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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1891.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The timid partridge now lies close
Within the thicket's shade,
And now the huntsman lies abroad
Of shots he never made.

—Country visitors scarce in Chestertown since court.

—Rock Hall again takes her position as the moneyed town of Kent.

—The Fairlee Grange, after its summer vacation, has resumed operations.

—One forlorn and much-worn straw hat still shows itself on the streets of Chestertown.

—The walls of Chestertown's decaying and unsightly old market house still stand.

—The Peninsula Horticultural Society will meet at Dover on January 19, 20 and 21 next.

—Next Thursday, November 26, will be the day appointed for the American day of Thanksgiving.

—Sassafras and Galena creameries paid one dollar and twenty-seven cents per hundred pounds for milk during October.

—Farmers' Alliance stores are growing in favor in several counties of the State. Kent has not as yet indulged in this latest innovation.

—A second district farmer finished seeding wheat on Thursday; a number finished threshing last week, and still others have not as yet commenced.

—Kent county duckers are putting their shores in order for the winter's sport. Some fall ducks are already in our waters, but as yet have given but little sport.

—A meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade of Chestertown is called to meet at their hall at half-past seven o'clock on Friday evening. Business of importance for consideration.

—The fall term of our public schools ended on Friday last. The enrollment during the past quarter has been fairly large. On Monday the winter term began.

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. J. Allen Hyland and Miss Nettie Howard at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Still Pond, at nine o'clock, Thursday morning, November 26th.

—Mr. Harry Staveley recently had three bags containing six bushels of wheat, stolen from a wagon which had been left loaded under a shed, preparatory to being sent to the wharf in the morning.

—Captain Pratt, colored, of the bugeye William Nelson, was last week arrested by Captain Horney, for having tubs over the regulation size. Pratt was fined twenty dollars by Justice Aker, of Queenstown.

—The colored woman, Emma Reed, who was so brutally assaulted by the negro Romie Wickes, is still desperately ill from her injuries, but the reports to the effect that her injuries had proved fatal are untrue.

—Mr. Walter Morris met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon. While operating a corn-husker his hand was caught and the fingers and the lower portion of his hand were reported as having been entirely cut off.

—Justice Aker, of Queenstown, last week fined Horney Cosden $150 for shooting from a boat in Chester river. Cosden appealed to the circuit court. It is important that our game laws be enforced in every particular.

—Dr. C. W. Whaland has painted two beautiful earthen vases for Mr. Colin F. Stam. The vases are about three feet high, and beautiful vines and blossoms are painted on a delicate back ground of white. The work is remarkably well done.

—The Kennedyville Minstrel Troupe will not reorganize this season. Though no financial disaster overtook the members last winter, and much enjoyment was gotten out of the entertainments, the exposure and constant work were more than offsets to the advantages.

—Thousands of peach trees in Kent county are marked to be taken up during the approaching winter, because of being affected by the peach yellows. Many have already been taken up, but not until winter regularly sets in will the work be commenced in earnest.

—Right Rev. Bishop Curtis, of Wilmington, Del., will officiate at the laying of the corner stone of the new Catholic Church at Rising Sun, November 22, at 3 P. M. It is expected that a number from Kent will be present at the impressive ceremony if the day is pleasant.

—A large force of men are now busily engaged in improvements on the road-bed of the B. & D. R. R. It is proposed, we are told, to ballast the entire road with gravel as soon as possible. Much of the gravel used is being gotten from a large bank near Chestertown.

—Mr. James Joiner, a Rock Hall tonger, while engaged in oystering on Huntingfield bar recently, brought up in his rakes a silver hunting case watch. The works of the time-piece were found to be in good condition, except the steel parts, which were found to be badly rusted.

—Mr. John A. Beck, living in Piney Neck, died suddenly on Monday of heart disease, aged about seventy years. Mr. Beck was assisting his brother, Edward Beck, to kill a beef, and had just knocked the animal down and was stooping to pick up a knife when he dropped dead.

—Chestertown merchants are glad that the competition of Baltimore merchants has been slightly restricted by a boat only every other day and higher fares. Some claim that higher fares would redound to the commercial advantages of Kent county, by reducing the daily competition of foreign stores.

—Among the estimates for river and harbor improvements as just published in a Washington, D.C., special, is included the Eastern Shore rivers as follows: North East river, $2,640; Elk river, $10,000; Fairlee creek, $5,558; Chester river, $7,750; Choptank river, $10,000; Cambridge harbor, $7,736.60; Wicomico river, $13,200.

—Due notice was given by the weather signal service on Tuesday afternoon that a cold wave was approaching, and yesterday morning the thermometer had dropped from the springlike weather of Tuesday to twenty-one degrees. The ground was frozen, and with a northwest gale prevailing, Kent was thoroughly chilled through.

—A gentleman from Washington, D. C., has purchased a desirable lot lying on the railroad leading from the depot to the paper mill, having in view the erection of a general machine shop. Heavy machinery is already being put in place, but the exact nature of the machinery to be manufactured has not as yet been made known.

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. W. O. Shallcross, Jr., of Sassafras and Miss Fannie Cochran, of Middletown, Del. Mr. Shallcross is a nephew of Thomas J. Shallcross, of the Kent board of commissioners, and has many friends throughout the county. Cards are also out announcing the marriage of Miss Carrie Johns, of Sassafras to Mr. J. I. Masher, of Philadelphia.

—Much inconvenience is being experienced by mill owners in Kent, on account of the protracted dry season, some mills being forced to suspend operations. It is stated that there has been but one rain since August which materially benefitted the mill-ponds of the county.

—In a delightful entertainment given by the Western Maryland College Glee Club last week, Prof. W. B. Judefind, of Kent county, took a most prominent part. Prof. Judefind is from Edesville, is leader of the College Glee Club, and is surely the leading musical light of the college.

—The Public School Association will meet at the school-room in Chestertown to-morrow, Friday, Nov. 20, 1891, at ten o'clock A. M. The regular questions for discussion are: 1st, What means can we adopt to counteract the effect of copying or assisting among our pupils? 2d, What is your plan of making pupils think of what they say? The Rev. D. L. Greenfield will deliver the address. Miss Lillie D. Shaw will read the essay. The literary committee will meet a half hour earlier.

—Andrew J. Dennis, the gentleman whom Constable Parsons so cleaverly located and had placed under eight hundred dollars bail about ten days ago, has given leg-bail, and leaves his sureties to pay the forfeit of their confidence. Constable Parsons went to Philadelphia last week armed with requisition papers from the Governor, and expected to bring Dennis to Kent with him to stand trial for having swindled a number of Kent county peach-growers. Dennis, however, was not to be found, and our constable returned empty-handed from what promised to be a successful chase.

—We were recently shown a beautiful specimen of heavy paper board polished and varnished, used for the interior decorations of buildings. The straw-board had been manufactured at the Chestertown mill, was then carried north, and size of the sheets subjected to a tremendous pressure and compressed into a solid board. The board is susceptable of a beautiful polish, and when varnished, is scarcely surpassed by tiling, either for beauty or durability. It is said that in the future the straw-board finishing will become more populare than tiling, being less expensive.

—As a carriage was passing through the streets of Chestertown on Monday, an astonishingly animated phosphate sack was seen to fall from the vehicle; indeed, the animated capers of this sack were wonderful. Of course some article of legitimate commercial value was supposed to inhabit the mysterious depths of the bag. A closer investigation, however, disclosed the fact that a tremendous yellow cat had been brought to town; we suppose for the purpose of lessening the feline family of some farmer. We are strong advocates of restricted immigration along certain lines, and believe that Mr. Blaine's reciprocity theory was never intended to include cats.

Dr. J. Horton Kelley met with a rather painful, but not serious accident on Monday evening of last week, while returning to his home in Galena from Chestertown. The doctor was driving a pair of spirited horses belonging to Mr. S. Merritt, and when just beyond the home of Mrs. E. R. Wickes, near Chestertown, the horses became frightened, and the reins breaking, became unmanageable. Dr. Kelley was thrown out and painfully injured, but has, we are glad to state, almost entirely recovered from the effects of his accident. The horses ran to Mr. Merritt's home, a distance of ten miles, without doing the least injury to the carriage, and were found standing in the front yard.

—Queen Anne's county tongmen are complaining of what they claim to be the depredations of Kent and Talbot county tongmen. The Queen Anne's oystermen are not allowed to use the "deep-water" oyster-tongs, and state that they not only work at great disadvantage as to the quantity caught, but that their neighbor are exhausting the deep water rocks which serve as feeders to the bars and shoal-water beds. It is claimed that the men with the patent tongs catchs five bushels while the man with the ordinary tongs is catching one. We would say for the comfort of our Queen Anne's friends that the deep-water tongs have been very unpopular in Kent, and are used to an extent which need give our neighbors no unnessary distress of mind.

—Town improvements in Westminster, Carroll county, very much similiar to the improvements recently made in grading and repairing the lower portion of Main street, Chestertown, promise to give rise to an interesting suit to test the right of town and municipal corporations to make charges which may cast upon property owners additional expense, without the parties interested in the matter being consulted. The mayor and council of Westminster adopted new grades for certain streets and ordered property owners to lay pavements in conformity therewith. Judge William P. Maulsby having refused to comply with the order, the mayor and council proceeded to do the work. The judge denies the authority of the town to take this action, and has appealed to the court.

—The population of the thirty-three Maryland cities, towns and villages having one thousand or more inhabitants in the order of their rank is as follows: Baltimore city, 434,439; Cumberland, 12,729; Hagerstown, 10,118; Frederick City, 8,193; Annapolis, 7,604; Cambridge, 4,192; Frostburg, 3,804; Havre deGrace, 3,224; Easton, 2,939; Salisbury, 2,905; Westminster, 2,903; Chestertown, 2,632; Sparrows' Point, 2,507; Elkton, 2,318; Catonsville, 2,115; Laurel, 1,984; Port Deposit, 1,908; Pocomoke City, 1,866; Rockville, 1,568; Crisfield, 1,565; Westernport, 1,526; Hyattsville, 1,509; Ellicott City, 1,488; Snow Hill, 1,483; Belair, 1,416; St. Michael's, 1,329; Centreville, 1,309; Williamsport, 1,277; Northeast, 1,249; Sharpsburg, 1,163; Chesapeake City, 1,155; Oxford, 1,135; Oakland, 1,046.

—The moon on Sunday evening was not so unkind to Kent county observers as to many others at differeut points, for notwithstanding the fact that her royal march was only partially seen, and bashful Luna was shorn of much of her royal splendor by unkindly clouds which cast their veil over her face, a fairly good view of the eclipse was seen by close observers. Nearly all of the time from 5.28 P. M. when our satillite body entered the shadow of the earth, though leaden clouds covered a greater portion of the Eastern sky the path of the moon was clear, and not until a few minutes after 6, when the great heavenly sphere had been reduced to a magnificent crescent, did the clouds materially interfere. From a short time after six o'clock until the deep shadow of the earth had covered the moon's face, observers were given magnificent pictures of beautiful crescents of various sizes, peeping out from rifts in the banks of heavy-looking clouds. The eclipse though not altogether satisfactory to sight-seers in Chestertown, was far from a total failure. The total eclipse began at 6.36.6 o'clock, and the middle was reached at 7.12.4 o,clock. The total eclipse ended 54 minutes and 3 seconds after 7 o'clock, and the moon began to leave the earth's shadow, which feat she accomplished at 8 56.6 o'clock. The moon will not pass across the shadow of the earth again until 1909.

—The outbuildings of Mrs. Lydia Golt, near Clayton, were discovered to be on fire about two o'clock on Thursday morning. The flames had made such progress when discovered that it was impossible to do more than save a small proportion of the more movable farming implements. All of the outbuildings, eight hundred bushels of corn, nine horses and four cows were burned. Loss about $3000, insured in the Fire Association, of Philadelphia, for $2100. The fire is supposed to have been an incendiary, as there is no other conceivable cause. Mrs. Golt is a sister of Mr. Garrett Foxwell, one of the most representative and successful farmers of Kent.

—President Harrison, after some preliminary remarks, thus sets apart the national Thanksgiving day: "Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 26th day of November present, to be a day of joyful thanksgiving to God for the bounties of His providence, for the peace in which we are permitted to enjoy them, and for the preservation of those institutions of civil and religious liberty which He gave our fathers the wisdom to devise and establish and us the courage to preserve. Among the appropriate observances of the day, are rest from toil, worship in the public congregation, the renewal of family ties about our American firesides, and thoughtful helpfulness toward those who suffer lack of the body or of the spirit."

—The young ladies' school at Chambersburg, Pa., of which Misses Mary and Jennie Vickers, daughters of Harrison W. Vickers are students, was entered about ten days ago and watches, jewelry and money to the amount of over five hundred dollars were stolen. Miss Mary Vickers lost a watch and other valuables and two ladies from Snow Hill were likewise unfortunate, losing a watch, jewelry and money. The ladies were at supper at the time, and upon going up to their room the ladies from Snow Hill discovered that it was locked on the inside. This was of course evidence conclusive that something was wrong, and the alarm was at once given and a full investigation disclosed the fact that seven of the rooms had been entered and a wholesale stealing of jewelry and money had been indulged in. Entrance was effected by opening a window from the roof.

—On our front page will be found an article on the subject of the value of "Spraying" fruit trees, to which we wish to call the attention of the fruit-growers of Kent. A number of our more progressive horticulturists are already reaping the decided benefits to be derived from the judicious adoption of the spraying method of getting rid of the destroying insects which infest many of our most profitable fruits. Mr. Robert S. Emory, Dr. W. S. Maxwell and several others have been the pioneers in this movement, and are unreserved in their commendation of the system of spraying. Spraying has long since been removed from the list of experiments, and is now adopted as one of the most valuable introductions of the century to the growers of fruit. It is time that our people were making an investigation of all improvements tending to increase the certainties of their crops of fruit.

—The Hull-less Oats cases, the outgrowth of possibly one of the most successful swindles ever conceived and carried out against the farmers of Maryland, continue to engage the attention of the courts. Chief Justice Alvey delivered the opinion of the Court of Appeals on Thursday in the case of Griffith vs. Shipley, a hull-less oats suit from Montgomery county. The evidence in this case clearly established the fact that the oats for which the note sued on was given, were worthless, and no other conclusion could be drawn than that there was a gross fraud perpetrated upon the defendant in obtaining the note from him. The court below ruled that there was no evidence legally sufficient to show that the plaintiff had notice of fraud in the making of the note. The Court of Appeals says this was an error, fraud being in the inception. It was incumbent upon the plaintiff to show that the note came to him before maturity, bona fide and par value. The case is remanded for a new trial.

—We clip the following from the Wilmington *Every Evening*. "An explanation of what is termed the overcharges in freight tolls on peaches shipped via the Pennsylvania railroad, (the subject of many suits against buyers and commission men) was terseley explained in the case against the Farsons in Smyrna on Monday: In former years it appears that the railroad based the weight of a car of peaches at 16,000 pounds, 533 baskets, but this year the weight was advanced to 18,000 pounds and 600 baskets, but the shippers claim from the smaller and more flexible baskets a good many more were squeezed in, and not including the excess thus obtained, they were settled with at the old rate of 16,000 pounds which was 16 cents per basket, whereas, rating the car at 18,000 pounds, it would have been 14 cents a basket, or a slight fraction over that. The difference between what was claimed and what was paid to New York, 1¾ cents per basket; to Boston, 4 cents; to Harford, 2½ cents; to Providence, 4¾ cents; to Springfield, 2½ cents; to Scranton, 3 cents per basket."

New Advertisements.

Mrs. Rachel C. Clayton, administratrix of John S. Clayton advertises a desirable lot of personalty in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT.

Mrs. H. E. Matthews, administratrix of Stewart Matthews advertises in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT a valuable lot of personalty at public sale.

Sheriff Comegys advertises in this issue a house and lot of land in Still Pond at public sale.

Mr. Luther Handy, as will be seen by advertisement in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT, and by handbills posted throughout the county, will offer at public sale on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1891, a fine lot of valuable personalty.

An entertainment for the purpose of obtaining money to defray the expenses of the commencement next June, will be given by the eighth grade of the public school of Chestertown, on Tuesday evening next. This entertainment should receive the encouragement of every citizen of the community as the purpose is a good one. See advertisement in another column.

Mr. Frank A. Rochester, with Likes, Berwanger & Co., one of the most reliable clothing houses in Baltimore, and one we can recommend from personal experience, asks you to call and see him when in Baltimore for clothing. Mr. Rochester is a pleasant gentleman, and you will be treated courteously by him.

Mr. Colin F. Stam, by advertisement in another column, offers a fine lot of new goods, among which is a beautiful assortment of lamps, suitable for all purposes, and which are sold at satisfactory prices.

Mr. W. E. Moody, with his enterprise and push, comes to the front in the clothing line in Chestertown, with a new assortment of goods, as will be seen by advertisement in another column. Mr. Moody is offering inducements worthy of your consideration. Call and see him before you purchase your clothing.

Probably a Fatal Shooting.

A desperate shooting affray which will in all probability terminate fatally, occurred at a late hour on Saturday, at a festival held by Henry Chambers, colored, near Muddy Branch, in Quaker Neck. Quite a number of colored persons were present, among others J. H. Jones, Thomas Taylor and John Lindsay, a heavy-set burly negro, who had been drinking, and was somewhat intoxicated. The details of the affair are unsatisfactory, but it seems that Lindsay, who was disposed to be quarrelsome, courted an altercation with Jones and dealt him a stunning blow in the face, staggering him against a house; whereupon Jones fired, it is supposed at his assailant, but he claims that he simply fired in the air without any intention of shooting Lindsay, who after the first shot ran. As the man was retreating, Taylor, fired, and immediately Lindsay fell to the ground. He was at once brought to Chestertown, reaching here about one or half-past one o'clock, when Dr. C. W. Whaland made an examination, and found that a bullet from a large calibre pistol had passed entirely through the left lung, and had lodged in the right lung, inflicting an almost certainly fatal wound.

The doctor scarcely expected his patient to live through the following day, but at the time of going to press he was still alive, but was little improved in condition. The two men who did the shooting were at large until Monday afternoon, when they came to Chestertown and surrendered themselves, and are held in jail awaiting the results of Lindsay's wounds before being given a hearing. The men claim that they were assaulted, and fired in self-defense, but fired in the air with no idea or desire to kill Lindsay.

PRISONERS SENT across THE BAY.

Thomas Bowser Dies Shortly After Reaching the House of Correction.

Sheriff Comegys, Deputy Sheriff Morgan and Constable Simpson on Monday morning, took the six prisoners sentenced at the recent term of court to the Penitentiary and House of Correction, to their respective places of confinement. The prisoners were: Larry Burke, eighteen years in the penitentiary, for the murder of William Garner; Mary Brown, eighteen years in the penitentiary for the murder of Miss Annie E. Gale; James D. Jamar, four years in the penitentiary for the murder of Richard Johnson; Alfred Dunn, three years in the penitentiary for larceny; James Roberts, four months in the House of Correction for selling whiskey, and Thomas Bowser, four months in the House of Correction for selling whiskey. Bowser who had been quite sick at the jail, died on Monday evening after reaching the House of Correction, of some bowel trouble. The prisoner was in no condition to take the trip when he left Chestertown, but it was hoped that he might be able to stand the fatigue, and with the excellent care and hospital treatment at the prison he might soon rally. The trouble had, however, made more serious inroads than were apprehended, and the unfortunate man was beyond recovery.

The negro Fairfax was sullen and impertinent during the entire day and was disposed to give trouble, but was kept in subjection.

The other negroes made no resistance and were controlled without trouble.

Burke was profane, fault finding and abusive, and left no effort untried to make the already unpleasant duty of the officers additionally unpleasant. With a profusion of oaths, commensurate with the brutality of his crime, he wanted to know upon reaching Baltimore, why a hack had not been provided for his conveyance to the prison, instead of a wagon. He made a desperate effort to relieve himself of the embarrassment of his hand-cuffs. When Deputy Morgan undertook to remove the cuffs, it was found that the key-hole of the lock had been so badly picked and battered that it was difficult to get the key in, and the cuffs were otherwise badly battered. Jamar was orderly and quiet, and gave no trouble whatever.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Another Month's Work Closed—Other Notes.

For the month ending November 13, the marks were on an average higher than those of last month. B. F. Perkins leads the Senior class with an average of 98.5; E. A. Robinson, the Junior with 98.6, and N. P. Perkins, the Sophomore with 96. The following Freshman made averages of 85 or over: H. E. Perkins, 97.2; W. C. Brown, 96; Norman Cameron, 95.9; Miss Belle Boston, 94.2; Richard Merriken, 93.3; J. M. Greenfield, 92.7; J. A. F. Carey, 91.5; G. T. A. Simonson, 91.3; Miss May L. Matthews, 90.6; L. E. Pool, 89.8; H. V. Holloway, 88.3; W. A. Melvin, 87.6; G. E. Williamson, 86.8; Chas. J. Turner, 85.5; and the following of the Preparatory Department made 80 or over: Miss Lilian Hynson, 98.9; Miss Mary Thomas, 97.8; H. A. Jump, 97; R. L. Glover, 97; I. P. Jefferson, 96.4; Frank B. Watts, 95.8; Miss Emma McFeely, 93; E. M. Usilton, 92.6; W. E. Bullock, 92.5; Miss Lottie Wickes, 92.4; Miss Sallie R. Brown, 92; Miss G. V. Greenwood, 91.6; Hirons Clifton, 91.6; Miss A. C. Smith, 91.2; W. E. Cacy, 91.1; J. E. Richardson, 89.2; E. Eliason, 88.1; W. Eliason, 87.4; Miss Ida Tarbutton, 87.1; H. C. Copper, 86.4; W. N. Sherwood, 84.8; J. Brice, 84.5; Miss Cora A. Massey, 84.4; Geo. R. Moffett, 84.1; — Richards, 82.8; H. Nicholson, 82.3; Thos. Massey, 82; U. R. Horsey, 81.3; D. L. Greenfield, 81.1; S. M. Hurtt, 80.8; W. S. Tarbutton, 80.7.

Prof. Watts has been invited to deliver an address at the twenty first anniversary of the Teachers' Association of Port Deposit, Cecil county, Dec. 11, proximo.

The Baltimore Manual Training School Foot-ball Team did not put in an appearance on Saturday. Their manager gave as an excuse that two of their players had been injured in a practice game. Our team has met with a series of disappointments this year. We regret exceedingly that they get so few opportunities to prove their prowess.

The tank is completed, and each building is supplied with water. Gradually we are acquiring all the modern improvements, and for convenience and comfort will compare favorably with the more largely endowed colleges.

Dr. Reid is enjoying the fine weather with dog and gun. The doctor is quite as zealous in gunning for partridges as he is in hunting students, and finds it quite as easy to bring down a bird as to convince young men of the merits of our college.

The Mount Vernon Literary Society has increased in membership and in interest this year. All the important issues of the day, besides some that are not important, are discussed and decided. Recently it was decided by a class of Preps that politics is a disadvantage to our nation.

The Young Men's Christian Association was favored with an earnest address from Rev. D. L. Greenfield on Sunday afternoon. There was a good attendance and much interest manifested. The meeting next Sunday will be under the direction of Messrs. Merriken and Pool of the college.

Church Notes.

A festival and supper were held at Morgan's creek church on Friday and Saturday evenings last. About $25 was cleared, which amount will relieve the church of all indebtedness, and it will be formalle dedicated shortly. Mr. L. E. Pool, of Washington College, preached at the church on Sunday last.

Revival services are being held at Fairlee with Mr. C. S. York in charge.

Presiding Elder Smith has so far recovered from his recent illness as to by able to be about the house.

Divine services at Shrewsbury Church as usual, on Sunday next, 22d inst, at 11 A. M. Also on Thanksgiving Day, the same hour A. M.

Extra meetings are in progress at Mowbray's Chapel, but as yet the meetings have not been successful.

A meeting of the Chestertown Epworth League will be held to-night. The bible leaflets will be introduced and probably new hymnals.

FOR PEACH GROWERS

Timely Suggestions for Kent County Growers.

The peach growers and horticulturists of Waynesboro and vicinity, had a large and spirited meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the Leland Hotel, and have taken further steps toward placing the shipping and marketing of their products upon a more remunerative basis. The committee appointed at last meeting, to investigate and report upon the relations existing between the "canners," "commission houses" and "cold storage houses," reported "that the information so far obtained, though secured with much difficulty, leads us to the opinion that the canneries are to a great extent controlled by the same parties who own and control the commission houses."

The subject of transportation was also discussed and it is more than probable that by another season arrangements will be more satisfactory.

The question of preparing for the use of members a list of honorable and reliable commission men was discussed and approved and a committee was appointed. It was suggested also that the law in reference to consignments of fruit be ascertained.

President Amberson stated that at a recent meeting of the peach growers of Smithsburg and vicinity, the general sentiment seemed to favor the concentration of shipments to one or two parties in each of the leading cities. The plans will be further discussed and probably put into practical shape by a general meeting of growers and shippers.

J. F. Good, of Midvale, exhibited some specimens of peaches not yet ripe and which bid fair to be in good eating order by Christmas or later. They were "Albright's October" and "Scott's October," both clings and probably too late to ripen in this latitude.

The question of enforcing the yellows law received some attention. Messrs. Bonner and Beatty, two of the commissioners from Quincy township, were present and stated that they had already examined and condemned a number of infected trees. They reported also some opposition to the enforcement of the law. The sentiment of the members present was that while they should resolve all doubts in favor of the owners of diseased trees, the best interests of all engaged in peach culture, as well as of the general public, demanded that the commissioners be sustained in their efforts to eradicate the fatal yellows. It is by the vigorious enforcement of just such a law that Michigan is again coming to the front as one of the leading peach growing centres in the Union.

QUEEN ANNE'S COURT NOTES.

Judges Robinson and Stump were present at the term of the Queen Anne's county circuit court, which adjourned on Friday last after a nine day's session.

John Whitticoe was sentenced to two months in the county jail for stealing a valuable mare from Mr. T. Sudler Roberts, editor of the Centreville *Observer*. The negro stole the mare at night, and it is supposed drove her to death, as she was found dead in the road next morning.

An interesting case was that of W. F. Pennington. "The case," says the *Record* "originated during the past peach season and from transactions in that prolific fruit. Mr. Penniugton, who is one of the best-known and a first-class business man and farmer of the sixth district, residing near Queen Anne, engaged in the fruit business at Queen Anne as agent for J. M. Barry, a large buyer from Baltimore city. Mr. Pennington's duties were to receive, store in cars and pay for all fruit purchased by Mr. Barry, the latter gentleman furnishing the money for such purposes. During August Mr. Pennington and Mr. Barry had a disagreement, and Mr. Pennington refused to act any longer in the capacity in which he was engaged. At this period of the case Mr. Barry brought a charge of embezzlement against Mr. Pennington, and he was presented for such by the grand jury.

"The evidence in the case, which was composed of peach-growers and farmers residing in that vicinity exclusively, showed plainly that Mr. Pennington acted squarely and fairly in the premises. At the conclusion of the evidence the State abandoned the case."

The case against John R. Downes, late collector, for embezzlement, resulted in the acquittal of Mr. Downes. The speech of A. R. Weedon in defending Mr. Downes has been declared the master effort of his life. Many persons in the court room and some of the jurors, we are told, were moved to tears.

The grand jury in investigating the lynching of Asbury Green, the negro who committed a rape upon Mrs. Toison, of Kent Island, in May last, examined about one hundred witnesses, but found no evidence sufficient to justify presentments.

The case of the State vs. Robert Carey and other Talbot county oystermen, for illegal tonging in Queen Anne's waters, was taken up, and the oystermen were discharged. The case, however, had the effect of clearly defining the lines between Queen Anne's and Talbot counties, and Judge Robinson gave an important decision in reference thereto. He stated that the boundary between the two counties at the mouth of Wye river ran from the south point of Hardley's Island to the southeast point of Bennett's Point on Wye river, and the tongmen must be governed thereby. Commander Seth testified as to his idea regarding the boundary and his instructions to the police schooner Frolic.

The oystermen were acquitted on the argument of common usage by their counsel, Hon. Chas. H. Gibson.

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.

CIRCUIT COURT NEWS.

The Long Session Adjourned Sini Die —Prisoners Sentenced.

Court convened on Thursday, Judge Wickes on the bench. The case of Mary Roberts, colored charged with selling whiskey, was taken up. The evidence of Fairfax who swore to having on several occasions bought whiskey of the woman, was considered too unreliable to warrant a conviction by the jury and a verdict of not guilty was rendered. Smith and Tucker for State; Hynson for defence.

State against Wm. Wells, charged with having violated the local option law. Deputy-collector Holmes, of Baltimore testified to having bought at the house near Tolchester two bottles of lager beer which were labeled "pear cider." The "pear cider" was nothing more nor less than ordinary beer. Deputy-marshall Davis swore that he had been furnished with a warrant against J. T. Lamb; that he went to the house near Tolchester and bought a bottle of beer, but did not see Lamb. He had seen others buy a number of bottles. A number of winesses testified that they had bought "pear cider" of Wells but that it was not intoxicating. Wells insisted that he had never sold beer at the house near Tolchester but had sold "pear cider." The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and the court imposed a fine of $150 to be paid forthwith, or if not paid immediately, Wells to be confined in the House of Correction for four months. Smith and Tucker for State, Hynson for defence. Wells has since paid his fines.

Wells pleaded guilty to the charge of having sold cigars on Sunday and was fined $20 and costs.

In the case of the State against Thomas Bowser, for selling whiskey, Fairfax and Beale testified to having bought whiskey of Bowser several times during August and Sept. Verdict guilty in both cases and fined $150 in the first and $100 in the second and to be confined in the House of Correction for two months in the first case if fines were not forthwith paid, two months in the House of Correction in the second case if fines are not immediately paid, sentence in the second case to commence with expiration of the first sentence.

State vs. George L. Chrisfield, charged with keeping a gambling house at Locust Grove. Smith and Tucker for State; Hynson for defense. A number of witnesses testified that they had played cards at the house for money, but as far as they knew Mr. Chrisfield did not derive any benefit therefrom. The court said not guilty in this case, and also in the case against Mrs. Chrisfield, but the parties were advised to break up the practice of card playing at their place, and Mr. Chrisfield assured the court this should be done.

Court adjourned until ten o'clock Friday morning, when the prisoners would be sentenced and the closing business of court transacted.

PRISONERS SENTENCED.

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 13.—Court met with Judge Wickes on the bench. The court-room was filled with an expectant crowd, who had come to hear the sentence of death passed upon Thomas Thompson, and the respective sentences passed upon the three other prisoners. The four prisoners were brought into court.

James D. Jamar was the first to be sentenced. The court stated that it had taken into consideration the recommendation for mercy, by the jury, and that the sentence had been made lighter than would otherwise have been the case. Jamar was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, for manslaughter, in killing Wm. E. Johnson. The prisoner stared vacantly out of the window, and evidently appreciated the situation, but not until the sentence was pronounced did the large tears course down his cheeks.

In sentencing Lawrence Burkehart for the murder of William Garner, at Rock Hall, the judge characterized the crime as one of the most cowardly and brutal murders which he had ever known, and stated that no such criminal record had ever before existed in Kent county as four murder trials at one term of court. Burkehart was sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary. He assumed the same air of dogged indifference, which had marked his conduct since the murder. No evidences of regret or feeling could be traced in his countenance or actions.

Mary Brown was next sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary, for the murder, by poison, of Miss Annie E. Gale. The cold, heartless effrontery and brutal indifference which had characterized the girl's actions since the transaction of her fiendish crime, served her well in the trying hour of her sentence. Not a muscle twitched, nor did the shrewdness which had made possible the successful accomplishment of her crime, allow even the appearance of shame a temporary resting place upon her face.

Thomas Thompson was next called upon to listen to the dreadful sentence of death which the court pronounced. From the moment he came in the court-room he had kept his face buried in his hands, and was evidently conscious of the dreadful import of the occasion. Judge Wickes pronounced the following sentence:

Thomas Thompson: You have been convicted of murder in the first degree for wilfully and deliberately killing William Adams. Have you anything to say why the court should not now proceed to pass judgment against you? [The prisoner remained silent.] You are now probably fully aware of the enormity of the crime which you have committed and the terrible punishment which you are to suffer for your guilty act. After a careful consideration of the testimony, I am unable to find one mitigating circumstance, but on the contrary I am confident that you wilfully, deliberately and brutally murdered William Adams. When you were with him in Mr. Wheatley's store he was partially intoxicated, but you were sober. From that place you accompanied him to the store which was on the opposite side of the street, and, although he more than once declined your invitation, you persuaded him to follow you to the back street. Whether you had then determined to take his life I do not know, but there is no doubt that when you reached the house of Fannie Mitchell you had made up your mind to do so. Whatever was your motive—whether jealousy on account of his supposed intimacy with the dissolute woman who was your mistress, or some other wicked motive—it was proved conclusively that you had then determined to kill him. When Adams parted from you at that place he proceeded down the street. You went in the opposite direction, to your father's house, where you armed yourself with a large knife, and at once started in pursuit of your victim. With stealthy and rapid steps you again proceeded down the back street, making inquiry of those you met if they had seen a man pass in that direction. You then again resumed the pursuit until you overtook Adams at the corner of Mill street, several hundred yards from the spot where you had parted with him. Without a word of warning you sprang upon him and with one deadly blow stabbed him to the heart.

When you murdered William Adams you violated alike the law of God and man, and we are told that "whoever sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed." The peace and good order of society and the security of human life require that you should be punished to the full extent of the law, not only that you may be punished, but that other lawless and wicked men may be deterred from ommitting similar offenses.

Your present unfortunate condition furnishes another example of the evil consequences of a dissolute and immoral life. Had you been an industrious man, and had you pursued some honest calling, suited to your station in life, you would not have committed the crime of which you have been convicted.

The unanimous opinion of the law-abiding citizens of this community is that you are guilty, and that you should suffer the extreme penalty of the law. Do not, therefore, expect human aid, but in your extremity look to a higher power and seek to make your peace with an offended God. Although He is a stern and inexorable judge with those who violate His laws, yet we are taught to believe that He willextend mercy to those who truly repent and seek his forgiveness.

The judgment of the court is that you, Thomas Thompson, be taken to the jail of Kent county, from whence you came, and from thence to the place of execution, at such time as shall be duly appointed by the Governor of this State, and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead. And may God, in His infinite goodness, have mercy on you.

The prisoners were returned to the jail, and after the transaction of much business of a varied nature the long term of court adjourned *sine die*.

OTHER COURT NOTES.

Hope H. Barroll, as attorney for Dr. W. S. Twilley and several others of the bicyclists from Baltimore, who were placed under arrest during the past summer for having ridden on their wheels across Chester bridge, has brought suit for damages in $5,000 against Dr. George T. Perkins and Constable B. F. Henly for false arrest and imprisonment. The case has been submitted to Judge John M. Robinson upon a written statement of facts.

IN THE ORPHANS' AND LEVY COURT.

Orphans' court, Nov. 17, 1891.—Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. B. J. McCauley, executor of Dennis McCauley, passed his first administration account. Wm. M. Slay, administrator of Josias Ringgold, passed his first administration account. Wm. A. Cleaver, trustee for Ella A. Carson, passed his trust account.

The board of county commissioners met on Tuesday with all present except Commissioner Rodenhiser An order was passed that Amanda Beverly, colored, an insane pauper at the Almshouse, be sent to the Maryland Hospital for the insane Inquisition on the body of William Adams, colored returned by Robt. K. Pippin, coroner was accepted and cost ordered to be provided for by levy in 1892. Inquisition on the body of William E. Johnson in Chestertown, returned by same coroner, and legal costs ordered to be provided for by levy in 1892. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts to be paid by order and provided for by levy in 1892. It will be remembered that Amanda Beverly is the woman who wrought such wholesale distruction in William Kirby's hot-house, a full account of which was given in the TRANSCRIPT.

MARRIED.

TOWNSEND—PORTER.—Nov. 16th, at the residence of the bride's father in Quaker Neck, by Rev. Wm. R. Mowbray, Mr. Wm. C. Townsend and Miss Henrietta J. Porter, both of Kent.

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