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LOCAL MATTERS.

—The season at Tolchester opened under most favorable auspices on Monday last.

—Beware of "Green Goods" circulars; they are still passing through our mails.

—Large shipments of eels have been made by Chester river fishermen during the present season.

—A number of excursions and picnic parties are booked for Gale's resort during the early summer.

—Our correspondents will please send us reports of Children's Day exercises throughout the county.

—The steamer Tockwogh, formerly of the Sassafras River Line, will run excursions during the summer to Philadelphia.

—Little Miss Ada Russel showed us a beautiful double pansy several days ago. The flower was as curious in appearance as it was attractive in beauty.

—Rock Hall's anticipated hotel is not yet commenced, a difference of about $200 between the contractor and the owner, it is stated, is delaying the work.

—Betterton fishermen say that the run of shad is about over, and hook and line fishing will be the next most attractive feature of Kent's greatest fishing town.

—During the cold spell of last week a slight snowfull took place in Northwestern Maryland. At Hagerstown on Thursday the fall of snow was perceptible in the early morning.

—The ladies of the Locust Grove M. E. Church, will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival at Locust Grove, commencing on Thursday evening, June 11, continuing three evenings.

—Contractor Pippin is making progress with the work on the new mill building. The brick work of the first story is completed and the frame raised, for the patent process flouring mills.

—Mr. Henry C. Chase, has presented the Emerald Court Tennis Club, with a lawn mower to be used in keeping the courts of the club in order. This kindness of Mr. Chase is of course highly appreciated by the members of the club.

—The D. B. Stewart Company, of Baltimore, sold two lots of asparagus for B. F. H. Caulk and F. P. Cochran last week for three dollars per dozen. The gentlemen want to know how much that beats peaches, wheat or corn. We don't know, that depends.

—Mr. Max Price, a tenant on the farm of Dr. Kelley near Betterton, while taking a cow from his farm to Betterton on Tuesday was prostrated by the heat and fell unconscious on the road, remaining so for sometime. He was afterward restored to consciousness and was taken to his home.

—An accurate account was kept of the teams crossing Chester bridge between the hours of eight A. M. and seven P. M., on Saturday, and the number was one hundred and seventy-five. This does not include a large number of truck wagons in the morning and teams passing over the bridge in the evening.

—The Second National Bank of Chestertown entered upon its second year on Tuesday last. The first year has been a most successful and satisfactory one, and the bank to-day is in a more flourishing condition than at any time since its organization, one year ago, its discounts amounting to $125,000 and deposits $122,454.

—The board of trade of Middletown, Del, held a meeting Saturday evening, and decided to invite every grower, peach-canner and buyer of peaches on the Peninsula to meet in that town in convention Thursday, June 18, for the purpose of protecting the fruit from disease and discussing the fruit-handler's interests.

—A little Chestertown girl, it is said, was very thoughtful on her way home from morning-service on a recent Sunday. The last hymn had been "Even Me." Finally she asked her mother, who was holding her hand: "Mamma, did Adam write that hymn?" "Why, no, my child," said her mamma, "why do you ask that?" "Because it says 'Eve and me.'"

—The steamer Emma Ford commenced running, as per summer schedule, on Monday, and will, until further notice, continue to make daily round trips to Baltimore (Sundays excepted). Quite a number availed themselves of the first round trip of the season, and the Ford resembled an excursion steamer when her last river landing was reached. The fares have been put back to the popular price of one dollar.

—Never before have the citizens of Chestertown enjoyed a more abundant supply of large and luscious strawberries than during the present season. It is estimated that over two thousand quarts, or two-thirds of a box for each man, woman and child of the population, were sold in Chestertown on Saturday, at prices ranging from five to ten cents. Charles S. Smith, alone, sold over three hundred quarts. Cherries have alo been plentiful, and of an unusually superior quality.

—The front page of this issue will be found of more than ordinary interest. For the farmer will be found an interesting article in regard to Crimson clover and the peach grub, as also a full and accurate list of the merchants and traders of Kent, and the amount of capital employed by each; for the housewife is a long list of excellent recipes for the preparation of the queenly strawberry; for the literary will be found a resume of the most attractive features of some of the most ably edited periodicals in the United States.

—Mr. William Hendricks, of Queen Annes, about one and a half miles from Chestertown, sent us a sample of Fultz wheat measuring five feet three inches in height, and we are informed that he has one hundred and twenty acres of which the salks were a fair sample. If anybody can beat it let them report.

—Mr. H. R. Strong, of Rock Hall, the agent of the Chester river steamboat Company, sent a basket of strawberries to the Baltimore Sun office this week, one dozen filling a quart basket and a line drawn about the circumference of the largest one was exactly eight and three quarters inches We claim that Kent County may justly challenge the State to beat these berries.

—Some vandal has broken off, and completely ruined, two of the maples set out to take the place of the old poplars which formerly stood along Armory square. Since the trees were planted by private individuals, at their individual expense and labor for the general adornment of the town and its public squares, might not the town commissioners place some cheap but substantial boxes round them for their protection? This latest destruction makes fourteen or sixteen of the recently planted trees which have been broken to pieces within the past few weeks.

—In the case of Thomas Primrose, who was found by a jury of inquisition several weeks ago to be *non compos mentis*, the court has appointed James Primrose, his son, of Wilmington, Del., trustee of his property, and Mrs. Primrose, his wife, has been appointed a committee of his person The unfortunate man is now and will be kept at his home near Chester bridge, under the immediate supervision of his wife. James Primrose, who was so seriously shot by his father several weeks ago, has entirely recovered, and has returned to Wilmington, Del.

—Decoration Day, May 31st, was observed in Chestertown by a parade by the colored Charles Sumner Post Grand Army of the Republic, headed by the Calvert cornet band, colored. The line of march formed at Brown's Hall, on Cross street, and after making a circuit through the principal streets of the town, placed flowers on the graves of the seven white soldiers buried in Chester cemetery, and the eight graves of colored soldiers in the colored cemetery. Lev. Wilmore was marshal for the occasion. Independent of the parade, no further observance of the occasion took place, other than the closing of the banks and public offices.

—County Commissioner Thomas J. Shallcross is the author of what, we venture to say, is one of the most elaborate mathematical works ever compiled in the county. It gives, in a condensed form, the method of computing interest on amounts ranging from one dollar to one hundred, and for from one to eight months. The principle is so clearly stated in this, as also the other calculations treated, that with the use of the key the processes may be carried on to infinity with but little work. The same is true of problems in ascertaining the amount of taxes, bank discounts, etc. Over two millions of figures were required in making the calculations, and the book of itself contains over two hundred thousand. The commissioner is surely a marvel of patience and industry.

—In view of the fact that Delaware has suffered so severely from the scourge of peach yellows, the Delaware College Experimental Station is experimenting with Australian peaches, and five hundred trees have been imported from Tasmania, an island lying south of Australia. This fruit is being tried because of the freedom of that country from the yellows. The freight and express charges on the trees were five hundred dollars. These trees will be distributed among the following responsible fruit-growers in the State: Chas. Wright, Seaford, 200 trees; S. H. Messick, Bridgeville, 100 trees, and Daniel W. Corbit, Odessa, 72 trees. They will thus be carefully nurtured and experimented with in all three counties, and if they prove thrifty and invulnerable to the diseases which are so destructive to native trees, their introduction will probably be very general throughout the State.

—The appearance of five lady and one gentleman bicyclist in Chestertown on Tuesday afternoon, caused quite a sensation not only in cycling circles but was a matter of curiosity throughout the town. Mr. Jas. B. Reed, president of the Chesapeake wheelmen, of Baltimore, was leader. The ladies were, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Doane and Miss Rabold, representatives of the Ladies' Alpha Cycle Club, of Baltimore. All were beautiful riders and excellently mounted. The party was shown every possible attention by Mr. Joseph Gilpin, and after dinner visited Mr. Colin F. Stam, local league consul for Kent county. The ladies were somewhat fatigued by their long pull of twelve miles from Tolchester. After taking a spin around the town the visitors started on their return to Tolchester to take the boat. One of the party, however, was so much exhausted by the hot sun and heavy road, that just beyond Baker's wood, the kindness of Mr. Skirven, who offered to take the lady to Tolchester, was gladly accepted. Mr. Reed and party were delighted with Kent, and stated that the county is included in the list of summer excursions to be made by the club.

In the Courts.

The following is from the records of Esquire Johnson's court: George Yorker, colored, was arrested by Bailiff Kelley, on Saturday charged with assault and battery on a child; fined fifty cents and cost. John Lynch, white, was arrested by Sheriff Comegys, on Saturday, charged with having stolen an iron pump handle from Mrs. E. R. Wickes, and using it in the pump of Mr. Thomas Blackiston; hearing late yesterday. William Johnson, colored, was arrested on Saturday night, by Bailiff Kelley, on a charge of drunken and disorderly conduct. He was fined, with costs added. Bailiff Kelley also arrested Joseph Davis, colored, for assault and battery upon his wife; committed to jail, but afterward released, and cost and fines divided between the parties. Wesley Cooper, arrested by Sheriff Comegys, charged with swearing at George Garey, declared not guilty.

Levy court, full board present. James T. Brice, constable, presented a written report of salvage collected by him, on drift logs found by him at Betterton landing, which report was accepted, and the amount less commission was passed over to the board. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy.

Orphans' court, June 2d, 1891.—Present, Judges Fisher and Moffett. Rachael C. Clayton, administratrix of John S. Clayton, deceased, filed an inventory of the personal property of her decedent, and obtained an order to sell the same. Joseph R. Usilton, administrator of Sarah A. Skirven, passed his first and final administration account. Joseph R. Usilton, guardian to Charles R. Skirven, passed his guardian account.

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NEWS OF THE DIAMOND.

Newsy Chips from the Ball Field.

Saturday's game between Rock Hall and the College, was the second contest between these two teams, and resulted in an easy victory for the students. On account of the absence of Porter, the faculty gave permission for Mr. Clarence Perkins to play, and he was put on the bag at second. With this exception the whole team was composed of *bona fide* students of the college. Williams, short stop, injured his finger in practice before the game commenced, and attempted to play several innings, but he was compelled to retire; and Porter (who had returned in the mean time) took his place. The game opened with Rock Hall at the bat, and *two* runs were scored, but W. C. was neatly retired without scoring; and in the second inning they were treated to another coat of whitewash. When they came in for the third time, the score stood *six* to nothing against them, and they realized that some work had to be done, and they went in nobly to do it. In this inning the score was tied, and afterward the college gradually left the visitors in the background. The Rock Hall team batted better than in the previous game with the college, and their second baseman played a strong fielding game. The college boys did not have very much work to do in the field, most of the runs being made on clean hits. Prettyman was rather wild, not having pitched for several weeks, and in his efforts to put the balls over the plate, got them there too easy. The game was rather close up to the eighth inning, but the college boys played with a confidence which seemed to imply that they were sure of victory. The left-fielder, Davis, of the visitors, made some good catches, and Duer, of the college team, captured a difficult foul fly. The game ended with the score 15 to 24, in favor of the College.

There was a game of base-ball between the Centreville and Queenstown clubs yesterday (Wednesday) upon the grounds of the last named club. The Centreville club, having recovered from the effects of the "walloping" received at Chestertown last Monday week, expected to "do up" the Queenstown boys.—*Centreville Observer.* And the Centreville men did what they expected, the score standing 24 to 17 in their favor.

The Brown Stocking base-ball club which made such a beautiful game with the college team last year, are unwilling to try the Washington men in another contest.

A game of ball it is expected, will be played between the Washington College and Still Pond teams on Saturday. It is not decided upon which grounds the game will take place.

Personal Mention.

Mr. W. S. Walker, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo., son of W. S. Walker, of Chestertown, returned to his home on Monday for a several weeks visit. Mr. Walker is looking well, and is delight ed with Western life.

Mr. T. D. Bowers, principal of the Chesapeake City school, has returned to Chestertown for his vacation, the schools of Cecil having closed on May 29.

Miss Mary H. Catlin, Miss Isabella V. Coleman and Miss S. Blanche McKnett, of Kent county, graduated at the State Normal School, Baltimore, last week, and have returned to their homes for a pleasant holiday.

Mr. William Beck and Mr. William Russell, students of University of Maryland Law School, are at home for the summer.

The beautiful wedding of Miss Nina Quinlan to Mr. George Wilbur Naylor, will be solemnized at St. Lukes Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore, at twelve o'clock, noon to-day. Miss Lillie Hynson, and Mr. R. F. Duer, of Washington College, will be present at the ceremony.

On the occasion of the recent Trades Display at Westminister, under the control of the Knights of Pythias and prominent citizens of the town, Mr. H. V. Kieff, of Chestertown, was first Aid to Colonel Herr, marshal for the day.

Mrs. Mary Graves, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting relatives in Chestertown.

Mr. Arthur Toulson, of Wilmington, Del., returned home on Monday, after spending several days with relatives in Kent.

Shot by His Brother.

Lewis Atwell, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. George Atwell, living at Locust Grove, shot and instantly killed his 10-year-old brother, Winfield, about 2 o'clock on Tuesday. The boys left home for school but played truant after dinner, and, according to the oldest boy's statement, went in the peach orchard of Mr. James Hurtt, to play rabbit. An old pistol was found which had been harrowed up by a man at work near by. The younger boy took the rusty old weapon and snapped it a number of times at his brother, then the older boy took it, and, after being snapped several times, the pistol was discharged, the ball entering over the right eye and passing entirely through the head of Winfield. Lewis then ran to his father, who was at work near his home, and, in his fright, told him that his brother had shot himself. Dr. Kelley was summoned, but medical aid was of no avail; the unfortunate boy was dead. Mrs. Atwell, who had recently recovered from a serious illness, was completely prostrated by the accident, but is much better at this writing.

College Notes.

The commencement exercises of Washington College will begin on Sunday, June 21, with the baccalaureate sermon.

The sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association of St. John's College, Annapolis, will be preached by Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, D. D., of Dover, Del., on Monday evening, the joint celebration of the Literary Societies. Tuesday morning senior class day exercises, and on Tuesday evening the twenty-first anniversary of the Philomathean Society. The address will be delivered by Hon. James M. Monroe, of A. A. Co. Commencement exercises on Wednesday morning.

The St. John's College base-ball team have suffered a defeat at the hands of the St. John's Academy of Alexandria, Va., by a score of 12 to 8.

New Advertisements.

Hope H. Barroll advertises money to loan on mortgage.

M. A. Toulson, Esq., advertises in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT, oils, paints, soda water, etc.

A kindergarten fair will be held at Stam's Hall, on Thursday, June 18. See advertisement in this issue.

The festival by the M. P. Church, at Kennedyville, the advertisement of which appears in another column, promises to be an enjoyable occasion.

The entertainment to be given by the King's Daughters of I. U. Church, this (Thursday) evening, will evidently be the treat of the season at Still Pond. An attractive programme has been arranged and most delightful refreshments prepared. Go, see, hear, eat, and be happy.

PEACHES AND PEACH TALK.

Notes in Regard to the Prospect for a Crop.

It may be that *some* of our friends are becoming tired of this much-talked-of subject, we know of others, however, who are equally interested in matters pertaining to the outlook, and ask that we indulge in no protracted silence in the matter of the coming peach crop. In view of the facts governing the situation our *tired* friends must excuse us for indulging, at least in this issue. A gentleman whose position affords him rare opportunities for gathering information, states that some careful and observant peach authorities put the crop of this year at three baskets for one of the heavy crop of 1888.

Mr. Wm. P. Ireland, one of the leading commission men of Philadelphia, says that Kent has a most encouraging outlook. The territory of the peach crop is limited, while the territory of consumption was never so large, and railroad facilities for transportation were never before so good as at present. And at the same time the canned-goods market is completely exhausted. With these favorable circumstances the prospect is bright.

Col. Wm. J. Vannort showed us a limb from one of his orchards several days ago, which, if one-half the fruit falls off in the June drop, the trees will then have more than they can bear.

Mr. W. D. Gould states, that the limbs on some of his trees have already broken, and unless the June drop is heavy many of his trees will be torn to pieces by an over crop.

It is estimated that there are nineteen peach basket factories on the Peninsula, which, putting their average daily capacity of manufacture at 2000, we have a total of 38,000 baskets. Many of these mills commenced operations early in May, and will certainly run until September with a continued demand, making the season's work sum up the grand total of from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 baskets exclusive of those shipped to the Peninsula from other points. This does not include the possible daily manufacture of the paper-basket factory at Chestertown of 30,000 baskets. It is generally conceded that the lower part of the peach country—in a line across the Peninsula of the latitude of Felton down—the peach crop will scarcely average one-fourth of a crop, confining the bulk of the Peninsula crop to Kent, Queen Anne's and sections of Cecil and Caroline counties, a yield which will presumably fall far short of the capacity of the basket mills, consequently no monopoly of the basket business need be feared.

A promisent peach-grower, of the Cliffs, says, that, notwithstanding the fact that the prospect for a heavy peach crop is most promising, the June fall will settle the matter, and the crop will be far from large. He claims that it is an unvarying fact, that when Chester river fails to freeze over, peach trees will not hold their fruit. His theory is, that during a mild winter there is to a greater or less extent a continual flow of sap, thus rendering the tree unable to hold its fruit at the time of the hardening of the seed.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. E. C. Macnichol, of Sudlersville, will address the Epworth League, of the Chestertown M. E. Church, on this (Thursday) evening.

Sunday next, June 7, will be observed as Children's Day in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Chestertown. Rev. R. Irving Watkins will preach in the morning. Subject: "The Tongue." The evening service will be entitled "The Pearl Gathers," and will be in charge of the Sunday school.

The Dover District Preachers' Association met at Harrington, Delaware, on May 26, 27, and 28, with a large attendance. Presiding Elder Smith, of Easton District, Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, of Smyrna, and Rev. R. I. Watkins, of Chestertown, were among the visitors.

Dr. J. H. Willey will not, as was at first expected, be able to preach in Chestertown on June 21st, but will certainly be present to deliver the address to the Mt. Vernon Literary Society of Washington College on the following evening.

Rev. Jacob Todd, D. D., will preach for Rev. R. Irving Watkins, on the evening of Sunday, June 21.

Children Day will be celebrated at the Kennedyville Presbyterian church in the afternoon of June 14.

The Kennedyville M.P. Church will hold its Children's Day exercises on Sunday evening, June 7.

Children's Day exercises will be held at Salem M. E. Sunday School, Fairlee, Rev. A. C. Willey, pastor, on Sunday, June, 14. The church will be appropriately trimmed and the programme will be of a most interesting character.

The W. C. T. U's., of Baltimore, will have a gala day at Tolchester, on June 11. Speeches, singing, and other interesting features will constitute the programme. The proceeds will be for fixing up their headquarters, recently purchased from the Savings Bank, of Baltimore, corner of Gay and Second streets.

Rev. A. C. Willey visited his home in St. Michaels, last week.

The following names of Wardens and Vestrymen, of Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, have been reported to the Convention of the Diocese of Easton: Wardens, R. H. Collins, Thomas G. Wroth; Vestrymen, W. N. E. Wickes, W. S. Walker, Jas. A. Pearce, Chas. T. Westcott, Sam'l. Beck, M. D., W. Frank Hines, M. D., H. M. Brown, George B. Westcott.

The annual encampment at the old Wye, or Golden Run, camp ground, will be held this year, commencing August 4th and closing on the 14th.

Rev. John Lanahan, D. D., for one term one of the book agents of the M. E. Church, and for many years a leading and distinguished minister, preached the anniversary sermon of the dedication of the new and beautiful M. E. Church at Chesapeake City on Sunday.

Rev. J. D. Rigg, who has been extremely ill, has sufficiently recovered to take a trip to Wilmington.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Diocese of Easton met in St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, Md., Tuesday, June 2. The convention is composed of all the clergymen in the diocese, with a lay delegate from each parish. On Monday night confirmation was administered by Bishop W. F. Adams to a class of 35. The following is a list of the clergymen and laity: Right Rev. W. F. Adams, Rev. F. R. Adkins, Rev. G. C. Sutton, Rev. Giles B. Cooke, Rev. H. B. Martin, Rev. J. Martin, Rev. T. P. Barber, Rev. J. W. Chesley, Rev. C. T. Demoche, Rev. J. A. Farner, Rev. F. W. Ware, Rev. H. A. Murphy, Rev. J. Miller, Rev. J. W. Healey, Rev. J. R. Joyner, Rev. A. Batte, Rev. H. Davidson, Rev. W. Y. Beaven, Rev. A. R. Walker, Rev. J. E. Jackson, Rev. Wm. Schouler, Rev. C. E. Buck, Rev. E. R. Miller, Rev. S. C. Roberts; Messrs. J. Alfred Pearce, J. Randson, Knoor, H. S. Couden, E. S. Valliant, J. R. Purnell, Col. Thos. Hughlett, J. A. Field, J. M. Wooters, H. E. Bateman, W. R. Martin, Dr. H. R. Hopkins, E. W. Hepbron, Gen. Joseph B. Seth, George M. Russum, Dr. R. C. Mackall, Dr. J. C. Earle, W. S. Walker, Geo. R. Goldsborough, A. T. Gilpin, Dr. D. S. James, J. W. Willis, W. P. Todd, C. W. Crowell, H. K. George, N. A. Joyce, C.C. Lloyd, Dr. J. R. Purnell, W. P. Thompson, Dennis T. Howland, Wm. Goldsborough, Col. Levin Waters, Hon. E. H. Brown. The convention will be in session three days, adjourning to-day.

MEETING OF THE Y. W. C. T. U.

A Pleasant Evening Spent in the Country.

The Y. W. C. T. U. of Chestertown had a most delightful joint meeting with the Fairlee "Y.," at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Corey, near Fairlee, on Monday evening. About half-past seven o'clock a large four-horse peach-wagon, under the immediate command of Mr. W. H. Stewart, Jr., left Chestertown with a gay party of pleasure-seekers bent on a good time. Many others drove to the country in single teams, and enjoyed the trip not less than those who acted upon the time-honored theory—and we sometimes believe that its nothing more—"The more the merrier." The evening was warm, bright, and beautiful, and the slight degree of dust did little to cast a damper upon the enjoyment of the trip. The home of mine host and hostess was soon reached and a most cordial reception accorded the visitors. The evening's programme was one of the most successfully rendered and in consequence one of the most enjoyable of the year. The Fairlee Y. opened the exercises with singing, followed by a reading by Miss Annie B. Everett. Miss Annie Lambert sung a beautiful solo, which was followed by a humorous reading by Mrs. W. J. Vannort,—"Mr. Mann and Wife Going to the Train"—most excellently rendered. Miss Ida Crew sang a solo, which was most favorably received, and was succeeded on the programme by Mr. Eugene Robinson, of Washington College, in his strikingly amusing declamation, "Fare-thee-well, Brother Watkins." The solo by Miss Ida Bramble was in every way a success, and was followed by a reading by Miss Minnie Smith, most happily given. After an enjoyable solo by Miss Everett and a finely rendered declamation by Mr. Beecher Stephens, one of the most delightful features of the evening was introduced, that of refreshments, after which Miss A. Stewart, in a short but very neat speech, thanked Mrs. Skirven, upon whose invitation the Chestertown Y. had been present. Mrs. William J. Vannort acted as chaperon for the visiting party of young ladies, and enjoyed the position of adding to the pleasures of others, not less than being so intimately associated with so large a company of her young friends.

STILL POND FARMERS' CLUB.

Interesting Discussion Closed for the Season, Etc.

STILL POND, May 28, 1891.

The Still Pond Farmers' Club held its regular meeting to-day at the residence of Mr. Norris Barnard, and was favored by the attendance of an unusual number of visitors, who seemed to take much interest in the proceedings. The club does not confine itself exclusively to farm matters; questions of social interest are freely discussed, therefore we are always glad to entertain visitors, although they may not be engaged in farming, and we would suggest to them that they are eligible to membership, and if they feel that they could derive any benefit from assisting us in our endeavors to become, not only better farmers, but better and wiser men and women, we extend them a cordial invitation to join us. We were considerably disappointed in not seeing the editors of the TRANSCRIPT there, particularly, as we had led ourselves to believe that some sort of promise to that effect had been given, and as this was the last meeting until after the busy peach season has closed, we almost felt sure they would favor us with their presence. However, we suppose that the large number of young ladies who appear from time to time as members and visitors of the club, have been too formidable for their nerves, so we will have to excuse them. But, really, you need not be afraid; those ladies have been taught to deal tenderly with everything, under the protection of the club, and the president has the power to inflict immediate and condign punishment for all offenses.

The club was called to order by the president, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Questions being next in order, the president asked the pear men how they were getting along with the spraying machines.

Mr. H. L. Crew stated, that he had been over his orchards twice, the first time mixing one quart of the prepared ammoniacal mixture to forty gallons of water. He had afterward concluded that this preparation was not strong enough, and had given it just double this strength on the second application; he complained of the nozzles sent with his pump, also that the hose was very inferior, as it had burst so frequently that it was a nuisance. All persons who had the same nozzle, complained of the poor manner in which they were made, which had resulted in every one of them losing small parts of them, which it was impossible to find.

Mr. Harris said that he had not sprayed all of his orchards, and he had used one-half gallon of the mixture to forty gallons of water; thought it should be strong enough to be seen on the foliage. He said, in his experiments with early peaches, the Bordeaux mixture was a failure, as it had not only taken all the leaves off the trees, but nearly all the peaches, and what were left are not growing. He did not see any difference between those treated with the ammoniacal mixture and those treated with powdered sulphur. But one of the gentlemen from the Agricultural Department thought those treated with sulphur looked the most promising. It is too early yet, however, to tell what the results will be.

A long discussion followed on the subject of the flow of sap and the ability of trees to form new bark. Mr. T. J. Shallcross stated that the entire trunk of an apple or pear tree could be stripped of its bark about the 21st of June, and it would reclothe itself and be none the worse for the separation. Barren trees had often been brought into bearing by this process.

Mr. Harris said he had known this for years, and had tried it several times. The club winked slyly to itself at these statements, but being unable to see what new political dodge they were up to had to swallow it.

Mr. T. J. Shallcross asked what the members were using to kill the gooseberry worms; he said he gave one application of Paris green as soon as the blossom fell, but if there was anything better he would like to know it. The members had not been using anything as their bushes were not troubled with worms; it was the peskey asparagus beetle they were after, in fact, they had no gooseberries, but they had asparagus, consequently were not able to answer Mr. Shallcross' question except by asking another. They demanded that he should tell how much manure asparagus should be furnished with, and when it should be applied. He replied that forty or fifty loads of manure, or from three-fourths to one ton of fertilizer to the acre would be a liberal application; he said the proverb for the asparagus grower was, "if you wish to get much off, you must put much on." The club then adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The gentlemen having gone down to the wharf to inspect a new saw mill which our host was having put in position for business, and one of the lady members being taken suddenly ill, the club did not assemble until late in the afternoon. The minutes were then read and approved and the host excused from making an address for the reason that he had not prepared one. Questions being in order, the following were read and referred to the members and visitors for answer: Is there any danger of poisoning stock by allowing them to eat the grass under trees that had been sprayed with Paris green, London purple, etc.

Mr. J. S. Harris replied that there was, and cited several cases in which cattle had been killed with arsenical solutions.

Do potatoes lose their vitality by the continued replanting of tubers?

Mr. N. Barnard said he thought not; he had been planting the same variety for some twelve or fifteen years, and he saw no signs of deterioration. They had not been affected by rot, and he thought they were superior to what they were when he first commenced planting them. The variety was the Peerless.

How can the farmer best make his political influence felt in directing the legislation of the country?

J. W. Hickman: by exercising a little common sense, he said, for instance, in Pennsylvania real and personal property were taxed in about the proportion of 18 to 4, and as long as the farmers allowed themselves to be divided up among political parties, they must expect to be the common prey of the money power.

What are the indications that the millenium is approaching?

Rev. J. D. Kemp said that there was no doubt that the beasts were abroad, and he thought we had had the beginning of the end with us for the last quarter of a century, but whether the millenium would appear suddenly, or whether it would be brought about by gradual changes, he could not decide.

Was it any disadvantage to the shippers of produce by the Sassafras River Line to take off the steamer Tockwogh?

This was referred to Mr. Shallcross, but almost all the gentlemen present seemed to think that it was a disadvantage, as the difference in time made by the boat now on would be from 45 minutes to one hour later. A committee consisting of T. J. Shallcross, N. Barnard and H. L. Crew was appointed to investigate this question, and find out what kind of facilities the Sassafras River Line intended to give its patrons.

What plan or treatment will insure a large crop of peaches every year?

Harry Davis: He gave the club to understand that he knew a good thing when he had it, and did not propose to give it away.

Several other questions of a domestic nature were referred to the ladies, after which the regular question, *i. e.*, the Best way to gather and market fruit, was discussed at some length. It was generally urged that honest packages, no topping off, and a careful culling was the proper form and the one that would bring the largest returns. The necessity of keeping one's brand in the market every day in order that no customer should be disappointed, was also pointed out.

Mr. J. S. Harris called attention to the fact that those growers who sold at the railroad station four days in the week, and then put their fruit on the Baltimore or Philadelphia market on the fifth, without any notice to the commission men, were pursuing a course which was calculated to break down prices and keep them down for several succeeding days, as buyers would be governed on Monday by the prices obtained in those markets on Saturday. This point was well taken.

The club then discussed the question: When shall we meet again? And it was decided that the next meeting should be held at the residence of Mr. H. L. Crew on the last Thursday in September.

It was moved and carried that the club should meet on the bayshore for the purpose of holding its annual picnic as soon after wheat harvest as practicable, time and place to be appointed by the president.

Now, Messrs. Editors, we propose to try you once more. We give you an invitation to that picnic. If you decide to accept, you will be expected to bring along a basket containing at least one-half lb. of white sugar and two small lemons. You need not mind bringing any water, the club furnishes that. If you would like to bring any "company" along with you, why make it another lemon and bring her—I mean bring 'em along. We've got lots of water, and I guess it will be sweet enough.

The secretary was instructed to correspond with some Delaware gentlemen with a view of purchasing about twenty-two bushels of Scarlet clover seed, to be used for the purpose of improving the soil in peach orchards, after which we were treated to a selection on the piano by Miss Annie Barnard. The club then adjourned

MISS ANNIE ROONEY.

MARRIED.

JONES—JOINER.—May 27, 1891, by Rev. S. B. Todway, Mr. George M. Jones to Miss Ida M. Joiner, all of Hanesville, Kent county, Md.

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BROWN.—In Brooklyn, New York, May 27, 1891, May L., wife of Thos. T. Brown, aged 27 years. Funeral was held Friday afternoon, at the residence of Comegys Brown, in Quaker Neck. Interment in the family burying-ground on the "Comegys Farm."

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