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LOCAL MATTERS.

Weather Forecast.

Hicks, the weather prophet, makes the following forecast of the weather for the coming week:

From 18 to 22 falls the next regular storm period. Full moon on 17 will most likely precipitate heat and storms. The 25 and 26 will bring reactionary rise in temperature, bursting into blister and storm, and bringing a cooler breath from the northwest.

MOON'S PHASES FOR JULY: New moon, 3; first quarter 9; full moon 17; last quarter 25.

—Mr. J. D. Bacchus lost a $175 horse at Worton Manor Beach last week.

—Chief Judge John M. Robinson is now at Bedford Springs enjoying a needed rest.

—Members of a geological excursion party last week discovered pure amber near Still Pond.

—Mr. T. H. Topping, has purchased from Hope H. Harroll, Esq., the Fairlee mill property.

—Judge John M. Robinson has postponed the July term of the circuit court for Queen Anne's county to July 30.

—Col. Shotwell has exchanged his splendid property on Chester river known as "Piney Point," to Dr. James L. Cornell, of New York, for flats in New York city.

—Peaches so far have been an almost unknown luxury in the Chestertown market. Even fried chickens have outstripped them for abundance, though possibly not for popularity.

—Mr. James H. Baker has awarded the contract to rebuild his barn and other outbuildings recently destroyed by lightning, to Messrs. Scoone & Faulkner. The work is now under way.

—One of the handsomest of the old oaks standing on the outside of St. Paul's cemetery, was struck by lightning during a recent storm, and is now a wreck. These trees are celebrated for their beauty.

—However absurd it may appear, a letter from Rock Hall in order that it may reach Tolchester, a place just seven miles distant, is forced to come to Chestertown, thence to Baltimore and lastly it takes up at its destination, Tolchester.

—Frank H. Howard will paint the handsome new residence of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., work to commence just as soon as the carpenters' work will permit. Mr. Howard is now painting the office of M. deK. Smith, Esq., inside and out.

—Private watchman James Copper has been appointed by the board of town commissioners to the regular police force of the town. Mr. Copper has made an excellent officer and this promotion is only a proper recognition of good work done.

—Mr. F. H. Ward, of near Fairlee, several days ago brought to Chestertown a bunch of mammoth onions of the Johnson & Stokes Mammoth Prize Taker variety. The smallest measured twelve and the largest fourteen inches in circumference. Who can beat it?

—Officer Kelley has been industriously ridding Chestertown of worthless dogs, and still a number remain to be gotten rid of. It is thought that worthless curs from the country are being brought to town by their humane owners, preferring that the officer should dispatch them rather than do it themselves.

—Friday last was one of the hottest days of the present summer. In Baltimore city it was the champion for intensity of heat, the thermometer registering 97°, or one degree higher than the year's hottest day. The thermometer on Tuesday of last week registered 108° at points in South Dakota, and great damage was done to growing crops by the heat.

—Farmers are rushing off their wheat crops to market, and in addition to large quantities being carried by the steamer Corsica, a number of sailing vessels are running the crop to Baltimore. Agent James Daubracco reports the grain as a rule in excellent condition. Mr. George C. Sutton, Jr., is also making heavy shipments by rail from points along the B. & D. B. Railroad. Prices offered in Chestertown yesterday by local buyers were—

—Miss Mabel T. Marrett, the youngest daughter of James B. Marrett, of Leeds, Cecil county, narrowly escaped being drowned on Wednesday by falling from Singerly's wharf into the Elk river. Miss Marrett had just landed from the steamer Sassafras which arrived from Tolchester, and not being acquainted with the surroundings fell into the river. Andrew Rambo and John Hitchens jumped overboard and kept her above water until rescued by people on the wharf. Her escape was almost a miracle as the water is very deep and she could not swim.

—Good fishing is still being enjoyed on Chester bridge. An unusual number of rock fish have so far been the reward to the patience of the lone fishermen. No county along the northern Chesapeake affords finer sport to the lover of fun with the hook and line than does Kent. Betterton no longer has everything her own way as being a territory offering glorious sport. Rock Hall now lays claim to having as fine sport as any point on the bay, though its merits are not so widely know as are those of the picturesque summer resort. Both points have given fine sport. Chester river too, has been a favorite resort. At Kent Island narrows rock of splendid size have been hooked, and Baltimore fishermen have as usual been doing the honors of fine sport.

—Tolchester was on Friday the rendezvous of the Sunday school boys and girls and the congregation of Brantley Baptist Church, Baltimore. There were also present a number of Baptists from other city churches, and the combined assembly numbered more than 2,500. One customary feature of the Brantly excursions, which always attracts interest, was not on the programme. This was the baby show. The custom has been to award a prize to the fattest baby, the prettiest, the one with the least hair, etc.; but there were few children to compete, and it was decided to dispense with the contest. It is probable that the congregation of Brantly may arrange to hold their annual campmeeting at Tolchester later in the season. Capt. Eliason has offered them any section of the grounds they may desire for the purpose.

—The July report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture is not reassuring on the subject of apples and peaches. His investigations show that the average condition of apples for the whole country is only 47.6 per cent. The peach crop promises even worse, the general average being only 24.3 per cent. Apple pie, therefore, is likely to be at a premium next fall and winter. As for peaches, young men who are in the habit of telling their sweethearts that they are as "sweet as peaches" will find it dangerous to use that similie this season, and will avoid a comparison that might compel expenditures involving financial ruin. "You are my huckleberry" might be a safer, if not so delicate a compliment, if the huckleberry crop is not also a failure.—*Baltimore Sun.* There are enough peaches in Kent to admit of the old similie, so the boys need not feel troubled. The only caution to be used is, don't dare to tell any other than a Kent county girl that she is as sweet as a Kent county peach.

How to Grow Pickles.

As many of our farmers are growing pickles in Kent, the following explicit and reliable rules as to how to grow them may be both interesting and valuable. The main vines must be pinched at the ends to keep them within bounds and to encourage the outgrowth of side branches, which are the most prolific for fruit. The main branches bear chiefly male or staminate flowers, which are barren of fruit, and the side branches bear the pistillate or productive flowers, so that the great secret in growing this crop, as well as all kinds of cucumbers, melons and squashes, consists in this shortening of the main vine and the encouragement of the laterals.

It Was Murder.

It now appears that John Willis, originally of Kent county, whose death from drowning was recently announced in the TRANSCRIPT, was not drowned at all, but his death was the result of a cold-blooded murder and John McCollom and William Heinzelman, the two men who were in the boat with Willis at the time are now in jail, waiting an investigation of the facts surrounding the death. The three men were seen in the boat within 100 yards of the shore and within a very short distance from where Willis' body was found with the face much discolored and the tongue protruding. The two men were totally unable or unwilling to make any satisfactory statement of how Willis got out of the boat or how he was drowned. The body has been exhumed for examination to determine whether death was or was not the result of drowning.

A Narrow Escape From Drowning.

Master Bernard Browne, son of Dr. B. B. Browne, of Baltimore city, made a narrow escape from drowning on Monday. Young Browne with several companions, was in bathing, and while swimming was seized with cramps and became helpless to save himself. He sank several times, and not until the last moment did his companions realize the danger of his position. Charles and Frank Emory appreciating the situation, seized their comrade just in time to save him, and by a manly effort of the two little heroes was the prostrate form of the boy drawn into the boat. Young Browne is not an expert swimmer and probably ventured too far from shallow water. His experience should at least be a timely warning to a number of boys who are now enjoying the pleasures of summering in close proximity to the water-courses in Kent.

Destruction from Hail and Wind.

A severe hail and wind storm passed over the vicinity of Massey's at about 4.30 on Monday afternoon. A suspiciously pink-looking cloud came around from the northwest, and one of the heaviest blows experienced for many years soon swept down. The roof from the process-room of the new cannery building of ex-County Treasurer C. S. Hurlock was blown off, trees were blown down, or the tops wrenched off as though they had been straws. Mr. Hurlock states that the wind was terrific, and that hail fell for several minutes as large as pigeon eggs. The hail cloud did not strike his corn field, and consequently he suffered no serious loss.

The corn fields of Thomas Roe and Herman Massey were struck by the hail, and their corn literally riddled. Mr. Massey reports the hailstones as being of enormous size.

Thomas Dunn's corn crop was badly injured, as also several other fields, but not so seriously as the crops of Messrs. Roe and Massey.

Sales of Valuable Property.

Messrs. Charles T. Westcott and James C. Mulliken, on Tuesday, sold at trustees' sale the valuable real property of the late Alexander Parks. The Home Farm of 218 acres, situated near Coleman's, was purchased by Mrs. Georgetta Merritt, of Easton, at $31 per acre. The Startt farm of 91½ acres, situated at Hanesville, was bought by Mrs. Martha Parsons at $40 per acre. The Worton Heights farm, situated at Hanesville, and containing 67½ acres, was purchased by W. J. Coleman at $20 per acre. The 11 acres of woodland at Butlertown was bought by Samuel W. Wallis at $20 per acre.

W. W. Beck, Esq., as attorney, sold last week, the Lloyd Skeggs farm of 43 acres, situated at Lynch's, to James W. Chapman for $1400.

H. H. Barroll, Esq., attorney, sold the Archer M. Hepbron farm of 60 acres, near Crumpton, last week to Albert Godwin for $600, subject to mortgage of $2,000.

Mr. Wm. T. Loller has sold his 13 acre farm near town to Mr. Willard Dodson for $1450.

Chester River's Appropriation.

The river and harbor bill as passed on Friday by the Senate, contained this item relative to Chester river and its improvement: Chester river is one of the largest rivers of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and enters Chesapeake bay from the east. It is 40 miles long and entirely a tidal stream. The commerce of the river is quite brisk within the lower 25 miles and as far as Chestertown, the channel being nowhere less than 10 feet deep and of ample width. The channel depth above Chestertown gradually decreases until it is only 6 feet near Crumpton, a small village 33 1-3 miles above the mouth, and the present terminus of steamboat navigation. A few small sailing vessels sail occasionally from a wharf about 4 miles above Crumpton, but beyond that point navigation is interrupted by many shoals, with only 3 and 4 feet of water over them.

The existing project for improvement is for a 6 foot low-water channel, 60 feet wide, from Crumpton to Jones' Landing, a distance of 6¼ miles at an estimated cost of $12,750.

Up to the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, $3088.58 had been expended, resulting in improving the existing channel for about 4 miles above Crumpton, by dredging a number of shoals which obstructed the channel.

During the past fiscal year the channel was dredged for an additional length of 3038 feet, and about 1½ miles of the river remains to be dredged. A number of sailboats carrying grain and other farm products have commenced to make regular trips from the head of the improved channel.

The completon of the remainder of the channel will be a great benefit commercially.

Four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars will complete the improvement, this being the amount asked for by the engineers, to be expended in the ensuing fiscal year.

Notwithstanding this modest request, the bill cuts the appropriation down to $1500.

Court News.

Letters of administraton on the personal estate of William J. Rutter were granted to Tilghman Shafer, and John P. Hendrickson and John McGugan were appointed to appraise said estate. Court was also engaged in routine business.

Harry F. Hill Dead.

Mr. Harry F. Hill, after a short illness, died at his residence near Still Pond, at 11.15 P. M. on Saturday last, July 14. Mr. Hill was 36 years of age in June, and was a picture of robust, sturdy manhood. While overheated he was caught in a rain storm on Thursday before his last illness, which brought on a congestive chill. The chill was followed by typhoid fever, resulting in death. He was a son of Mr. Sam'l J. Hill, and a brother of the lamented Dr. J. Heighe Hill, who was murdered near Millington two years ago. He leaves a wife, the daughter of the late William Archibald, and one child, a bright little boy of eleven months of age.

Mr. Hill was a successful and progressive farmer, and no young man in the county occupied a more enviable position in the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Generous to a fault, honest to an extreme degree, he had drawn around him a wide circle of sincere and devoted friends, and was a devoted son to the aged parents who now in their old age weep and will not be comforted because he is not. In June he took out a policy for five thousand dollars in favor of his wife in the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, through its representative, Mr. J. Herman Ireland. Services were held at his late home on Monday, a great number of friends being present, after which the interment was made in Chester cemetery.

Hillsborough Fire-Swept.

The pretty little village of Hillsborough, Caroline county, was fire-swept and nearly ruined by flames on Friday last. The fire was due either to the careless use of matches, or, as is more generally believed, to the spontaneous combustion of a barrel of gasoline alongside of the barn of F. J. Willoughby, which instantly ignited the barn and started the conflagration. The loss is believed to be $35,000, with about $10,000 insurance. Prompt assistance was received from Denton, Ridgely, Cordova and Easton. The officers of the Delaware and Chesapeake Railway Company were prompt in sending a train from Easton with the fire company of that place. When the apparatus arrived, Mr. McHale, the chief of the fire company, was indefatigable in his efforts to be of use. The experience of Hillsboro' demonstrated the necessity of all towns having an organized fire company. One-third of the town was burned. Several families have not a dollar's worth of wearing apparel left and not a place to sleep except through the kindness of their neighbors.

Only three persons have decided to rebuild, and the indications are that the town will never again be restored to its former size and appearance. The thriving village of Queen Anne is only one-half mile away, and as it has railroad facilities and superior business advantages, it is believed that many will build there rather than rebuild in Hillsboro'. Hundreds of people visited the scene of the fire on Sunday and made inquiries regarding the condition of the people.

Church Notes.

Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., Presiding Elder of Easton District, will occupy the pulpit of the M. E. Church of Chestertown, Sunday morning, July 22. The pastor of said church will occupy the pulpit of the Still Pond M. E. Church on the same day and hour. At the summer hour of evening service, 6.45, the pastor will preach in the Chestertown church, Subject: "Twilight Meditations." The Quarterly Love Feast will be held at 9.30 Sabbath morning, led by Presiding Elder Smith. To all of these services the public are cordially invited.

Rev. S. R. Murray, pastor of Christ M. P. Church, on Sunday morning gave an elaborate and eloquent discourse bearing upon the labor troubles which are now prevailing in such threatening proportions thoughout the country. Dr. Murray took his text from the 31st chapter of Genesis, in which is treated the story of Laban and Jacob. The discourse, in addition to its evident timeliness, was intensely interesting because of the manner in which it was treated from the respective standpoints of labor and capital. Unless prevented for want of space because of the demands upon our advertising columns by the annual levy list, the full context of the sermon will be given in our next issue

The members of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, are preparing for a delightful tournament and base-ball game, to be held at "My Lord's Gift," near Queenstown, on Wednesday, July 25. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. A splendid programme has been arranged and a gala time is expected.

The members of Salem M. E. Sunday school held their annual picnic at Tolchester Beach on Friday last. The occasion was one of rare pleasure to the large number of children composing the flourishing school.

The County Christian Endeavor Convention will convene at St. James M. P. Church this morning, at 9.30 o'clock. The pleasant programme as published in the TRANSCRIPT last week will be carried out. All members and delegates will carry well-filled lunch baskets, and elegant meals will be enjoyed beneath the shade of the trees. Provision will be made for friends and guests who may be present.

It is not surprising that that indefatigable worker, fine preacher and sterling man of God, W. R. Mowbray, of Smyrna circuit, has had his salary raised to $750 by an appreciative people. The smile of the financial goddess was merited.

Rev. A. Edwin Keigwin, the eloquent and popular pastor of Worton and Church Hill Presbyterian Churches, has accepted a call to Fort Collins, Colorado.

The M. E. Sunday school enjoyed its annual picnic to Worton Manor Beach yesterday.

From Betterton.

The perch are beginning to bite, and all that is needed to make the sport first-class is a good rain. Strange it is, but perch need occasional rains, so the fishermen say.

The hotels are fairly well filled with people, with prospects for an excellent season. The people in Baltimore are just beginning to appreciate the resort, and the Ericsson and Sassafras Lines have had quantities of people down to see about the place, accommodations etc.

The Ericsson Line's day boat, the Gen. Cadwalader, is carrying more people each week, and a great many persons get off at Betterton. We trust the Ericsson Line Co. may be well supported, as the trip is a delightful one and is helping Betterton.

Two excursions stop at Betterton on Thursday, the Sassafras with the Galena Sunday school, and the Tolchester from Port Deposit.

The Williamsport & Chesapeake Lumber Company have commenced gathering the logs at this point. The price paid is from 15 to 25c.

The wind was too light last week for the sailing race, but if favorable it will take place next Saturday at about four o'clock.

Miss Bertie Faulkner, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. W. A. Crew.

The Christian Endeavor Society of this place will attend the meeting at St. James Church on Thursday in a body, going down in a large wagon. B.

Personal Mention.

Presiding Elder Smith and family are now occupying their summer cottage at Oxford.

City Solicitor Warwick and wife, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eben F. Perkins, Water street.

The Misses Ellegood, of Salisbury, have been visiting the Misses Blackiston, on Washington avenue.

Mrs. Steward Emory and children, of Philadelphia, and Miss Fannie Maxwell, of Baltimore, are the latest arrivals at Hotel de la Watts, Water street.

Mrs. Wm. S. Walker, of St. Louis, is visiting her brother Dr. W. Frank Hines, Water street.

Miss Guest, of Baltimore, has been visiting the home of Mr. W. N. E. Wickes, Water street.

Miss Mary Murray, of Baltimore, is the guest of her brother, Dr. S. R. Murray, Washington avenue.

Miss Alice Staunton and Mr. John Devine, of Philadelphia, are guests at the home of Mr. George B. McWhorter, on Main street.

Mr. H. C. Chase, of Washington, D. C., is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Clarence W. Perkins Esq., of Baltimore, and Mr. George Perkins, of Philadelphia, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eben F. Perkins, Water street.

Mr. Merritt M. Beck and his daughters, Misses Elise, Page, Florence and Master Merritt M. Jr., of St. Louis, are visiting the family of Dr. S. Beck, on Water st.

Mrs. Walter H., and Miss May and Master Walter Beck, Jr., of St. Louis, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Ried, of Washington College, after a protracted and delightful fishing trip in the mountain streams and lakes of Maine, returned to Chestertown on Monday. The doctor reports splendid success, a great number of fine mountain trout having been taken. Dr. Reid's brother succeeded in bringing down a fine deer during one of his excursions.

Rev. W. J. Scott, of St. Peter's Church, Queenstown, anchored off Chestertown in his trim and pretty sloop-yacht, the Timepiece, on Tuesday. The reverend gentleman has been the guest of Rev. George L. Ott, High street. Miss Lizzie Lawery, of Kent Island, and Misses Lizzie and Elva Friel came up with Father Scott and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boyd.

Miss Alice Thompson, of Chestertown, has taken a position in the handsome store of Mr. R. Bergen, as saleslady. Mr. Bergen has made a most excellent selection.

We are glad to state that Mr. Joel R. Clements, who has been extremely ill, is materially better.

Mr. Hipsley, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Copper, on Washington avenue.

Mr. Unit Horsey, the affable private secretary and typewriter in the law office of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., is spending his summer vacation at the home of his father in Galena.

Rev. W. R. McKnett, of Laurel, Md., is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McKnett, near Kennedyville.

Mrs. William Wolf, of Baltimore, and Mr. Allen Westhimer, of New York, are visiting at the Bergen mansion, Queen St.

Mrs. James A. Shaw, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Rasin, at their home in Hanesville.

Dr. J. B. Merritt and wife, of Easton, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Toulson.

Natalie Wood, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Wood, formerly residents of Melitota, took the first prize, a handsome high chair, at the baby show at Asbury Park, last week.

The Misses Baker, of near Pomona, now have as their guests, Misses Julia Jones and Bertha Lewis, of Dover; Caddie Sharp, of Harrington, and Bessie Price, Centreville.

Mr. Owen Smith, a student of the Baltimore City School of Pharmacy is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Smith.

Miss Anna Smith, is the guest of friends at Ingleside, Queen Anne's county.

Esquire C. W. C. Johnson and wife are visiting friends and relatives in Pennsylvania

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dyott, of Baltimore, spent Sunday the guests of Col. John Bordley.

Miss Blanche Hopkins, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. J. H. Vernon, on Cross St.

Miss Mamie Spicer, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Rosa McIntire, on Kent street.

Mr. J. H. Hurtt, proprietor of the Voshell House, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is still confined to his bed.

Miss Clare Perkins is visiting friends in Church Hill.

C. R. Bedford, Esq., of the Baltimore bar is the guest of W. W. Beck, Esq.

Mrs. Allen Harris spent last week at Glencoe Springs, Baltimore county, the guest of Miss Hodges, of Baltimore.

KENT COUNTY STRIKERS.

Kent county farmers within the past two weeks have been confronted by a state of affairs both novel and serious. In view of the general depression which bears so heavily upon the agricultural industries, the Kent county farmers determined to make a one-fourth reduction in the price paid for labor for threshing wheat, accordingly seventy-five cents rather than one dollar was decided upon in many cases. This reduction met with strong resistance on the part of colored laborers.

Mr. Phil Wilmer states that the younger men on his yard refused to work at the new rates and left the place, but the older men did not.

Mr. Johnson Hodson's hands also struck and that gentleman met their demands and went on with his work.

Dr. S. Beck also paid the old price rather than suffer any interruption to his threshing operations.

Mr. C. S. Hurlock commenced threshing with a number of colored men employed. Just as the machine had gotten under way the men demanded higher wages and upon Mr. Hurlock's refusal to grant their request left the yard.

Mr. W. H. Hudson's hands all left on a strike for higher wages.

Mr. Harry Willis' men left his threshing yard demanding more pay.

Mr. George Beck's men also went on a strike.

Mr. George Watts, when everything was in readiness to commence threshing on Wednesday of last week, was confronted by a demand for higher wages. Mr. Watts ordered the men from the farm and securing white labor threshed his crop.

Some farmers however, have met the demands of the men and one dollar has been paid. The striking element of the county should remember that while the farmers are scaling their wages scarcely one-quarter, the receipts of the farmer from the produce of his farm have been cut more than one-half with a constantly increasing downward tendency. In every case of these local strikes, white laborers have enabled the farmers to thresh their crops, and the only possible result of this abortive strike will be to delay work to some extent, and should the wet season set in early some farmers may experience slight loss and some inconvenience. In several instances farmers have been forced to pay $1.25 per day.

AN ANSWER TO "QUIPS."

An Apology for the Tolchester Postmaster.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Some years since I spent a summer up in Connecticut, being domiciled in the family of old Deacon Havens, a strong and conscientious member of the Presbyterian persuasion and a man, who, as far as his light guided him, lived up to his professions. The deacon was both thrifty and economical and held that any waste of time which could be usefully employed, was almost a cardinal sin. It was the custom of the worthy deacon, when, in harvest time he had an unusual amount of help, to have the dinner table spread under some large elms which shaded his lawn, and, in order to save the time of the harvesters he would take his place at the head of his table and say a lenghty grace without which no meal might be eaten in the deacon's house. As soon as the exhortation was ended, he would seize the big dinner horn, which stood upon the table at his right hand, and summon the workers from the fields. Now the deacon had a waggish son, who took it into his head to fill the horn with soft soap. The dinner hour came around and as usual, the good deacon took his place, and asked the usual blessing. Then raising the horn to his lips, he blew a mighty blast, and the contents of the horn were plentifully scattered over the inviting dishes which garnished the table. The astonished deacon seated himself in silence until his men were all assembled in their customary seats around the table. Then rising upon his feet, he thus addressed them: "Gentlemen," said he, "I am a pious and a God-fearing man, who has lived in harmony with his neighbors for sixty-five years. I have been superintendent of the Sunday school for thirty years, and an elder of the church for nearly that time. I am advanced in years and my most vigorous days are over, but old as I am, d—m—n me, if I can't lick the man who soaped that horn. Now, Mr. Editor, I have been led to relate this anecdote by the perusal of the article in your last issue signed "Quips," which strikes me as an uncalled for and malicious attack upon the postmaster of Tolchester Beach. I have no acquaintance with the postmaster except in his official capacity, and have found him an affable and painstaking gentlemen. Like "Quips," I too have traveled over the face of the earth and have seen many of the strange productions of nature. I have seen even more fantastic creations than even the worthy postmaster, but not much. I am inclined to think that "Quips," led away by sympathy for his friend, the clerk of the hotel, who is also a worthy gentlemen, in his way, allowed himself to say more than he intended and should feel himself under an obligation to make the postmaster a suitable apology. If the case were my own I am sure I should be tempted to repeat the words of Deacon Haven, on the occasion of finding his horn loaded with soap.

THE LOOKER ON.

NOTES FROM TOLCHESTER.

"The Man Who Pays the Freight" at His Best.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—If, as the "Looker-on" informed us last week, Manager Noland promised the belles of the county they should this week dance to their hearts content, he certainly fully redeemed his promise, as they assembled in full force on Friday evening, and after thoroughly enjoying themselves until near the "wee sma' hours," they reluctantly adjourned their pleasures until Tuesday the 17th, when Kent county and Baltimore will contest for supremacy upon the floor of Tolchester's fine dancing pavilion.

Things are looking up in better shape at the Beach, and the past week has been a busy one, large crowds having been here from Elkton, Havre de Grace, North East and other places.

On Sunday a large crowd of well-pleased Philadelphians were here, and in addition to the usual attractions of the place, enjoyed the novelty of a clam bake. They entered with zest into all the sports incidental to the Beach, and at evening took their departure for home, both tired and gratified.

The hotel has had a large addition to its numerous guests during the past week, and among them some quite distinguished in their own localities. Among others, Judge Beasly, from Trenton, N. J., whose beautiful little yacht, Ariel, drew forth many commendations from the Rock Hall boys, who, if they understand one thing better than another, certainly understand boats.

Your correspondent, "Quips," has caused some excitement, and more mirth, upon the Beach, by his letter on Tolchester, and if your postmaster feels himself somewhat aggrieved, why, we can hardly blame him. He seems to feel himself in the same position as the frogs and King Stork, what is fun for others, is not quite so much—to him. But we all have our trials, and he, no doubt, will learn to bear his with equanimity.

I am very happy to inform you that Mr. Morris Bramble is progressing as favorably as could be expected, and there is no longer any danger to be apprehended of loss of sight.

I forgot to say that among the Philadelphians who visited Tolchester on Sunday, was Uncle John Taggart, so long the popular postmaster at the Beach. He received a perfect ovation, and if your correspondent is ever permitted to touch the lips of as many fair dames and damsels as allowed him that privilege on that occasion, he will feel himself in a fit state to leave this sublunary sphere.

THE MAN WHO PAYS THE FREIGHT.

The Base-ball Diamond.

And still the contest wages between the Bum and Rat, each contesting for the mastery, with the ball and bat. The second of a series of three games took place on the College campus on Monday, resulted in a victory for the Rats by a score of 12 to 13. The players took position as follows;

B. H. B.	Position	Wharf Rats
Hipsley	catcher	A. York
F. Perkins	pitcher	J. Westcott
Rickey	short-stop	S. Greenwood
H. Simpers	1st base	H. Perkins
T. Massey	2d base	A. T. Massey
T. Perkins	3d base	C. Westcott
N. Perkins	left field	F. Greenwood
Hurtt	centre field	H. Vickers
Palmer	right field	H. Lambert

The game was saved to the Rats by the long drive of Lambert to left field.

Catcher Zearfoss has signed with the Dover, Del., base-ball team for a series of games during the summer.

Catcher Zearfoss caught for the Pocomoke City team last week in a game with the Parksley nine and was defeated by a score of 14 to 4.

The game of Wednesday of last week between the Bums and the Rats, resulted in a victory for the rats by a score of 12 to 4. The games does not count in the series because of the absence of several of the regular players from each nine.

The Queen Anne's club will play a game at Sudlersville to-day, against the Dover, Del., team on which Zearfoss is catch. George Brice, of the Washington College team, will play centre field with the Queen Anne's club. T. D. Bowers, of Chestertown, will umpire the game. The Trenchards, Morgan and Gadd will play on the Queen Anne's team.

SUMMER PLEASURES.

A Pleasant Dance at Church Hill—Yachting Parties and Other Pleasures.

The most brilliant social triumph of Church Hill during the present season, was the delightful dance given in the town hall on Thursday evening. A number of Church Hill ladies gallantly assisted by Messrs. Charles Newnam, William and Thomas Trenchard, Edwin Valiant and others, conceived and carried into execution the details of the delightful affair which resulted in so much pleasure to a large number of visitors from Chestertown, Millington, Centreville and other social centres of Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Iula as harpest, accompanied by a violinist and cornetist dispensed splendid music. The floor was in excellent condition, the night beautiful and everything conspired to an occasion of more than usual pleasure. Ice cream and water ices served to moderate the warmth of the evening and not until the first blushes of morn, did the Chestertown guests, eveling in a sea of glorious enthusiasm, reach home. All pronounced the dance one of the most delightful which they had ever attended. Among those present were: Chestertown—Mrs. Brooks, Misses Minnie Massey, Mary Beck, May Ireland, Katie Hines, Nannie Brice, Daisy Brice, Emma Beck, Nannie Deaver, Emily Guest, Belle Aldridge, Clare Perkins; Messrs. Clarence Perkins, W. N. Emory, R. A. Comegys, Lewin Wickes, J. Welch, W. W. Beck, Henry Deaver, Ward Carvill, C. R. Bedford, John Rose. Centreville—Misses Nannie Nichols, Daisy Mullikin, Minnie Brown, Etta and Tony Legg, Mrs. Wm. McKenney, Jr.; Messrs. Wm. McKenney, Jr., Kennard Brown, M. Brown, Samuel Emory, Thomas Keating, Goldsborough. Millington—Misses Rose Comegys, Lillie Casey, Susie Massey, Etta Massey, Mrs. Wilkins Massey, Messrs. Carroll Clark, Hampden Massey, Wilkins Massey, Paul Comegys.

Col. W. P. Howard, in command of the Happy Bachelor, one of the finest boats on the Chester, has given a number of delightful moonlight sails to a number of ladies and gentlemen during the past week. The Colonel has been as generous and jolly as the sails have been charming to his friends. W. Frank Hines, Jr., has been Captain Howard's second officer in command, and an admirable Jack Tar he makes.

The May, Captains Carl and Jack Westcott, has given much pleasure to a large number of ladies and gentlemen, while the Brothers, inspired by the proverbial gallantry of her captains, Eben F. Jr., Clarence and Thomas Perkins, has during the past two weeks made it royally pleasant for gay parties of pleasure-seekers. Sailing has scarcely ever been more thoroughly enjoyed.

A number of ladies and gentlemen of Still Pond will give an enjoyable dance at Worton Manor this evening. Sweet music, a mid-summer moon and beautiful girls will doubtless make of the occasion one of unusual pleasure. A number of the young ladies of Chestertown will go on a straw-ride, and will participate in the pleasures of the occasion.

The Louise took 2,000 persons to Tolchester and made an extra trip on Tuesday. Those who went down to the Beach on the last trip attended a hop at the Beach hotel.

The steamer B. S. Ford took a large moonlight excursion party down the bay on Tuesday. The trip was given by the employees of the Chester River Steamboat Company. A concert was given on the boat and Col. W. H. Love gave several recitations.

A SHIRT-WAIST PICNIC.

A novel, tempting, exhilarating and excruciating shirt-waist picnic was participated in by a number of ladies and their silent partners, the gentlemen, on Tuesday afternoon. Shirt waists, fried chicken, deviled crabs and a large number of young men who had been systematically subjected to the same process, were the order of the day. About 4.30 o'clock the jolly trip to the pretty bluffs overlooking the Chester on Mr. Loud's shore was commenced and only too soon finished. First in order was a swimming match, the contestants being: Misses Mary Hurtt, Rebecca Wickes, Mary Beck and Katherine Hines. Of course the shirt-waists were not in it, and with cumbersome bathing suits the ladies made a poor out at scoring and a satisfactory start was impossible. At the end of the three hundred-yard course, however, it was impossible to say which was ahead, or which end of the course could be called the head, some one or more of the fair swimmers being scattered along the way and one at each end.

Next came the feast. At this point also a contest was indulged in to determine the eating qualifications of a number of ambitious "Longfellows." The contest was declared a tie between the now celebrated food-testers, Messrs. E. F. Perkins, Jr., and Henry Deaver. Ring plays to the tune of King James' son, was another feature, when a visiting bachelor from Washington, with characteristic modesty failed to respond to the calls of one of Kent's fairest daughters, and begged to be excused. The ladies present and their shirt-waists were as follows: Mrs. J. R. Micou, black with white speckles; Mrs. W. S. Walker, Jr., St. Louis blue with Kent county snowflakes; Mrs. H. W. Beck, used-to-be blue; Misses Ethel Wright, bleeding heart; Miss Tustin, snowflake; Miss Russell, speckled gooseberry with dashes of red; Miss Atkinson, white duckey; Misses Jennie Vickers, varied clover blossoms; Nannie Deaver, chicken fights; Marguerite Deaver, ruffles galore with black velvet collar; Rebecca Wickes, midnight and daylight; Minnie Massey, it might-have-been pink; May Ireland, snowdrop; Hallie Ireland, anything; Ethelind Crisfield, faded blue; Mary Hurtt, perfectly indescribable; Josephine Wickes, a unique combination; Mary Beck, glaring pink; Katharine Hines, undecided what it used to be; Nelie Walker, something; Emma Beck, gloriously blue; Nannie, Brice, forgetmenot; Daisy Brice, a whatcher-call-it. Some of the shirt-waists worn by the gentlemen were startlingly rich but want of space precludes a detailed description of their beauty. The party broke camp and struck tents about 8.30 o'clock and enjoyed a charming dead-calm sail upon the agitated Chester by moonlight. The chaperones were: Mrs. J. R. Micou, Mrs. H. W. Beck, Mrs. W. S. Walker, Jr., assisted by Mr. Merritt Beck dark blue coat and strawhat; Prof Micou, steel colored coat and glasses.

Clayton Jones Dead.

The wound of Mr. Clayton Jones, a highly respected citizen of Millington, resulted fatally on July 7. Mr. Jones, several weeks ago cut his foot and the wound was supposed to have cured up satisfactorily, but he commenced to work too soon and blood poison set in. He was in his 56th year. A widow and several children survive him.

STILL POND ITEMS.

A Pretty Wedding—Personals Galore.

An unusually pretty wedding was solemnized in the Still Pond Methodist Episcopal Church, at 8.30 o'clock on Wednesday morning of last week, Rev. J. D. Kemp officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Mamie Rasin, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Charles Hague, of Still Pond. The church was beautifully trimmed with blossoming potted plants, palms and evergreens. The pulpit was a mass of blossoming and rich foliage plants, while the chandeliers were hung with graceful festoons of white blossoms and boxwood. An arch of white flowers and evergreens with a pendant marriage bell of white blossoms and a calla lily clapper, stood immediately in front of the chancel.

At 8.30 o'clock, while Prof. Arlington L. Judefind rendered Mendelssohn's charming wedding march, the prospective bride, upon the arm of the prospective bridegroom, entered the church and advanced to the altar, preceded by the ushers, Messrs. William Rasin, Hunter P. Davis, Jacob B. Crowding and G. B. Krusen. The bride wore a magnificent wedding gown of cream albatros trimmed with deep lace and cream satin ribbon, high neck, gloves and slippers to match. She carried a bouquet of clematis tied with white ribbon. The presents were numerous and costly.

A delightful reception was held at the pretty home of the groom, in Still Pond, immediately after the ceremony. Among those present were: Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kemp, Miss Kemp, Misses Sue and Josephine Jones, Laura Webb, Delia Crossley, Florence, Lena and Elizabeth Rasin, Grace Severson, Miss Rasin, Miss Comegys, Centreville; Miss Hogg and Miss Hersman, Philadelphia; Miss Arnold, Germantown; Misses Laura and Lida Hague, Lynch's: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hague, Kennedyville: Mrs. and Miss Meyers, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Krinkleman, of Baltimore: Mr. G. B. Krusen, Wilmington, Del.: Mr. Hague, father of the groom, Lynch's: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rasin, father and mother of the bride, Mrs. Severn and son of Still Pond Neck: Mr. and Mrs. Loton Rasin, Betterton: Mrs. Angie Rasin, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Hackett and family, Mrs. Thomas Rasin, Harris Crewe, Prof. Judefind, Howard Rasin and Jack Jones, Still Pond: Miss Dilworth, Wilmington, Del.: Miss Roseberry, Lynch's: Miss Emma Medders, Baltimore.

All has been air and bustle among the members of the Still Pond Farmers' Club to-day. All necessary arrangements had been made for the annual picnic, and a glorious day is the result. The wives and daughters of the farmers had assumed the greater responsibility of the occasion, as was attested by the overloaded baskets of fried chicken, cake, puddings, substantials and delicacies. The gentlemen provided the ice cream. Tables were spread beneath the trees in the beautiful lawn of Mr. Joseph W. Harper, and with eating, talking, grumbling about hard times, dry weather and oppressive heat, the day was delightfully passed. Mr. Harper was here, there and everywhere, adding to the pleasure of the picnicers in every way possible. Taken as