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LOCAL MATTERS.

Visitors From Smyrna.—From seventy-five to one hundred persons from Smyrna are expected to come to Chestertown by special train to-morrow evening with a dramatic troupe, which will play at Stam's Hall. Supper will be taken at the Voshell House.

Large Sale of Wheat.—Messrs. Topping and Price, proprietors of Price's roller mill, near St. Paul's, last week bought 1800 bushels of a No. 1 wheat from Mr. William Nicholson, paying 80 cents per bushel. The wheat is being ground into the finest grade of flour for local consumption.

Magnificent Oysters.—Mr. Charles J. Reiche received from Mr. Alick Stevens, of St. Mary's County, last week, a barrel of fine Patuxent river oysters. The oysters were enormous in size and were pronounced by a number who saw them as the finest they ever saw. The flavor was delicious and the oysters so fat that when cut they would stand on end like a piece of beef.

The Old Story.—Mr. M. M. Rasin, the hustling Melitota merchant, in ordering a change of his advertisement says, "Please leave out of my ad of the yellow locust posts, they are all gone. The TRANSCRIPT came out on Thursday, and by Friday morning every post advertised was sold as the direct result of the advertisement. Put in clover seed and let them go too."

Board of Election Supervisors.—Governor Lowndes on Friday sent to the Senate for confirmation, the following named gentlemen to compose the board of election supervisors for Kent county: J. Henry Hurtt, John J. Blackiston, Republican, and William S. Walker, Democrat, all of Chestertown. The old board were: W. H. Ford, Stephen Lecates, Democrats, and Joseph E. Weer, Republican.

Put to the Test.—The first practical test of the La Grippe remedy published in the TRANSCRIHT two weeks ago, was made by Mr. Josiah Massey. Mr. Massey was suffering with a severe attack, but had the prescription filled and carried out the requirements to the letter, and states that within three days was relieved of the trouble and is now convalescing rapidly.

Eels Stopped the Mill.—Miller Butlner, at the Chestertown roller mills, was not a little perplexed on Friday last, at the sudden and unaccountable stopping of his mill in spite of a full head of water. An investigation disclosed the fact that a number of tremendous eels had become wedged in the turbine water-wheels, completely chocking them. Nearly a bushel of the eels, chopped and mangled, were taken out, some of them being of enormous size.

Improvement of Rock Hall Harbor.—Representative Miles, and George M. Sharp, Esq., on Friday appeared before the committee on rivers and harbors to urge that provision be made for cutting through the bar in the harbor at Rock Hall. Mr. Miles made a strong and effective argument in favor of the appropriation needed, showing the benefits to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and to the commerce of the State which would result. Mr. Sharp also spoke. An appropriation of $12,000 is asked.

Catcher Zearfoss.—Catcher Zearfoss, who has figured so conspicuously in winning many brilliant victories of the Washington College base-ball team, has signed with the New York National League Club for the approaching ball season. Zearfoss will go with the club about the first of March, and will accompany them to Florida, where the New York club will go into active practice. For faithful, conscientious work, no man in the League will surpass this honored hero of the Washington College nine. Just who will be the successor of Catcher Zearfoss is a matter of great importance to the local club.

Gigging Pike Fish.—A novel, as well as profitable pleasure, is being enjoyed by citizens of the lower part of the county. The new passtime consists of gigging pike fish at night. Mr. C. J. Reiche and Mr. James Wood last week went gigging, and in a short time captured forty-seven fine pike. The modus operandi is to secure a small boat, a large light and a gig. The light is thrown on the water, and while one person gently pushes the boat, another stands with gig ready to dash it into the fish, which, dazed by the bright light remains motionless near the surface of the water and are easily captured. The sport is pronounced by Mr. Reiche as intensely exciting and enjoyable.

Kent Versus Queen Anne.—About ten days ago the fine young trotter belonging to Mr. William Clark, of Church Hill, came to Chestertown for a social trot with Sailor Girl, queen of the local turf, and owned by that veteran horseman, A. J. Hynson. Mr. Cahall drove the Queen Anne's horse while Mr. Hynson manipulated the ribbons over the Chestertown favorite. The result of the contest was that the Kent mare was generally considered to be too much for the visitor. The Church Hillers, however, considered that they were very much in the race, and Mr. Clark now issues a challenge to Mr. Hynson to trot his mare at any place and on any terms. Talk slowly, Mr. Clark, lots of horses are "fast" until they really get in fast company, and Sailor Girl is unquestionably speedy.

New Fish Law.—The new bills relating to taking fish in the Chesapeake and its tributaries, are about as follows: To prohibit the trapping, catching or taking, except with hook and line, of any white perch, yellow perch or pike between March 15 and May 15 in the tributaries of the Chesapeake. It does not prohibit seine-hauling or gill-net fishing in the Chesapeake where allowed by law. To abolish, in the Chesapeake and its tributaries, fish traps, stake nets, pike nets, pound nets, or any stationary device for catching fish at any time; not to prohibit seining and gill-net fishing where and when allowed by law. Fine $5 for each fish taken, and $50 on proof of having such a device. To prohibit the sale of white perch less than seven inches long; yellow perch, eight inches; pike, nine; rock, seven; under the penalties of from $1 to $5.

Should be Pensioned.—While the present Legislature is providing pensions and endowments, it is certainly to be hoped that the St. John's College base-ball team be retired with a substantial pension from the State. Manager Spencer M. Hurtt wrote to the manager of the team sometime since, asking a date for a game, offering a guarantee of $25, and entertainment for the visitors, and in reply has received the following startlingly generous offer: "It will be impossible for us to come over for less than $50. It will cost $40 to charter a boat, and expenses while there, according to estimates made out from former trips, will amount to $10. If you can come here for $25 would be very glad to have you for same date as you mentioned." The State should retire this club on a pension and exercise more than ordinary care to preserve it as a sporting curiosity.

Protect the Oysters.—Capt. W. T. Urie, of the local police-boat Hugh Bolton, and Capt. Charles R. Kerr, of Rock Hall, have written to Commander Howard, of the oyster navy, asking that the State steamer Governor McLane be sent to Swan Point and Chester river to protect the oyster grounds. The local boat is reported somewhat disabled, and Capt. Urie says he has had a great deal of trouble both with his vessel and dredgers. Captain Kerr reports that there are two organized gangs of dredgers off Swan Point. One gang is at the extreme lower end and the other at the upper end. The weather is thick and the anchor on the schooner Anna B. Smith was reported broken. Captain Kerr was formerly in the oyster navy service, but is now living at Rock Hall.

Will of Mrs. Mary A. Wilmer.—By the last will and testament of the late Mrs. Mary A. Wilmer, her valuable estate is to be distributed as follows: To her daughter, Miss Alice M. Wilmer, the "Frazier Farm;" to Philip G. Wilmer, the "Wood Farm;" to William B. Wilmer, the "Home Farm;" to Mrs. Mary B. Mann, widow of the late Thomas J. Mann, a sum equal to the one-fourth part of the net value of the real estate. One thousand dollars to be equally divided between Miss Alice M., Philip G. and Wm. B. Wilmer, and $1500 to be equally divided between Miss Alice M., Philip G. and Mrs. Mary B. Mann; her household goods to Miss Alice M. Wilmer, her piano to Mrs. Mary B. Mann, and her silverware to be equally divided between her two daughters, Miss Alice M. and Mrs. Mann. Her $10,000 life insurance is to go into the personal estate as assets. Her son, Mr. Philip G. Wilmer, is named by her will as sole executor.

Two Young Men—Dog—Tree.—Mr. Frisby Newcomb gives the following combination from which it is asked that a true narrrative be built up. The TRANSCRIPT devil builds up the following story from the above facts and vouches for the authenticity of the details stated: Two gentlemen of Kennedyville came to Chestertown and got a load of oysters; when near Mr. Newcomb's a wheel broke down and the said young men sought another wheel from the nearest farmer, which happened to be the aforesaid Newcomb. During the slumber hours of the hero of the plow a vicious dog did the honors of the occasion and extended a welcome to the unexpected guests. The strangers, failing to appreciate the unstinted hospitality extended, at once sought a tree and opened a starlight serenade of Mr. Newcomb's family. The entertainment finally closed, the gentlemen secured a wheel, Bruno or Pluto, as the case may have been, sought his kennel and the performance was over.

W. Irving Walker's Assignment.—The assignment for benefit of creditors of Mr. and Mrs. W. Irving Walker, one of the most extensive land-owners in Queen Anne's county, was announced last week, and came as a great surprise to the local business world. Mr. Walker is well-known in Kent both socially and in his business relations. The deed of assignment is dated Jan. 21, 1 96, and is made to Dr. S. E. Ford and George Warfield, Esq., who are directed to dispose of so much as may be necessary of the real and personal property at public or private sale, as may be found most advantageous, and apply the proceeds of sale of each separate estate of Mr. and Mrs. Walker to the debts of the respective parties. The liabilities are reported to be about $35,000, and the assets considerably over that sum, as the estate includes nine farms—about 2700 acres—of good land in our adjoining county, Queen Anne's. The deed makes no preference of any creditor.

Storm Damage.—The heavy storm of Thursday, was accompanied by two of the highest tides of the past twelve months. Yards on Front street were flooded, the cellar-kitchen of Mr. B. F. Fleming was invaded by the tide to such an extent that the evening meal was of necessity cooked upstairs. The warehouses of the Chester River Steam boat Company were completely surrounded and some slight damage done by the waves, but no loss whatever was sustained to freight. As a precautionary measure, the more perishable wares were moved to points of safety. On Eastern Neck Island Mr. J. H. Ruth's store was surrounded by water, and when that gentleman left for his home in the evening, he rowed for nearly a mile up the main road in a boat. Mr. Wilkinson, from the Island, was in town on Friday, and stated that he found a portion of the road badly obstructed by logs and other debris, which had been carried up by the tides. Miller Butlner, of the Chestertown roller mill, unwilling to suffer any unnecessary waste of water, and feeling that it was unsafe to leave his flood gates down, remained on guard all night and ran his mill. So far, no serious washouts are reported on the public roads.

To Fight High License.—Petitions are being circulated in the county for signatures, having in view the securing from the Legislature the resubmission of the question of Local Option or High License to the voters of the county. The object of the promoters of this latest move is, it is claimed, to secure high license for the hotels of the county. The question of local option and license was passed upon by the people of Kent several years ago, and prohibition was carried by an overwhelming majority, and any move to have it resubmitted will be vigorously opposed, not only by prohibitionists, but by a large element of temperance people throughout the county. A prominent temperance advocate said yesterday: "While the temperance laws now on our statute books have not been as effective as we had hoped, yet with the weak points of the old law strengthened and corrected, as we hope to have them during this session of the Legislature, there will be no need of licensing the sale of whiskey either in hotels or in other places. We will fight this high license movement to the bitter end, and neither money nor energy will be spared in securing its defeat. Though prohibition has been only a partial success, the great law-abiding masses are not ready yet to go back to a licensed bar of any kind."

Peninsula Canners Meet.—The annual meeting of the Peninsula Canners' Association was held at Dover, January 30. Of most interest to the packers was the fact, brought out by careful inquiry and comparison, that the holdings of canned tomatoes on the peninsula amounted to only 112,000 cases, as against over 700,000 held at this time last year. It also seems certain from the reports received from other Association and from some of the best posted brokers, that the holdings throughout the country were much smaller than supposed. Each packer present was requested to state what he intended to pay for tomatoes the coming season, and on a roll call of those present, all except two were unanimous on a price of $5.00 per ton. It seemed to be generally conceded by the most experienced packers present that any advance in the price of canned tomatoes before planting time would result in a large pack in 1896. The tomato pack of the State of Maryland for 1894 is estimated at 2,159,816 cases, against 4,437,103 in all other parts of the United States and Canada, and of 1895 at 1,317,606 for Maryland, and 2,527,174 for total pack in all other sections. Of this the Eastern Shore packs about one-third. It was stated that blight could be averted by spraying the plants in the bed with Bordeaux mixture. It is an inexpensive and said to be a certain remedy.

Tramp Stopped the Train.—Conductors, as a matter of course, are confronted by many peculiar and often embarrassing circumstances, but the cleaver way in which Conductor Covell, of the Queen Anne's train, outwitted a tramp, is remarkable at least for its effectiveness and originality. When the train drew out from Centreville, a tramp was discovered snugly tucked away on the truck of one of the cars. Twice he was ordered out, each time with smiles and good temper complying, but with the agility of a cat, before the train could get under way the picturesque free-rider was again safely lodged among the springs of the truck under the car. Near Centreville, the track is laid on a high embankment. Conductor Covell ordered his train stopped at this point, and again the man was ordered to dismount, which he did with as much good humor and confidence as on the previous occasions. Says the *Record*: "The conductor approached and laid tender hands upon him and besought him to be good and cease his troubling. The unsuspicious wayfarer acted meekly according to the manner of his tribe. The train began to creep away, and the conductor, at an opportune moment, gave the tramp a gentle push that tumbled him down the steep embankment in wild disorder, and quickly returned to the cars, which bounded swiftly onward. The erstwhile passenger rested upon the damp bosom of mother earth where he fell and meditated on the mutability of fortune and soullessness of corporations not run for the benefit of worthy citizens out of employment."

Church Matters of Interest.

The entertainment by the ladies of Shrewsbury was held yesterday instead of to-day, as stated that it would be in last week's paper.

Rev. Quincy L. Morrow, several years ago pastor of the Kennedyville M. P. Church, and a prominent and zealous worker for temperance reforms, has been engaged by the temperance committee of the Baltimore Christian Endeavor Union, and is campaigning in Baltimore for the Local Veto Bill this week. Mr. Morrow is a son of ex-Judge James S. Morrow, of Baltimore, and for eloquence and forceful oratory, is said by many to be second only to John G. Woolley.

Rev. F. T. Tagg, editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, preached both morning and evening at Grace M. P. Church, Centreville, on Sunday.

Bishop Curtis was in Centreville on Sunday, and celebrated mass at 10.30 A. M.. Evening service 7.30.

The Rev. Wm. F. Adams, Bishop of Easton, will hold service in St. Luke's Church, Church Hill, on Sunday next, the 16th of February, at 10.30 A. M., and at St. Andrew's Chapel, Sudlersville, at 3.30 P. M.

Court News.

County Commissioners, full board present. President Hill presiding. The following accounts were examined and allowed: Wm. H. Brown for tallying shells, 80c. Fleming & Co., accts. for shells, $123.58. Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., clerk to board acct. salary, $82.08. Benj. H. Coburn, acct. fees in State cases, $26.80. Samuel G. Lee, hauling shells, $66.50. B. Lewis, for shells delivered at Buck Neck, $91.35. John Rose, acct. fees in State cases, $2.30. Westcott & Dodd, mdse. furnished Alms House from May 1, 1995 to Feb. 8, '96, $126.77. Westcott & Dodd, for mdse. furnished County Jail from June 8, '95 to Feb. 8, '96, $37.41. Wm. H. Blakeney, for repairing curtains in Court House, $1.56. C. W. C Johnson, J. P. fees in State cases, $34.85. Bartus J. Wilkins, J. P., fees in State cases, $11.40. Petition of Mrs. Susanna Coleman, for pension, was granted $20.00.

Orphans' Court.—Present, Judges Burgess, Byron and Harper. The last will and testament of Mary A. Wilmer was admitted to probate. Letters Testamentary on the estate of Mary A. Wilmer granted to Philip G. Wilmer, and Milton Melvin and John H. Clendaniel were appointed to appraise said estate. Letters of administration on the estate of Hyland P. Smith granted to Ruth A. Smith and Jonathan P. Smith and D. E. Jewell and G. T. Williams were appointed to appraise said estate. R. C. Morgan administrator of F. Hyland Taylor returned first and final administration account. Inventories filed in estates of George W. Davis, and Benjamin F. H. Caulk.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss Acca VanDyke, daughter of Mr. John P. VanDyke, and Mr. Townsend E. W. Crew, in Kennedyville Methodist Protestant church, at 2.30 o'clock, on the afternoon of Tuesday, February eighteenth. Miss VanDyke is one of Kent's most popular and most widely known school teachers, and Mr. Crew is a progressive and popular farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Crew, will be at home, after February 20 th, Gresham Hall, near Tolchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stevens, of St. Mary's county are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reiche, at the Reiche residence on Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reiche were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. James Wood.

Miss Edna Ringgold, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Lottie Wickes, Queen street.

Miss Ross, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, Washington Avenue.

Father McSweeny was given a delightful surprise by a number of the members of his Chestertown congregation last week. The unsuspecting priest was pleasantly entertaining a lady member of his flock who had dropped in as a part of the programme of surprise, when some one announced that a number of packages of groceries, fruits and vegetables awaited delivery. Admittance to this unsuspected replenishment of the larder was denied, with the positive statement that he had purchased no such articles and there must be some mistake in the matter. The lady took a hand at this point, and the packages were delivered, and in a few minutes Father McSweeny's home was in a State of siege. Good cheer, fruits, groceries, flowers and all that goes to make life worth living in its higher sense, were present and a royal good time was enjoyed. The visitors were given a whole-souled reception, and it were difficult to say which derived the greater delight from the occasion, Father McSweeny or his people.

Prof. E. J. Clarke has spent a week visiting at his home in Pocomoke City.

Miss Elizabeth Harding, of Still Pond, and Miss Josephine Ziesel are visiting Mrs. C. M. Potts, in Queen Annes.

Ex-postmaster Hiram Brown has taken the agency for the "Maryland," a new bicycle which he claims to be as good as the best.

Agent John H. Aldridge, now adorns his coat with a scarlet button, the insignia of honor worn by the riders of the scarlet rim Syracuse.

J. H. Sides has gotten in his 1896 Majestic bicycle, which is a beauty.

Mr. W. H. Blackway, who for several years past has been a great sufferer from cancer, was attacked by verdigo several days ago while crossing his room, and fell, sustaining painful injuries to his head.

What promises to be a delightful dance will be given at Galena this afternoon. The committee are: Messrs. Elmer S. Jarman, Robert Cochran, Clifton Hurtt, Howard Woodall and Wilson Cochran.

Mrs. Charles U. Carpenter, of Georgia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hynson, Queen street.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Walker, and Miss Nelie Walker, returned on Saturday, from a several months visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.

DEATH OF DR. SAMUEL BECK.

The Entire Community Shocked by the Sudden Death of one of Its Most Respected Citizens.

No death within recent years has cast a more universal gloom over the entire county, or has so greatly shocked a large circle of warm friends, than did the sudden death of Dr. Samuel Beck, at his home on Front street. Dr. Beck died of heart failure, at about 10.30 o'clock on Saturday evening, aged fifty-seven years. In a moment, without the slightest warning, a home of love, sunshine and brightness was enshrouded by a great shadow, and the county had lost one of its most honored and representative citizens. In apparent good health, with a buoyancy and brightness unequaled by any one of the party, several days of last week were spent at the Cedar Point gunning shore with a number of friends. The party returned on Friday afternoon, and on Saturday evening a number of ladies and gentlemen were invited to supper to enjoy the fruits of the delightful trip. During the meal, none were so bright and entertaining as the host, whose splendid hospitality had for years made him conspicuous among those who have jealously clung to the pleasant social traditions of the past. No intimation of a great sorrow cast its shadow over the scene; all was joyousness and mirth. Vocal and instrumental music formed a pleasant feature of the evening, the most charming feature of the occasion being a recalling of early days, a glance into a happy past by the singing of a duet, "The Gypsy Countess," by Dr. Beck and his wife, Mrs. Beck playing the accompaniment. At about 10 o'clock he excused himself, saying that he was not feeling well and would go to his room, which he did. His daughter, Miss Mary, went in a few minutes thereafter, to see if anything was wanted, and found her father preparing to retire and only complaining of not feeling well. In less than an half hour Mrs. Beck went to her husband's room and was shocked to find him in bed, lying on his left side, one hand under his head and gasping for breath. She at once called for assistance, and Mr. William W. Beck and Mr. H. M. Brown were in a moment at the bedside, and endeavored to get the patient to take a small portion of brandy, but he could not swallow. Medical aid was at once summoned, but before they could reach the bedside death had come, and a useful, honored life had gone out.

Henry, the eight-year-old son of the doctor, was asleep in another bed in the room, and says that when his father got in bed and drew the covers up, he complained of feeling badly, and the little fellow asked him if he did not want him to get in bed with him, but received no answer. The sad intelligence of the death was first made known on Sunday morning and was received with expressions of the most profound regret.

The funeral was held from his late home at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and was largely attended by representative citizens from every section of the county. The house was crowded, yet a vast majority of those attending could not get into the home. Rev. S. C. Roberts officiated, reading for the lesson selections from the XXXIX and XC Psalms. The 667 hymn—

"My God, my Father, while I stray
Far from my home in life's rough way,
Oh, teach me from my heart to say,
'Thy will be done!'"

was then sung by Prof. E. J. Clark, Eben F., Jr. and Thomas W. Perkins, and Misses Mary Hurtt and Nannie Brice.

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. A large pillow of calla lilies, white carnations and roses stood at the head of the casket. On the pillow was the word "Rest," worked in purple blossoms. A beautiful cross of magnificent white roses and callas lay midway the coffin, and alongside were wreathes of beautiful roses, smilax and pinks. Besides these there were smaller clusters of tastefully arranged cut flowers, making a display beautiful in the extreme. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. George and James Beck, brothers of the deceased; Allen A. Harris, Wm. S. Walker, R. C. Jones and R. Sterling Jones. Interment in St. Paul cemetery.

Dr. Samuel Beck, was a son of Horace Beck, and was born, September 9—1838, on the farm in Broad Neck, this county, where Mr. George Beck now resides. He gained his early education at the public school in the vicinity of his home, afterward graduating from Dickinson College. After leaving Dickinson he completed a course of medicine, graduating from the Maryland University Medical College, in March of 1860, and the same year commenced the practice of his profession in Chestertown, opening an office in the same building and adjoining the office now occupied by his son, W. W. Beck, Esq., as a law office. After being in Chestertown about one year he removed to the farm near Hanesville, to which on January 15—1863 he took Miss Helen Constable as his bride, the marriage being performed in St. Pauls P. E. church, within whose sacred shade his remains now rest. He built up a large and lucrative practice, which he continued to increase until he gave up his practice upon coming to Chestertown in January of 1881. He however, always took a deep interest in his profession, and was frequently called into consultation with some of the most prominent physicians of the county in extreme and complicated cases.

A gentleman of pleasant address, of generous impulses, and a quick and accurate analyzer of human nature, it were safe to say that but few if any man in the county had so large a circle of warm and abiding friends. A peculiar adaptability, with a strong personal following naturally made of Dr. Beck a leader of the Democracy in Kent county. Political causes and their natural effects presented themselves to his mind with unusual readiness and accuracy, consequently his conclusions in reference to men and methods always received the consideration of both his political friends and opponents. After one of the most hotly contested campaigns within the history of the county, he in 1879 defeated for clerk of the circuit court for Kent co., Dr. W. M. A. S. Maxwell, of Still Pond, independent, endorsed by the Republicans, and was re-elected in 1886, defeating Mr. C. H. J. Sparks, on the Republican ticket. He was chairman of the County Central Committee from 1887 to 1891. After leaving the clerk's office a co-partnership was formed with Mr. William S. Walker, for the manufacture of fertilizers, which business has been successfully conducted ever since.

He was a vestryman of Immanuel Protestant Episcopal Church and a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College.

His was an honored and useful career, and his loss will be deeply felt by the entire community.

Mr. William S. Walker paid this beautiful tribute to his memory: "You may say of him that he was one of the best and most popular men in Kent county, and many will miss him."

He leaves eight children—Horace W., of St. Louis, Mo., William W., attorney at law, Chestertown; Samuel, of Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Allen A. Harris, Misses Mary, Sallie and Isabelle and Henry.

[illegible]ie Hatcherson, formerly of K[illegible]ed at the Home of Incurab[illegible]e, on Sunday night, aged 77 years. [illegible] remains were brought to Kent on Tuesday, and interred in the old family burying ground, on the Comegys farm near Quaker Neck wharf.

MRS. HANNAH M. CANNON.

Mrs. Hannah M. Cannon, widow of John Cannon, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Moore, at Elkton, on Thursday evening. Mrs. Cannon's maiden name was foreman, and she was born in Kent county, and removed to Elkton in 1861, and had since resided there. She was 77 years of age. Her death resulted from the infirmaties incidental to old age.

The Modern Way

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FAIRLEE NOTES.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—A word on dogology; dogs have their use, as well as their place under their master's table with the privilege of the crumbs. One of our merchants has a store-dog" which for ways that are crooked and tricks that are mean, doth the chinese heathen excel which, we may (not) now rise to explain," except to say that if he were not pet poodle he would shortly go the way that all bad dogs go—to the vultures.

The Fairlee creamery on milk days is a lively place. This, Monday morning, we noticed six or eight teams in line waiting their turn. Here we often go to discuss the weather and the news.

Sometimes we speak of the gay wicked world. We have a little sociable world around us which is gay, but by no means wicked, all the passtimes being of such character as to allow the best people to participate. It is thought, however, that there may be some lull by reason of the approaching lenten season. The sociable at Mr. and Mrs. Statts' Friday night was attended by fifty persons. Next Friday night it will be held at Capt. and Mrs. A. L. Corey's. The literary part of the programme is, "An evening with the great Napoleon and his Marshalls." Hope they will not forget the good Josephine. Mr. Morris Bramble is expected to render a solo.

The sad intelligence of the death of Dr. Beck has thrown a shadow across this entire community. A plain man in one of our meetings, for exchange of thought on religious sentiment and experience Sunday afternoon said: "I once lived under Dr. Beck. He was my friend and I praise him. And I want to tell you of another friend, an everlasting friend, the lover and friend of sinners, my admirable Redeemer. Blessed be his name forever." Flowers are scarce, but your correspondent, as he passed this morning through the yard to the front gate, plucked a sprig of evergreen, saying in his heart how I would like to lay this upon the bier of Dr. Beck. It would fade, I know, but it is at least an emblem of my recollection of him, which shall be evergreen.

West End speaks of a debating society. We propose as the first question for debate the following: Resolved, that in the pursuit of pleasure there is more enjoyment in anticipation than realization. It is pretty certain that all the members of the gunning club about this time would take the affirmative side. The following is an account of the trip by one of them: Our young men's gunning trip ended rather disastrously. On Thursday morning, while lying at anchor in Worton creek, the anchor chain parted. The small anchor was immediately let go, but was too small to be of any use in such a violent gale. The wind then being southeast, we shortened and set sail, intending to work the vessel up in the creek abreast of Green Point wharf, where the wind and sea was more moderate, but the wind increased and the sails were blown to pieces. The small anchor was again dropped with all the chain. About the same time the wind hauled southwest, and the anchor, not having sufficient weight in such a storm, the vessel was driven on Mr. John Gale's shore, where she beat and thumped very heavy for about nine hours before the extreme high tide left her in her bed of sand. The vessel is, as far as can be learned, in good condition. Preparations will be made to-day to float the vessel to-morrow, weather being favorable. We extend our many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gale, who so kindly cared for us while there.

Mrs. Statts and little boy and Miss Minnie Smyth are on a visit to Delaware. The former to Middletown and the latter to Townsend.

Since the last arrival of the Baker baby boy, Fairlee has a population of 78.

EAST END.

FROM GALENA.

Thieves on the Rampage—A Library Wanted.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a "bonnet trimming" party in the chapel on Friday evening next, Feb. 14. Five cents will be charged for privilege of wearing a bonnet. The gentlemen will pay twenty cents, which also entitles him and lady to lunch. Ice cream will be served.

The young people are enjoying themselves by meeting at each other's homes once a week. The time is spent in games and music, and refreshments are served during the evening.

Chicken and meat thieves are numerous. Mr. Wm. Sylvester lost about 1000 pounds of bacon several days ago. D. J. McCauly Friday evening last went goosing, and when he returned home found his meat house broken open and twelve hams gone. Mr. Wm. Kennard, our mail driver, had about twenty-five chickens stolen also some time ago. The Republicans have promised so many reforms, we wish they would reform some of these chicken and meat thieves.

Mr. Frank Sylvester has a young child very ill with scarlet fever, but at this writing she is much better. Dr. E. A. Scott is her attending physician. This is the only case in Galena. Her parents cannot imagine where she caught the disease.

The orders of the Odd Fellows and Heptasophs are in a flourishing condition here. Now, if we could get up a good library, like the one our fathers had about twenty-five years ago. Or why could not this one be revived? While looking over the old list of books of this library, the names of Jas. W. Hurtt, W. A. Hyland, Geo. R. Vansant, Eugene Gooding, Hyland F. Taylor, Major Armstrong and many other names, most all of whom have passed away, were found. The books of this library have been in the drug store of the late Jos. P. Ireland, where old members and their children had access to them. Why cannot a meeting of the old members and officers be called together. A good library would be a splendid thing for Galena and the community. I would like to hear from some of the old members on this subject.

SCRIBBLER.

Still Pond Notes.

Miss Verma Krusen, accompanied by her sister, Nellie, has returned to Wilmington, Del. Miss Krusen has paid her parents and friends quite a visit, and will always be welcome home again.

Miss Amy Baynard has just reached home after an extended and enjoyable trip to Philadelphia and Wilmington.

The Missionary Anniversary of the Sunday school will probably be held, Providence and measles permitting, about the first Sunday evening in March.

A Colonial Tea, as announced elsewhere, will be held on the evening of Washington's birthday, in the "Old Colonial House," opposite Still Pond Hall. This house is a real relic of colonial times, and the spirit of those days of yore will again seek shelter under its roof on the 22nd. Tea will be served, and unique souvenirs distributed. Patriotic music will be furnished during the evening, and everything will be done to induce the patriotic spirit of colonial times to remain in our midst. There will be Colonial costumes and other attractive features. The public is respectfully invited to assist in honoring the Father of His Country.

FROM EASTERN NECK.

MESS. EDITORS:—Messrs. James Beck and Charles Brown have been spending several days gunning with Mr. Spencer Wickes. Mr. Beck succeeded in killing a fine swan. Mr. Brown was not so fortunate.

Mr. Frank Sappington has gone to Baltimore to attend business college. Frank has a great many friends by whom he is missed very much.

Mr. C. C. Wood and daughter, and Miss Fannie Sappington drove to Wilmington, Del., and returned last Thursday. They report having had a very disagreeable trip coming back, owing to the heavy rain. Some of the mill streams they crossed were so deep that the water reached to the bottom of the dayton.

Mr. William Goodman killed a fine swan on Saturday.

The recent high tide caused great uneasiness. While no real damage was done in our vicinity, some of the canoes were carried high up in somebody's field. J. H. Ruth had to keep watch meeting in his store almost all night. The water, however, only got about an inch or two over his floor.

Mr. Willie L. Wilkins spent Saturday and Sunday in Baltimore.

The oyster business is at a standstill—bad weather and poor prices.

Fox hunting is the passtime now with our farmers, and in fact everybody else. Messrs. John Brice and Robert Wickes earthed and caught two foxes last week. They are going to give a hunt to the ladies to-day, which will be liberally attended, for our ladies are as enthusiastic hunters as our men.

Mr. Spencer Wickes killed two swan yesterday.

The dredgers still take advantage of every opportunity to trespass on forbidden grounds. Last Monday a great fleet of them anchored under Wickes' shore for protection from the heavy northeast wind, when two of them, a pungy and a schooner, made their way up to Piney Point, the police sloop following them up. After going as far as Corsica river, they turned tail and went back again without getting an oyster, the sloop forming an escort. This was in broad daylight. We all looked for some trouble during the night, but the police sloop kept them well in hand.

It was with deep regret we received the news of Dr. S. Beck's death. He had been with us gunning Friday, and was in the best of spirits. The doctor had many friends in this vicinity by whom he will be very much missed.

WRITER.

New Advertisements.

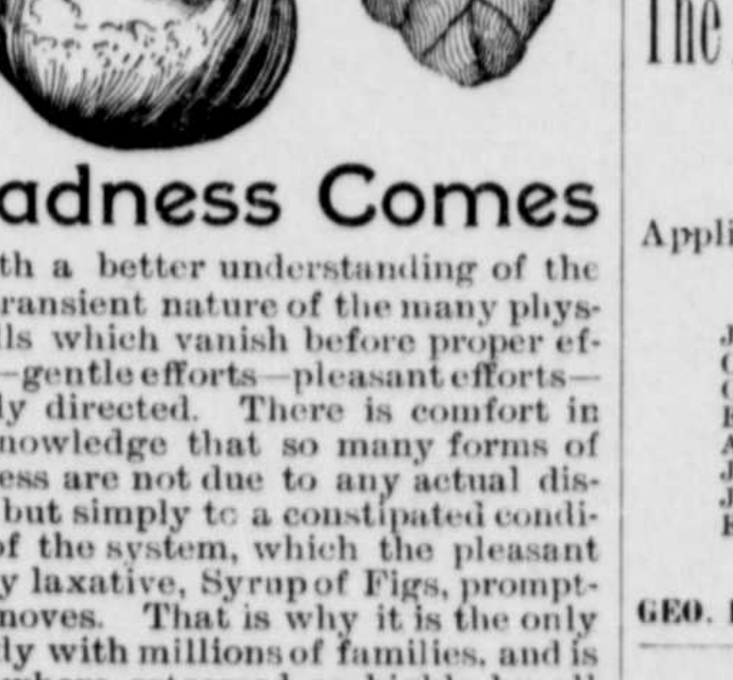
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