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LOCAL MATTERS.

Weather Forecast.

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

The 25th and 26th will bring a rise in temperature, bursting into bluster and storm, and bring cooler weather. The month closes with a storm period in the west, which will run into the first days of August in the east.

MOON'S PHASES FOR AUGUST: New moon, 1; first quarter 8; full moon 16; last quarter 24; New moon 30.

—County Commissioner G. W. Rodenhiser lost a fine Sonnet colt several days ago.

—Mrs. Eliza J. Forman died suddenly at her home in Baltimore, on July 23, aged 75 years.

—Waltersville, is the name of the new town springing up between the depot and the strawboard mill.

—The local quotation for wheat yesterday was 46 cents. In Baltimore sales were made at 50 to 54½ cents.

—A colored man, an inmate of the almshouse, while coming down stairs on Saturday night, fell and broke his leg.

—The steamer Louise will hereafter leave Tolchester Beach, at 6 P. M. instead of at 6.30 as formerly advertised.

—Surveyors were at work on the Elkton and Southern railroad last week. By their survey the road will pass through Galena.

—The new steamer St. Michaels made two trips to Centreville landing last week and carried away 10,000 bushels of wheat.

—The Time Piece, the pretty yacht of Rev. W. J. Scott, last week had her mast blown out, and is now in Baltimore for repairs.

—The Elkton commissioners have decreed that a license fee of $10 a day must be paid for the operation of merry-go-rounds or flying horses in that town. Why should the fee in Chestertown be less?

—The tent in which the Adventist minister at Church Hill lives, was badly cut to pieces last week. The attacking party was scared off, and it is stated, the windows in the new church were broken.

—William Heintzelman and John McCallom, charged with the murder of John Willis, a former resident of this county, at Port Penn, Delaware, have been released, there being not sufficient evidence against them.

—The real estate of Bradford Camp sold at trustee's sale on Tuesday, by William W. Beck, trustee, was bought by J. P. Emerson, a prosperous young farmer of Sassafras Neck, Cecil county, at $24.25 per acre. The farm contained 193 acres.

—Because of the extreme roughness of the river on Monday, the Chester river ferry was unable to make but three trips during the day. Passengers were ferried across the river in small boats, and considerable inconvenience was experienced.

—The story comes from Chester, Pa., that Belle Boyd's advance agent was arrested and locked up there last week for assaulting a shoe dealer, who claimed that Belle Boyd had purchased a pair of shoes from him but had failed to pay for them. —*Centreville Observer.*

—A slight fire occurred in the store of Dr. R. H. Hicks, Galena, on Friday evening last, caused by the giving way of a hook to which was attached a lamp. The flames were soon extinguished, but not until a loss of about $125 had been suffered to goods in the store.

—Mr. Percy T. McFeely has purchased of Messrs. Shemwall & Carpenter, the right for Kent county, for the sale of the Eureka bed brace. Mr. W. C. Blackiston has purchased the right for Queen Anne's county and says that he will hustle the business in his territory. This brace is declared to be a marvel and a treasure to all possessing it.

—Mr. Austin, of Quaker Neck, a nephew of the mother of Edward Fiddis, who was drowned in Chesapeake Bay in May last, states that the body of the unfortunate man has been found on the shore near the mouth of the Patuxent river. It was so badly decomposed that it was found necessary to bury the remains on the shore where found.

—Several gentlemen shipping fruit from Gale's wharf, had sent over eleven hundred packages of peaches to Baltimore up to Saturday, and had received an average of over one dollar per package. A gentleman showed us a bill for a considerable shipment of peaches which averaged over one dollar and a quarter per basket. Peaches on Monday sold for $1.75.

—As an evidence of what may be done, and particularly by the judiciously expended energies of the ladies, it is worthy of note that, from a small patch of ground not larger than the average square in a small garden, a young lady near Chestertown on Saturday sold her twelfth basket of tomatoes at one dollar per basket, and the crop had not been half harvested either.

—A petition has been circulated and variously signed, asking that the following very desirable schedule of mails be put into effect between important points of mail distribution in the fifth district: Mail to leave Edesville at 11.15 A. M., arrive at Crosby at 12 M.; leave Crosby at 12.15 P. M., arrive at Rock Hall at 1 P. M.; leave Rock Hall at 1.15 P. M., arrive at Edesville at 1.45 P. M.; leave Edesville on arrival of Chestertown mail, arrive at Crosby 5.15 P. M.; leave Crosby 5,30 P. M., arrive at Edesville at 6.15 P. M.

—A splendid rain visited Kent on Saturday evening and broke the protracted drought which had prevailed for a month previous. The corn crop had already been somewhat cut, and all vegetation had reached a point at which a continuance of the drought for another week would have wrought incalculable loss to the Kent county farmers. The tomato crop, as a rule, had not suffered to any great extent, yet even to the tomato the refreshing rains have been of great benefit. A few farmers have commenced breaking fallow, but as a rule, the ground is not yet sufficiently wet for the work. The rains have been a Godsend to Kent county.

—A meeting of the packers of canned goods on the Maryland and Delaware Peninsula, was held at Dover last week. The meeting was well attended by representative packers from the whole Peninsula and an organization was effected under the name of the Peninsula Canned Goods Association. The following officers were elected: James Wallis, of Cambridge, president; J. V. McCommons, Wyoming, vice-president; C. M. Dashiell, Princess Anne, secretary and treasurer. The object of the association is to foster friendly relations among the packers and for co-operation to secure mutual advantage. A committee was appointed to wait on the transportation companies with a view to a more equitable arrangement of freight rates. So far as we can learn this county was not represented at the meeting.

—Present judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. Tilghman Shafer, administrator of Wm. J. Rutter, deceased, filed inventory of the personal estate of said deceased. Susan J. and Wm. H. Loper, administrators of Chas. P. Loper, filed inventory of personal estate of said deceased. Will of Margaret Cavender was filed for probate. Will of Rebecca W. Rogers was filed for record.

—The board of county commissioners are now considering the advisability of purchasing a site for a landing on the river front near Chester bridge in Chestertown. The landing will be used for ferry purposes or under unusual circumstances similar to those which now exist. The landing now being used is rented from Mr. John Bordley, and could be purchased, but there is a dwelling on the lot and the commissioners do not desire that class of property.

—The report comes that crows are doing considerable damage to the watermelon crop in some sections of the county. The melons are attacked just before they ripen, and of course are ruined. Mr. Wm. Meeks, near Still Pond, on Tuesday had fully one hundred fine melons carried out from his patch which were entirely worthless. The same trouble to a limited extent occurred last year. The injury to the crop this year promises to be rather a serious matter to the melon growers.

The Easton and Chestertown Incorporated.

At a meeting of the incorporators of the Easton and Chestertown Railroad, held in Chestertown on Monday, July 23, 1894, books for receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of the road were opened, and 1035 shares were subscribed at a par value of $50 each. The stockholders then met and organized by electing the following directors: John S. Wirt, of Cecil county; Charles T. Westcott, James A. Pearce and Lewin W. Wickes, of Kent county; Philip H. Feddeman and J. Frank Harper, of Queen Anne's county; Wm. Goldsborough, of Talbot county. Charles T. Westcott was elected president, Lewin W. Wickes, secretary and Emil Thielens, treasurer.

A Series of Petty Thefts.

Chestertown and vicinity have been infested with some party or parties who have perpetrated a number of petty thefts. The peach orchard of Capt. William D. Burchinal was raided last week and a large quantity of his finest early fruit stolen. Report put the loss at about $30, but possibly this is rather excessive.

Thieves raided Captain Emory's gardens last week and carried off a large quantity of fine beets.

It has been almost impossible for Mr. William S. Walker to keep milk or edibles of any kind or description in his well within a few feet of his residence.

Mrs. Jervis Spencer and other ladies of Chestertown have lost a valuable lot of potted flowers.

Thieves entered the yard of Mr. Joseph N. Wheatley, on Wednesday night of last week and took from a cupboard on his back porch a ham. The thief would probably have extended his investigations but was frightened off by the noise made when he droped a dish.

Kent County Game and Fish Laws.

Many radical changes were made in the game laws of Maryland by the last Legislature. Below will be found a synopsis of the newly-passed laws for Kent county:

It is unlawful to shoot, kill or take any kind of game before January 1, 1895. Thereafter the open seasons will be for partridges, woodcock, rabbits and robins, November 1 to December 24; doves, plover and wild pigeons, August 1 to December 24; snipe, March 15 to June 1; reed birds and rail, September 1 to November 1. License to non-resident sportsmen $15, to market gunners $100. The county commissioners are directed to appoint ten extra constables to enforce the game laws.

It is lawful for any owner of land bordering on the waters of Chesapeake bay in the county from a point 200 yards westward from the extreme northern end of Howell's Point to the north end of the broad breach at the mouth of Still Pond creek, or for any person to whom the privilege may be extended by the owner, to take or catch fish from pound-nets, either partly above or entirely beneath the waters of the bay, from September 15 to June 1.

The State law makes the close season for partridges from December 24 to November 1.

That for woodcock from December 24 to June 15.

Pheasants from December 24 to Aug. 15.

Rabbits from December 24 to Nov. 1.

It is unlawful to molest or destroy the eggs of birds at any season.

These laws govern all counties in the State which have no local laws on the subjects.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

And Still the Giddy Whirl Goes on.

The young ladies and gentlemen of Chestertown gave a pleasant impromptu dance at Stam's Hall on Tuesday evening. Music was furnished on the piano by Miss Hurtt, Miss Nettie Merritt, Miss Nannie Deaver and others. The dance continued until nearly one o'clock. Among the ladies were: Misses Mary Beck, Etheline Crisfield, Katherine Hines, Mary Hurtt, Sallie, Isabel, Page, and Elise Beck, Rebecca Wickes, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Pearce, Miss Tustin, Miss Russell, Misses May Ireland, Nettie Merritt, Marguerite and Nannie Deaver, Mabel Graham, Washington, D. C.; Lucile Rasin.

The jolliest kind of a dance was held at Worton Manor Beach on Thursday evening last. The straw-ride was the order of the occasion and several large wagons carried merry parties to the scene of pleasure. Dust prevailed, but not to the exclusion of a royal good time. The dance was given by the young men of Still Pond, but their friends from Chestertown and other sections of the county joined in the pleasures to a large extent. Those who were present from Chestertown were: Misses Ethel Wright, Marguerite Tustin, Daisy Brice, Mary Hurtt, Katie Hines, Minnie Massey, Belle Emory, May and Ollie Russell, May and Hallie Ireland, Nannie Brice, Nelie Walker, Ethe Crisfield, Margueret Deaver, Mary Beck, Elise, Page, Sallie and Isabel Beck, Mamie Patterson, Messrs. R. D. Hynson, M. M. Beck, Henry Deaver, L. W. Wickes, Thos. W. and Clarence Perkins, John D. Welch, Cecil Atkinson, Spencer Hurtt, George Perkins, Lenox Catlin, Jack Westcott, Jack Guion, Lesley Guion. The Misses Strong come up from Edesville with a party on a straw-ride.

The B. S. Ford took about one hundred persons on her all-day trip Tuesday to Centreville. On the return trip the steamer crossed Lankford's bay. The Louise took 2,500 persons to Tolchester. The steamer made an extra trip to the Beach, leaving Light street at 7.15 o'clock that night. A hop was held at the Beach hotel on the arrival of the steamer.

THE S. H. TRAVERS SUNK.

Suit to be Brought Against the Commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

The large grain scheoner, S. H. Travers, belonging to Capt. Joseph W. Thompson, and commanded by Capt. Phil. Dickerson, while trying to pass through the draw of Chester bridge on Friday afternoon ran into the pierhead, doing some damage and resulting in the sinking of the vessel with her cargo of 1900 bushels of wheat. A strong head wind and ebb tide prevailed, and Capt. Dickerson, finding that he could not make the draw, made an effort to change his course when in close proximity to the bridge. The tide cut the vessel down stream, and in an instant she chashed into the fenders of the draw, glanced, ran parallel with the bridge for some distance and struck the large pile-driver being used in making repairs to the bridge, which was fastened to the structure near the shore. The pile-driver was badly damaged by having her planks started and the hammer frame badly broken. The bridge was also knocked about twelve inches out of line at this point. The vessel was discovered to be rapidly filling with water, and within ten minutes had sunk about fifty yards above the bridge at the foot of the garden of Dr. W. Frank Hines.

She had in cargo 1800 bushels of grain bought by William Archibald, agent for M. George Hill, of Clayton, Delaware, and sold to C. A. Gambrill & Co., Baltimore, and 100 bushels of wheat belonging to John Bell. Upon whom the loss of this grain will fall depends so much upon future developments that any conjectures in the matter would at this juncture be out of place. Captain Thompson claims that his vessel sustained only trifling damage from coming in contact with the draw-fenders above water, but that the cause of her sinking was from a large hole made on her bottom, supposed to be near the keel, by coming in contact with a "blind" or sunken pile, and he therefore claims that the two counties are responsible for the damage sustained, and has so informed the commissioners. Messrs. Groves and Newnam, the committee on Chester river bridge, representing the commissioners, repudiate all responsibility in the matter, and have so officially notified Captain Thompson.

Captain Thompson, when seen on Monday, said that he would raise the vessel at the least possible cost, and as soon as it was possible to definitely determine the amount of his claim against the counties, if they still ignored any and all responsibility, acting under advice of counsel and backed by the coal company with which he is doing business, he will at once institute suit. He expected a wrecker over on Monday, but the wrecking company's outfit is at work on a vessel at Thomas' Point, and, said the captain, if they cannot come promptly I will raise the boat myself by means of large lighters or by driving piles on each side of her as was done in the case of the Josephine Thompson. In the meantime his freighting business he states, will be fully taken care of, and no interruptions to his business will be allowed.

The heavy fender-pile which had been placed as a protection to the pier of the draw, and stood fully five feet above the water, and which was borne down by the vessel, is thought by some to have done the damage to the boat. Only a few bushels of the deck cargo have been removed. That which remains in the vessel will of course be a total loss. The large sails have been removed, and the Travers is now lying easily in about five feet of water. She is a vessel of nearly 6000 bushels grain capacity and it is claimed, had been put in thorough repair.

August Weather.

Weather Prophet Hicks says that August will open with extremely hot weather which will continue until local rains break the oppressive heat. If no black clouds with thunder and storminess result about Aug. 1st to 3d, the chances are for insufferable heat. The 5th to 6th will bring renewed storms, after which cooler days until we near storm period central on 11th. About 10th the west will note growing warmth with storm indications, which conditions will increase and traverse the country from west to east by 13th. Cooler days will follow and storms 16th, 17th, after which pleasant again. From 21st to 24th another period of heat. Much drought and dryness during the month. Some heavy rains will fall in scattering showers. About 28th and 29th into 30th reactionary storms. It will grow very hot at this time. August ought to end in cooler pleasant nights.

Dr. C. P. Cronk, weather observer, has compiled weather statistics for August from observations taken at Baltimore in the last twenty-three years.

The warmest August was that of 1872, with an average temperature of 80°. The coolest was in 1889, with an average of 72°. The highest temperature in any August was 98°, on the 13th of the month, in 1881. The lowest was 51°, on the 24th, in 1890. The average temperature for the month is 74°.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 9.49 inches, in August, 1873. The least precipitation was .64 inches, in 1877. The greatest amount of rain in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 4.36 inches, on the 13th and 14th of the month, 1873. The average rainfall for the month is 4.24 inches.

The average number of clear days is 10; partly cloudy, 13; cloudy, 8.

The prevailing winds were from the north, the highest velocity reached being 45 miles, on the 8th of the month, 1888.

Transfers of real Estate.

The following deeds for the transfer of real estate, have been recorded in the land record books of Kent county during the present month:

Rock Hall Land and Improvement Company of Baltimore city to Elmer E. Wisherd, lot of land in Rock Hall; consideration $500. Wm. J. Vannort and wife to James H. Thomas, lot of land in Broad Neck; consideration $200. Stonewall J. Coleman and wife to William A. Burk, lot of land on northwest side of Front street, Chestertown; consideration $300. Emma F. Welch to Michael and Martha Buchnis, tract of land known as "Hynson's Chance;" consideration $800. W. D. Burchinal to Isaac Cooper, lot of land in Quaker Neck on north side of the road leading from Baker's school house to "Airy Hill" farm; consideration $300. Edward J. Plummer, late sheriff, to Sallie C. Rasin, lot of land in Still Pond; consideration, the premises and $5.00. W. T. Lollier and Elenora Lollier to Willard E. Dodson, tract of land in fourth district, known as part of the "Whaland land;" consideration personalty valued at $552,15, $36 in cash and other considerations. Hope H. Barroll and wife to Thomas H. Topping, mill, mill-seat and pond, known as "Fairlee mill property." James B. Fox and Annie D. Fox to Frances C. Biggers, lot of land in Kennedyville; consideration $500. Hope H. Barroll to J. N. Dodd, house and lot of land in Chestertown on Main street; consideration $1500.

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and their little daughter, Miriam, spent last week the guest of Mrs. Hubbard's friends in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Percy G. Skirven was at Steelton on log-business last week, and witnessed the launching of the new steamer Tivola. The launching was a perfect success, and Mr. Skirven pronounces the proceedings as highly interesting.

Charles E. Perkins, a member of the Philadelphia bar, and Clarence W. Perkins, member of the Baltimore bar, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Perkins, on Water street.

Mrs. Rebecca Sluyter, aunt of D. J. Nowland, is recovering from a serious illness. Mrs. Sluyter was 86 years of age in June.

Frank Harper, Esq., of the Centreville bar, made a pleasant call at the TRANSCRIPT office on Monday.

Mr. P. H. Feddeman, of Centreville, was in Chestertown on Monday, on railroad business.

Miss Harding, of North Carolina, is the guest of Miss Susie Roberts, on Queen street.

Miss Viva Perkins, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carole C. Perkins, on Maple avenue.

Mr. William R. Kay and Miss Eunice Gemmill, were married at I. U. Protestant Episcopal Church, at seven o'clock on Monday evening, Rev. C. T. Denroche, officiating. No invitations had been issued and only the immediate family of the bride and groom were present. The bride wore a handsome broadcloth traveling suit with hat and gloves to match. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Kay took the Ericsson steamer for a bridal trip to Old Point, Virginia, and other places. August will be spent at Cape May.

Mr. Paul Graham and his sister, Miss Mabel, of Washington, D. C. are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dodd, High street.

Mr. T. A. Hulme has taken a cottage at Atlantic City and with his family will spend the summer at the seashore.

Mr. Frank Gilpin has rented the farm of Mr. Allie Baker, near Fairlee; Bart. Hatcherson, the present tenant, goes on the David Jones farm, East Neck Island, and Mr. Jacob Shrily, on the Jones farm, goes on Mr. L. R. Shewell's Swan Creek farm.

Miss Josephine Wickes is visiting her friend, Miss Cunningham, at Cunningham, North Carolina.

Mrs. Nicholson and two children, of Virginia, are the guests of Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Micou.

Mrs. Cora Brooks and her sister, Miss Dunn, of Baltimore, are the latest arrivals at Hotel de la Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perkins, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. Perkins' parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Perkins, on Queen street.

Mies Lucille Rasin is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Pearce.

Mrs. Williams, of Pennsylvania, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Reid.

Miss Lillian Hynson returned on Monday from a protracted visit to Baltimore friends.

Mr. Milton L. Maslin and Charles S. Porter, of Rock Hall, are spending a couple of weeks in the mountains at Pen Mar.

Mr. Walter W. Chapman is visiting friends in Indiana.

Mr. Daniel Reed left Chestertown on Monday to accept a desirable position in Washington.

Mr. John Toulson and his sisters Misses Hallie and Mabel are visiting Baltimore city friends.

Mr. Joel R. Clements had sufficiently recovered from his protracted illness to allow his being on the street on Saturday.

After a protracted stay at the Hopkins hospital, Mrs. W. S. Culp has returned to her home much improved in health.

Dr. A. E. Sudler, of Sudlersville, was in Chestertown on business yesterday.

Church Notes.

The subject of the morning sermon in the M. E. Church, of Chestertown, next Sabbath, will be "Two Perfect Men." It being the last Sabbath of the month the occasion of the monthly sermon before the Sunday school, the pastor will preach at 3 o'clock, to the children of the school, from the Golden Text of the lesson for the day. Time of preaching service fifteen minutes. The school will be dismissed at the usual hour, 3.15. A full attendance of the school is earnestly desired by the pastor.

Epworth League service at 6.30 instead of 6.45, that the fifty-five-minute service may be concluded before the room is inconveniently dark. Subject of the sermon before the League: "The Prodigal Son." To all of these services the public are cordially invited.

Rev. C. S. York will preach at Union M. E. Church, Worton, on Sunday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. John A. B. Wilson, D. D., has received an invitation to become pastor of the celebrated Church of the Strangers, New York, of which Dr. Deems was for so long a time pastor. It is not likely that Dr. Wilson will leave the M. E. Church. His work in the Methodist church in New York has been remarkably successful.

The pupils and Sunday school teachers of Emmanuel P. E. Church enjoyed their annual picnic at Worton Manor Beach yesterday.

The new Seventh-day Adventist Church at Church Hill, was dedicated on Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22. The services on Sabbath (Saturday) were held at 10.30 A. M. and 4 P. M. On Sunday at 3 and 8 P. M. Elder H. E. Robinson and S. B. Horton and other ministers took part in the services.

Rev. W. P. Compton preached for Rev. J. D. Kemp, at Still Pond, on Sunday, Mr. Compton's pulpit being filled by Presiding Elder Smith, who preached an eloquent sermon.

Mr. J. F. Thompson, the cornetist accompanist of the choir of the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church, is a decided addition to the effectiveness and beauty of the music rendered by the choir.

The pupils and teachers of Zion M. E. Church Sunday school will hold their annual picnic at Tolchester Beach to-day.

WYE CAMP.

All arrangements are completed for Wye Camp, July 31, Aug. 10. The grounds have been put in perfect order. All needed repairs put upon the tents. The springs from which flow the purest water have received due attention. The committee wisely concluded to keep the privileges under their own supervision. The following ministers of the Wilmington Conference are expected to be present and render service: Revs. T. E. Bell, J. P. Otis, W. E. Avery, J. D. Lecates, Frank Fletcher, W. W. Sharp, J. A. Arters, W. P. Compton, C. A. Hill, C. W. Prettyman, Geo. W. Burke, I. L. Wood, F. C. McSorley, Alfred Smith, J. W. Fogle. Rev. Grant C. Taller, of New York East Conference, now engaged in Pittsburgh, Pa., will have exclusive control of Young People's Meeting, assisted by Miss Annie G. Lambert, of Chestertown, as organist, an untiring worker in Epworth League work. Wednesday, Aug. 8, will be Epworth League day, at which time it is expected large delegations from local Chapters will be present.

Accidents and Escapes from Accidents

Mr. Eugene Bonwell, living near Still Pond, while in his stable last week, received a painful kick on the hip from a mule. Mr. Bonwell was standing near the animals head at the time or his injuries might have been much more serious. Though lame, he is gradually recovering from the effects of the blow.

The home of Mr. Eugene Bonwell, near Still Pond, is reported as having made a narrow escape from destruction by fire under rather peculiar circumstances. Mr. Bonwell was told that carriage or wagon wheels placed in boiling linseed oil would swell and remain so during the dry weather. He determined to test the matter and was boiling the linseed oil in a pot on his kitchen stove, when drops of the liquid sputtered out of the pot on the stove, became ignited and set fire to the entire mass. Only after a most strenuous effort was a destructive fire averted.

One morning last week Mr. A. J. Hynson noticed several boys ranging in age from four to seven years, hurrying away from the stable in the rear of the blacksmith and wheelwright shop of Mr. Sam'l Hicks. Suspicions were aroused by the movements of the boys, and upon investigation it was found that a quantity of leaves and other equally inflammable materials had been piled in the stable and set fire to. The discovery was made in time to prevent the burning of the property and possibly other valuable property in the vicinity. Everything was as dry as a tinder, and serious results might have followed the dangerous escapade of the thoughtless youngsters.

On Friday last Jennie Hines, the little daughter of Dr. W. Frank Hines, had a most thrilling experience. Several little girls accompanied by one or two ladies went in bathing on the Queen Anne's shore. Jennie was in the boat and before either she or other members of the party were conscious of danger, the boat with its single occupant had drifted out into the stream and in deep water. The child at once became frantic with fright and fears were felt that she would pitch overboard. Her cries for help and her movements in the boat were noticed by Messrs. W. H. Lambert, Jr., and H. N. Perkins, who were on the Kent county end of the bridge. The gentlemen without the loss of a moment started in a boat to the rescue. The child was wild with fright, and with her feet over the bow in the water, the gentlemen feared that they would be too late, as her position was perilous in the extreme. The boat had just gotten into the swell of the stream and was nearly two hundred yards from shore, when the child, nervous and wringing her hands with fright rushed into the strong arms of her rescuers and was carried safely home.

THE PEAR-TREE PSYLLA.

The Lace-Wing Fly Destroying the Pest—Mr. Marlatt of the Agricultural Department, Investigating the Trouble.

The comprehensive account of the ravages of the pear-tree psylla in the orchard of Captain Robert S. Emory, published in the TRANSCRIPT last week, has proven to be a matter of more than usual interest to fruit growers throughout the county and elsewhere.

Following up the investigation made by Mr. Waite, of the Department of Agriculture about ten days ago, Mr. C. L. Marlatt, of the same department, came over to Captain Emory's on Friday and made a searching investigation of the trouble. Mr. Marlatt's specialty is the investigation of insect life, and more especially those insects which prove most destructive to the agricultural intesests of the country. He had never before had a case of psylla, but was thoroughly familiar with its life and the remedies to be used in combatting it. During his investigations he discovered great numbers of the lace-wing fly, *Hemerabius* species, an enemy to all soft-bodied insects, such as larva.

Each one of the females of this fly, said Mr. Marlatt, will lay 100 eggs and probably more. The larva of each one of these will destroy from several hundred to a thousand of the young psylla. He also stated that he had no doubt that these insects cleared up the psylla in the orhard of Mr. C. C. Brown in 1891. The larvæ of the lace-wing fly is extremely active and have immense jaws, and can pierce larvæ several times their own size. The lace-wing fly then, is really considered the salvation of the pear tree against the ravages of this scourge. Of course the use of the spraying pump and the kerosene emulsion were in no sense disparaged. The lace-wing fly is usually found where any kind of larva abound to a greater of less extent, but as a natural result the favorable condition produced by the enormous food supply occasioned by the great number of larvæ has largely increased the supply of their enemies. The lace-wing fly assisted by a method of spraying which Captain Emory proposes to pursue, will, it is expected, promptly stamp out this pest. The report of Mr. Marlatt will as a matter of course be of more than ordinary interest to the Kent county fruit grower. All of those engaged in pear culture should keep a close lookout for the psylla, and not allow it to get a foothold before proper remedies may be effective.

Mark V. Slingerland, whose comprehensive pamphlet we so largely quoted from last week, is taking a lively interest in the Kent county case and has written a most satisfactory letter to Captain Emory relative to his investigations in similarly infested orchards.

New Advertisements.

Harry L. Boyd, the wide-awake, always-reliable and hustling agent for the sale of nursery stock of every kind and description, drops a budget of plain, solid ideas into that space of his for agriculturists to consider. Mr. Boyd's most convincing argument as to the reliability of his stock, are the magnificent results of his orchards and vineyards throughout the county. Then, too, many of the most beautiful shade and ornamental trees in the county were purchased from him. Hunt up his monster add. and read, consider and be amazed.

Mr. W. H. Stewart, Jr., special agent, has an advertisement of the Northwestern Mutual life Insurance Company in this issue. The advertisement contains comparative figures worth the consideration of all who desire insurance. Mr. Stewart is one of Kent's live and progressive young business men who made Baltimore City the great commercial centre of the South.

An advertisement of the St. Mary's Female Seminary will be found in this issue.

Mr. W. L. Gooding, well-known throughout this Peninsula as principal of the Conference Academy, Dover, Del., has advertisement of that excellent school in this issues. No one would make a mistake in sending their children to this public educator.

Mr. M. A. Toulson, druggist, advertises in this issue turnip seed for sale at his drugstore, on Main street, Chestertown.

The statement of the Second National Bank of Chestertown, will be found in this issue.

Order Nisi in case of Georgetta Merritt vs. Sarah Frances Coleman. Charles T. Westcott and James C. Mullikin, Esqs., trustees.

The advertisement of the best Lea White Ash coal will be found in this issue. Orders left at Harding's drug store, Rock Hall, will receive prompt and careful attention.

Mr. B. F. Fleming, agent for the celebrated Robert McCoy & Co's. Schuylkill land lime, has an advertisement in another column. The Schuylkill lime is probably the best known and most extensively used lime on this Peninsula. It has given our farmers good results wherever properly used.

Mr. Tilghman Shafer, administrator of the late Wm. J. Rutter, advertises in this issue at public sale the fine personalty of the said deceased. See advertisement for full particulars.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

A DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME ENJOYED AT ST. JAMES' M. P. CHURCH.

Interesting Addresses.

The County Christian Endeavor Society convened in annual session at St. James' M. P. Church on Thursday last. Every possible effort was made to add to the comfort and pleasure of the large number of visitors. Exercises commenced at 9.45 o'clock, with the president, Rev. W. R. McKnett, presiding. After singing, and prayer by Rev. Jesse Shreeve, the following eloquent address of welcome was delivered by Dr. J. L. Mills:

Speaking in behalf of the citizens of this community, the membership of this church and our Christian Endeavor Society, we express great pleasure in having the County Union of this great Christian organization meet with us in its semi-annual session, and I also desire to express my own personal gratification, at having this convention held in the church of which I have the honor to be pastor. We hope and believe you have come to us bringing the blessing of the Master with you, and that the deliberations, addresses, sermons, essays, songs of praise and supplications at the Throne of Grace will be in His name, for His glory, and the spiritual welfare of this assembly.

We welcome you as Christian workers working for Christ and *your own church*. He who has no special regard for his own church does not merit the special regard of any church. He who looks out upon the broad fields of the Master and is willing to work in the one as in another, has no heritage of his own, and the Christian who looks out upon the various denominational fields which are being cultivated for Christ and has no definite place of labor, and cannot say this is my sphere, my home, my church, as no other can possibly be, will not be likely to do any great work for Christ, nor held in very high esteem as a Christian Endeavorer. If we don't work for our church, who will; if we should not work for *our* own church, who should; if we cannot love her doctrine, her polity, her association and spirtual communion, who can?

My church is the best church to me, my own church *home* with its hallowed associations is the best for me. We welcome you then as the most intelligent and earnest workers for your *own* denomination, the most zealous and appreciative members of your *own* ecclesiastical fold. If you have not this spirit you have not reached the full statue of Christian Endeavor manhood.

While we honor you most highly, we welcome you most warmly, as Presbyterians, Methodist Episcopal, Congregational, Lutherans, or Methodist Protestants, of Christ hue and the strictest sect, we welcome you as brothers and sisters in Christ; for "One is our Master, even Christ and all, we are brethren."

For Christ, shall our love go out to each other, shall our words, and songs, and worship intermingle as holy incense from a hundred different censers, or holy music from a thousand different instruments, making sweetest harmony with the choirs of earth and heaven, saying, "Unto Him who hath loved us and given himself for us, washed us in His precious blood," etc. He has *died* for us, has *redeemed* us, has *adopted* us. We are *one* because we are His. We are one because His blood has washed away our sin; we are one because His power has made us the children of God. We are bought with the same price, filled with the same spirit, annointed with the same life, upheld by the same hope, strengthened by the same faith, fired with the same zeal, working for the same end, travelling toward the same glorious home and fighting for the same eternal crown. This is the Unity of Christ, the interdominational spirit of Christian Endeavor. We welcome you then more heartily because we are more than members of a church, "We are one body in Christ."

While we believe we shall receive much profit from the Christian fellowship, the Communion of Saints this day, and hope our local Society may catch an inspiration which shall glow and burn until their whole community be brought under its life and health is the prayer that each of you on going to your own church home, may have a more determined purpose to do more for Him who has done all for us, and may carry with you the memory of this Convention, its association and worship as a sweet perfume which shall make your life a redemption in the years to come.

Miss Ella Knabb, of Betterton, responded in a very appropriate manner. She said:

"We thank you heartily for your kind reception this morning, and for the cordial welcome which you have extended to us. It is really a great pleasure to us to be here. We are all glad to have a second county meeting, and we are pleased so much with you here in your pleasant church home.

Ever since our last convention, which we all enjoyed, we have looked forward with pleasant anticipation to this occasion. As Endeavorers, we feel a sincere interest in each other, and a Christian love for each other, because we are Endeavorers, and because we are Christians, we trust. We hope to-day to become better acquainted with each other. Our constitution does not provide any social committee. I recommend that each one of us to-day consider ourselves a member of the social committee, and do what we can to make the day pleasant to others.

While we would appreciate the social feature of Christian Endeavor, and give it its place to-day, we have a higher object in coming together. We each want to become wise and faithful workers for Christ, and this more than anything else is the object of our meeting. We want to receive some suggestion from each other that will help us, and some inspiration that will make us more useful when we return to our home societies and churches.

In order to make this meeting a success we must each be willing to contribute our little share—each of us praying that God's spirit may be with us, and that He will work through us all for His glory and for our highest good and greatest usefulness.

Rev. R. L. Lewis, in his talk on "*The Pledge*," said: Objection to the C. E. Pledge is sometimes expressed in the declaration, "I don't believe in this new-fangled way of binding one's self up with Vows and Pledges. Why can't a man be a man without such things. The speaker did not undertake to say why a man might not be a man without the Pledge; but expressed the conviction that the manhood of a great many persons had been very much improved by the proper use of pledges.

He dwelt upon the ancient custom of making pledges or vows and their evident sanction by several scripture quotations.

Others, he said, expressed their utter inability to keep a Pledge. "If they vowed to do a thing that would be the very thing they would fail to do." Of course these timid souls never make business engagements, or contracts to do certain things under certain conditions and within certain periods. They never expect to plight their troth to any "dear soul" of the opposite sex, and vow eternal faithfulness; nor do they anticipate entrance into that contract the parties to which promise to "love, honor and keep each other, until death does them part." But it is only along the line of religious duties that this amazing weakness and timidity is confessed. If what the C. E. pledge requires us to do are right and proper things for us to do, we are under obligation to do them, pledge or no pledge. The pledge simply expresses a purpose to do certain things the obligation to do which always existed. The pledge does not create the obligation, but recognizes and intensifies it. And a man has no business to fail of doing these right things. It is what he was formed and furnished for, body, soul and spirit. It should be as much expected of sane persons that they do right things as of healthy children that they walk. It is what they are made for doing.

The C. E. pledge, said the speaker recognizes Christ as Lord, Sovereign and Ruler; and as Saviour, Helper and Friend. It enjoins allegiance and obedience to Him as Lord, in the strength of Him as Savior. The pledge has been a means of bringing many Christians into a far richer and happier religious experience, and has greatly strengthened the army of Christian workers both in numbers and devotion. The topic was further discussed by Dr. Mills, Mrs. Gresham, Dr. Murray and others, all of whom emphasized the necessity of the pledge to faithfulness in Christian Endeavor Work.

The address "The Christian Endeavor and the Sabbath School" by Prof. A. L. Judefind was also a strong, heathful talk. After this came the splendid sermon by Dr. S. R. Murray.

Then came the dinner hour, when a splendid repast was enjoyed, the dainties and substantials being spread on long tables beneath the shade of the trees.

The exercises in the afternoon were opened with a delightful song service, conducted by Mr. J. E. Blackiston, after which came encouraging reports from the different societies.

Miss S. B. McKnett read a paper on "Committee Work" filled with sound and excellent thoughts relative to aggressive, energetic movements for the benefit of the work, followed by a pleasant talk by Rev. Jesse Shreeve on "The Cause and Cure of Indifference."

The paper of Miss Elizabeth Fowler, on "How to Reach Associate Members," was full to overflowing with good and beautiful thoughts.

The evening exercises were opened with an inspiring song service, conducted by Mr. Percy T. McFeely. At this point the visitors present extended a rising vote of thanks to the good people of Worton for their splendid entertainment.

Rev. B. T. Truitt delivered the address of the evening, subject, "The Holy Ghost in Chsistian Endeavor." The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Percy T. McFeely; vice-presidents, Jas. E. Blackiston, J. C. Jones and Frank Clift.

Upon invitation it was decided to hold the next convention at Kennedyville.

The following resolutions were passed by the societies:

WHEREAS, It is well and widely known that the Holy Sabbath is being desecrated, and the civil law enjoining its observance is openly and willfully violated by the Tolchester Company, therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the County Union of Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor do here and now enter an earnest and determined protest against such violation.

Resolved, That we call upon all law abiding citizens, and especially those who are in authority, to take prompt and effective action for the full enforcement of the Sabbath Law as it now stands upon our statues.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to use our example and best efforts for the full accomplishment of this end.

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The "Endeavor" is bringing forward a host of young people who never dreamed themselves of any account, and training them to spe