J. Selby, from the Baltimore college of Dental Surgery, has also taken an office and will practice his profession, and so far he has done so with entire satisfaction to himself and customers. OBSERVER.

Baltimore Grain Market.

WHEAT market strong; choice 88a92c. southern.

CORN—prices higher, 44a45½c. for white and 41½a42c. for yellow.

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REDMILE.—At Locust Grove, April 25, 1890, of erysipelas, Benj. F. Redmile, aged about 67 years.

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THE CHESTER BRIDGE LAW.

CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT supplementary to "an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Kent ocunty and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county to purchase the capital stock of the Chester Bridge Company, and to provide for for the payment thereof by levies on the taxable inhabitants of said counties, and to make said bridge a free public bridge or thoroughfare, and to appoint a keeper thereof, and to provide for the payment of the keeper's salary and keeping said bridge in repair, and to provide for the taking of the sense of the people of said counties preliminary to the exercise of the aforesaid powers," passed at the January session of 1888, of the General Assembly of Maryland, chapter 376, and to vest other and additional powers in the County Commissioners of said counties relating to the purchase of the capital stock of said Chester Bridge Company.

WHEREAS, By chapter 376, of the Acts of 1888, the County Commissioners of Kent county and of Queen Anne's county, respectively, were authorized to purchase the bridge across Chester River at Chestertown, belonging to the Chester River Bridge Company, and to provide for the payment thereof by levies on the taxable inhabitants of said counties, and to make said bridge a free public bridge or thoroughfare; and

Whereas, Said Chester Bridge Company was designated in said Act the "Chester River Bridge Company;" and

Whereas, It is desired to correct the error in the name of said Chester Bridge Company, and to modify and change some of the conditions of the purchase authorized by said Act; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Kent county and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county, respectively, instead of providing for the payment of the capital stock and property, franchises, rights and privileges of said Chester Bridge Company, in case of the purchase thereof in three equal annual instalments of one, two and three years by levies as provided in said Act to which this is a supplement, be and they are hereby respectively authorized, empowered and directed to issue coupon bonds of their respective counties, according to their respective proportions of the sum necessary to purchase said capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges as may be agreed on between them in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, and to an amount not exceeding their respective proportions or par value of the capital stock of said Chester Bridge Company, or such other sums less than that as may be required to make said purchase, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable annually, and to mature and fall due as follows: one-third of the whole amount thereof in eleven years from the date of issuing the same; one-third thereof in thirteen years from the date of issuing the same, and the remaining third thereof in fifteen years from the date of issuing the same, and the bonds issued under this Act shall not be liable to taxation for State, county, municipal or town purposes, and said bonds issued by the County Commissioners of Kent county shall be signed by the President of said Board of County Commissioners, and countersigned by the clerk thereof, and under the corporate seal of said Board of County Commissioners; and said bonds issued by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county shall be signed by the President of said Board of county Commissioners, and countersigned by the clerk thereof, and under the corporate seal of said Board of County Commissioners; and the said County Commissioners, jointly or severally, are authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of said bonds at not less than their par value, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of the capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges of said Chester Bridge Company, and the said Commissioners shall, respectively, levy annually on the taxable inhabitants and property of their respective counties a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds to be issued as aforesaid for their respective counties, and shall respectively, levy on the taxable inhabitants and property of their respective counties, a sum of money sufficient to pay the principal of said bonds to be issued by them respectively, as aforesaid, as they mature, and that said purchase, if practicable, shall be effected at the earliest date possible.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said Commissioners for their respective counties are authorized and empowered to levy on the taxable property of their respective counties, in such proportions as may be agreed on between them, a sum or sums of money sufficient to place said bridge in safe and satisfactory condition for public use and travel, excepting that no steam engine, traction or any other kind, shall be permitted to pass over said bridge, without the written authority of a majority of each of the Board of Commissioners for said counties.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That whenever the County Commissioners of Kent county and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county, respectively, shall have agreed with the stockholders of the Chester Bridge Company for the purchase of the capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges of said Bridge Company, as authorized by the Act of 1888, chapter 376, to which this Act is a supplement, which capital stock, property franchises, rights and privileges the said Bridge Company is hereby authorized to sell to said counties; and whenever the purchase money so agreed on shall have been paid, then the said Chester Bridge Company is hereby authorized to convey to the said commissioners of Kent county and Queen Anne's county, by deed as authorized in said Act of 1888, chapter 376, the said bridge over the Chester river, together with the toll house