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LOCAL MATTERS.

—The circuit court for Kent county will convene on Monday next, April 16.

—On our front page will be found several interesting "communicated" articles.

—A few spring chickens have been in market. Though rather silvery in flavor, the spring delicacies found ready sale.

—Serious damage has been done to early vegetables by English sparrows. The birds are especially destructive to early peas.

—Thieves stole freight valued at ten dollars from the Buck Neck freight house last week. Whiskey wanted, but none secured.

—The window-smasher smashed the window of the wheelwright shop of W. K. Copper last week, and carried off fifteen dollars worth of tools.

—Mr. George Warfield, president of the Chester River Steamboat Co., gives the following definition of a herring: "A paper of common needles rolled in putty."

—Mr. H. L. Boyd has received another shipment of southern magnolia trees of the Grande Flora variety. The trees will be used for ornamental purposes in the county.

—Mr. E. Kiker has moved from Philadelphia to Worton, where he contemplates building himself a stock pen and will make that point his headquarters for shipping, etc.

—Mr. C. W. Baumgartner, the practical machinist, has purchased of Mr. Robert Joiner, his neat home on the road to the mill. Mr. Baumgartner will take possession of his new purchase at once.

—Large quantities of hay continue to be brought to Kent, in spite of a supposed early spring. A little more hay and less money-sinking wheat and corn would be a happy change for our Kent county farmers. Try it.

—There have been more ducks in Chester river within the past two weeks, than at any one time for several years past. Splendid shooting was enjoyed up Chester river on Monday, and a number of black-head ducks were killed.

—The Baltimore *American* says: "An electric line to connect Eastern Shore towns is an excellent idea. The road can be built cheaply; there will be no grades, and the service will not be expensive. The enterprise ought to pay."

—The earliest carload of lambs so far heard of as having been shipped from the peninsula this spring, was shipped from Centreville last week. Lambs in small numbers are being shipped from Kent, but as yet no carload lots have been sent.

—To-morrow, Friday, in addition to being Arbor Day, will be "Library Day." The State Board of Education suggests that friends of the schools be invited to attend the Arbor Day exercises, and that an effort be made to secure a library for each school.

—The I. O. G. T., of Rock Hall, one of the most prosperous societies of the county, is preparing to celebrate its first anniversary, on May 4. An appropriate programme is being prepared, and a number of friends will join the members in honoring the pleasant occasion.

—A gentleman stated yesterday that he is not so much interested in the peach as in the pear crop, since a failure of the pear might mean a short supply of pear cider, and pear cider, as sold in Kent, for tempting lusciousness knocks the tempting peach sky-high (with some people).

—With the exception, of Judge Burgess, it is safe to say that the approaching summer will not find a single pound of native or natural born Kent county ice in our ice-houses, and the outlook for the local factory should be first-rate. The next question is, "how about prices?" That remains to be seen.

—Thanks are due Mr. P. F. Rasin, of near Locust Grove, for a curiosity in the form of a limonite, or piece of bog-ore, which is a striking representation of a terrapin. The head, flippers and tail are extended, while the shape of the head and the eyes are strikingly life-like. The curiosity has been inspected by a number of persons.

—The Inter-state Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations of Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia, will be held at Annapolis, commencing on April 27, and continuing three days. Hon. J. Wirt Randall will deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the Annapolis Y. M. C. A.

—But few of the public local laws have as yet been distributed to the newspapers of the State for publication, though they are being expected almost daily. It is expected that the regular printed copies of the State general laws of 1894 will be out earlier this year than ever. The first of May is the date announced for the appearance of the volume.

—The subject of putting in a churn at Galena has been seriously discussed. There is a separator at Galena, but the cream is taken to the Sassafras creamery to be churned. Some were in favor of the churn while some others opposed it, so no change was made, and the cream will be carried to Sassafras as heretofore.

—Rain, hail, snow, and a cold, penetrating blow were the April luxuries which were given out by the Kent county weather bureau on Wednesday. The surviving peach buds smiled pleasantly at the snow flakes as they "passed," the embryo strawberry blossoms "took it up," while the dainty pear blossoms "renigged" and thus the merry game of chance went on, with chances strongly in favor of the storm's capturing the "jack-pot," as well as the players.

—The teachers and pupils of Chestertown public school, will be glad to welcome to the school room its patrons and friends to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock, at which time Arbor Day will be celebrated. The exercises, consisting of those appropriate to the day, will include also a declamation contest, in which four young ladies will participate. As, at this time, will be read the last *Echo* this year, another feature of the programme will be the presentation of this paper to the seventh grade by the members of the graduating class.

—The will of the late Benjamin T. Biggs, of Delaware, was filed for record in Centreville on Saturday, as he had large real estate interests in that county. To his son John Biggs he bequeathed the farms in the tenancy of John F. Bailey, John Killip and John Sapp, and to his son William B. Biggs, the farms tenanted by Howard Stevens, Joseph Phillips and Charles Hart. His grandson, Benjamin Biggs inherits a house and lot at Sandtown. This will was executed last September. Governor Biggs owned several of the finest properties near Millington.

—Mr. James S. Harris states that the San Jose peach scale of California, made its appearance on a tree in his peach orchard a number of years ago, and is supposed to have been brought to the county in a box of oranges or lemons. Half of the tree was attacked. Every precaution was used to prevent the spread of the pest. Mr. Harris, unwilling to trust the work of burning the tree to any one else, burned every twig and limb himself, and by such heroic treatment the spread of the scale was at once checked. The insect propagate rapidly, but their power of locomotion is so limited that the space of two feet is put as the average journey of a life-time with the insect.

—Mr. John H. Evans, of Rolph's wharf, gives the following effective method of getting rid of English sparrows: These pests are numerous at Rolph's wharf, and about Christmas several years ago, several young men conceived the idea of taking a bright light and capturing the birds at night. This worked successfully, and once caught, the fun was continued, and a shooting-cracker was tied to each bird's leg, the captive was set free and when up in the air the cracker went off. The bird, unhurt but terribly frightened, sometimes fell to the ground and sometimes sailed away in the darkness. This sport at the expense of the irrepressible sparrows, was continued for several nights, and finally the place was entirely rid of the noisy pests. The experiment, but for the danger incurred in town from fire, would be most respectfully recommended to Mr. Hiram M. Brown, of Water street, who has a superabundance of sparrows.

Local Appointments Made.

The board of county commissioners, at a meeting held for the purpose on Monday, elected Dr. T. B. Willson, Dr. J. Horton Kelley and Mr. William Ford as trustees of the poor for Kent county for one year from date of appointment. Dr. Willson is of the fifth district, and was elected as the successor of Mr. J. Walter Skirven, that gentleman having positively refused a re-appointment.

The county commissioners, on Tuesday, appointed J. F. Connor, of the first district, keeper of the standards of weights and measures. The place is worth about $60 or $75 to the officer.

Property Sales.

The property situated on Market House square and occupied by James A. Pearce and Lewin W. Wickes as law offices, and by B. F. Fleming as an express office, was sold at public sale on Tuesday last by James A. Pearce, Esq., as attorney, to Judge Joseph A. Wickes, for $1,300. The Property belonged to Judges Joseph A., and Pere L. Wickes.

The Kitty Miller property located on Cross street, was sold at trustee's sale on Tuesday, to Sophie Worrell for $155.

The valuable lot of land situated in the fifth district, and advertised in the TRANSCRIPT at mortgagee's sale by R. D. Hynson, Esq., was sold on Tuesday to John W. Beauchamp for $210.

Melitota School Averages.

The averages of Melitota school were: 1st-6th grade—Warren Hurlock, 87; Bertha Bacon, 87; Parker Kendall, 84; Ida Kendall, 78. 2nd-6th grade—Sadie Bacon, 92; Clarence Kelly, 81; Maud Hasson, 88. 5th grade—Leonard Kelly, 71; Dolly Boone, 74; Addie Hague, 80. 4th grade—Wm. Plummer, 80; Leonard Plummer, 86; Harry Hurlock, 92; Wm. Beck, 87; Ed. Sappington, 86; Claude Blackiston, 76; Rachel Bacon, 85; Maude Lathem, 81; Bessie Bacon, 78. 3d grade—Kate Kelly, 45; Addie Hurlock, 96; Jacob Marcuse, 81; Clara Lewis, 43; Jessie Plummer, 65. 2d grade—Mary Bacon, 91; Pansy Lecompt, 88; Fannie Hill, 76; Marcus Marcuse, 86; Norman Blackiston, 78; Allie Sappington, 77; Lily Fowler, 58; Gaylord Hurlock, 85. 1st grade—Jessie Fowler, 55; Annie Sappington, 81.

A Destructive Fire.

The barn and stable on the Poplar Neck farm of Mr. John A. Groves, and tenanted by Mr. James Groves, were entirely destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock on Monday morning. There were also burned, one horse, about 100 bushels of corn and a quantity of hay and corn fodder. Mr. Groves was absent from home, and Mrs. Groves between 9 and 10 o'clock sent a colored man to the stable for a horse to go for a colored woman; shortly after the man came from the stable the building was discovered to be on fire. A number of neighbors saw the flames and hurried to render any possible assistance, but nothing could be done other than to save a few light articles. The origin of the fire has not as yet been satisfactorily accounted for. There was an insurance of $786, in the Kent Mutual, which will not cover the loss.

Another College Society.

Many were the inquiring glances cast in the direction of the girls' room at Washington College, after the regular exercises on Tuesday, for the girls were meeting there in solemn conclave. No one knew of their important deliberations until the meeting adjourned, and then it was noised abroad that the Pieria Literary Society of Washington College had been formed. The ladies adopted a constitution and elected the following officers: President, Bertha May Stiles; vice-president, May Matthews; secretary, Mary Willie Cayender; treasurer, Grace Wualand. The society starts in its career with ten active members. The meetings will be held at the college every other Tuesday afternoon, and the exercises will consist of declamations, essays, debates, and an editorial paper. The society supplies a long-felt need at the college, and it is hoped that all the ladies who have ever been students there, will avail themselves of their privilege to become honorary members, and that all the friends of the girls will assist them to make their society do the work for which it was organized.

Rabbid Dogs at Large.

Chestertown was given a genuine mad dog scare on Tuesday morning. On Monday afternoon the dog of John Gibson, living in the upper part of town, gave evidences of rabbies, but escaped capture. On Tuesday the dog, suffering from a clearly developed case of rabbies, was seen on the street, and for a time the excitement ran high. A number of men and boys, thoroughly armed, joined in the exciting chase, and the dog was promptly dispatched. No dogs, so far as known, were bitten.

Worton experienced a mad-dog scare last week. A rabbid dog ran amuck and caused considerable alarm. Capt. Perry Biggs, while driving along the road with his wife, was viciously attacked, and the dog was only kept from getting into the carriage by the use of the whip as a weapon of defense. On the following day the dog visited the farms of Mr. Thomas J. Willis and Mr. Edward P. Beck and bit their dogs. The dog also visited several other places, but was afterward killed by Mr. William Ashley, near Smithville.

Cycling News.

At a meeting of the Chestertown Cycle Club, held on Thursday of last week, the following officers were elected: President, H. Rickey; vice-president, M. A. Toulson; secretary, W. F. Russell; treasurer, R. S. Thomas; captain, C. S. Smith; 1st lieutenant, C. W. Wroth; 2nd, J. D. Lucas; color bearer, H. Rickey, Jr.; bugler, H. Simpers; Sergeant, C. F. Stam; executive committee, E. F. Perkins, Jr., C. S. Smith, C. F. Stam, W. W. Chapman, F. M. Miller, M. A. Toulson, W. F. Russell. The following members it is expected will participate in the opening run of the season next Wednesday or Thursday, when a shad-bake will be enjoyed at Betterton: W. W. Chapman, H. Rickey, W. B. Copper, Henry Deaver, E. F. Perkins, Jr., W. F. Russell, J. Lloyd McFeely, J. D. Bachus, M. A. Toulson, Charles S. Smith, W. R. Aldridge, F. M. Miller, W. E. Moody, H. Rickey, Jr.

County Treasurer's Statement.

The following very satisfactory and interesting figures, are taken from the statement of County Treasurer Hurlock, for the year ending April 1, 1894. The treasurer has been able to meet every obligation as it matured, and no claim against the county has failed to be honored when presented.

STATEMENT, APRIL 1, 1894

County tax levy	$79,521.61
State tax levy	13,821.50
Total	$86,343.11
Collections to April 1	$82,729.88
Balance	$ 3,613.23
Erroneous assessments	41.11
Placed in hands of the sheriff April 1, 1894	3,572.12
In 1893	3,018.13
In 1892	2,802.98
In 1891	2,768.17

Number of bills placed in hands of the sheriff, 312, divided as follows:

First district 75, amounting to	$783.31
Second district 44, amounting to	604.39
Third district 50, amounting to	994.57
Fourth district 70, amounting to	581.62
Fifth district 73, amounting to	603.53

FAILED TO PAY.

First district	White, 50; colored, 25
Second district	White, 26; colored, 18
Third district	White, 38; colored, 12
Fourth district	White, 44; colored, 26
Fifth district	White, 51; colored, 22
Best month's collections, December	$40,634.00
Smallest, February	2,463 02

Base-Ball News.

The base-ball season of 1894 will be regularly opened on Saturday next, when the first game of the year will be played on the Washington College campus, between the home team and the Baltimore City College team, game to be called at 12.45 P. M. The visitors have put up some strong practice games, as have also the home men for the home team, but the visitors have played two games, and have been successful in both contests. Saturday's game will be as it were, a record or pace-maker.

Goldsborough, one of the strongest candidates for an important position on the team, has been somewhat handicapped in his practicing by a very sore hand. Mr. Goldsborough, while riding on a cable car in Baltimore at Easter, had his hand caught between two cars and badly mashed.

The college team will take position as follows in Saturday's game: Brice, 1 b; Woodruff, 2 b; Polk, 3 b; Armstrong, s. s. Beaston, c. f.; Blackiston, l. f.; Zearfoss, c. Burris, p; Holloway or Goldsborough, r. f.

The following dates have been arranged for games:

Balto. City College, at home	April 14
New Windsor College, at home	" 21
Maryland Agr. College, on their grounds	" 26
St. John's College, at home	May 5
Balto. City College, in Baltimore	" 12
Johns Hopkins University, at home.	

Professor Goshaun Not Dead.

Notwithstanding the reported death of Prof. Goshaun, we note that the lower Peninsula papers have reported his exhibitions at a much later date than that of his reported sad demised, and on Monday last the following letter from Easton, under date of April 9th settled all doubt as to the death of the wonderful little Canadian:

EDITORS OF CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT.—*Dear Sirs:*—On Thursday night and last night, we had exhibitions in our town by the party whose bill I enclose, and I yesterday saw a copy of your paper of April 5th I think, giving an account of this party's death in Philadelphia on March 24th. I gave him the paper which he was unable to explain and seemed to feel aggrieved for fear it would damage him at other points. The man that was here was about 5 feet, 6 inches black hair and mustache slightly mixed with gray, spoke broken English, was neat, tidy, and dressed in a black Prince Albert, and black soft felt alpine hat. He unquestionably gave the most wonderful entertainment that has ever been given in the town. The object of this letter is to request you to give me the foundation for your announcement, and to advise me if the party that I describe is the same party that was in your town. Yours respectfully,

M. M. HIGGINS.

The report of Prof. Goshaun's death was copied from the Waynesboro' (Virginia) *Sentinel*, under date of March 30, 1894. The gentleman described in the letter from Easton, is unquestionably the gentleman who gave exhibitions in Chestertown and astonished every one by his marvelous powers, and it is with no slight degree of pleasure that we announce that our Virginia contemporary was in fault in its statement of the death of Professor Goshaun.

Court News.

County commissioners court, Tuesday, April 10, 1894. All present except Mr. Groves. John F. Connor was appointed keeper of the standards of weights and measures for the year 1894. Clarence S. Hurlock, county treasurer, presented his official report for March, which was examined and appproved and accepted, and filed by order of the board. Catharine E. Kennard, by James A. Pearce, attorney, presented a petition for the payment on over-due jail bond of $115, which was ordered to be paid by an order on levy to pay jail bonds and interest in the hands of the county treasurer. Upon application of Henry W. Blakeney to paint the iron bridge at Brice's mill for the privilege of putting some signs thereon, was granted, provided that the offer therein be carried out in good faith and the signs be made light and stationary so as not to frighten horses. A communication from Mr. Groves conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his wife was received, and thereupon resolutions were passed of regret and sympathy; also to attend the funeral on Wednesday, April 11, at 2 o'clock P. M., from his residence in Quaker Neck, and also that the resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy thereof certified to their worthy associate. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for payment by orders and for levy in 1894.

Orphans' court, Tuesday, April 10, 1894. Present, Judges Harris, Moffett, Burgess. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Charles P. Loper, were granted to Susan J. and William H. Loper, and James R. Jones and John S. Newnam were appointed to appraise said estate. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Wm. M. Johnson, were granted to Thomas M. Britton, and R. Wesley Moffett and John P. Ahern were appointed to appraise said estate. James F. M. Woodall, administrator of Aaron W. Welch, filed account of sales of personal property of said deceased. Samuel Beck and John D. Urie, executors of Amanda M. Hurtt, filed list of debts due said estate.

Of Personal Interest.

Next to his most intimate personal friends, Rev. D. L. Greenfield will most regret to surrender the companionship of Chester river. He has however, sold his boat to Miss Maggie Plummer, preparatory to removing to his new home at Pittsburg.

Mr. William McIntyre, at one time a valued typo in the TRANSCRIPT office, last week graduated with distinction from the Bryant & Stratton Business College, Baltimore. Mr. McIntyre is now seeking employment in the city, and if merit and sterling integrity are recommendations to Baltimore business men, he should experience no difficulty in securing a desirable position.

Dr. Frisby Anderson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting his mother, who is extremely ill at her home on Queen street.

Mr. Henry Deaver, the affable book-keeper in the Second National Bank of Chestertown, has been named by Congressman Brattan, an alternate for the appointment to the West Point Military Academy. The examination will take place in June next.

Mrs. Emily Matthews is spending several weeks with friends and relatives in Upland, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. R. Bergen has just returned from her second trip north with a full assortment of the latest designs in millinery. A call is solicited.

Miss Katie Busteed, daughter of Editor W. W. Busteed, of Centreville, is the guest of Miss Meeteer, Front street.

Miss Myra Ayres and Miss Ella Somers have been appointed delegates from the Rock Hall Epworth League to the annual convention to be held at Easton on May 30. Damon Rollison and Miss Maggie McKivitt were elected alternates.

Captain Thomas Hogan, a popular and prominent young citizen of Rock Hall, and Miss Florence Casey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Casey, were married at 7.30 o'clock yesterday evening, at the Rock Hall M. E. Parsonage, Rev. Edward Davis officiating. A delightful reception, at which were many friends, was served at the home of the bridegroom. Miss Casey has many friends in Chestertown and throughout the county, while Capt. Hogan is one of the most popular gentlemen of Rock Hall or the fifth district.

Mr. Samuel W. Merritt, of Philadelphia, and Miss Florence K. Sheppard, only daughter of Dr. F. N. Sheppard, of Crumpton, were married at the residence of the bride's father, at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, April 10. Rev. J. B. Merritt performed the marriage ceremony.

Without meaning to make public, private misfortunes, we are forced to announce that two of Kent county's commissioners went to the county almshouse last week. "'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true." Messrs. Shallcross and Mor an were the welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. Knight.

Rev. Dr. S. R. Murray, the new M. P. minister for Chestertown, is one of the strongest preachers and most cultured gentleman of the M. P. Conference, and the congregation is to be congratulated upon their rare good fortune. Rev D. L. Greenfield will fill the pulpit which he has adorned during the past three years, on Sunday morning and evening.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Sarah Groves, wife of John A. Groves, died at her home in Quaker Neck, on Tuesday morning, of diabetis. Though having suffered with the trouble for ten years past, she was not taken seriously sick until Wednesday morning of last week. She rapidly grew dangerously worse, all remedies failing to give any material relief. Mrs. Groves was a Miss Shuster, daughter of James and Elizabeth Shuster, and was born in Gloucester county, N J., and would have been 58 years of age in August next. The children surviving her are: James, Burt, William, Mrs. F. D. Lamb, Mrs. J. C. Loud, Emma, Belle and Sarah. Mrs. Groves was a devoted member of Bond M. E. Church, at which place her burial will take place this morning. Funeral services at her late home at 10.30 o'clock this (Thursday) morning. She was a sister of Mr. James Shuster, of Chestertown.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Numbers, wife of Capt. Thomas Numbers, of Millington, died last Thursday afternoon, April 5th, after an illness of only six days. She was in apparent good health attending to her household duties Friday noon, March 30, when she was suddenly stricken with paralysis of the right side, and apoplexy. The last words she said to her husband who immediately went to her assistance were "I am gone." She then became unconscious and remained so until her summons came. Capt. Numbers and his wife had been married 33 years, and had lived in Millington a greater part of the time, having kept the postoffice a number of years until the first administration of President Cleveland. Mrs. Numbers had a large circle of friends who sincerely mourn her loss. She was 65 years of age and leaves one son, Mr. F. C. Numbers, agent at Massey's, Md. Her funeral services took place Sunday morning from the M. E. Church, of which she was a consistent member, and was conducted by Rev. G. W. Burke. The choir sang suitable pieces, also a piece that was a great favorite of Mrs. Numbers, "We Shall Meet Beyond the River." The interment was in Millington cemetery.

Mrs. Mary A. Rand, widow of Mr. Oliver M. Rand, and mother of Mrs. L. R. Shewell, near Rock Hall, and Miss Rosa Rand, died in New York city, about ten days ago.

Drowning of Wm. Dorsey.

Wm. Dorsey, a colored man, was drowned from a fishing skiff about forty yards off Betterton wharf last Thursday afternoon, being knocked overboard by the foresail jibing during a heavy flaw of wind. Edgar Manly, colored, with whom Dorsey fished, is running a fishing rig from Barnard's wharf. As the boats do not stop there, the fishermen bring their fish to Betterton. On Thursday afternoon, Manly and Dorsey started from Barnard's wharf for Betterton. The wind was nearly fair and blowing very heavy. The largest sail was carried, and when within forty yards of Betterton the sail jibed. Unfortunately Dorsey was standing up in the boat. Manly sailed to the wharf and says he called for help, being unable to get back to his partner himself. In the meantime Dorsey was staying up in the water remarkably well. Capt. Wm. Kurman rowed with all possible speed out to the struggling man. When within 3 yards, Dorsey commenced to sink, and by the time the boat reached him, was under water except one hand. The colored man Clayton, in the stern failed to grab for him, although it seemed reasonably certain he might have caught the hand, and in which case the unfortunate man could have been saved. Capt. Kurman deserves great credit for the effort he made, and his effort would have been successful had he been properly helped by the man in the boat. R. E. Taylor Jr. assisted Capt. Kurman at the oars. Owing to the severe storm which was blowing, Dorsey's body was not found until next morning, when an inquest was held by Squire Starkey, of Still Pond. The jury: foreman, Jos. W. Harper, Howard C. Gray, Jas. H. Robinson, Howard Turner, Eben Crew, Lotan Rasin, John H. Crew, Robt. H. Crew, Wilson Capps, James I. Brice, Thos. B. T. Brice, J. A. Bowman, rendered a verdict of accidental drowning, partially due to the inexperience of both Manly and Dorsey.

A PHYSICIAN IN TROUBLE.

Dr. Hodgkins Held in $1500 Bail.

Justice of the Peace C. W. C. Johnson, on Saturday held Dr. Frank Hodgkins in $1500 bail for his appearance at a preliminary hearing, on a charge of having produced an abortion. Mrs. Rachel Porter, of Rock Hall preferred charges against the doctor last week, and he was lodged in jail to await a hearing, but as court will convene on Monday next, the bail will not be given, and the action of the grand jury will be awaited, the doctor remaining in jail in the meantime.

Dr. Hodgkins accompanied Miss Porter, a lady of 23 years of age, to the Maternite Hospital, Baltimore, on February 2, and on February 24 a child was born, which has, since the death of its mother been adopted by the institution. The patient was attended by Dr. Opie, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Neer, resident physician of the Maternite, and Dr. Marshall, assistant resident physician. On March 15, Miss Porter died of puerperal septisaemia, which, says Dr. Marshall, is liable to and often does occur under the most favorable conditions. Dr. Marshall came to Chestertown on Friday, but in the absence of States Attorney Slay no hearing could be had. The doctor stated that the birth was in every way normal and regular, and that the child is now doing well. By permission of a brother of Miss Porter, a post-mortem examination was made and no evidences of malpractice were discovered. Since the death of the unfortunate woman, it is claimed that medicines have been found at her home which point strongly to malpractice on the part of the young physician, in order that several unpleasant facts might not be brought to light. On the other hand it is stated that the medicines are such as might with the utmost propriety be used in such cases. Dr. Hodgkins has retained R. D. Hynson, Esq., and H. W. Vickers, Esq., to defend him. The remains of Miss Porter were interred at Wesley Chapel.

LATER.—Dr. Hodgkins furnished bail on Tuesday evening and was released from jail.

A BRILLIANT DANCE.

The Crowning Social Event of the Season at Still Pond.

The dance given at Still Pond hall on Thursday evening of last week, was in every respect the most charming social event of the present season, and was a delightful leave-taking of the months of winter pleasures. Every care was taken that the scene should be one of pleasure-inspiring beauty. Beautiful ladies, gallant men and sweet music made of the occasion a delightful success. Iula's orchestra discoursed splendid dance music and like a dream the hours passed on. Sandwiches, coffee, tea and cocoa, temptingly served, were enjoyed during the evening.

Among those present were: From Chestertown—Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Mrs. E. T. Comegys, Misses Minnie Massey, Nannie and Daisy Brice, Nelie Walker, Belle Aldridge, Mary Hurtt, Madge Meeteer, Millie Comegys, Messrs. George Brice, L. W. Wickes, Spencer Hurtt, Dr. George Perkins, Frank Gilpin, Wm. Bell, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, John D. Welch, W. W. Beck, C. C. Perkins and Joseph Brice. Galena—Misses Katie, Bessie and Addie Woodall, Miss McCauley, Emma Wilson, Mr. Dennis McCauley and wife. Centreville—Miss Busteed, Messrs. Edward Price and Wm. McKenney, Jr. Worton—Mrs. W. B. Stevens, Misses Eunice, Sallie and Alice Gemmill, Misses Norfolk, Misses Lyndia Bowers, Mamie Cattin, Mrs. Percy Skirven, Mrs Wm. Edwards, Mrs. Edw. Beck, Messrs. Lou and Kid Alrich, Wm. Edwards, Adam and Richard Diehl, Bartus Hatcherson, James and Edward Beck, Murray Smith, Wm. B. Stephens, Wm. Kay. Piney Neck—Misses Lulu, Edna and Mamie Strong, Mr. Page Strong. Wye Mills—Miss Hopkins. Broad Neck—Misses Wallis and Mr. Thomas Wallis; Edward Satchwaite, Jenkinstown, Pa.; Mr. Marshall Cooper, Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Derringer, Messrs. Wm. Crow, George Sutton, Woodland Hurtt,, Mrs. J. Horton Kelley, Locust Grove; Edwin Valiant, Church Hill. W. Simpson, Wilson Cochran, Sassafras. Miss Charlotte Hulme and Alfred Hulme, Baltimore. Miss Hayes, Miss Bertha Hayes. Still Pond—Miss Stavely, Misses May, Lillie and Gulie Parrott, Lillian Busick, Madge Staveley, Lydia Norris, Mattie Hepbron. Miss Pennington, Miss Hepbron, Mrs. John H. O. Stokes, Josephine and Sallie Jones, Fannie Benwill, Mrs. C. H. Price, Mrs. Harry Davis, Mrs. Meegee, Misses Nellie Price, Grace Price and Mattie Davis, Mrs. Rosalie Mitchell Scnuyler, and Miss Pennington, Messrs. James Turner, Carson and James Harris, L. Harris Crewe, Howard, John and George Parrott, Raymond and Eugene Benwill, Hyland Jones, Edward and Wm. Hepbron, Samuel Roseberry, John H. O. Stokes, George Howard, Wm. Price and Mr Harry Davis.

"ON THE ROAD."

Members of the Washington College Dramatic Troupe have a royal Time.

The members of the Washington College Dramatic Troupe have again crowned themselves with golden honors, and at the same time enjoyed the novelty of being regularly advertised to appear before an entirely strange audience. The members of the troupe, accompanied by about fifty friends, left by special train on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, for Smyrna, where they had been billed to give a performance that evening. The trip was delightful, for besides a jolly party and the novelty of the occasion, no delays were had, and all arrangements on the road passed off smoothly, thanks to Col. Stacey, conductor Welsh and his efficient crew. Smyrna was thoroughly inspected, and as the shades of evening drew on a splendid supper was enjoyed at the Smyrna House, kept and presided over by Mr. Charles Armstrong, a gentleman well-known in Kent. A number however, took supper with friends in the town. The audience at night was fairly large, and gave the players an enthusiastic reception, many pronouncing the play one of the finest ever presented in the Smyrna opera house, and assurances were given that should the players ever desire to return, an overflowing house will be sure to receive them. The play was presented with much more strength than was given it in Chestertown. Miss Matthews far surpassed any previous effort, while Miss Stiles and Miss Boston threw an energy and feeling into their respective parts which gave to them additional impressiveness and beauty. Mr. Catlin gave a splendid rendition of his part, and Prof. Tinsley gave an ideal impersonation of his difficult character. Prof. Clarke was excellent, as he always is on the stage.

Little Willie McFeely, the tiny Mascott of the company was also a splendid success. Baxter as "Me Too" held his own in splendid style. Mr. Polk did admirable work, as did the soldiers, sentinels and all participants. The party returned to Chestertown about 1 o'clock A. M. Among others who went were: Miss Bertha May Stiles and Prof. E. J. Clarke and R. W. Tinsley, of the faculty of Washington College; Misses May Matthews, Belle Boston, Madge Meeteer, Nannie and Daisy Brice, Lillian and Bertha Hynson, Belle Aldridge, Mary Hurtt, Hattie Reed, Susie and Tillie Reiche, Pearl Shuster, Janie Cooper, Miss Katie Busteed, Centreville; Misses Minnie Massey, Rose Frazier, and Miss Thomas; Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Mrs. Dr. J. A. Catlin and Mrs. W. F. Russell.

It is stated that a Centreville gentleman who has seen the play, says that Centreville will give it a rousing reception should the company consent to appear there.

HOW IS THIS FOR THE PEACH?

The Outlook Doubtful for a crop this Year.

To say the least of it, Tuesday and yesterday, with hail or a driving snow-storm sweeping over the Kent county peach orchards, all of which are now in full bloom, was far from reassuring for a crop, and as a prominent grower said on Tuesday, "If we have peaches this year, the particular varieties should be put down in the fruit catalogues as non-freezable, gilt-edged and irrepressible." Hail fell during most of Tuesday night, and yesterday morning the ground was completely covered with slush and snow, with the thermometer registering 30°. A number of peach growers were seen on Tuesday, but, by general consent it was declared to be impossible to give any *positive* opinion. Many united however, in the opinion, that unless it became, cold and froze during the night, the hail and snow would do no material damage.

Mr. John Brice, says that in his opinion the peach outlook is poor, and that the crop is about finished by the storm of yesterday.

Mr. Wm. S. Walker says that while the conditions are certainly not favorable to fruit, yet it is impossible to say just what the result may be. He stated that apricots, generally considered one of the most delicate of our fruits, were not injured, so far as his investigations have gone, by the freeze of two weeks ago.

Dr. Samuel Beck and Mr. Walker stated that they distinctly remember that on the third Monday of April 1875, (the day of the opening of court) ice formed one and a half inches thick; fruit buds were in full blossom and on the Sunday before, snow fell and the buds were completely filled, and yet the crop of that year was unusually large.

Mr. Thomas D. France says that the cups of the buds have been filled with slush since Monday morning, and whether it froze or not on Tuesday night, in his opinion the buds are killed.

Mr. William Morris says that it is difficult to say what the result will be. He remembers that on April 8, 1857, he was sleighing until 9 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. D. C. Hopper states that on May 4, 1860, there was a snow storm equal to that of Tuesday or Wednesday.

A gentleman from the upper part of the county said on Tuesday, that he had examined carefully 17 orchards, and making a general average, the damage to the peach crop is about two-fifths. Mountain Rose, Fosters, Early Crawfords, Reeves and Crawfords Late are injured about three-fifths. Moores, Old Mixon, Smock and Salways were scarcely injured at all. Pears, cherries and small fruits are sound.

A representative fruit-grower from near Still Pond said: "I cannot say what the result of the storm will be, but I am fearful that fruit will be injured. From an examination of a number of orchards, I would say that the situation stands about as follows: Amsdens, Waterloo, Hales and Rivers were not hurt; St. John's were not seriously hurt but there was a small crop of buds; Mt. Rose and Troths are ninetenths killed; Early Crawfords, light crop of buds and but slightly injured; Old Mixon, Moores, and Crawford's Late three-fourths killed; Smock and Salway not badly hurt.

Mr. S. Roseberry, of near Still Pond, said: "Christians, Crawford's Late, totally gone, some Reeves left; Troths, Mountain Rose almost entirely killed; St. John's good showing; Smock, not hurt and Salways very lightly. On a seven-year old orchard a majority of the buds are dead, while on a 10-year-old orchard a majority are alive."

The Hagerstown *Mail* said before the late storm: "Peach growers are beginning to hope that the cold snap did not effect such widespread harm to the crop as was at first feared. Some of them, after careful examination, report that from 30 to 50 per cent. of the buds are still alive."

New Advertisements.

Mr. Colin F. Stam advertises in this issue a grand musical treat in the Mozart Symphony Club, billed for his hall on April 25. The club has many excellent endorsements from the cities and towns in which they have given entertainments. We give below a few of them: Salisbury, Md.—The Viol Da Gamba faithfully imitates the human voice. New York Herald.—The celebrated Mozart Symphony Club, with its array of distinguished artists, played its programme with exquisite finish and irreproachable ensemble. Toronto, Canada.—The orchestral numbers by the Mozart Symphony Club were distinguished by precision of their playing, the grace and feeling, the exquisite shading. Their work was appreciated to the utmost by the audience, which hung upon the strains with breathless interest.

Hope H. Barroll, Esq., advertises money to loan on first mortgage at six per cent.

The advertisement of the United States Life Insurance Company will be found in our columns of this issue. Mr. W. H. Stewart Jr., a popular young gentleman of Kent, and well known througout the county, is special agent for this Co. For particulars see advertisement.

The Y. W. C. T. U. of Chestertown, advertise a supper to be given at Shuster's dining parlors on Wednesday evening next. The entertainments and suppers prepared by the ladies having the matter in charge, are notorious for the daintiness, elegance and abundance of the feasts which they prepare.

Mr. James T. Dixon gives notice that the orphans' court will meet on Tuesday and Thursday of next week.

Notice to creditors of Charles P. Loper, Susan J. and Wm. H. Loper administrators.

Mr. Thomas Hill, Baltimore, advertises money to loan on good farms in Kent.

The commissioners of Chestertown advertise notice of an election of a commissioner on Monday, April 23.

Hope H. Barroll, Esq., as trustee, will sell at public sale on Tuesday next, a fine and well located residence in Chestertown. The house is now occupied by Mr. Percy T. McFeely.

Mrs. Florence J. Robinson, Lynch's Station, advertises in this issue 650 cedar posts for sale.

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