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THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1890.

LOCAL MATTERS.

...inner dinners are out.

...ripe tomatoes are being enjoyed, but ...me at fancy prices.

—Hook and line fishing in the lower Chester, is reported as affording rare sport.

—The bothersome little harvesters have not been so numerous this season as usual.

—The political cauldron can scarce raise a simmer, matters in Kent politically are so very quiet.

—Wm. J. Porter, of Millington, has been granted an original pension by the general government.

—The tramp nuisance has been less felt on the Peninsula this year than for many seasons past.

—It is estimated that strawberries this season averaged over one hundred dollars per acre.

—Smith & Clements offer machine oils ...r mowers, binders, threshing machines ...d engines.

—Farmers throughout the county report having had much trouble with their self-binding harvesters.

—A number of shipments of green peas have been made from Chestestown to the Baltimore city market.

—The sale of personal property, of Wm. T. and E. R. Burgess, advertised to come off to-day has been postponed.

—Corn throughout the county is backward in growth. This, however, does not mean a poor outlook for a good crop.

—Presiding Elder Harper, of the M. E. Church, South, will preach at Millington at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening next.

—Chestertown waits with bated breath for the completion of the census man's work, to find the extent of her promotion.

—Joseph Downey is freighting over a large lot of tin cans to be used at his cannery during the approaching tomato season.

—The State oyster police steamer Governor Thomas, Capt. Howard commander, is off on a cruise in the Potomac river under sealed orders.

—The Talbot County Fair Association has decided to hold its fall meeting the week following Pimlico, September 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th.

—An intense interest in base-ball during the past two weeks has almost absorbed the tennis enthusiasm which has run at flood-tide during the summer.

—Several camping parties from Baltimore have already been arranged for Kent county points on the bay-shore. Rock Hall, it seems, will share honors with Betterton.

—City friends have commenced in a most industrious manner, the summer campaign in search of "country cousins." May they prove eminently success in the search.

—Cupid's busy season has closed, and the youthful adventurer may now spend his time in preparing his arrows for the next campaign. His work in Kent was an awful failure.

—W. B. & R. T. Turner, Sr., advertise in addition to their already large stock at ...Point, anthracite coal and coal for ...reshing. See advertisement and gi... a call.

—... vessels were blown ashore in Warehouse Creek, Queen Anne's, on Thursday of last week during the heavy storm that prevailed. One of them has since been gotten off.

—With the failure of the Peninsula peach crop our northern fr... come to the rescue and it is said th... Connecticut will donate to the supply of the present year thirty thousand baskets.

—Several excursions are booked for Queenstown this year. The modest little summer resort is growing in popularity, and is spoken of by a Baltimore paper as the "beautiful, rural bay-side resort."

—Here is a name a census enumerator found at Crisfield: Marcellina Hester Estelle Fanny Jane Iona Delia Francis Augusta Hester Estelle Long Richard Dashiell. She is colored. Can Kent beat it?

—Bicyclists are becoming more and more numerous in the county. It is suggested that a club be formed in Chestertown. This is a good idea, as we have a number of wheels and expert wheelmen.

—The first watermelons of the year in Chestertown were received by Charles S. Smith, last week. The melons were grown in Georgia and were reported to be of fine flavor and almost equal to Maryland grown fruit.

—What is the sanitary condition of Chestertown? See to it that this matter is not neglected. The citizens and health officer should work together and in that way an excellent standard of health may be maintained.

—Fish Commissioner Rider has completed his spring work at the various hatching stations. The results of the season just closed are entirely satisfactory to Mr. Rider. He will submit his report to the Governor next January.

—The Demorest contest in elocution, will take place at Bond Chapel on Tuesday evening, July 1, at eight o'clock. There will be ten contestants for the prize offered and it is expected that the exercises will be particularly enjoyable.

—Wheat harvest is almost a thing of the past, and the merry whistle of the threshing engine is abroad in the land. Owners of traction engines should apprise themselves of the law governing this class of and be careful to observe its provisions.

—Chas. Smith, colored, employed by W. H. Brown, near Chestertown, met with a painful accident on Wednesday. While driving a reaper the seat broke, throwing him upon the machine. His right hand was caught in the endless chain which runs the canvass, and the wrist was stripped of nearly all the flesh.

—The lighthouse engineer's steamer Jessamine, Captain Wyatt, sailed on Monday morning for Love Point lighthouse, where fog-bell machinery of the most recent design will be put in to replace the machinery that has been in use there for a long while. The Violet has been on a several days' cruise at Swan Point and Eastern bay.

—The old building which stands on the lot recently purchased by the Second National Bank, for the site of its new building, was sold on Tuesday to Edw. Lambert price $41. 50. An architect has been engaged to draw plans and specifications for the new bank building. Madame Rumor says that the "old" or the Chestertown National Bank will soon commence the erection of one of the finest bank buildings on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

—Capt. Robinson, while hauling a seine for soft crabs on Tuesday last, along the shore below the phosphate factory of Wm. H. Cacy, dragged up a piece of the top of a human skull. From appearances it has evidently been in the water for years, and is about the size of a man's hand.

—The Nicholson ice factory commenced work on Monday morning last, but owing to the fact that the machinery is new and as yet not working smoothly, the first ice will not be drawn within as short a time as will be desired when everything is properly adjusted and in working order. To-day the first blocks of ice will be drawn from the tanks. The daily capacity will be five tons.

—Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show, which will be at Tolchester on Saturday next, for one week, promises to be an interesting and amusing affair. A fine opportunity to witness the wild Western life is offered. Feats of riding, shooting, attack upon stage coaches, etc., will be given. Bands of Indians will be on exhibition who will give amusing instances of dancing, running, etc. The show will be worth seeing.

—Says the New York *Times*: "In Kent co., Md., there are two farms separated only by a public road. These farms are under the same management. The peach orchard on one, like all the orchards for miles around, will bear no peaches this season. The other orchard is apparently full. The trees of these orchards are about the same age, came from the same nursery and are of practically the same varieties." We'll hunt the full orchard up, if possible, and report.

—Lucas Alrich, Jr., living on Fairlee Creek, while driving a reaper in the harvest field, on Thursday last, suffered a fracture of his left arm in removing some straw which had clogged the machine. He had gotten off to remove the straw, and in so doing was struck by the needle and pinned to the machine, and the delivery arm struck his arm, breaking it near the elbow. It was over an hour before he could be extricated.

—A large green turtle was caught last week by a number of Kent Island fishermen. The deep-sea monster weighed over four hundred pounds, and it is supposed that it got lost and wandered up the bay from the coast. The turtle was caught in a fish-pound and was secured by a number of fishermen who put heavy ropes under its flippers and hawled it on board their boat. A much larger turtle of the same kind was caught near the same place a number of years ago. The latest prize was carried to market on the Emma Ford.

—Comptroller Baughman, by the last quarterly distribution of the State school tax to white and colored schools, has given Kent for white schools, $3,266.04; for colored schools, $1,736.61. Queen Anne's gets for white schools, $3,586,03; for colored schools, $1, 942,26. The last was the largest June distribution ever made in the State. There was also distributed: To State Normal School, (white) $2,665; to State Normal School, (colored) $500; expenses State board of education, $204.13.

—The woolen mills, of Mallalieu Bros., situated in the upper part of Queen Anne's county, near Millington, were, last week, sold by the present owner, Rev. Richard Adams, to Mr. H. J. Houpt, of Philadelphia. The price paid has not been learned, however, Mr. Houpt traded property in New Jersey for the woolen mill. It is rumored that Mr. Houpt will remove to the county and start the mill. Rev. R. Adams, who is a son-in-law of Thomas Mallalieu, purchased the property about two years ago and during a portion of that time has had the mill in operation to a limited degree.

—"Forty hours" devotions began at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, on Tuesday morning of last week, and were opened by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Curtis, of Wilmington, Del., at High Mass at 10.30 o'clock. The Bishop preached a short but impressive sermon, and the music was of a high order. In the evening at 7.30 o'clock, vespers were sung and the Bishop again delivered a most excellent sermon. The Bishop left on Monday evening on the steamer Emma A. Ford, and Father Scott was then assisted by Fathers Flynn, of Wilmington, Del., and Carey, of Elkton, Md.; the former preached on Monday evening and the latter on Tuesday.

—So far as can at present be judged from the incompleted census, it is estimated that the population of Maryland will foot up in round numbers about 1,100,000. The State will neither gain nor loose in Congressmen, but the counties of Allegany, Cecil, Frederick, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Washington, will each gain one delegate to the Legislature. At present Allegany has four delegates, all Republicans; Cecil, three, all Democrats; Frederick, five, two Democrats and three Republicans; Howard, two, Democrats; Prince George's, three, Republicans; St. Mary's, two, Republicans; Washington, four, Republicans.

—The following is the mention made of the first shipment of Maryland wheat made to the Baltimore market on Thursday last: "Business in new wheat and new wheat flour attracted attention yesterday at the Baltimore Corn and Flour Exchange. The receipts of new Maryland and Virginia wheat footed up 1,450 bushels, and sales were made from 92 to 80 cents per bushel as to condition of the lots offered. A sale was made of 1,500 barrels new Rio extra, on private terms, for later shipments to Brazil. One of the lots of new wheat was a vessel cargo of Maryland. Of this the *Daily Produce Report* had the following: 'The first full cargo of new Maryland wheat reached Baltimore to-day. It was raised near Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and weighed out about 700 bushels. The grower anticipated a yield of nearly 1000 bushels, but the thresher showed only 20 bushels per acre on a farm heretofore producing 33 to 34 bushels. Color is good, but berry not well matured. This is the best sample yet shown for inspection of new crop, giving ample opportunity to observe results in this locality.'"

—Willie Bell and his sister, Miss Maggie, son and daughter of John Bell, living near Chestertown, made a narrow escape on Sunday night from what might have been a serious accident. The young man and his sister were hurrying home in a carriage trying to escape the severe storm which was approaching, and in the inky darkness of the night ran into a hitching-post near the corner of Queen street and Maple avenue. Miss Bell was thrown from the carriage and the driver, who clung to his reins, was dragged over the dash board and was somewhat injured about the face. The breaking of the cross bar was the only damage sustained by the carriage. This was soon repaired. Miss Maggie then went to a friends to spend the night and her brother continued his journey towards home, but when going up the hill, near the residence of Mr. Louis K. Stam, his horse shied at a bunch of brush, ran upon the board walk and fell. Young Bell was thrown from the carriage and seriously cut and bruised and had nearly all of his front teeth knocked out. Assistance was necessary before the fallen horse could be gotten from its position.

—A large combination excursion will be given from Chestertown to Bay Ridge on July 8. A fine steamer will be secured and will start from Chestertown, making all the stops on Chester river. The teachers convention also convenes at Bay Ridge on the same date. Good music in profusion will be in attendance. A number of bands have been secured and every effort will be made to make the occasion a pleasant one. See advertisement next week.

—Caspar Slinkman, Jr., age 19 years, of 932 W. Lombard street, Baltimore, was drowned while bathing at Tolchester on Tuesday afternoon. Young Slinkman was one of a party of excursionists and after having been in the water for some time started to swim from the police sloop Folly to the shore, a distance of about 200 yards, but before going twenty yards, sunk and before help could reach him was drowned. About this time the steamer Louise arrived bringing the young man's parents.

—The annual convention of the school teachers, of Maryland, will meet at Bay Ridge on July 8, continuing in session three days. Prof. J. E. W. Taneyhill has been invited to deliver an address before the Maryland State Teachers' Association at Bay Ridge, July 8. The subject will be "The Study of English in Our Public Schools." Dr. Thomas Fell, president of St. John's College, Annapolis, will deliver an address upon the same subject, and the discussion which will follow will be engaged in by Prof. P. A. Witmer, Prof. W. F. Smith, Rev. John Squier and Dr. H. B. Gwynn.

—The preparations for a proper observance of July 4, continues and the subscription list has already reached handsome proportions. A magnificent fire-work display will be one of the most striking features of the programme. It is happily suggested that, as there is much musical talent in town which has gradually drifted into comparative obscurity, a grand musical reunion be had on July 4, in which each and every member of the now existing band, as also the old members of organizations which are now extinct, shall take part. This is a good idea and should be carried out.

—Mr. Wm. DeFord, living just across the river in Queen Anne's, brought to the TRANSCRIPT office recently a most singular geological formation. Investigation shows that it belongs to the class of Limonites, or formations which are frequently met with in sections of low, meadowy or marshy formation. The specimen shown us is hollow and in shape looks very much like an improvised infant's sock. The interior surface has the metalic appearance of iron ore, while the outer surface is covered with gravel embeded in the dark substance which looks as though it had at some period been in a molten state.

—Bradford Camp this week caught a white blackbird—a curious anomaly. The bird in each and every particular except its color, resembles what is familiarly known as the "crow blackbird." These birds are usually a single white bird with a flock of blackbirds about the harvest season, and are sometimes designated as the oat bird. It is perfectly white and specially attractive from the infrequency of its appearance. Mr. Thomas Tucker, living in Queen Anne's, states that for several years there was an almost perfectly white sparrow, resembling exactly except in color the English sparrow, which staid with the ordinary English sparrows which frequented his yard. The little visitor, however, suddenly disappeared more than a year ago.

—The first shipment of Kent county peaches were made on Friday last, from Rock Hall, and consisted of two baskets of inferior fruit. One box was shipped on the same day from Harris' wharf, on the Sassafras river boat. Other small shipments have followed. At this date last year several columns of the TRANSCRIPT were devoted to an exhaustive prospectus of the peach outlook. The field covered embraced nearly all of the extensive peach districts of the North, East and South. The present year, however, general failure is felt in these sections, and whereas it required columns last year to decide the percentage of a full crop, the long story may now be condensed and made very short and fully expressed in the one word *failure*.

—The steamer Corsica made her first trip on her summer schedule arriving in Chestertown on Tuesday morning. She was put on so early in the season to meet the demands of shippers of wheat. Farmers on Kent Island commenced threshing last week and on Friday seven hundred bushels were shipped to the Baltimore market from that point. The straw was somewhat tough, but the grain was good and in fair condition. The Corsica will in the future run on regular schedule time as follows: On and after June 23, will leave Crumpton every Wednesday and Saturday at 12 o'clock; will leave Chestertown on the same day at 5 o'clock on Wednesday and 3 o'clock on Saturday. Will leave Baltimore at midnight on Monday and Thursday, stopping at Grey's Inn creek and all the landings on the river above.

—The coroner's jury in the case of Hiram Dugan met at the City Hall, Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday last, and after hearing some evidence that did not throw any light on the mystery surrounding the man's death, rendered a verdict which implies that he was murdered. The jury also requested the proper authorities to investigate the case and made a recommendation to Mayor Harrington. After considering the evidence at some length, the following verdict was rendered:

Resolved, That Hiram Dugan came to his death from concussion of the brain, the result of injuries inflicted by a person or persons unknown to this jury.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That we request the proper authorities to investigate this case and bring, if possible, the person or persons who assaulted Hiram Dugan to justice.

From Betterton.

DEAR TRANSCRIPT:—The fort is—evacuated. The shad have sought other quarters. In marches the crab. He is not large as yet, but he is fat and he will grow. The white perch also has been interviewed, and promises to bite. In fact, he laid down his life for his principles, or something else, and last week some of our Isak Waltons bagged a nice little fry.

We still have the Tockwogh, the daisy of the Chesapeake, but for how long? That is the sad question, She wants to galivant around on excursions, so 'tis said.

Nobody getting married around here, because they are all married. Nobody dying because it is so healthy. But births—don't say one word. The cry is still they come. In haste, ALEX. SELKIRK.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the Cal. Fig Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all and makes no retentions that every bottle will not substantiate.

Personal Mention.

Miss Viva Perkins, of Hannah Moore Academy, returned home for her vacation on Saturday last.

Miss Maud Sheppard is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Vannort.

J. A. Perkins, Jr., is spending his summer holiday with his parents on Queen street.

Miss Lucy Robertson, a teacher in St. Hilda's School, Pa., will spend the summer in Kent.

At the commencement of Dover Conference Academy, Dover, Delaware, on Thursday of last week, Charles F. Harper, son of Mr. George W. Harper, of Still Pond, delivered a carefully prepared oration on "Private Property in Land." Mr. R. C. Leaverton, of Chestertown, delivered an eloquent oration on "The Grecian Republic," and Mr. William Watts, of Still Pond, made a decided success of his oration, "Egmont." The Kent boys did honor both to themselves and their county.

St. John's College, Annapolis, has conferred the degree of A.M. upon Prof. E. J. Clarke, of Washington College.

Miss Lizzie Caulk, of Sassafras, received honorable mention at the commencement exercises of Western Maryland College.

Miss Ada Roberts, of Centreville, is visiting Miss Nelie Walker.

Miss Quinlan, of Baltimore, Miss Bird, of Washington, and Miss Duer, of Princess Anne, are visiting Miss Lillian Hynson.

Miss Eunice Gemmill is visiting the Misses Roberts on Queen street.

Miss Nannie McKenney, of Centreville, is the guest of Miss Carrie Jacobs, at Kennedyville.

We are glad to note the rapid advancement and rare good fortune of Prof. T. N. Williams, who was last year principal of Washington College. After a stay of but nine months in New York, in a private letter to us which we take the liberty of reproducing in part, the professor says: "I have just been elected principal of Wyoming State Normal School, N. Y., near Buffalo, N. Y., at a very fine salary; number of students 400. I have a very good position here—Nassau, N.Y.—as professor of Ancient Languages, but the recent one to which I am elected is a *better one*. So you see I am gradually making myself known in the Empire State. I have been in this State about nine months, and have received invitations to lecture in Albany, Troy, Saratoga and other large cities. On Children's Day, the 8th of June, I addressed an audience of 2000 persons in the M. E. Church of Albany, and I am to deliver a 4th of July oration in Pittsfield, Massachusetts." The professor further states that Mrs. W. and himself are the happy possessors of a bouncing young lady who at birth weighed the substantial weight of ten pounds.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Essays and a Varied Programme of Exercises.

The first of the public school exercises will be held in the public school room on Friday (tomorrow) afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, when the following programmes will be interestingly presented by the fifth, sixth and seventh grades in the principal's room.

Song—"Summer"—5th grade; "A Speech to the Speech Makers," Master John Hamilton; Dialogue—"The Rose Prize"—girls of 4th grade; Dialogue—"The Crosstown Debating Society"—ten boys of 5th grade; Dialogue—"Tit for Tat"—six boys of 5th and 6th grades; "The Investigating Committee"—girls of 2-6 grade; "Child—Queen of the Flowers"—girls of 3d grade; "Military Discipline"—boys of 4th grade; "Mother Goose and her Household"—girls and boys of 1-5 grade; Reading of Reports.

The following is the programme as prepared by the first and second grades and will be held in their respective rooms:

"Fairy Song," 1st grade; Dumb Bell Exercise, 2d grade; Mother Tabby Skins 8 girls, 1st grade; "Our Flag," five boys and girls, 2d grade; "The Mowers"—song, 2d grade; Recitation, Staunton Brown, 1st grade; "The Lively Grocers"—song, ten boys, 2d grade; Dialogue, five girls, 1st grade; "Say I Did It," five boys and girls, 2d grade; "Jack and Jill"—song, 1st grade; "June and July"—recitations and songs, 7 girls, 2d grade; "Johnny Pool"—song, five boys, 1st grade; "The Seasons"—recitation, five girls, 2d grade; Recitation, Paul Russell, 1st grade; Song, 1st and 2d grades; Reading of the Report; Song, 2d grade.

The commencement exercises of the graduating class will be held in Stam's Hall on Friday evening commencing at eight o'clock The following are the graduates: Misses Clare Vannort, Fannie Baker, Lillie Willis, Daisy Brice, Grace Greenwood, Effie Crouch and Palmer Carroll.

Court News.

Orphans' court, June 24, 1890: Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Letters of administration upon the estate of Washington Hudgins were granted to Hope H. Barroll, and Thos. G. Wroth and Wm. H. Blakeney were appointed to appraise said estate. Letters of administration, upon the estate of Edw. C. Coppage, were granted to T. E. Hayes, and Jos. H. Weer and W. J. Hurlock were appointed to appraise said estate. Letters of administration upon the estate of Nathaniel Vochell, were granted to C. T. Westcott. John A. Benson, executor of Mrs. C. S. Pryor, filed releases from Jas. L. Pryor, Carrie Pryor and Julia C. Benson. M. W. Thomas and C. L. Dodd were appointed to appraise the personal estate of N. G. Westcott.

County commissioners. Full board. W H Ford, collector returned additional assessments for 1890, which were accepted by order of the board. J. Frank Wheatley's list of insolvents was examined and allowed in part for county taxes and ordered to be certified as to State taxes. Bids for bridge bonds were opened at 3 o'clock. Four bids were received and held under consideration. The lowest bid received was from Baltimore, $97.67 in the hundred. The highest was 5½ per cent premium for eleven year bonds, 5¾ per cent premium for 13 year bonds and 6½ per cent premium for 15 year bonds, bidder only wanted two thousand dollars, bid held under consideration. Commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's will meet at the bridge on Thursday next to make an examination of the property. Order passed authorizing the president to ascertain by special meeting on Thursday, whether or not all the bonds can be disposed of and what premium he can obtain for them. J. W. Robinson, keeper of standards of weights and measures, filed a written report, which was accepted by order of the board. Board further engaged in ordering transfers and abatements and examining, approving and passing road accounts for orders on county treasurer and for levy in 1890.

The county-tax rate of Talbot county has been fixed at 83 cts. on the $100. The State tax is 17¾ cents, making a total of 100¾ cents on the $100.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Young Men Who Are Ready for Life's Battles — Interesting Features Mark the Commencement Exercises of Washington College.

Rarely if ever before have the commencement exercises of Washington College been more elaborate in arrangement or more successfully carried out, which fact has produced a most delightful social change, however transient it may be.

After a season of almost unprecedented social quiet, Chestertown has thrown off to a great extent her monotonous daily routine and for a few days at least has indulged in the pleasures of the series of exercises, which have been of a highly pleasant and instructive character. In addition to this the enjoyable programme was most appropriately rounded by the Commencement hop, a social feature, which figured as a delightful variety and afforded pleasure to many friends of the students both in and out of the county. Quite a number of the former students of the time-honored and classic institution, whose corner-stone was laid by the great Washington himself, as well as numerous friends were attracted from all portions of the State to participate in, or otherwise enjoy the elaborate programme which had been prepared. The commencement exercises proper were formally opened on Sunday morning by the Baccalaurate sermon by Rev. J. Houston Eccleston, of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, Balto. Dr. Eccleston was once a student of the college and is a son of the late Judge Eccleston of this town. The sermon was from the text; "And He said unto her, what wilt thou? She saith unto Him, grant that these, my two sons, may sit, the one on Thy right hand, and the other on the left, in Thy Kingdom." * * * * * But to sit on my right hand and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father." St. Matthew, 20 chapter, part of 20 and 21 verses. The sermon was a masterly production and was enjoyed by a congregation which completely filled the church.

Rev. Walter R. Graham preached an eloquent and comprehensive sermon to the members of the Young Men's Christian Association of the college on Sunday evening from Romans: 6 chap., 6–12 verse. A large congregation was present.

On Monday evening a large audience enjoyed the oratorical contest between a number of the students of the college, for two prizes, offered by Mr. A. H. Reid, of Philadelphia; one of $15, the other of $10. After prayer by Rev. S. C. Roberts, the following contestants participated in the evening's programme:

E. A. Robinson, of Sharptown, Md., declaimed "A Western Lawyer's Plea Against the Facts;" M. S. Harper, Golden Hill, Md., "Shall We Give Up the Union;" R. F. Duer, Princess Anne, Md., "'The New South' by H. W. Grady; William H. Stewart, Jr., Chestertown, Md., "The Ship of Faith;" W. B. Usilton, Jr., Chestertown, Md., "The Red Jacket;" Thos. D. Bowers, Chestertown, Md., "Clay's Valedictory to the U. S. Senate;" Joseph H. Geoghegan, Taylor's Island, Md., "Extract from H. W. Grady's Address at University of Virginia;" C. P. Hammond, Royal Oak, Md., "A Reply to William Pitt;" Clarence W. Perkins, Chestertown, Md., "The Minority."

The judges were James A. Pearce, Esq., Dr. J. H. Willey and H. W. Vickers, Esq.

The pieces were all well rendered, and gave evidence of oratorical ability and careful preparation. After a careful review of the points made by the respective contestants the first prize was awarded to Joseph H. Geoghegan and the second to T. D. Bowers.

The announcement was made that Mr. Reid made his offer of an oratorical prize a standing annual offer, which shall enter in as a pleasant feature of each year's commencement exercises.

Fine music was rendered by Weber's string band of Baltimore.

FIELD DAY.

The athletic exhibition on Tuesday afternoon was a perfect success, and Prof. Clarke deserves great credit for the highly creditable display of college sports. The first item of the programme was the hurdle race, in which there were five contestants—Geo. A. Bunting, W. G. Smyth, Geo. Brice, Robt. Earle Fisher and C. P. Hammond. Brice won the race in good style, carrying off the fine gold medal given by Marion deK. Smith, Esq.

The next on the programme was the hundred yards dash for those under 16 years of age. The contestants were: W. E. Hill, D. B. Ford, H. Norman Perkins, Samuel Beck and Charles Turner. Hill slipped in the start and was out of the race. Beck won in 14 seconds. The prize was two very fine books given by J. A. Pearce, Esq.

The third event was a hundred yards dash for all ages. The entries were W. S. Stevens, T. D. Bowers, W. B. Usilton, Jr., W. G. Smyth and G. A. Brice. Usilton won the race, but the watch being out of order was not timed. He can show a very rapid gait. The prize was a gold medal given by Prof. Rowland Watts.

Perhaps the most exciting feature of the day was the potato race. The contestants were Robert Emory, T. W. Perkins, Clarence Greenwood, W. E. Hill, Charles Turner and D. B. Ford. The prize, a gold pen with ebony holder, given by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., was won by Perkins, though it was thought that Greenwood had captured the prize. Upon counting the potatoes, however, it was discovered that Greenwood had not gathered so many potatoes as Perkins. It was, therefore, decided that the latter was the winner.

The tug of war between the seniors and juniors resulted in an easy victory for the seniors. The seniors had one more man, but the juniors looked stronger. The freshmen and sophomores pulled the seniors and juniors all over the terrace, but they outmatched them too much to make the contest a fair one. The breaking of the rope and dropping the pullers both ways produced a laugh.

Next in order was the standing broad jump. Contestants: W. S. Stevens, Geo. A. Brice, Robert F. Duer, Robert G. Ringgold and G. A. Bunting. Brice won the prize by a leap of 9 feet 5 inches. The ground was very unfavorable for jumping. More than one of the contestants can cover ten feet. The prize, a gold medal, was given by W B Usilton.

The contestants in the running high jump were W S Stevens, G A Brice, W G Smyth and G A Bunting. Stevens won the silver cup, given by Mr. Colin F Stam, by a jump of 4 feet, 9 inches. In this contest the boys did not do themselves justice. Some of them have cleared in practice over five feet. One jumped the cord at over five feet with his heavy clothing on.

The entries in the pole vaulting were Clarence W Perkins, G A Brice and G A Bunting. Perkins won the gold pen, given by Dr W F Hines, by clearing the cord at 8 feet. Perkins had been sick for sometime and was prevented from making as good a record as he otherwise would have done.

Mr Wilson L Coudon, the Cecil county athlete, then vaulted the rope at the highest peg, ten feet, with ease. Mr Coudon does not claim to be an expert vaulter and was out of practice.

The entries in the base-ball throwing contest were W S Stevens, W F Porter, R F Duer, G A Brice and L L Bounds. Stevens won the silver cup given by Harrison W Vickers, Esq. Stevens seems to have a run of luck on silver cups.

In the three-legged race the pairs were Usilton and Fisher, Ringgold and Twilley, Stevens and Duer, Brice and Smyth and Catlin and Beck. Catlin and Beck made the best start, but the prizes, two gold pens, given by William M. Slay, Esq., and Charles T Westcott, Esq., were captured by Brice and Smyth.

The most pleasing feature of the exhibition was the performance of Mr Wilson L Coudon with the hammer. Mr Coudon is already champion of the world in throwing the hammer, but wished to break the world's record with both the sixteen-pound hammer and the 56.

Mr. Coudon's first throw would have been marvelous, had it not come in contact with a limb of a tree. He, however, upon the third throw, threw the sixteen pound hammer crushing among the trees, which were thought too far off to interfere with the throw, and made the remarkable distance of 124 feet 11 inches, the highest previous record in the world, being 121 feet 11½ inches. The judges, Prof. Clarke, M. deK. Smith and Wm, W. Beck, think had not the limbs retarded the hammer, it would have marked over 130 feet. Mr. Coudon stood in a seven foot circle and threw with one hand. The previous great records, which he has beaten, were made by throwing with two hand. Mr. Coudon stood in the circle and put the 56 lb. weight, with two hands, 30 feet 4 inches, thus breaking the previous great record—30 feet, 1 inch. He threw the 12 pound hammer, seven feet run, with one hand, 147 feet 4 inches; the previous record being 140 feet 7 inches. He threw the 12 pound hammer, with one hand from a stand, 119 feet 1 inch; the former record being 117 feet 4½ inches.

All the throws were made according to regulations and measured by the three judges mentioned. Mr. Coudon thus broke four world records in one day, and if perfect physical proportion and a giants strength under for direction of perfect training count for anything, he is likely to still improve his fine record. The athletic association presented Mr. Coudon with a very tasteful gold medal in appreciation of his kindness in helping them in their games. Mr. Coudon is an amateur and not a professional athlete, and what is better than perfect proportions he is a very cleaver and estimable gentleman and a successful business man.

The runners in the mile race for all ages were: Wm. H Stewart, Jr., Wm. T. Henry, Charles R. Twilley, C. P. Hammond and W. B. Usilton. Mr. Henry won the gold medal given by Dr. Reid. The turf was so uneven and the grass so long that time was not taken.

The entries in the mile run for those under 16 were; D. B. Ford, Spencer Hurtt, Walter E. Hill. D. B. Ford won the medal given by Prof. Micou.

The judges in all the contests, except Mr. Coudon's exhibitions, were Wilson Coudon, M. deK. Smith, Esq., and Wm. Beck. All the decisions gave satisfactory.

The spectators far exceeded in number anything the campus has seen for forty years. There were people from all parts of the county.

The address on Tuesday evening before the Mount Vernon Literary Society of the college by O. C. Warfield, Esq., was attentively listened to by a large audience.

The regular commencement day exercises yesterday were thoroughly enjoyable. The members of the graduating class were: W. S. Stevens, Worcester county; W. T. Henry, Talbot county; T. D. Bowers, Chestertown; W. G. Smyth, Kent county and L. L. Bounds, Wicomico. county; W. S. Stevens delivered the latin salutatory and Mr. Bounds the valedictory.

The orations were all fine productions, and will be printed at some length in a future issue of the TRANSCRIPT.

An elegant alumni banquet was held in the afternoon.

The commencement exercises have been in every way a grand success, and but for lack of space a more detailed account of yesterday's proceedings would be here given. *All success* to the college.

BASE-BALL NEWS.

Exciting Games—The College Team Claims the County Championship.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE VS. STILL POND.

The game of ball between the College and Still Pond nines on Monday last was the most contentious one we ever witnessed. In the very start a dispute arose over the umpire—the Still Pond club demanding two umpires or no game, and the college club contending for one. The college club after much argument conceded theis point and the game started with the Still Pond club at the bat, with Dr. Urie and Thomas D. Bowers as umpires. The most bitter contentions continued throughout the game, the college conceding each time to their opponents, until the ending of the fifth inning, when the pitcher of the visiting club struck Stevens by a wild pitch, who was at the bat, which entitled him to first base and which was given him by the umpire. The visitors again disputed the decision of the umpire and refused to play unless the decision was reversed, claiming that Stevens purposely threw his arm in the way of the ball to get hit. Stevens was justly entitled to his base, but the college again conceded to their opponents' unjust demands and consented to Stevens going back to the bat when he made a two-base hit. The catcher of the Still Pond club at this stage of the game was struck by a foul tip and declared he would not play any longer. The umpire gave the visiting club five minutes to get in position to continue the game, but they refused to do so, and he called it ten to nothing in favor of the college. At the close of the fourth inning the score stood ten to ten. In the fifth inning the college retired the visitors, who were first at the bat, without a run; the college then took the bat and had a man on second and third base with no outs, when the visitors refused to play and the game was called with above results.

This game had been anticipated with much interest by lovers of the game throughout the county, as it was to decide the mastery of what have been generally conceded to be the two finest teams of the local base-ball fraternity. It was expected and was in perfect good taste that in close or doubtful contingencies the umpire or umpires as the case might be, should have the courteous and reasonable assistance of the combined judgment of the players to assist him in his decisions, but an apparently pre-concerted arrangement on the part of the visiting club to arbitrarily wrest the game from their opponents was entirely unexpected to all parties, and could scarcely have been expected to be borne with a more generous placidity of temper than was displayed by the members of the home team. It is to be regretted that a friendly contest should have been attended with so much of stormy unpleasantness. Had coolness and composure been preserved the game would have been far more interesting, would have reflected credit upon the skill of each club, and would have been generally friendly and enjoyable to a large number of visitors.

The Brown Stockings B. B. Club, of Baltimore, came over on Saturday according to engagement. At first, owing to the inclemency of the weather, it was thought that there would be no game, but the clouds began to scatter, and in a short time the grounds were in excellent condition. The Orioles showed up well in practice before the game was called, and it seemed that victory for the home team would be next to impossible. After a hotly contested game the Washington College team was victorious by a score of 8 to 7.

The game was marked by brilliant plays on each side. The work of Stevens and Foster was very effective. Stevens was never in better shape, and struck out man after man. In one inning he retired the side with nine balls. Foster played his part to perfection, and much of the credit of the victory should be given to him.

Porter was unwell and did not play as well as usual. The visiting team were inclined to feel jubilant when he misjudged a fly, but the cheers were the other way when their man dropped a fly after he had it in his hands. Bounds scooped up every fly that came to his part of the field. He ran a long distance and captured a fly, making perhaps the most brilliant play of the game.

Wickes stopped a liner in his usual masterly manner and saved the college team at a critical part of the game. Clarke covered the first base in good style. The whole team, in fact, have reason to congratulate themselves for good work.

The Brown Stockings kept the lead until the eighth inning, when our boys tied the score by making three runs. The Baltimoreans went into the field in the ninth inning without having scored again. After one man was out, Foster came home from second on Clarke's hit to center, scoring the winning run. There was much cheering during the entire game. Each team had their umpire, and the game passed off very nicely.

The score by innings is as follows:

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Washington College	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	8
Brown Stockings...	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	7

The visitors were very much disappointed in this result. They were a cleaver, gentlemanly set of fellows, and are a number one team. We are always glad to have a game with such a club, no matter which way the victory goes, of course we intend to win, whenever we can, Our superiority was chiefly in the battery. Stevens was far superior to the pitcher on the visiting team. In short the game was one of the most brilliantly contested and most interesting, it was safe to say, which has ever been played on the college grounds.

THE DAIRY MAID'S OPERETTA.

A Beautiful Entertainment by a Host of Little Dairy Maids.

One of the most beautiful and enjoyable entertainments of the summer season was the Dairy Maid's Operetta, given by seventy-five young ladies, girls and boys, under the supervision of Mrs. W. J. Vannort, on Friday evening last, at Stam's Hall. The audience was a large and appreciative one and thoroughly enjoyed the series of intricate military evolutions which were brought out with a beautiful precision in the elaborate drill, with which the entertainment was opened. Promptly at eight o'clock the grand march by forty-eight beautiful girls, bearing spears and wands, commenced. Every conceivable combination was formed; bowers, hollow and solid squares, circles and circles within circles, full line, phalanx and in short the varied combinations and constant changes of position were made without a solitary error. Miss Marian Lusby, Miss Allie Shuster, Miss Hettie Greenwood, Miss Clare Vannort, Miss Maggie Joiner, Miss Annie Deford and Miss Gertrude Sappington acted as captains in the drill which lasted thirty-seven minutes. The solo by coquetish little Miss Quilett was perfectly rendered, as also was the quartette, which followed, rendered by ladies in airy beautiful costumes. The tableau, by twenty-one children, representing a bouquet of flowers, was strikingly effective. Each of the children was beautifully dressed in costumes covered with flowers, representing every imaginable color. The little representatives of bright flowers were arranged in a position forming a cone with a tiny fellow at the top of the mass of smiling blossoms with his head resting in a floral bell. The Dairy Maid scene, in which thirty-seven took part, representing a farmer, his milk-maid daughters, milk cans, pump and a lump of chalk was particulerly fine. The boys and girls representing the different paraphanalia of the average milk man who chalks and waters his milk supply, the boys carried buckets and ears of corn, and the girls, wearing rustic sun-bonnets, carried the time-honored three-legged stool, of the romantic milk maid. The entire entertainment was a brilliant success and every portion of the programme was beautifully carried out.

Prof. Elmore presided at the piano and Miss Mary Chapman at the organ. The Juvenile American band played a number of beautiful selections to the ent