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LOCAL MATTERS.

—Dew berries are ripe and are in market.

—Hip! Hip! Hurrah! three cheers for the "Glorious Fourth."

—A few show peaches have been in town during the past ten days.

—Rev. Dr. Willey will preach a sermon on Sunday night next on "Our National Heritage as Seen from the Pulpit."

—The post office, at Chestertown, will be open to-morrow, the fourth, for delivery of mail from 6 to 8 A. M., 1 to 3 and 7 to 8 P. M.

—The "Bride," the two-masted schooner of Capt. King, an account of which was recently given, is now aground at the mouth of Island Creek.

—The number of mail route by rail from Clayton, Del. to Chestertown, has been changed from 10,012 to 113,012 commencing with Tuesday.

—The "black rot" is destroying sweet potato plants to some extent in Kent, the trouble is reported as being more serious further down the Peninsula.

—As an evidence of the rush of threshing operations, a gentleman reports that within an area of four miles near his place there were on Friday seven threshers in full blast.

—Chester river crabs are being sold in the Elkton market. John Long recently carried a load of fine crabs to the inland town. Little difficulty was experienced in disposing of the delicacy.

—Mr. T. Romie Strong brought to Chestertown on Tuesday a basket of fine Amsden June peaches. They were luscious-looking and are bringing $2 per box in Baltimore. Mr. Strong has shipped fifteen boxes.

—A prominent fruit-grower advises not to plant raspberries in the peach tree rows. He claims that "yellows" are more prevalent in peach orchards that contain raspberry vines than when the peaches are grown alone on the soil.

—Mr. Charles Palmatory, living near Church Hill, has sold his fine black trotting horse, Dixie, to Jeff. Ford, of Dover, Del., for $425. Dixie has trotted several exciting races in Kent and was well known in trotting circles throughout the county.

—The steamer Ford sustained some minor injury to her machinery on Tuesday last and was on the ways undergoing repairs until Friday. The B. S. Ford took her place until Thursday, when the Gratitude made the trip for her that day. The Emma resumed her trips on Friday.

—The first regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson Tariff Reform Club of the fourth district of Kent county will be held on Saturday, July 3, at 2½ P. M., at the court house in Chestertown. All persons interested in this movement are invited to attend. LEWIN W. WICKES, Sec'y.

—Anna Gorddon, an old colored woman who now lives near the home farm of Jas. H. Gale, claims to be one hundred years old. She says that she remembers distinctly the battle of Caulk's Field and many other occurrences which go far to establish her claim to the honors of a centurian.

—Vacation is here, and the bright, cheery faces of children may be seen at any hour of the day enjoying the freedom from school work. Friday last contained joy enough for one day for the average boy or girl, and for two delightful months they may follow the dictates of "their own sweet wills" unrestrained by study.

—The house of Mr. Eberharb, of Sassafras, was struck by lightning during a recent storm and had the gable end knocked out and the porch damaged. The lightning struck the house twice inside of ten minutes, doing damage each time. The building was insured in a company represented by a Middletown, Del., agent.

—Monday was the last day for work of the census enumerator. M. T. Goslee, enumerator for Chestertown, finished his work and sent his last report on to the Department on Friday of last week. It is now asserted, not, however, upon the authority of Mr. Goslee, that the colored population of Chestertown is in excess of the white.

—The new church, Mowbray's Chapel, which has been built of the old bricks taken from Hynson's Chapel to replace Walton's Chapel, which was burned, is now nearly completed and will be opened on July 20 by special and appropriate services. The building is 28x40 feet, wood ceiling oiled, with white coated walls.

—A magnificent cake of ice frozen at the Nicholson ice factory was on exhibition on Tuesday. The cake weighed one hundred pounds and was as beautiful and clear as the natural article from the frosty regions of Maine. One hundred and eighty cans were put in the first freezing, each can producing one hundred pounds of crystal ice.

—An exciting trot took place on the Rose Hill track, near Chestertown, on Saturday, between Wm. McKee's stallion Hoaxer, Jr., and Wm. Hendrix's stallion Basshaw, Jr. The trot was for two kegs of beer, and drew quite a respectible crowd. Hoaxer, Jr., won the race but the track was slow. The prize to be enjoyed on the fourth.

—Tuesday, June 24, was St. John the Baptist's day, and was observed by many of the Masonic lodges throughout the country. In the Masonic calendar there are two St. John's days. St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. The latter falls on December 27. It is claimed that St. John was a member of the ancient order, and the St. John days are elaborately observed. In Chestertown, however, no special programme was arranged.

—Postmaster Brown has received a communication from the Department at Washington, in reference to the re-establistment of a mail route by way of Tolchester from Baltimore to Chestertown. The route was strongly recommended and it is thought that it will be opened at an early date. By this arrangement the Baltimore mail will reach Chestertown just one hour and a quarter earlier than at present, and will insure more desirable mail facilities for Worton, Fairlee and Hanesville.

—Gooding and Taylor, who are extensively engaged in canning operations on Mr. Gooding's place about a half mile from Galena, are busily engaged in canning peas, and are running a large force of hands. These gentlemen raise their own peas, corn and tomatoes so far as possible. Thirty-five men were at work in the field picking peas on Tuesday while a large number was engaged in hulling and other work. The next in order will be corn, and a large pack is expected.

—The body of a drown man was found by Mr. John DeLacy and several others on Love Point shore, Kent Island, about ten days ago. A light pair of pants and an undershirt were the only clothing he wore. Before the jury of inquest arrived on Monday morning the body was washed away by the tide. It was rumored a reward of $25 was offered for the recovery of the remains.

—Wm. Copper, met with a severe loss at Tolchester on Saturday last. Mr. Copper left his double team standing unhitched while he went to tie another horse. One of the two horses become frightened and both started off in a full run. The carriage was completely demolished and one of the horses, a fine animal, was almost completely ruined, having the leaders of one hind leg cut and being otherwise injured. The runaway team was stopped after having run about a mile and a half.

—As Richard D. Hynson and Stephen Dodd were riding down the street on Monday afternoon, their horse became frightened by James Connely throwing up his hands, while crossing from the Voshell House to S. F. Smith's, and started kicking and running. Mr. Hynson pulled the horse up against the rack and goods boxes in front of Charles Smith's fruit and confectionary store, where he was caught by some gentlemen. The shaft of the carriage was broken and the harness somewhat torn up. No further damage was done.

—The body of Caspar Slinkman, Jr., who was drowned at Tolchester on Tuesday of last week, was recovered on Saturday by Mr. Taylor, his brother-in-law, and a number of colored men. Diligent search was made with grappling iron, guns were fired and every effort made to recover the body, but without success until Saturday, when by the aid of grappling irons the body was recovered near the spot where the boy was seen to sink. The face, hands and all exposed parts were badly eaten by crabs. A Baltimore undertaker came over on the afternoon boat and took charge of the remain to be prepared for burial.

—The phosphate factory, near the depot, which belonged to R. J. Baker & Co., but has been under lease by W. H. Cacy for several years, has been sold by Mr. Fred. Fountain, the company's representative, to M. deK. Smith, Esq. The building has been torn down and the lumber will be used by Mr. Smith in the outbuildings of his new residence on College Avenue. The engine and other machinery of the phosphate factory will be removed to Baltimore and placed in the extensive fertilizer works of R. J. Baker & Co. at that place. Mr. Cacy, who formerly occupied the property purchased the Kennard wharf and factory and was not desirious of renewing the lease.

—A horse belonging to Mr. Jessie Usilton, living near Fairlee, was hitched at the rack in front of Mr. Rufus Parks' store, on Monday afternoon, about six o'clock, when a scissors grinder came by ringing a bell, which frightened the horse, who breaking the halter, ran between two racks, tearing loose from the carriage and running, at full speed, up the pavement to McDonnell's, started to turn at the crossing, struck a post and fell. It gained its footing and again started up Main street in full tilt, when it was stopped in front of Bordley's corner. Several persons were on the pavement at the time and came near being struck by the frightened horse but fortunately escaped.

—The case of the State against the Chester Musical, Literary and Social Club, of Kent county, which was set for a special hearing on May 10, and postponed from that date, awaiting the decision of other case pending before the Court of Appeals, to July 7, will be taken up on Monday next, before Judge Joseph A. Wickes. The case is being prosecuted under instructions to to the State's Attorney, commanding him to compel the club to show reason why they should not forfeit their charter for having violated the provisions of its organization. The jury in the case have already been impanneled and a large number of witnesses sworn. There is no reason to anticipate any delay in the case when it is called for trial on Monday.

—The most serious threshing accident, so far reported, occurred on the threshing yard of Captain Daniel Jones, in Sassafras Neck, on Monday last. The water in the boiler was discovered to be very low and a supply of cold water was immediately pumped in, causing the boiler to explode. Engineer Vandegrift was fearfully scalded and a lad, a son of Captain Jones, was so badly scalded that at last reports on Tuesday morning, he was dangerously ill and lying in convulsions. The thresher, about thirty bushels of wheat and all the straw on the yard was burned, and a man who was stacking straw made a narrow escape from being burned. The engine and thresher, it is said, belong to Mr. Vandegrift; whether the accident was the result of carelessness in allowing the water in the boiler to get too low, or whether it was the cause of a defective register, we were unable to learn.

—Kent tax rate for the year has not as yet been fixed upon and will not be until the bridge question is finally settled, and at present it is impossible to say when this will be. A slight obstruction exists by which the commissioners of Kent, as well as the bridge company are unable to act immediately. This obstruction, however, is only temporary and may be removed in the course of a very few days. A Fourth of July celebration over the consummation of the contract of sale is out of the question; but the delay will, in any case, be only limited. The Queen Anne's county tax has been fixed at seventeen and three-fourth cents, making a total of one hundred and nine and three-fourth cents on the $100. The increased rate is due mainly to the purchase of the Chester river bridge and the increase in roads and bridges, the deficiency in the latter being equal to the amount levied for their maintenance last year.

—Chestertown's magistrate courts have had a boom during the present week. Delia Jefferys was given a hearing before Esquire Dodd on Monday on a charge of assault upon Maggie Robinson. The assailant was fiud $1 and costs, amounting to $4.40. On the same day Harriet Hatton was given a hearing before Esquire Burgess for an assault upon George Hatton, her husband. Fine and costs were imposed amounting to $6. The case of Geo. Hatton against General Hamilton, charged with an assault was heard before Esquire Johnson and a fine of $1 and costs imposed. Charles E. Frisby, colored, was lodged in jail by Constable Parsons, on Friday night last upon a charge of aggravated assault upon Mr. Crew, of near Still Pond. Frisby was given a hearing before Esquire Starkey and remanded to jail to await the action of court. Mr. Crew was seriously beaten it is said by the infuriated negro while at work in the field with him. Several other petty cases have been heard in the magistrates' court during the week.

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SOCIAL EVENTS.

Pleasure and Brightness Have Bidden the Month of Roses Farewell.

The pleasure yacht Hesperus, which has of late, under the command of Captain Atkinson, become a frequent visitor of Chestertown, took quite a party on an excursion down the river on Thursday last. On the return trip the wind died out and the graceful sailing craft was left at the mercy of the tide. The pleasure-seekers, however, were not discomfited by the state of affairs but went ashore, indulged in a jolly good time and boarded the Ford at Newnam's wharf, and after a delightful run, reached Chestertown in due season.

On Thursday afternoon and evening of last week, the Misses Carvill gave a most delightful law party at their elegant home near Chestertown. Though the afternoon was warm a pleasant breeze rendered tennis-playing on the beautiful lawn perfectly enjoyable and in order. The decline of a summer's sun formed a rural scene well calculated to add romantic beauty to the occasion, and had there been a sturdy pessimist present, even he had been wooed from the seclusion of his own sombre thoughts into confessions of pleasure. The tennis court and hammock were abandoned as the shadows of evening closed in for the not less tempting beauties of a table burthened with fragrant flowers, in the midst of which elegantly prepared dishes of a variety of delicacies were placed. The evening was passed in dancing, and a thorough enjoyment of the beauties of a perfect moonlight night.

The young men of Galena and Still Pond gave the most delightful excursion of the season on Thursday evening. The elegant steamer Tockwogh was chartered, and in the midst of a flood of mellow moonlight the steamer loosed her moorings from Georgetown, having as her objective points Betterton and Gale's wharf. The party was just large enough for pleasure, and being determined that the swiftly passing hours should be thoroughly enjoyed, the merry excursionists filled every moment with brightness and pleasure. A short stop was made at picturesque Betterton, but not until the beautiful bayside home of Mr. Gale was reached, did the evening's enjoyment arrive at its highest point. There, however, on the very bank of the bay and within the sound of restless waves the hours of the early evening were danced away. Several from Chestertown joined the party at Mr. Gale's, and shared in the pleasures of the occasion.

The Fourth.

The celebration to-morrow in honor of the Fourth promises to be a grand success. An interesting programme has been arranged. A mammoth and other balloon ascensions will take place at Stam's corner at four o'clock, and an elaborate display of fire-works will be had at night. It is proposed to have the fire-works from a lighter anchored in the river. There can be no possible doubt but that the most beautiful effect can be realized on the water, and it is to be hoped that the committee will select the river for the display. Should the night be clear and calm the beautiful and clear waters of the Chester will do their part in adding to the beauties of the occasion by reflecting as two mirrors each in the other the rockets, the set pieces and the burstiag booms.

The accommodations along the river are ample for all who wish to be present. An invitation by the citizens of Chestertown is extended to the entire county, as well as to Queen Anne's. Let all turn out and have an old-time patriotic Fourth.

There is as yet some deficiency for defraying the expenses, and the list is at the store of Colin F. Stam, where contributions are solicited. A meeting for the purpose of perfecting all arrangements will be held at the office of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., on Friday morning, the 4th, at 10 o'cock. All are invited to attend this meeting.

Court News.

County commissioners. Full board. Martha J. Perkins' recommendation for a pension was examined and allowed for ten dollars and ordered to be provided for by a levy. Messrs. Eliason, Turner and Jarrell, presented bids to furnish Georgia pine and other lumber for the repairs of Chester river bridge, which were filed. An order was passed allowing the Chester band the privilege of using Quaker Neck wharf for an excursion. An order was passed accepting the Hebron and Davis road, for a public road, for the sum of $550, and full payment for all land damages and fencing. Trustees for the poor presented their report for the year ending May 1, 1890, which shows a considerable reduction in expenditures; the same was ordered to be accepted and filed. Inquisition on the body of Caspar Slinkman, at Tolchester Beach, was returned by Bartus J. Wilkins, Justice of the Peace, acting coroner, which was accepted and legal cost thereof ordered to be provided for by levy. Mary E. Bramble's recommendation for a pension was examined and allowed for $25. List of corrections and transfers made by the commissioner thereof were ordered to be made. Board further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy and ordering transfers and abatements.

Orphans' court, July 1, 1890: Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. The last will and testament of Mary Ivens was filed for probate. R. Howard Haman, executor of Henrietta E. Howard, passed his first and final administration account. Hope H. Barroll administrator of Washington Hudgins, filed an inventory of the personal property of his decedent. Rebecca Boulden, executor of F. H. Boulden, filed inventory of the personal estate of decedent. E. W. Gaylord, executor of W G. Phelps, filed release from Mrs. E. C. Phelps.

New Advertisements.

F. J. Carter advertises that he will give ten per cent. discount on wall paper until September tenth. He has a nice line of wall paper and is offering bargains in them.

D. T. Williamson, the jeweler on Cross Street has a fine display window filled with choice designs. It is worth seeing. See his advertisemett in this issue and read what he says in his offering.

Joseph Turner, as agent, will sell at public sale on Saturday, the 26th July, the real and personal property of Joseph Thompson. See advertisement for particulars.

An experienced grain buyer, for Chestertown and adjoining districts, is advertised for in this issue.

Clarence W. Perkins, Esq., advertises his services for land surveying or dividing. He can be found at the office of Eben F. Perkins, Esq., whose assistance he will receive.

MISS SUSIE ROBERTS' CLASS.

Bright and Interesting Exercises.

At quarter of eleven on Tuesday morning last the large folding doors at the residence of Mr. Colin F. Stam, on College Avenue, were thrown open and several bright and cheerful little faces appeared in the adjoining room and rendered in a very interesting and entertaining manner, to an appreciative and well-pleased audience, a beautiful programme, consisting of calisthenics, dialogues, songs and piano solos. The exercises were the occasion of the commencement of Miss Susie Roberts' class, composed of Annie, Louise and Rudolph Stam, and Mamie Westcott, Ethel Perkins and Lucille Rasin. The little folks did well their part and reflected much credit upon their teacher. The dumb bell exercises were especially pretty, and the perfect time kept by the five bright and happy little performers—Annie, Louise and Rudolph Stam, Marie Westcott and Ethel Perkins—to the music of the piano, showed thorough and efficient training. The entertainment, though composed of a small class, was equal in every particular to the most elaborate we have ever witnessed in school exercises. The following is the programme:

Dumb Bell Exercise, Annie, Louise, Rudolph Stam, Ethel Perkins, Marie Westcott; Seven Times One, Ethel Perkins; God in Everything, Annie, Louise Stam, Ethel Perkins, Lucille Rasin, Marie Westcott; How I Speak My Piece, Rudolph Stam; Les Perio, piano solo, by Marie Westcott; Leap for Life, Marie Westcott; Gypsy Scene, school; Dialogue, school; Ring Exercise, school; Poor Little Jim, Louise Stam; Goosey, Goosey, Gander, Ethel Perkins, Rudolph Stam, Donald Stam; May Queen, school; Dog of St. Barnard, Lucille Rasin; George Washington, Donald Stam; Sam and May, Ethel Perkins and Rudolph Stam; Pearly Dew Drops—piano, solo, Annie Stam; Seasons, Annie and Louise Stam, Marie Westcott, Ethel Perkins; Goat and Swing, Annie Stam; Rod Exercise, school; Come Away—song, school.

THE LITTLE FOLKS' COMMENCEMENT.

Beautiful Exercises by Bright Little Boys and Girls of the Kindergarten.

The most novel as well as the most enjoyable of the series of commencements which marked last week's pleasures was the commencement exercises of the twelve bright girls and boys of Miss Idel Baker's kindergarten. Last year the school room was thought large enough, but on Thursday last the ambitious little followers of Froebel, the great kindergartenist, wanted to do like larger folk, and made their appearance in Stam's Hall and rendered a beautifully arranged programme in a manner reflecting honor upon the efforts of their teacher and themselves. The opening march was executed with military precision, and after a number of figurs had been given in the beautiful drill the "Morning Prayer" was sung by the school, and nothing could have been sweeter and more impressive than the delicate harmony of the children's voices, as they blended in singing a most beautiful composition Prayer. "Wonderful Kingdom," "Geography Song," and, indeed, Miss Maude Ringgold did beautifully in her "Modeling Lesson," and Miss Anna Smith as leader of the beautiful wand calisthenic exercise surpassed herself as did each member of her class. This was one of, if not the most striking feature of the entertainment. Miss Bertie Burchinal in a pretty little solo, "Good Morning, Merry, Merry Sunshine," won laurels which many older persons might have envied. But little Miss Fettie Westcott in her inimitable solo, "Happy Birds," could not have been surpassed. The cute little prima donna did beautifully. The recitation, "Toad Stools," by little Miss Hines, Fettie Westcott and Eloise Ringgold was very pretty, each tiny participant reciting her part in a clear, sweet voice, beneath the shadow of a graceful toad stool. Miss Mary Fleming sung a cute little song, "Forget-Me-Not," with eminent success, and was as pretty as the blue-eyed flower which she represented in song. Miss Ioma Eliason gave a beautiful reading, "A Legend of the Northland." The little elocutionists preserved all the beauty of the composition and displayed rare talent for one so young, and deserves to be specially complimented. The color bell calisthenic exercise under the leadership of Miss Anna Smith was only a repitition in beauty and precision of movement of the first drill. Miss Eunice Westcott sung a beautiful solo with a bright and pretty chorus by buttercups and daisies. The farewell address by Master Elmer Wright, Burchinal Brown and Hubbard Ringgold was prettily spoken, and the manly little fellows were worthy competitors of their fair class companions who did so beautifully. The specimens of work done by the members of Miss Baker's school were really marvelous, and she is to be congratulated upon the vast success which she has achieved in her field of delightful work. The entertainment was an eminent success, and the large audience present was delighted.

Items from Edesville.

The first new wheat was shipped from Rock Hall on June 25 to A. J. Rees, and though a little tough, it brought 85 cents. Who has shipped earlier than that?

The farmers are busy threshing, but the wheat is not turning out so well as was expected.

Mrs. Elizabeth Willson has been improving her property at Edesville, occupied by Mr. Walter Sutton, by adding another story to the dwelling.

Mr. Robert Porter is building a neat home at Edesville.

Mr. Wm. Copper, of Edesville, left his double team standing alone for a few moments on last Saturday, near Tolchester, when they ran away, tearing up the carriage. One of the horses was very badly cut.

Miss V. Belle Coleman's school gave an entertainment, consisting of music and dramas, in Edesville hall on Saturday evening, which was much enjoyed by the parents and friends of the pupils. Miss Coleman labored untiringly in training the little ones, and they one and all did remarkably well.

Many of our young ladies and their gallant escorts attended the lawn party given by the Misses Sappington at their lovely home on Eastern Neck Island on Friday evening. The company was quite a large one, consisting of many from a distance. All enjoyed a delightful evening.

Mr. James Eades, Jr., of Washington, is visiting his parents for a few days. He is employed in one of the largest and finest dry goods stores of the capital. They employ over four hundred clerks, who often enjoy the pleasure of displaying their goods to the ladies of the White House.

Miss Nellie Willis and brother are guests of Miss Ida Wood. MAX.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE ALUMNI.

The Alumni Association this year had a more interesting programme than usual. Jas. E. Ellegood, Esq., (63) was the orator. Owing to the number of other events of Commencement week, it was found necessary to have the address immediately after the Commencement exercises. The audience being under the impression that they were not allowed to remain, many of them went out before Mr. Ellegood commenced speaking. Those who remained with the Alumni enjoyed a treat. Mr. Ellegood spoke feelingly and eloquently to the Senior class, and told them that, as Dr. Reid had said, an advertisement "A job wanted," would be posted; he would say, the poster, "A man wanted," would be found beside it. The speaker showed some ribbons he had received around boquets, upon that memorable occasion, twenty-seven years ago, when he made the great effort of his life, and electrified the audience with the gathered wisdom of a four years' course at Washington College.

The only complaint heard was that the address was too short. We hope our Mt. Vernon Boys will not forget our Alumni when they are chosen as orator for next year.

The Alumni association will hereafter have Tuesday evening for their address, while the Mt. Vernon Literary Society will have Monday evening. This organization has become an important factor in the success of Washington College, and merits some recognition upon the programme of Commencement, and should not be crowded into spare corners of time, left for more pretensious events. The old boys all love their *Alma Mater*. Whatever they may be doing, however remiss they may be in other ways, filial in gratitude is not one of their failings.

At 2 o'clock a business meeting was held in Stam's Hall. Quite a number of new members were proposed and elected. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Chas. T. Westcott, Esq., (66); 1st. vice- president, Colin F. Stam, (63); 2d. vice-pres., Thomas Perry, Esq., (78) Salisbary; 3d. vice-pres., Dr. A. C. Crothers, (83), Port Deposit; recording secretary, M. Wilbur Thomas, (84); corresponding sec., Prof. Rowland Watts, (86): treasurer, Dr. J. Harry Dodd, (85). The following executive committee was elected: M. deK. Smith, (70) Kent; R. C. Thackery, (70) Cecil; Wm. Janvier, (78) Kent; Rev. George E. Wood, (85) Queen Anne's; Reuben Garey, Esq.; (86) Caroline; E. R. Jump, (86) Talbot; J. E. Ellegood, Esq.; (63) Wicomico; R. W. Mowbray, Esq., (85) Dorchester; Wm. T. Dickerson, Esq., (76) Worcester; Rev. Oliver H. Murphy, (78) Somerset; Col. N. W. Johnson, (73) of Delaware; John D. Urie, (81) Kent; Dr. Wm. J. Wroth, (49) Baltimore.

The association then adjourned to the Voshell House and partook of the splendid banquet prepared for them. The long tables were so joined that the president, Mr. Westcott, could be at the head of all the tables. The menu follows:

SOUP:

Vermicella, Turtle,

FISH:

Boiled Rock, "Poggie."

BOILED:

Lamb, Caper Sauce.

"ENTREES:"

Soft-Shell Crabs, Baked Ham, Fried Oysters. Crab Salad, Fried Chicken.

RELISHES:

Mixed Pickels, Horse Radish, Cold Slaw.

VEGETABLES:

Sliced Tomatoes, Peas, New Potatoes. Cucumbers.

DESSERT:

Jelly Cake, Chocolate Cake, Pound Cake, Orange Ice, Lemon Ice, Vanilla Cream, Chocolate Cream, Raspberry Cream, Peaches, Oranges, Bananas, Almonds, English Walnuts Raisins, Cheese, Chocolate, Crackers, Coffee.

Mr. Smith, the retiring president, had appointed Mr. Westcott toast-master and he returned the compliment by having Mr. Smith assist him in giving the toasts. In absence of Judge Joseph A. Wickes, who was at Atlantic city recuperating his health, James A Pearce, Esq., responded in a forcible speech to "The Board of Visitors and Governors." Mr. Pearce said that while we might not compete with Princeton, Yale or other well endowed institutions we could still do much more, and that the future looked bright. Mr. Pearce while not unduly praising the board thought some praise due their careful management of the limited means of the college.

Dr. Reid responded to "The Faculty." He paid a high tribute to the faculty and explained the plans for the building up of the college in numbers. The doctor has sanguine hopes of running the number up to one hundred this year.

Thos. Perry, Esq., responded to "The Alumni." He told the story of the westerner, who when asked why he placed fifty eggs under the hen when he knew she could not conveniently cover more than a dozen responded, "I know she cannot cover them all, but I want to see her spread herself." He said he did not want Washington College to attempt the impossible or the undesirable, but he wanted to see her spread herself. Mr. Perry spoke in a very happy strain and told some good things of the Alumni and professors of the college. One member of his class, he said, could never study unless he had a chew of tobacco, and when he had the tobacco he could not study for chewing. He gave Dr. Hessey, a member of his class who sat at his left, several good natured digs and the jovial doctor looked as though he would be pleased to tell one on Perry. Mr. Merrit M. Beck, (60) of St. Louis, Mo., in a neat speech to "Our Alma Mater." He paid a glowing tribute to the west and flung a sly slap at Perry, who had referred to his own western experience as brief and full or trouble, saying he had come home dissatisfied with the west and anathematising Horace Greely. Mr. Beck said that he still clung to his first love, "Old Maryland and Washington College."

Jas. E. Ellegood, Esq., responded to "Our Wives and Sweethearts" in a very pretty speech. It would have done our lady friends good to have heard the worthy and beautiful tribute paid to their sex, and we can generally count upon a college boy to render gallant and sincere respect to the gentler sex at all times. Mr. Ellegood advice to those of the Alumni, who were younger and sets a good example to all.

Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., responded to "The Good Old Times." They were good old times. He told some good ones on Mr. Pearce. We are sorry limited space will not permit mention to be made of the many good things that were said. The flow of wit was in keeping with the occasion. Who are jollier than college boys?

Each year the Alumni organization increases in interest and usefulness, and we can confidently expect a grand time next year. Mr. Westcott in his address said that much of the present prosperity of the college should be attributed to the efforts of the Alumni. Mr. Westcott made a very practical and entertaining address.

Next year the Alumni visiting our town will be looked after and entertained, and we expect to see many of the old fellows back.

FROM ROCK HALL.

Interesting Meeting of Members of the Maryland Acadamy of Sciences —Improvements, etc.

ROCK HALL, July 1, 1890.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—Every drive north, south, east and west brings in view some improvement around our village. If not a new house, neat porches are being put up, and at this time quite a number are in course of erection. Mr. Ellwood, who has charge of the late Capt. J. Young's farm, is erecting quite a good sized photograph gallery as an annex to his farming operations, being an experienced hand at the business, from New York. He thinks there is a field open here for the business. So every day, to use the common expression, Rock Hall is getting more and more like New York.

About ten days ago we had a visit from some of the members of the Academy of Sciences, who held their usual monthly meeting at the residence of A. P. Sharp, where they remained for some time as his guests. Interesting papers were presented by Prof. Uhler, Dr. Hopkins and some verbal communications made by the different members, which were listened to with attention. The society having been left a legacy under the will of the late A. S. Abell, of Baltimore, the interest of which along with the dues of the members enable them to print some of their proceedings, having reference to the geology of Maryland as well as its natural history, resources, etc. Prof. Uhler, president of the society, was much interested in what he saw while here, and gained some facts that may appear in a future paper, as the impression usually given out regarding the age of this portion of Kent is a wrong one. Every indication proves that the miocene deposits extend to St. Paul's Church, not including Tolchester and the bayshore, which is more modern. Around and near the church the cretaceous sands are plainly to be seen reaching in some places near the surface, presenting abundant material to improve land where phosphorus potash are the missing plant foot. As these sands contain iron in a good condition for assimulation, it might prove of advantage to peach crops, as recent writers claim that the yellows is due to the want of iron food. The trial could be easily made by applying a full supply to trees suffering from this and other causes. The members of the society all expressed their agreeable disappointment in seeing such neat, clean painted houses, fences, etc., throughout the village; everything indicating a desire to keep up with the times.

Our carpenters all have as much work as they can do, if not new houses, additions of back buildings, porches, etc., and thousands of pounds of paint have been used since the oyster season stopped, many of the property owners doing their own painting. The hotel has had a new coat, which greatly improves its appearance. The traveling public find this a great convenience, besides finding it a tip-top place to get a good meal of fish, soft crabs, oysters, etc.

The whistle of our little Gratitude is heard morning and afternoon on regular time in her trips to Baltimore, giving ample time in the city to attend to banking and other business, repairs for machinery, etc., etc. It has proven one of the most popular institutions ever introduced here, and she has come to stay, and every one who reflects a moment will see the importance of doing everything possible to make it a profitable line, and then there is a certainty of the line not only continuing the trips, but as occasion demands, will improve on the present good arrangement. As the will of the late Mr. Wilkinson is to be contested, all proceedings as to the sale of the place has been stopped. The sites around the Gratitude wharf are very desirable for summer residences, and it is thought that in the future there may be a summer resort there. OBSERVER.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Bright Girl Graduates—Essays and Flowers—Interesting Exercises.

Far from being the least interesting of the series of delightful features of last week, were the closing exercises of the Chestertown public school. The commencement proper was held at Stam's Hall on Friday evening, before the largest and one of the most appreciative audiences which witnessed the various exercises of the commencement season.

Promptly at eight o'clock the seven bright girl graduates took their positions on the stage, and after a beautiful musical selection by Prof. F. O. Elmore, who presided at the piano, and prayer by Rev. W R. Graham, Miss Fannie Baker read the salutatory essay, subject: "The Value of a Good Name." The following were the members of the class and their subjects: Miss Lillie Willis, honorary essay, "Morning Hours;" Miss Daisy Brice, essay, "Failures in Life;" Miss Grace Greenwood, essay, "All That Glitters Is Not Gold;" Miss Effie Crouch, essay, "Enjoyment of School Life;" Miss Palmer Carroll, essay, "Home—What is its Influence;" Miss Clare Vannort, valedictory essay, "Woman's Place in the World." This was followed by a most felicitous speech by Dr. Reid. The doctor's short but highly enjoyable speech was the most happy after-the-literary-feast talk of the season. The essays by each of the young ladies were exceptionally good, both in composition and rendition, giving evidence of thought, care and ability, and were we so disposed to decide which of the graduates acquitted herself with greatest honor, would be a task which we would hesitate long before undertaking.

Numerous beautiful gifts and bouquets of bright blossoms were received by the members of the class. The young ladies are now equipped and ready to meet the stern realities of human life which present themselves after school-day lessons have been learned. The great school house of life crowned with a beautiful womanhood and ambitious manhood has been entered, and we bid them God speed on what, could we shape and fashion it for them, would be a most pleasant journey.

The closing exercises of the Chestertown public school on Friday afternoon last were specially interesting, and were marked by a high degree of success. At 2 o'clock the full seating capacity of the principal's room was called into requisition by the large audience of friends who were present to witness the exercises of the higher grades. The bright young faces were wreathed in smiles in joyous appreciation of the closing hours of the scholastic year of hard, unceasing work. Teachers, too, were buoyant and glad on the evident pleasure of their pupils as much as in the needed relief which the approaching two months have in store for them. The programme as executed by the members of the respective grades were thoroughly enjoyable and in every way a success. Several beautiful drills lost much of their effectiveness on account of the cramped and insufficient size of the stage. The exercises of the first and second grades, which were given in their respective rooms, were not less enjoyable and pleasant, each cute little actor filling his or her part in an entirely satisfactory manner.

The following is a list of pupils who have received 80 per cent. and over at the annual examinations:

EIGHTH GRADE.

Clare Vannort	86	Fannie Baker	84
Lillie Willis	82	Daisy Brice	81
Grace Greenwood	80	Effie Crouch	80

SEVENTH GRADE.

Emma McFeely	87	Herbert Perkins	86
Jennie Coppe	85	Anna Downey	82
Anna Smith	80		

SECOND-SIXTH GRADE.

Howard Fowler	92	Bessie Stuart	85
Addie Hampton	84	Grace Hampton	83
Ella Thompson	83	Mary Anthony	81
Mary Burchinal	83	Mary Camp	81
Bertha Hynson	80	Violet Beck	80

FIRST-SIXTH GRADE.

Mamie Thompson	86	Earle Usilton	83
Maud Bramble	81	Percy Hendrickson	80

SECOND-FIFTH GRADE.

Amy Russell	96	Mamie Carroll	95
Tannie Willis	94	Lottie Wickes	95
Mamie Chapman	86	Harry Rickey	86
May Fallowfield	86	Foster Perkins	83
Rosa McIntyre	82	Edna Ringgold	82
Pearl Shuster	81	Harry Gould	80

FIRST-FIFTH GRADE.

Mabel Graham	95	Lillie Crow	93
Julia Butchinal	93	Emma Greenwood	92
Clara Downey	90	May Hill	89
Harry Authony	88	Bessie Cannan	86
Rose Frazier	84	Marian Smith	83
Mamie Kirby	82	Sallie Beck	82
Carrie Reiche	82	Georgia Thompson	81

FOURTH GRADE.

Anna Franklin	95	Lemont Thompson	86
Frank Smith	95	Susie Culp	86
Grace Whaland	93	Charlie Pippin	85
Carrie Byron	92	Wade Hampton	84
George McFeely	92	Wright Calder	84
John Toulson	91	Eugene Lucas	83
Emma Leaverton	91	Sadie Hendrickson	82
George Gardner	90	Freddie Strong	82
Joie Pennington	90	Brose Carroll	82
Winnie Hamilton	88	Stella Leaverton	82
Harry Fallowfield	88	Webster McIntyre	81
Waters Russel	87	Katie Shuster	81
Mamie Copper	87	Walter Graham	80

THIRD GRADE.

Mamie Barnes	99	Raymond Simpers	91
Mary Brown	98	Milton Peregoy	91
May Cannan	97	Lulie Kirby	91
Clara Hampton	97	Willie Benjamin	89
May Shuster	96	Josephine Thompson	88
Carl Biscoe	96	Lockwood Stam	88
Claude Parks	96	Gertie York	88
Clarissa Richards	94	John Hamilton	87
Fannie Godwin	93	Millie Godwin	87
Arthur Bradley	93	Ella Dilhofer	86
Hope Fennell	92	Isabell Beck	84
Annie Gorsuch	92		

SECOND GRADE.

Dollie McWhorter	97	Helen Blackiston	89
May Crow	97	Lizzie Willis	89
Hallie Toulson	97	Walter Sappington	87
Zoa Elliott	95	Jessie Graham	87
Bertha Smith	94	Charlie Senart	86
Frank Howard	94	Hallie Fogwell	86
John Cooper	94	Bessie Coleman	86
Bessie Wheatley	93	Frank Hines	85
Earle Simpers	92	Phillip Lewis	84
Linda Lewis	92	Florence Green	84
Barbara Anthony	92	Bennie Greenwood	83
Harry Barnes	91	Lizzie Quelett	83
Dollie Bramble	91	Harry York	82
Edna Chapman	91	Walter Wright	81
Hayward Meeks	90	Willie Dilhoffer	80
Ollie Hill	89	Ada Barnett	80
Annie Carter	89		

THIRD-FIRST GRADE.

Staunton Brown	97	Pearl Hendrickson	87
Nora Boston	97	Paul Russell	86
Lillie Greenwood	95