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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1891.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

—I often wonder how the moon
Collects its hard-earned wages,
For lighting Chestertown's gloomy streets,
From the corporation sages.

—There was frost in Western Maryland last week.

—Squirrel shooting is now in order, and is being enjoyed.

—Straw hats are now being called in. Canvass shoes must soon follow.

—Kent county is not reported as having a single case docketed for the October term of the Court of Appeals.

—Four hundred and fifty tonging licenses had been issued to tongers in Queen Anne's up to Monday of last week.

—Blades saving is now in full blast, and with the beautiful weather of last week, many bundles of elegant fodder were housed.

—The meeting of the sub-alliances of Kent county called to meet in Chestertown on Tuesday was not held. The farmers it is supposed were too busy to attend.

—A Queenstown peach-grower rather than ship fruit at a loss, opened his orchard gates and extended a general invitation to the people of the town to come and help themselves.

—Capt. Horney last week arrested Capt. Branagan, a Chester river oyster-buyer, charged with using illegal measuring tubs. Our tongmen should watch these fellows. Branagan was fined $20 and costs.

—There were six bids for the public school house to be built below Rock Hall as follows: $625, $565, $507.75, $550, $497 and $440. Malin and Duyer being the lowest bidders, will get the contract.

—Postmaster Hiram Brown commenced his visits to the postoffices on Monday, and so far has found the businss of the offices in satisfactory shape, and but few suggestions as of reform necessary to be made to the postmasters.

—A fine young mare belonging to Mr. W. W. Hubbard, while hitched in front of his home on Spring-avenue, on Thursday morning, became frightened and dashed through the business portion of town, badly damaging his carriage and harness. The mare was, fortunately, uninjured.

—Saturday last was the most quiet Saturday in Chestertown since the opening of the peach season. The tramp population has, to a great extent, gone. The illicit sale of liquor was of course smaller, and the good order of the town increased correspondingly. But five arrests were made during both Saturday and Sunday.

— At the meeting of the directors of the Second National Bank of Chestertown on Wednesday of last week, Mr. Eben F. Perkins, Jr., was appointed book-keeper to meet the demands of the constantly increasing business of the bank. Mr. Perkins is thoroughly competent and no better selection for the new officer could have been made.

—Tolchester Beach closed on Tuesday after one of the most successful seasons within the history of the popular summer resort. Thanks and congratulations are due Manager Noland by thousands of persons who have enjoyed the pleasures of a day at the beach. The steamer Emma Giles will run to Tolchester only on Saturday's leaving at 9 A.M. and 4.30 P. M.

—The Salisbury *Advertiser* says: "The new Peninsula Hotel is very near completion. Shutters have just been put on all the windows in the building. The bar fixtures have arrived, and they are very handsome, indeed. Mr. Voshell, the lessee, will open on October 1st, and he will have one of the most convenient and commodious hostelries on the Shore."

—The report from Chestertown, Kent county, to the Maryland Weather Service, operated in connection with the U. S. Weather Bureau, for the weather crop bulletin No. 12, for the week ending Sept. 11, was as follows: Grain, fruit and vegetables are yielding well. Corn about matured and crop large. Fruit, especially peaches, is rotting badly. Good breeze from Northwest is drying land some. Slight rain at 5 P. M. on 8th.

—Mr. Cecil Atkinson, of near Philadelphia has purchased of Harrison W. Vickers Esq., a 200 acre farm, beautifully situated on Chester river adjoining the home farm of Capt. R. S. Emory. L. W. Wickes, Esq., effected the sale. Price paid $7,500. Thomas W. Brundage, Esq., has sold the Churn Creek farm containing 472 acres to James T. Ireland for $10,000. H. H. Barroll, Esq., as trustee sold last week the Welch dwelling on High street to Mr. Samuel Shuster. Price $615.

—At the Wilmington fair on Thursday, Mr. W. C. A. Thompson's horse Jack in the 2.30 race came in 3, 3, 2, 3. Best time, 2.30½. Mr. Alday Clements' Edgar Dudley, driven by Mr. Wm. T. Lane, trotted in the race of 4-year-olds. He won two straight heats and made a beautiful dash for the winning heat, but was beaten by Fascinator; best time, 2.27. Happy Bee, the phenomenal trotter which sold for $10,000 recently, has gained new laurels. On Thursday, at Cleveland, O., she had a walk-over in the four-year-old class, winning it in three straight heats. Time, 2.20, 2.20¾, 2.19¼. Senator Stanford believes that Sunol, Mr. Bonner's filly, will lower the trotting record from 2.08¾ to 2.06. This would, indeed, be a great achievement.

—The picnic given by Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown, on Mr. George Biddle's lawn, on Tuesday evening last was a great success. A most delicious supper was enjoyed by a large crowd and in every particular, financially and otheswise, the picnic was a success. Amusements of various kinds were indulged in which furnished much enjoyment for the large crowd.

—Rev. J. D. Kemp and family while returning to their home at Still Pond from Chestertown, about eight o'clock on Thursday evening, when about a mile from Lynch's station, were run into by a team driven by two men. Mr. Kemp's shafts were broken and his horse badly but not seriously cut about the shoulder. The men who ran into his carriage drove on without asking the extent of the injury, and offered no assistance whatever.

—Samuel G. McCollister, an extensive fruit-grower of Church Hill, Queen Anne's county, presented us, several days ago, with two of the most beautiful Bartlett pears we have ever seen. The fruit was symmetrical and handsome, and the largest pear weighed fifteen ounces, while the smaller was but two ounces lighter. Mr. McCollister stated that, though the claims might be true that the moon is larger and the sun brighter in Kent than elsewhere, he did not believe that the two pears could be surpassed even in Kent.

—Perhaps the most novel crew that ever entered the Chestertown harbor is that of the canal barge Minnie B. Rich, which consists of captain, wife, two children, two horses, one pig, two rabbits and a canary bird. The captain states that the pig is three months old, weighs 150 pounds, and is out of an imported sow which is to be exhibited at the World's Fair at Chicago, and whose weight is 1500 pounds. The barge is lying at the phosphate factory of Mr. Wm. H. Cacy, unloading a cargo of bone from Philadelphia. The family seem perfectly contented and happy in their floating home, and take life as easy as people ordinarily do on land.

—The public school association will meet at the school room, in Chestertown, on Saturday, September 19, 1891, at ten o'clock A. M. The regular questions are: 1st. "Shall a subject be taught with the view of making the student master of it, and thus enable him to obtain a utility from it, or shall it be taught with the purpose of producing the greatest effect upon the mind and culture of the pupil?" 2d. "How much is included in 'Good Behavior,' which the law requires us to teach?" The literary committee—Henry Tonkin, Mary A. Stevens, Isaac R. Starkey, Helena Link and J. A. Greenwood—will meet at 9½ o'clock.

—Mrs. J. T. Wilson, of Still Pond, who has during the present year been bereaved of her husband and son, expressed a desire and has been granted the privilege of furnishing one of the rooms in the handsome new Ladies Hall of the Delaware Conference Academy which will be named in memory of the dead whom the mother and wife will so beautifully honor. Mr. William Wilson, the son, was formerly a student of the academy but at the time of his death was a student of Dickerson College and was enjoying a holiday at home. Mrs. Wilson's daughter was also a student of the Dover school. The furniture is handsome and the Wilson room is one of handsomest in the handsome building.

—Capt. Lemuel W. Ashley gives the follow historical sketch in reference to Rock Hall as a shipbuilding depot many years ago. There is no reason why it is not a shipbuilding depot now. The facilities for such purposes are unsurpassed. It is a good harbor and very deep water in Swan creek. There is no location on the Shore where shipbuilding and other manufactures would flourish more than at Rock Hall. Had the property owners offered the inducements the Chesapeake and Williamsport Log Company would have located at Rock Hall instead of Sparrow's Point of Steelton. This is a good pointer. Encourage capital to come among us by offering land at reasonable prices. The trouble on the Peninsula is, too few own the realty. We want more population. In 1852–3, says Capt. Ashley, there were six vessels built at Rock Hall. The first a schooner, the second a schooner called "Thomas Harris," of about 80 tons; the third, a schooner called the "Ida Rolph," which freighted grain for many years from upper Chester river to Baltimore; the fourth was a sea-going schooner of 175 tons named the "Ida Swann;" the fifth was a sea-going schooner; the sixth, a small schooner, the "Mary Allwine," the seventh, a barque.—*Centreville Record.*

OUR EDESVILLE LETTER.

A Readable Contribution from "Max."

The gay season at Tolchester is over, and several of the company's popular employees have returned home in the village.

The many friends of Miss Lulu Shreeve will be pleased to hear that she is expected home on Thursday next, after an extended visit to friends in Pennsylvania and Western Maryland.

Next Sunday, September 20, our worthy pastor, Rev. Jesse Shreeve, will open a series of meetings at the M. P. Church in Broad Neck, which we hope may be productive of much good, and bring many useful members into the church. He will be ably assisted by Mrs. M. M. Duhurst, of Baltimore, who will preach at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and again at 7.30 P. M. She is also expected to preach each evening during the following week. Mrs. Duhurst has been remarkably successful in her work, drawing large crowds wherever she goes, and we predict that the little church will be taxed to its utmost capacity.

The ladies of Wesley Chapel will hold a meeting on next Thursday evening to take in consideratiod arrangements for holding a festival at an early date. The Sunday school has selected Saturday, September 26, as the day for their annual picnic.

Church Notes.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, will hold to-night the first meeting since the vacation. An extra program has been arranged. Some persons from a distance are expected to assist with music and recitations. All young people are invited to attend.

Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, has called Rev. Alfred Smith, now presiding elder. It is not known whether Mr. Smith will accept or decline the call.

The Rock Hall colored camp, in charge of Rev. J. E. Webb, which recently closed, was very successful, and resulted in fourteen accessions to the church.

Divine service and Holy Communion next Sunday at St. Andrew's Chapel, Galena, at 10.30 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. A. Farrar officiating.

A meeting will be held in the lecture room of the M. E. Church Chestertown, at 10 o'clock on Monday morning next for the purpose or organizing a Preachers' Meeting. The object of the new organization will be the discussion of topics of general interest to the ministers and the public. A most cordial invitation is extended to all Protestant ministers of the county to be present and participate in the organization of this strong adjunct of church work in the county.

Personal Mention.

Dr. Daniel W. Bates who for a number of years has lived at Edesville, will leave the county in a few weeks and in the future will make his home with his widowed sister at Union Bridge, Carroll county.

Mrs. Mary E. Moffett, of Baltimore has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith, on Maple avenue. Mrs. Moffett was a number of years ago one of the most favorably known educators in Eastern Md., and had a young ladies' school in Chestertown.

Mr. Howard Anderson, who recently left Chestertown for Richmond, where he has been engaged as salesman in a large clothing house, passed through Chestertown this week on his way to Wilmington, Del., where he will engage in business with his father. Mr. Anderson looks as though he was enjoying the best of health. We wish him success.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hynson, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Bertha, visited the Delaware State fair last week.

Miss Lillian Hynson is visiting Miss Smith, of Camden, N. J.

Miss Veva Perkins returned to the Hannah Moore School for young ladies yesterday morning.

Mrs. Mary Graves, who spent the summer with relatives in Kent, has returned to her home in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. C. C. Morgan is visiting relatives in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. M. A. Skirven and Miss Addie Kennard are spending the fall at Stroudsburg, Pa., and not at Spragueville, as they at first expected to do.

Mr. Joseph Welch, of Washington, D.C., and coxswain of the Columbia crew which carried off the honors of the recent Boston regatta, has been the guest of Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., on Front street.

Miss Nannie Deaver, of Frederick, has been visiting Chestertown friends.

J. A. Perkins, Jr., of Philadelphia, spent several days of last weeks with his parents on Queen street.

Some of our young ladies and gents attended the hop at Tull's Hall, Fairmount, on Tuesday night last and reported a good time. About twenty couples were present. It was given in honor of Miss Annie and Lida Gale, of Kent county, Md., sister of Mrs. Shaw whom they are visiting. They are considered good dancers, and, of course, received the lion's share of attention.—*Crisfield Times.*

Mr. Chas. W. Clayville, residing near this town, lost a valuable three-year-old colt on Monday from sleepy staggers. This colt was a fast trotter, and at the time of his death Mr. Clayville was expecting a purchaser from Kent county, Md., at $300.—*Snow Hill Times.*

Miss Emma L. Lawrence and mother, of Baltimore, are visiting Miss Agnes Frazier at Kennedyville, and friends in Cecil and Delaware.

Mr. Joseph Watson attended Wilmington fair last week.

Mrs. Boulden and daughter, of Chestertown, are visiting friends in Chesapeake City.

Misses Ada and Minnie Hudson, of Fairlee, left on Monday of last week to visit relatives and friends in Clayton and Middletown, Del.

Mrs. B. F. Gardner, of Trenton, N. J., is visiting her parents in Chestertown, accompanied by her three children.

Mrs. S. J. Wickes is visiting friends in Oxford, Pa.

Miss Ada Roberts and Mr. William McKenney, of Centreville, visited Chestertown this week.

Major B. B. Wroth, who has been quite sick for several weeks, we are glad to state is reported as being somewhat better.

Mr. Washington G. Skirven has a gentleman from Central America and one from the West Indies as his guests.

Mrs. Helen G. Rice, of Boston, national superintendent of juvenile work, was in this county on the 15th and 16th of September and spoke and organized W. C. T. U.'s and L. Y. L.'s.

Miss Fannie Massey has returned from a visit to Miss Donaldson, of Baltimore.

Miss Irene Gardner, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister on High street.

Miss Lillie Lloyd and Miss Irene Fields, of Wilmington, Del., are visiting in Kent and Cecil counties.

Miss Lillie Brinkman, of Brooklyn, and Miss Florence Kiggin, of Baltimore, are guests of Miss Mamie Crew, near Melitota.

Mrs. Josiah Massey, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas Donaldson, of Baltimore, is spending a few days at Cape Charles City.

Mr. J. Frank Crew, of Wilmington, Del., has been visiting his parents near Melitota.

Messrs. J. Henry Baker, William Watts and Charles Harper, all of this county, will attend Dickinson College this year.

Miss Mary Hurtt was the guest of Wilmington friends last week.

Miss Mollie Aldrich has been the guest of Miss Stella Stephens.

Miss Ida Camp is residing at Mr. John Brice's.

Prof. Rowland Watts acted as usher at the wedding of Miss Emma Adams and Mr. Warren Gunby is Snow Hill, Wednesday of last week. Mr. Gunby attended Washington College several years ago.

Among the visitors to Pen Mar last week were Messrs. Fred Stephens, Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., Charles Twilley, James W. Chapman, Jr., Ellwood Baker and Harry Simpers.

Mrs. R. T. Richardson, of Baltimore, returned home Monday of last week from a pleasant visit to Mr. C. C. Brown's.

Mrs. S. B. Tredway has returned from a delightful trip to Cumberland.

Miss Amy Russell is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. John Ramming, compositor on the Baltimore *American*, has been visiting Mr. John H. Greenwood, on Cannon street.

Miss Lena Melvin is visiting in Newark, Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwold and daughter, of Bridgetown, N. J., are guests of Mr. W. R. Maul on High street.

New Advertisements.

Mr. Joseph H. Porter, advertises in this issue a fine lot of personalty at public sale on Oct. 1st, 1891.

Mr. Tilghman Shafer will offer at public sale on Monday next, Sept. 21st 1891 on the farm where J. T. Hurlock now resides a fine lot of personal property.

The M. E. Church, at Still Pond will hold a fair and festival on this Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The committee extend an invitation to the general public to be present.

Mr. Samuel Comegys, advertises in this ssue of the TRANSCIPT the house and lot of W. T. and S. J. Stanley in Still Pond for sale on Thursday, Oct. 8th 1891.

Mr. W. O. Shallcross, advertises in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT a fine lot of Western mares for sale at Sassafras, Md. Mr. Shallcross received another carload of these Western mares on Wednesday morning last, September 16. See advertisement in another column.

HORRIBLY BURNED.

Mrs. Charles H. Davis Fatally Burned While Filling a Gasoline Stove.

Mrs. Laura J. Davis, wife of Mr. Chas. H. Davis, living on Main street, adjoining the home of ex-Postmaster Lewin S. Fowler, was horribly burned about half-past five o'clock on Monday morning. Mrs. Davis, who is about fifty-five years of age, had gotten up at an early hour, had lighted her gasoline stove and was busily engaged in washing near the stove. Her son, William Davis, had just left the house a few moments before, and Mrs. Davis was in the kitchen alone. The gasoline supply of the stove needed replenishing, and while the jets were still lighted the unfortunate woman mounted a chair and commenced pouring the highly inflammable fluid into the tank, and in an instant a burst of blue blaze enveloped her person, and her clothing was on fire. Notwithstanding her pain she had the presence of mind to wrap herself in pieces of carpet from the floor and smothered the blaze. With her still smouldering clothes bound closely to her person she ran out of the alley adjoining her own home into the back entrance to Mr. Fowler's, at the same time making a noise which sounded as though some one was gasping for breath. This sound attracted Mr. Fowler's attention as he sat at his window dressing, and he called his wife who promptly went to the aid of the suffering woman.

Mrs. Davis had on a coarse apron made of a sack, and this heavy material, it is thought, was some protection from the flames. Her clothing was removed as carefully as possible, soothing remedies applied and medical aid promptly summoned. The eye-brows and lashes were scorched, the hair badly burned on the top of the head, the arms and the flesh on portions of the chest and body rendered entirely raw. In her agony the burning clothing had been wrapped closely around the lower limbs, and the fire had done its fearful work from the crown of her head to the very soles of her feet.

The face and mouth were so swollen in a short time that the sufferer could neither speak nor see. The flames had been enhaled, though it is stated that the external injuries were sufficient to have caused death, which finally came to the relief of the overtaxed constitution. The agony was heartrending, and human skill was unavailing against the inroads of suffering which gradually found an end in death about noon yesterday.

Mrs. Davis was a Miss Laura J. Toulson, sister of Mr. M. A. Toulson, Mrs. Fannie Davis and Mrs. J. S. Bradley, of Chestertown; Mrs. M. M. Greenwood, of Fairlee. She has two brothers, James H. and Thomas, in New Jersey. She leaves three children, Mrs. W. H. Lambert, Jr., Harry and William Davis, all now living in Chestertown. Mrs. Davis was a consistent member of the M. E. Church.

CLIFF NEWS.

The Tongmen—The Oyster Law, Etc.

Rumors of numerous arrests by Capt. Horney down the river, of men oystering without license, is creating a stir among the upper-river tongmen, and they are flocking to Chestertown for their license. There seems to be a muddle, mistake or something of the kind in reference to last year's law licensing each man instead of the boat. This year some have the personal license, others the boat license. The bad effects of licensing the boats instead of individuals is, that from three to six men will oyster under one license, thus cutting short the revenue. When the law was proposed making a personal and higher license, it was for the purpose of taking the increase of revenue for an increased police force and better protection. The oystermen as a general thing were well pleased with the law, but became dissatisfied with the uses made of the fund.

Reports are already in circulation of certain oystermen taking and selling oysters under the regulation size. This would not be if the buying-boats declined to buy any lots with small oysters among them. One captain near the Bight, who is otherwise credited with being a very correct man, had the name of taking small oysters last season, and is not as particular as he should be this year. As long as the buying-boats will receive under-sized oysters just so long some of the tongmen will slip them in.

It was currently reported last season that some of our colored brethren took home oysters too small to open with a knitting needle; they would wash them off and put shells, oysters and all in a pot and make oyster soup. After boiling awhile the shells would open, and the oysters come out, then it was an easy matter to scoop out the shells, the long evenings gave them plenty of time. Some of the tongmen say they will put a stop to the infringement of the law, and will report any and all violations to the proper authorities.

Mr. J. D. Carter, of the Cliffs, met with a pair of mishaps last week. One day he was out cutting off grapes when his wife heard a yell like from the throats of a dozen Comanche Indians, and looking out the window saw the old gentleman executing a war dance that would have done credit to a camp of Sioux indians on the war path; the cause of it was that honey-bees, bumble bees and yellow jackets were disputing his rights to the grapes. The next day he tried the harlequin act, by slipping through the trap-door in the barn loft. As the trap didn't work very smoothly, the edge caught him in the short ribs, and leaves one less oysterman for a week or so.

Mr. James K. Polk DeCourse has, after a half dozen ineffectual attempts, succeeded in getting his wheat threshed; heretofore J. K. P. DeCourse has been unfortunate enough to select all the rainy days on the calendar. It was all for the best, as wheat is going up.

Some oystermen were talking of the benefits of a three-inch cull law, when a full-grown negro remarked, "Dey might just as well take all our rights away from us and be done wid it." Their rights? "Oh, yes; what an outrage to take the poor, hard-working colored man's rights away from him!" Such talk as this goes to show that a certain class must be protected against robbing themselves.

HIVER.

Tourists,

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c. and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

Two Genuine Harvest Excursions

Will be run from Chicago, Milwaukee, and other points on the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, to points in Western Minnesota, Northwestern Iowa, South and North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana, at cheap excursion rates, on August 25 and September 29, 1891. For further particulars apply to the nearest coupon ticket agent, or address Geo. H. Heafford, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

P. S.—It will do your heart good to see the magnificent crops in South Dakota. They are simply immense.

INDIGNANT PEACH-GROWERS.

Active Measures Being Taken to Secure Redress for Their Wrongs.

As the direct result of the claimed unjust treatment of the fruit-growers of the vicinity of Millington, the gentlemen interested, about two weeks ago organized The Fruit-Growers' Association of Millington. The association was formed for the purpose of seeking redress from the commission men and shippers who have handled their fruit during the present season. The grievances complained of are, excessive freight charges by the commission men and shippers. Just where the responsibility of the outrageous treatment is to be placed, is the question; the commission men denying all connection with the growers in the case, but claim that they dealt with the shippers as the agent of the growers, and that the matter must be settled between the shippers and the owners of the fruit shipped. The meeting called to meet in Chestertown on Tuesday was, unfortunately, not well attended by the Chestertown fruit men, but quite a number of the Millington growers were in attendance, and set forth their wrongs in a manner to indicate that they are thoroughly in earnest in this matter; and that, if possible, their wrongs shall be righted and the responsible parties made to disgorge their ill-gotten gains. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edward Spear, who was made permanent chairman, with Mr. F. G. Usilton secretary. Mr. Spear stated the object of the meeting to be, to seek some remedy for the wrong treatment of the fruit-growers. He said: "We have been dealt with wrongfully and contrary to all rules of right." It was claimed that the shippers used every inducement in securing the growers' fruit for shipment in their cars. A grower would drive up to the station with his fruit and possibly receive an offer from a buyer, and on the strength of this offer the shipper would *guarantee* him a higher price in some specified market, and the fruit was of course shipped and in many instances at heavy loss.

One grower brought suit for the guaranteed price and secured judgment. The growers went through the season supposing that the rate of freight charges as returned on their account of sales had been established by the railroads over which their fruit passed, whereas, in fact the shippers added their charges to the established rates to suit themselves and without any reference to the sanction of the producer. The railroad has an established rate per basket for less than carload lots and a car rate of a specified price per car. As a rule the shippers succeeded in storing nearly 100 baskets more than the average, in each car, and the advantage of this reduction in freight, it is claimed, should have been distributed to the growers.

The following statement will give a clear idea of the situation:

TO NEW YORK.

3 cars of peaches—696, 697, 698, total, 2091 baskets.
Actual freight to New York, on accounts of overloading, $93 or per basket, 13⅓c.
Freight on a basis of 600 bask., per car, 15½ cts.
Freight charged the grower, 18c. per basket.

Profit to agents on freight, 4½c. per bask.		$ 94 09
Overcharge of freight	$52 27	
Excess on acc't of overloading	41 82	94 09
2091 baskets peaches, 50c. per bas.		$1045 50
3 per cent. commission		31 36
Profit to agents		125 45
Average profit per car to agents		41 81

TO BOSTON.

Actual freight, $183.00 per car or 20⅓c. per bask.
Freight on a basis of 600 bask., per basket, 30½c.
Freight charged the grower, per basket, 35c.

Profit to agents on freight		$177 73
Overcharge of freight	$94 09	
Excess on acc't of overloading	83 64	$177 73
2091 baskets peaches, 60c. per bas.		$1254 60
3 per cent. commission on $1254 60		37 63
		$214 36
Amount of sales		1254 60
Average profit per car to agents		$72 78
Actual freight paid railroad	$549 00	
10 per cent. commission	135 46	
Cartage on 2091 baskets at 5c.	62 73	
Overcharge and excess of freight	177 73	924 92
		429 68
2091 new baskets at 3c.		104 55
		325 13

Net to growers, 15½c. per basket.

To agents, 10.2-5 " "		
Railroad company gets	$549 00	
Commission merchants	94 83	
Agents	218 36	
Cartage	62 73	
2091 baskets at 5c.	104 55	
Growers	325 13	$1254 60

C. E. Comegys, Millington, Md., shipped from 21st to 25th of Aug. 712 baskets of peaches sent to Boston which sold for.. $903 86

Freight	$249 20	
Carting	21 36	
Commission, at 10 per cent	30 38	
Total	$300 94	
Mr. Comegys received for the 712 baskets		$2 86
Paid for baskets		35 60
		2 86
		32 74
Total loss		$32 74
The men who shipped them got:		
By overcharge of freight		$32 04
3 per cent. commission on gross sales		9 12
		$41 16

It will be seen from the following correspondence that the evident disposition on the part of the commission men is to treat the shippers as the agents of the growers and to shift the responsibility to the shippers.

NEW YORK, SEPT. 2, 1891.

C. E. COMEGYS—*Dear Sir*:—Your letter just received; we shall enclose it to Messrs. McWhorter & Stevens, our agents, or rather the agents of the shippers, receiving all shipments from them or through them. Receiving all instructions from them, we have followed as best we could the directions given. In the question of freights, we are not benefitted. Call on these gentlemen (your friends and neighbors, we suppose) and get specific directions as to what we shall do, and we are ready to do promptly and cheerfully what your friends wish.

We must express our surprise that you thought it necessary to accompany your demand with a threat. You might have been generous enough to suppose that we would be ready and willing and our pleasure to correct any error or repair any wrong, etc., etc. No one should be condemned before heard.

Please see these gentlemen at once, and let us have all these things arranged.

Yours Truly, PHILLIPS & SONS.

BOSTON, Sept. 2, 1891.

Mr. C. E. COMEGYS, Sec'y:—Messrs. Tonkins & Co. have shipped us several cars of peaches, and written us to send sales as per invoice they have sent us, charging freight at 35 cents per basket, which we have done, and we have referred your letter to them, so that if everything is not satisfactory you may confer with them in regard to the matter.

Yours Truly,
SEAVERNS & CO.

The following letter to Mr. Nicholson shows a disposition of fairness which the growers had a right to expect at the hands of their commission merchants and shippers at every point to which they shipped.

Mr. William T. Nicholson, received the following letter from Fowler & Hunting, his commission men at Hartford, Conn.

Dear sir:—It has been our custom to charge the Kennedyville shippers 28 cts a basket freight and at the end of the season if there were no short cars shipped, to average up and return the excess to the shippers pro rata and we charged your shippers the same when we made up the returns, and we now enclose you check for the excess together with your regular agent's commission of 3 per cent. and request that you divide the excess among the shippers in the car.

Freight charged 28 cts per basket, on 689 basketts	$192 92	
Actual freight as per bill enclosed 166,00		
		$26.92
Ag'ts commission 3 per ct. on $550.		16.50
Check to balance		$43.42

A shipper at Clayton, Del., sent a circular letter to each of his patrons stating that all advantages accruing from over loading etc. would be divided among them pro rata.

The legitimate rate of freight from Millington to Boston is 30½ cents. Some growers, however, were charged at the opening of the season 41 cents and at the latter part of the season, 35 cts. The legitimate rate to N. Y. is 15½ cents; freight charged, 18 cents. Legitimate freight to Philadelphia is 8 and a fraction cents; freight charged, 10 cents. To give an idea of the enormous profit to the shippers, let us take the actual shipment of three cars to Boston, on a basis of 600 baskets per car or 1800 baskets in the three cars, for which the railroad was paid. In the three cars were put respectively 696, 797 and 698 baskets. The overloading amounted to 281 baskets, on which the grower was charged 35 cents freight or $98.35, which was saved from the railroad. The excess in freight charges of 4½ cents on 1800 baskets amounted to $81, which added to the $98.35 makes a grand total of $179.35, which went into the pockets of the shipper. If the cars were consigned by the shipper, he was entitled to 3 per cent. on gross receipts. Allowing the prices secured at 50 cents per basket, the 3 per cent. of gross receipts will make $27 more, or a total of $206.35 to the shippers.

Allowing sales in New York at 30 cents,

The grower pays freight	18c.
Cartage	4c.
Commissions	5c.
Baskets cost	5c.
	30c.
Fruit sold in Boston	50c.
Grower pays freight	35c.
Cartage	2c.
Commissions	5c.
Baskets	5c.
	48c.

Grower gets 2 cents per baskets.

These statements were made by the growers, and the matter of seeking redress was fully discussed, and it was determined to send a representative of the growers to New York to see what arrangements can be made, and if necessary to make a test case and bring suit against some one of the New York commission firms. Suit will also be instituted here against one or more of the shippers. The following committees were appointed to solicit one-dollar subscriptions from the growers, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the suits and making a thorough investigation: Millington, W. H. Ford, C. O. Cacy and Mr. Baxer; Chestertown, J. K. Aldridge, J. M. J. Byron and William Morris; Locust Grove, Garrett Foxwell, D. J. Nowland and J. W. Jarman; Kennedyville, P. G. Wilmer, L. C. Justis and T. E. Hayes; Lynches, E. J. Kennard, Samuel Mann and John Z. Clark; Nicholson's, W. T. Nicholson, S. G. Lee and John Clendaniel. These gentlemen will be expected to report to the meeting called to meet at Millington on September 26 at 1 o'clock P. M. The reports from Chestertown growers were of exactly the same nature as the cases reported from Millington.

The Kennedyville growers at their meeting called for Saturday next, will go heart and soul into the movement. The particular wrong of which the Kennedyville growers complain is their treatment by the railroad. They state that their fruit was handled in utter disregard of their wishes or interests. Cars were delayed and their interests were otherwise ignored. This is an important matter, and should be thoroughly sifted. Commission men, railroads and shippers should be given to understand that the farmers' interests *should* and *shall* be respected.

It is estimated that the loss to growers in the vicinity of Millington alone will amount to from $10,000 to $12,000, and it is impossible to estimate the loss throughout the county.

Court News.

Orphan's Court.—Sept. 15, 1891. Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. H. H. Barroll, guardian to Alfred F. Greenwood and others, filed his bond. G. Oldham Massey, executor of C. H. B. Massey, deceased, filed an inventory of the personal property of his decedent, and obtained an order to sell the same. David A. Smith executor of Lavinnia Smith deceased, passed his first and and final administration account.

The county commissioners met Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 1891. Full board present. The petition relating to road in Quaker Neck, filed Sept. 8th, was considered and a committee consisting of Victor Hendrickson, Wm. Ford and Stephen Lecates, was appointed to be requested to enter upon, view and examine the condition of said road and report its condition to comm's. at their earliest convience, by order of commissioners. Wm. B. Usilton, county treasurer, presented his report of interest on taxes collected through sheriff Comegys, which was accepted by order of commissioners. Wm. B. Usilton, county treasurer, having presented his vouches in settlement of levies placed in his hands for 1890 on last Tuesday, an examination thereof having been completed this day and found to agree with the account in this office, as shown by statement furnished by said treasurer, an order was passed approving said settlement and directing said balances to be brought forward to account for levies placed in his hands for 1891. Bartus J. Wilkins appeared in person before the board, and excepted to allowances for land damages made to him by examiners on the "Green Lane" road, whereupon it was agreed that the matter of allowance be referred to attorney for exceptant and to H. W. Vickers, attorney for county commissioners, for settlement. Board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for orders on the several sums provided for by levy in treasurer's hands.

DIED.

DAVIS.—In Chestertown, Sept. 16, 1891, about 12 M., Laura Jane, wife of Chas. H. Davis, age 54 years. Funeral to-morrow Friday, at her late residence, on High street, at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment in Chester cemetery.

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