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—Owing to the busy season of the farmers, Chestertown was almost deserted on Tuesday.

—The Peninsula Press Association will probably rusticate for a few days at Saratoga, during July.

—Kent Island has been given a direct mail route from Stevensville to Baltimore. long and much needed convenience.

—Apricot ice-cream was one of the delicacies furnished by Mrs. Cummins to the lovers of summer luxuries last week.

—The Kennedyville creamery has experienced a very noticeable falling off in its milk receipts owing to the protracted drought.

—A large excursion from Elkton visited Tolchester on Tuesday. The party was met at the bayside by a number of Kent county friends.

—There has been a rush of wheat to all the Chester river wharves this week. Monday was a big hauling day at the Chestertown granary.

—To meet the demands of their customers, the Messrs. Nicholson have placed another and larger ice wagon on their route in town.

—Mr. George Moffett, who had his thumb severely mashed in a self-binder during harvest, had the injured part amputated by Dr. Scott last week.

—Perch fishing at Betterton is now at the height of its glory. A party of three report that they caught twenty-seven dozen fine fish on Tuesday last.

—Arrangements have been made for the reunion, at Pen Mar, on July 31, of the Reformed church of Southern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

—The train on Tuesday was one hour late, in consequence of which mails throughout the county were delayed, causing serious inconvenience.

—Improvements in town property are still going on. Our entire corps of painters are busy putting new coats on a number of business places and residences.

—Large shipments of potatoes are being made from Shallcross' wharf on the Sassafras river. Growers say that the yield has been over one hundred bushels per acre.

—Wm. T. and Jeremiah Miller, administrators of John A. Miller, returned account of sales of personal property of their decedent, in the Orphans' Court on Tuesday.

—With the mercury standing at ninety-seven in the shade, Chestown can boast of but one soda water fountain. Adam's ale is refreshing enough for the average Chestertonian.

—The work on the Chester river bridge at Millington, by Contractor Robert N. Boston will commence this week. The lumber is all in place and no delay of any moment is expected.

—J. B. Burchinal has sold his very desirable property on Maple avenue to Mr. t. Bergen for $4,500. Chas. S. Smith, on Tuesday last, sold his property on Mill street to William Peregoy.

—The regular July, or non-jury term of the circuit court for Kent county, was in session on Monday with His Honor Judge Wickes on the bench. The docket was called and some chancery business attended to.

—Tolchester No. 2, near Quaker Neck, presents a highly picturesque appearance. Every tree, stump, post and everything paintable is decorated in a highly artistic manner with the national colors, red, white and blue.

—The dwelling house of John Holston, of Betterton, was struck by lightning during the storm of Tuesday night. The chimney was knocked off, the bolt then ran down the flue and severely but not seriously stunned the family.

—A large schooner from Virginia came up Chester river this week looking for a cargo of grain, but left in ballast after being told that the Chester river supply of vessels is more than equal to the demands made upon their freighting capacity.

—Woodcock Shooting opened with July 1, and several parties of sportsmen have been in pursuit of the tempting game, but with poor success. With the advance of the season the usual haunts of the wily bird are expected to furnish desirable sport.

—The valuable driving mare belonging to J. H. Startt, which was seriously injured some weeks ago by being cut by the iron railing surrounding the court house yard, has completely recovered. A report to the effect that the mare had since died was erroneous.

—The county tax rate for Kent county for the year 1890, has been placed by the board of county commissioners at eighty-eight cents on the one hundred dollars. The rate of State tax will be seventeen and three-quarters on the one hundred. It will be seen that the rate is the same as that of last year.

—The salaries of postmasters of the following named offices of the Eastern Shore have been fixed for the present year as follows: Pocomoke City increased from $1000 to $1,100; Cambridge, $1,500; Centreville, $1,400; Chestertown, $1,400; Easton, $1,700; Elkton, $1,500; Port Deposit, $1,180; Salisbury, $1,600.

—Demorest contests are still quite popular. Ten have been held in this county and more are in progress. A gold medal contest will be held August 28th at Fairlee Grange Hall. All who hold a silver medal are expected to compete for a gold one. They have time to select their recitations and make ample preparations for the event by August 28.

—The Southern Methodists of the Eastern Shore have been in session in their district conference, at Onancock, Va., since Tuesday 15th inst., and will adjourn today. This conference embraces appointments from Williamsburg, Va., to Cambridge, Md. Each charge has been represented by its pastor and three lay delegates.

—The following is the condition of Queen Anne's crops: About the same area in corn as last year; condition very poor; many insects in it. Wheat is a short crop, but condition is good. Oats are a very poor crop, badly affected with rust. Irish potatoes are grown more extensively than formerly, and the crop is good. All fruit crops are very poor. Not enough peaches for family use. Crumpton claims to be the safest cropping district in the county, and has a greater diversity of interests to depend upon each season.

—Robert H. Wright and family and Mrs. Duckenwater, Mrs. Malin and Mrs. Bouldin spent the day on Tuesday at the delightful bayside resort, Plum Point, and in a few hours caught fifty dozen fine large perch. Mr. Wright says that the water fairly swarmed with fish, and two and three were drawn out at one time.

—Secretary of State LeCompte last week issued to the registration officers throughout the State the registration books, authorized by act of the Legislature under the new registration law, for which J. H. McDairy & Co., of Baltimore, received the contract a month ago. Enough books were printed to supply each of the 493 election precincts with two.

—James A. Pearce, Hope H. Barroll, J. M. J. Byrom, H. W. Vickers and Dr. Sam'l Beck, were the delegates from Kent county to the great mass meeting of Tariff Reform Clubs held in Baltimore on Tuesday. Mr. Pearce was chairman of the committee on addresses. Queen Anne's was represented by John B. Brown, Edwin H. Brown and Dr. Washington Finley.

—Owing to the fact that the bridge company has failed to dispose of its Baltimore city bank stock, another obstruction has been placed in the way of a fulfillment of the purchase of the bridge property on Tuesday as was expected and so stated in last week's TRANSCRIPT. We have no further conjectures other than that we have reason to believe that the matter will be definitely closed within the stipulated time, Aug. 1.

—On account of a misunderstanding between the captain of the steamer and the excursionists on the fourth of July, in regard to the time of the departure of the boat on the return trip, quite a number were deprived of the pleasure of witnessing the Pawnee Bill Show at Tolchester. The captain was understood by some to make the announcement that the steamer would leave at half-past four o'clock instead of half-past five.

—Charles Frazier, the thirteen year old son of James L. Frazier, was drowned at Buckingham wharf, about 3 miles above Chestertown, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The boy was on a crabbing excursion with his mother and several others and in trying to net a crab, lost his balance, fell overboard and was drowned before assistance could reach him. The body was recovered on the following day near the spot where it was last seen to go down.

—The straw-board mill closed down this week to remain closed for six months. This will throw about sixty men out of work. The shut down was on account of the overproduction of straw-board throughout the country. A number of other straw-board mills have been closed. The paper basket factory is still being pushed to completion and will to a great extent, it is hoped, afford employment to those who will be inconvenienced by the closing of the other works.

—Several colored excursions were expected to arrive in Chestertown, from Baltimore and other points, on Sunday last, to attend the colored meeting which was then and is still being held, under the auspices of the Bethelite colored church. None of the excursions came, however, but it is expected that three steamers will arrive on Sunday next, and the attendance will be further increased by an excursion by rail. The attendance at the meetings has been large and the order good.

—Capt. A. Judson, a gentleman who came to Kent from Maine some years ago is building a steam yatch at his mill on the road from Quaker Neck to Pomona. The vessel will be about 80 feet long and is being built for speed. Her timbers are all light but well staid and supported. When finished the new boat will be moved by road several miles to Quaker Neck, where she will be launched. Captain Judson expects to finish his work in 1891 and will then show a beautiful model to the Eastern shore ship-builder.

—Kent is still on the *no camp* list and must look to her sister counties to afford her the pleasures of those delightful religious services in shady groves, which are so intimately connected with the early history of Methodism on the Eastern Shore. Wye Camp, near Centreville, will commence on Tuesday, July 29th, and continue ten days, or until Friday, August 8th. Camden Camp will open on August 2d. The camp is under the auspices of the National Camp Meeting Association. Bishop Taylor will possibly be present.

—The dwelling house of J. W. Wright, at Whaland's mill, made a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire on Friday afternoon last. A niece of Mr. Wright had occasion to go to a dark closet in search of a jar, which she failed to find. She says she had no light and took no matches with her. The fire was discovered in the closet about ten minutes afterward and the theory is that a match had been dropped and that the young lady unconsciously stepped on it in the darkness. The fire was soon extinguished with but trifling loss.

—One of the most important improvement to Kent county's waterways is that of Fairlee Creek. There was no work done on Fairlee Creek during the past year. For the next year $11,000 is asked, and it is proposed to expend the amount in continuing the improvement in the channel at the mouth of the creek. The channel over the bar will not probably remain open unless protection works are built, and it is possible that the cut already made may have filled up considerably or may be totally closed up before work is resumed.

—The bodies of Solan Nelson, son of Capt. Benj. Nelson, of Bryantown, Charles county, and James Callahan, of the same place, were found on Monday, on Kent Island, in a very much decomposed state. The young men, both about 21 years of age, left their homes three weeks ago, in a small pungy, for a trip to Virginia. Nothing was heard of them until their remains were found. Nelson's body was ashore on Weeks Beach, and Callahan's on Lacy Beach, both on Kent Island. The pungy evidently ran into a squall after being out a couple of days and the two occupants were thrown out and drowned.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beasten, living at Wilson's Point, had a novel experience last week. Mr. and Mrs. Beasten desiring to be present at the dedecation of a new church at Cecilton, availed themselves of the opportunity to visit Mrs. Beasten's parents for several days. Accordingly the necessary wearing apparel for the trip was put in a bundle, and with other things a handsome silk dress and a beautiful white suit, kid gloves, etc. Not long after the commencement of the journey, the bundle of clothing was discovered to have been almost completely destroyed by stroyed by fire and the back carriage curtaid burned off. It is supposed that a match had been dropped in the foot of the carriage and was inadvertenly trodden on and ignited. No other plausible theory can be advanced since Mr. Beasten does not smoke and had no occasion to light a match. Mr. Beasten also lost his favorite violin. This was the most novel fire of the season.

—Constables Duyer and Henly arrested on Sunday, Henry Porter, Charles Rigby and Henry Sheppard, all colored, on a charge of disorderly conduct and fighting. The men were lodged in jail until Monday afternoon, when they were given a hearing before C. W. C. Johnson, J. P., and fined one dollar and costs, amounting to nearly ten dollars. In the course of the evidence it was disclosed that Sheppard had, previous to the altercation, sold to Rigby a five-cent glass of gin. This gave rise to another action against Sheppard, on a charge of violating the local option law. Esquire Johnson says he is determined to deal with these cases in a most practical manner, and lodged Sheppard in jail to await the action of the grand jury, in default of two hundred dollars bail.

—The position of the planets in July are: Jupiter will be morning star until the 30th, and then becomes evening star; Venus is evening star and shines with undimmed brilliancy for two hours after sunset. The two brightest stars in the firmament, Venus and Jupiter, are visible at the same time for about an hour during the last week of the month, the former holding her court in the west and the latter holding his court in the east. Saturn is evening star, and his period of visibility closes after this month. Mars is evening star, Jupiter, Venus, Mars and Saturn may be seen during the first half of the month shining in the evening sky. Mercury is morning star until the 22d. and then will be evening star; Uranus is evening star; Neptune is morning star; Mercury, Saturn, Venus, Uranus, Mars and Jupiter will be evening stars at the close of the month.

—Further reports from various sections of the county are to the effect that the wheat crop is a sad disappointment to the farmers of every section. Some few report fair yields while others say crops have fallen lower than one-half. Early corn is needing rain badly, and unless rain falls within the next few days the crop must suffer seriously. Late corn is not at so critical a period of its growth, and will be able to withstand a more protracted drought. Double Creek farmers are somewhat despondent over the prospect, and a successful farmer stated a few days ago that there had not been a good soaking rain in that section of Queen Anne's county since early in May, and that vegetation was suffering badly. Dorchester has not had a rain for over seven weeks. A delightful rain, however, passed over Kent county on Tuesday evening and was a blessing to the entire community. So despair is a thing of the past.

—For the benefit of those of our peach growers, who can master it, we give the following in regard to the gum, which is so frequently seen on peach trees: W. E. Stane, of Perdue University, Lafayette, Ind., gives, in a recent number of the *American Chemical Journal*, the results of his examinations upon the carbohydrates of peach gum. He says: The gummy substance secreted from the tissues of the peach tree contains those bodies which by hydrolysis yield arabinose and galactose. The occurence of these bodies together under these circumstances is the more noteworthy from the fact that arbinose and galactose represent two distinct classes of carbohydrates, the true glucoses and the pentaglucoses, and are not usually found in such intimate connection with each other. The gum arabic is, I believe, the only other substance where such occurrence has been recognized, and in no previous case has the isolation and recognition of both these carbohydrates from a single homogeneous substance been accomplished.

—The county commissioners met on Tuesday with full board present. Thos. J. Shallcross, president, reported in writing that he had delivered the bridge bonds to J. R. Carey, of the Provident Saving Bank, of Baltimore city, and obtained his check for the amount of said bonds, with the premium, payable to the order of W. B. Usilton, county treasurer. An order was passed appointing John A. Groves, a committee for the purchase of fuel, for the use of the court house and jail. Messrs. Collins & Hopper and Messrs. Plummer & Usilton's respective proposals for county printing, under act of Assembly of 1890, chapter 556, were received and accepted by order of the board at $500 each. After noting transfers and abatements, and examining and approving accounts for levy and orders on the treasurer, the board proceeded a consideration of the rate of county taxes for the year 1880 and fixed the rate at 88 cents on the $100, and directed the State taxes to be computed at the rate of 17¾ cents, by order of the board.

—Sharpers are again making their annual rounds of the Peninsula. The following is one of their novel ways, as given by the Havre de Grace *Republican*, of trying to catch the farmer: On Tuesday, July 1st; two well dressed men, in a dayton, called on Mr. James Whitelock, residing near Rock Springs, and wanted to buy his farm for their sister, who was represented to be at the "Harford House," in Havre de Grace, waiting to come to the place. After they had looked it over, on pretense of examining the lines on and near the road, they got Mr. Whitelock to ride over to his gate with them, where they were joined by a third man, who pretended that he had just come along, going toward Belair. He had been to Philadelphia, with mules from Tennessee, and claimed to have been "done out" of $500 by "Yanks;" but he didn't care about that, as he intended to beat his "dad" out of a thousand, when he got back, by the same trick. By the way, he had a pack of cards with him, and got the man in the carriage to bet $100, and won. They tried to get Mr. Whitelock to try his hand, but that gentleman informed them that he read the newspapers too well to be the man they were looking for.

—A small vessel, the William Egerton, of Rock Hall, weighted anchor and set sail from Chestertown at 5.45 P. M. on Sunday afternoon, having on board a jolly party of amateur sailors. Arrangements had been made for a cruise of ten days, during which it is expected that Annapolis, Washington, D. C., Old Point, Va., and possible other places will be visited. The party, as first arranged, was composed of the unfortunate number thirteen. No one of course was superstitious, but to gratify Master Harry Willis, who was not before expected to go, he was taken on board the boat, and incidentally broke the magic spell of "bad luck," which *some* persons believe presides in the number of evil omen. The young tars started out with buoyant hopes for a delightful cruise. The party consisted of: John Welch, Dr. John Weathered, Lloyd Nichols, of Baltimore; Mr. Arrington, of Tennessee; William Welch, Robert Ringgold, Carroll Perkins, Fred. Gerker, Harry Cleft, Chas. Newnam, James Connelly and Harry Willis. The party was, when heard from, at Tolchester on Tuesday, and reported some changes in the programme, as first arranged. The run to Old Point was considered too long and only the nearer stops will be made. The happy-go-lucky party were well toned and report a royal good time so far.

—In referring to our Eastern Shore luxury, La Science en Famille says: "The shell of the crab and lobster owes its bluish-gray color to the superposition of two pigments or coloring matters, which have been isolated—a red pigment and a blue one. As long as these two pigments exist simultaneously, the crustaceans remain gray. But the blue pigment is very fugitive, and sometimes, under the influence of a disease, it is destroyed, and crabs are found with portions of their shell more or less reddish. When the crustaceans are immersed in boiling water, the blue pigment is entirely destroyed, and the red pigment, which is very stable, appears alone in all its brilliancy."

Personal Mention.

Miss Nannie Ringgold, of Kent Island, is visiting Miss Jeanette G. Shallcross, near Locust Grove.

Dr. Latimer, of Kennedyville, has returned from a pleasant visit to his parents in Prince George's.

Harry Brice, who is well known in Chestertown, is spending his summer holiday with his parents on College avenue. Mr. Brice is in the wholesale department of Clement Bros. & Co., of Philadelphia, one of the most extensive white goods, embroideries, lace curtains, lace houses in the city.

Mrs. Morrison, of Virginia, is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. R. Micou, at Washington College.

Mrs. Willey, of St. Michaels, paid a short visit to her son, Dr. J. H. Willey, this week.

Miss Lizzie Thomas, of North East, Md., and Miss Sadie McSherry, of Baltimore, are visiting the Misses Thomas, on College avenue.

Miss Mollie Ricaud, of Baltimore is visiting Miss Nelie Walker.

John W. Usilton, of the Government Printing Office, Washington, spent last week with relatives in Kent.

L. W. Sparks, of Baltimore, paid his parents a short visit this week.

H. C. Cradock, one of the compositors on the Middletown *Transcript*, visited relatives in town this week.

Mr. Joseph Archibel, of New York, is visiting the home of Rev. S. C. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. France. Mrs. Turner is one of the most accomplished musicians of Baltimore city.

The Tennis Tournament.

The most interesting feature which has ever been introduced in Kent county tennis circles, has been the tennis tournament which was commenced at the Emerald Court Tennis Club's grounds last week, and which has continued with unabated interest until the present. Many friends of the contestants for tennis honors were daily on the grounds, and enthusiasm ran high. Indeed, no more enjoyable contest has ever been witnessed in the county, and the popularity of the delightful game has correspondingly increased, and the circle of its admirers has received a boom. The only prize played for was the championship in the number of points made by the respective players.

Following is the score:

FIRST SERIES—LADIES.

Miss Nelie Walker	6—4—13—6
Miss Nannie Hines	4—6—13—4
Miss Belle Aldridge	6—6
Miss Rebecca Wickes	0—2
Miss Catherine Hines	6—7
Miss Mary Beck	1—5
Miss Mary Hurtt	7—6
Miss Hallie Beck	5—1
Miss May Ireland	6—6
Miss Lizzie Roberts	2—4

FIRST SERIES—GENTLEMEN.

Perkins	6—6
McFeely	1—2
Davis	6—6
Elmore	1—0
Beck	6—6
Collins	0—1
Hines	3—6—6
Gilpin	6—0—4
Wickes	7—6
Brown	5—2

SECOND SERIES—LADIES.

Miss Belle Aldridge	6—6
Miss May Ireland	0—0
Miss Catherine Hines	7—0—6
Miss Nelie Walker	5—6—2

SECOND SERIES—GENTLEMEN.

Perkins	6—1—6
Davis	3—6—1
Beck	6—6
Perkins	4—4

FINALS.

Beck	3—7—6—3—4
Wickes	6—5—1—6—6

Obituary.

The Rev. Dr. Edward J. Stearns, one of the most widely known ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, died in Easton on the evening of July 4, in his eightieth year. The venerable clergyman had been pastor of numerous churches in the State and was for some years a teacher in several schools of Baltimore city. The declining years of his life were passed in Easton. The interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery, Easton, near the grave of Bishop Lay. Bishop Adams and eight clergymen were present at the services.

James Dixon, one of the most prominent business men of Talbot county, died at his home, Bloomfield, near Easton, Talbot county, on July 7, aged eighty years. Mr. Dixon was well known in Kent county, and was recognized beyond the borders of his own State as a conscientious, careful and successful business man. Inheriting no fortune and being thrown upon his own resources he became the architect of his own fortune, which he carved with precision and skill. He began life as a journeyman carpenter, but by a rigid adherence to business and the strictest economy his financial success became assured, and his good fortune was shared by many friends. Says the Easton *Democrat*: "He had the business faculty largely developed, and early in life utilized it so that he advanced from the wage-plane of a journeyman carpenter to the business plane of a contractor and builder, at which he worked successfully in Baltimore city, until he had acquired capital enough to enable him to return to Talbot, his native county, and settle down as a farmer and business man. Mr. Dixon was naturally a religious man; and the quiet and unobtrusive creed and formularies of the Society of Friends suited him exactly. In politics, before the war he was a Whig, during the war a Union man, and since then a Republican. County Commissioner was the only political office he ever held."

Mr. Richard Turner, of Still Pond, was a warm personal friend of Mr. Dixon, and was an honorary pall-bearer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tilghman, widow of Richard Cook Tilghman, and sister of Otho H. Williams, of Baltimore, died at her residence, the "Hermitage," in Queen Anne's county, Tuesday afternoon of last week from the effects of injuries recently received by falling downstairs at her home. She was quite old and was never able to rally from the shock. Her grandfather, Otho Holland Williams, served with distinction in the revolutionary army and was collector of the port of Baltimore under President Washington.

A Pleasant Trip to Tolchester.

One of the most enjoyable straw-rides that has ever been known in Kent county was given by Miss Sue Wilkins on Thursday afternoon last. A large wagon and four mules composed the transportation conveyance which was "slow but sure." At half-past two o'clock, the party numbering twenty-nine, started from the residence of Mr. J. K. Aldridge on Water street for Tolchester, reaching this justly popular summer resort located in one of the most beautiful and convenient groves along the Kent county shore of the picturesque Chesapeake, about quarter past five. The numerous attractions and amusements were indulged in as well as pleasant wanderings through the beautiful grove until supper was announced, when the party gathered around a neatly spread table laden with the most tempting substantials that the season could afford. Supper over the party, through the kindness of Dr. Paxson, indulged in a pleasant little dance in the hall by the beach, from which can be distinctly heard the gentle ripple of the waves as they playfully chase each other until lost upon the pebbled and shelving shores. The Chesapeake never looked more bewitching under a starry and beautiful heaven, while a gentle breeze swept over its placid bosom. At nine o'clock the party very reluctantly bade farewell to this beautiful grove with its dense trees hidden by darkness and caressed by dancing leaves, and proceeded to Chestertown, arriving there just as the stately town clock on Stam's Hall tolled the midnight hour of twelve. The pleasures of the journey itself were not to be despised, although a little dusty and slow, these disadvantages were lost sight of amid pleasant smiles, laughter and conversation. All parted at Cahall's corner with many pleasant recollections and no few regrets, and congratulated Miss Wilkins upon the indisputable success of her undertaking, for that all enjoyed it we attest. The party is especially indebted to Dr. O. H. Paxson for numerous courtesies.

New Advertisements.

Eben F. Perkins, Esq., secretary of school board, advertises that an examination for certificates to teach will be held on Thursday, July 31, 1890.

E. T. Comegys, Locust Grove, advertises for new wheat, and offers the highest price the market will afford. Mr. Comegys represents one of the most reliable firms—the Wm. Lea & Sons Co.—in the grain business.

R. G. and W. T. Nicholson advertise ice at 80c. per hundred pounds in hundred-pound lots. This is a new enterprise, and one which should receive the encouragement of the entire community.

H. H. Hyland advertises that he can furnish castings of all kinds for all classes of plows. He offers farm wagons and rollers which he keeps in stock, and does all kinds of foundry work in a satisfactory manner.

A. Friedman, the popular clothier of Chestertown, advertises a great reduction sale in clothing. Mr. Friedman has a large assortment of choice suits in which he is offering bargains. Don't fail to give him a call.

I. Johnson & Co., advertise that they have opened at the corner of Queen and Cannon streets, Chestertown, a second-hand store and junk shop, where all old junk and second-hand clothing will find a ready sale at reasonable prices. Goods will be called for if notice be sent to the store in Chestertown.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Conference Academy. The character of the work done by the Academy is shown in part by the record of students prepared there. The three gold medals given at Dickinson College for oratory and two of the scholarships at Johns Hopkins were taken by Academy men.

The National Garment Cutter's change of advertisement appears in this issue. We paid a visit to the rooms of the cutter, one day this week, and were shown the methods upon which garments are cut. The system is a simple one, being conducted upon a plan of systematic measurement by means of a chart. The method can be easily learned and is claimed to have proven successful in every instance.

Fires in Queen Anne's.

Queen Anne's farmers were visited by a series of fires during the ten days ending with last week. The first occurred on the threshing yard on the farm of Mr. Addison Rhodes, situated near Queenstown, and tenanted by Mr. Thomas Quimby. Fire was kindled in an engine on Saturday morning for the purpose of threshing wheat, but the feeder not putting in an appearance the fire was drawn and as was supposed was entirely put out, and the hands dismissed until Monday morning. About 10 o'clock P. M., however, the straw on the stack-yard was discovered to be on fire. The flames spread rapidly and in a short time the thresher, four wagons loaded with wheat and other property about the yard were destroyed.

The second blaze occurred on Monday of last week on the Neavett farm tenanted by Mr. W. T. Elliott. It seems that a negro boy who was driving one of the teams used in hauling in wheat to the thresher, drove his wagon loaded with wheat in the sheaf too near the smoke-stack of the engine. A spark fired the sheaves and a panic followed. Instead of removing the burning load to a safe distance from the threshing yard, the mules were unharnessed and the burning bundles of wheat thrown promiscously upon piles of chaff and straw which burned rapidly. The loss was confined to about ten bushels of wheat and several ricks of straw.

The most disastrous fire of the series was that on the Cook farm, situate about a mile from Centreville and tenanted by James H. Jump. About half-past six o'clock on Thursday, morning Mr. Jump left home with several cans of milk for the Centreville creamery. In a short time thereafter smoke was discovered issuing from the end of the stable farthest from his dwelling. The discovery was made by the cook and before the alarm could be given the fire had spread beyond control. Above the stable was the hay loft, which had recently been filled with hay, amounting to about 6 tons. It was in the hay loft that the fire originated. Near the stable was the barn, carriage house and implement shed. The barn contained 600 bushels of wheat just threshed a day or so previous. It was not many minutes before the barn caught and by the time assistance arrived every building was on fire and beyond the control of human efforts. Mr. Jump's loss is heavy and will reach from $800 to $1000. Every valuable farming implement, all his hay, harness, blade fodder, grain, in fact everything he had under cover were totally destroyed. The outbuildings were insured in Mr. Wm. H. Gibson's agency for $400, about one-third their value. The barn was evidently fired, whether purposely or accidentally is the question.

Kennedyville Items.

Wheat is nearly all threshed. Some good yields are reported, but the average is from 8 to 12 bushels. Quality is fair. There are three grain buyers in the village. They are offering good prices for good wheat. The market runs from 90 to 95 cents at station.

Dr. and Mrs. Seaton, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. Wm. A. Kennedy.

Miss Madie Thomas, of Talbot county, is visiting Miss May Janvier.

Miss Carrie Jacobs is visiting her cousin Miss McKenney, in Centreville.

Miss Minnie Hessner's condition is slightly improved. She has been suffering from menengitis.

L. A. Pennington has been very unwell but is now getting strong again.

John Medders is ill with malaria.

Miss Agnes Frazier has been quite sick.

A little boy, brother of Rev. Mr. Morrow, is quite sick with pneumonia. He came to spend a few days with his brother and was taken dangerously ill on the night of his arrival.

Mrs. Tilghman Shafer has returned from a pleasant visit to her sister at Moores, Pennsylvania.

Misses Carrie and Sallie Meredith spent several days with Mrs. Jos. E. Weer.

Misses Lula and Acca Vandyke are visiting Mrs. Thomas Vandyke near Crumpton.

Rev. John Martin is preaching a series of practical sermons every Sunday night at Shrewsbury. They will prove very interesting, and it is to be hoped profitable to those who hear them.

Both organs in Shrewsbury Church have been repaired by an expert from Philadelphia, and good music may now be expected in connection with the church services.

A number of Kennedyvillians went to Chestertown on the evening of the 4th to witness the *grand display* of fire-works. They are *just pining* for another 4th so they may be able to feast their eyes on another *gorgeous pyrotechnic* display. X.

Tolchester Haps.

TOLCHESTER, July 15, 1890.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—Now that we have broken loose from the wild Western life of Pawnee Bill and have become ourselves once more, we can now see ourselves as others see us. The accident on the 4th to the two Mexicans of the Wild West Show turned out to be a very slight matter, as both men were able to take their part two days later.

The hotel is fast filling up with guests, some of whom have been annual visitors for years from Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington. All seem pleased with Kent.

The past week has been the greatest on record at Tolchester Beach. Tolchester is becoming a national base-ball ground, and quite a number of national teams have and will strive for honors here this season.

The Pike's Peake Slide Company of Tolchester are branching out, and will shortly build a road in Washington, D. C.

Fishing and crabbing were never better than now, and Captain Bacon has his hands full.

The first excursion from Philadelphia will be on Thursday the 17th, and if the people in Kent want to see everybody in Philadelphia on that day, they can do so by coming here, as it is expected that they will all be on hand.

Our farmers are about done threshing wheat, and a poor turn-out has been the result, and with no peaches this state of affairs gives them the blues. It now looks as though there will not be fifty boxes shipped from this wharf.

Mary Gordon, colored, has died near Tolchester at the age of 104 years. She was a slave in the family of Mrs. Elizabeth World. HAPS.

A License Case.

A test of the legal meaning of the word "freeholder," as used in the statute requiring applicants for license to sell whiskey, to have their petition signed by twelve freeholders, will be made at the next term of the circuit court for Dorchester county. Writ of mandamus was recently issued out of the court by J. H. Williams and Nathaniel Baker, Jr., against Fracis Henry Purnell, clerk of the court. The *Messenger* gives the following particulars of the case:

The plaintiffs in the case are merchants in Whaleyville. They petitioned the court for storekeepers license to sell liquor under the Acts of the General Assembly of 1876. The act provides that in order to obtain such a license the petitioner shall have twelve freholders to sign his petition before a license shall be granted. In this case the petitioners have the signatures of seven persons, who were recently made freeholders by Nathaniel Baker, Sr., who deeded them, as tenants in common, one and one-half acres of land, which would appear to make each of the seven freeholders. In his reply to the notice to show cause why license should not be granted as prayed, Mr. Purnell states that he believes the conveyance was for "the clear and express purpose of enabling the grantees to become signers in order to evade the true intent and meaning of the Statute and thereby assist the petitioners in obtaining liquor license unlawfully, and concluded that in the proper discharge of his duty he should decline to recognize them as qualified signers."

The case will be tried at the coming term of court and will be of public interest, inasmuch as it will settle an important point. Should the plaintiffs gain their case the law providing for twelve freeholders will be virtually futile for the reason that anyone wishing to procure a storekeepers license to sell liquor can do so by deeding a half acre of land to twelve men and thereby make them freeholders.

Coming Conference of W. C. T. U. Workers.

Members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union from many section of the country will gather at Mountain Lake Park July 21, and for four days the interstate conference and school of methods of the union will hold discussions in the cool Garrett county air. July 21 will be devoted to a lawn fere and a good time generally, and on the following day the active business of the gathering will begin. A prayer-meeting or Bible-reading in charge of Rev. Eugenia H. St. John will be held at 9 o'clock each morning, and from 9.30 to 11 the school of methods will be in session. Each afternoon and evening Miss Lydia J. Newcomb, of Michigan, State lecturer on physical culture for the union, will give talks on dress, and will also instruct her audience in Delsarte gymnastics and club-swinging. Ex-Governor J. P. St. John, of Kansas, Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, of Indiana, and others will address platform meetings. A little politics will creep into the proceedings on the afternoon of July 22. Mr. Walter Thomas Mills, of Chicago, representing the views of the Prohibition party, and Mr. Albert Griffin, of Kansas, speaking for the Republican party, will engage in a joint debate. The Silver Lake Quartette will sing temperance songs at the meetings, and the devotional music will be in charge of Miss Belle Harmiston, of West Virginia. Among the topics to be discussed are "Parliamentary Drill," by Mrs. Jennie McClurkin, West Virginia; "W. C. T. U. Bookkeeping and Finance," Miss Esther Pugh, of Chicago, treasurer of the National Union; Alcohol and the Body," Mrs. Fanny Leiter, Ohio, and "Tobacco and Cigarette Smokers," by Mrs. Caroline B. Buell, of Chicago.

Fruit Notes.

The latest reports from Poole's Island are to the effect that the magnificent peach prospect, which, long after the most sanguine fruit-growers had abandoned all hopes of a crop, was set down at $75,000, has now dwindled down to a few hundred dollars. The large orchard was almost completely stripped of its fruit by the late freeze and "June drop."

The Hagerstown *Mail*, in summing up a conversation with Mr. Bilyeu, the proprietor of the extensive nursery and orchards at Edgemount, says that Mr. Bilyeu returned a short time since from Anne Arundel county, where he had gone for the purpose of getting cuttings for his nursery, and reports pretty much the same condition of the crop in that and other Bay counties which prevails in the South Mountain peach belt. One of the largest fruit-growers in Anne Arundel, who usually shipped twenty-five thousand baskets, will not have any for shipment, and Mr. Jeff Cook, whose orchards are at the mouth of the Magothy river in that county, who had, on the 1st of June, the promise of a crop which it was estimated, if gathered, would yield $20,000, will not now produce more than from one to three hundred baskets. The June drop, which commenced about the 5th, has caused this havoc. The injury inflicted to the trees by early bloom, followed by freezing weather in our section and in other orchards on the bay, was only deferred in this instance, and the effect was developed when the fruit was approaching maturity, only to be felt as fatally when the season of the "drop" arrived. Mr. Bilyeu informs us that his crop of peaches this year will be like Mr. Stover's, about two peaches.

Mr. W. S. Walker says that his pear crop is almost a total failure. His Duchess and Bartlett trees, however, have some fruit on them.

The gooseberry shipments from Kent have been small. The crop was a short one, but good berries brought $2.75 per bushel.

Mr. James S. Harris, one of the largest peach growers in the county, shipped on Monday of last week, twenty-six baskets of fruit; thirty-six baskets on Friday, and fourteen on Tuesday. The prices realized were from $1.50 to $3.00. The latter price being received for Early Rivers; the Early Amsden and Waterloo varieties brought lower figures.

Markets.

CHESTERTOWN MARKET.

Cabbage, 3 to 10c. per head; squash, 1 to 2c.; cucumbers, 1 to 2c.; beets, 5c. per bunch; onions, 5c. per bunch; new potatoes, 25c. per peck; cauliflower, 5c. per head; tomatoes, 15c. per quart; blackberries, 5c. per quart; blackberries (cultivated), 8c. per quart; dewberries 5c. per quart; lettuce, 3c. per bunch; white clover honey, 25c. for 2-lb. case; corn, 12c. per doz.; chickens, $3.50 to $4.00; creamery butter, 25c.; country butter, 15c.; eggs, 15c. per dozen.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

WHEAT.—Market active and steady. Prices all at 95c. to grade steamer No. 2 red, and 98c. to grade No. 2 red. Range of sales 80 to 98c.

CORN.—Corn market strong and higher and parcels of white sold at 50c. Sales for August were at 44½@44c.

DIED.

HUNDLEY.—At the Church Home, Baltimore, June 18, 1890, Rev. Alex. Y. Hundley, of Charles county. He was well-known to the congregation at St. Paul's Church as the clergyman called to that church soon after the resignation of Rev. Mr. Munford.

STEARNS.—In Easton on July 4, 1890, Rev. Dr. Edwrrd J. Stearns, in his 80th year.

DIXON.—Near Easton, on July 7, 1890, James Dixon, aged 80 years.

TILGHMAN.—At the "Hermitage," in Queen Anne's county, on Tuesday afternoon of last week, Elizabeth Tilghman.

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