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LOCAL MATTERS.

Resigned his Office.—The Governor has received and accepted the resignation of James C. Moore, justice of the peace for the First district of Kent county.

Large Acreage.—Mr. Wilson Cochran, one of the wide-awake farmers of Sassafras, has 135 acres planted in corn. What farmer of Kent has a larger acreage?

W. C. Won.—In a hotly contested game between the second team of Washington College and the Centreville base-ball team yesterday afternoon, the College men won by a score of 10 to 11.

Queenstown Railroad.—Mr. Wilmer Emory states that if nothing now unforeseen occurs, trains on the new road will be running on schedule time as far as Hillsborough by July 1st. It is also hoped to have trains running through to the ocean by August 1st.

First of the Season.—Mr. Scott, the accommodating stage driver from Rock Hall, brought the first soft crabs of the season to Chestertown on Tuesday. The crabs were very small, as they usually are so early in the season. The price was 60 cents per dozen.

Weary by the Roadside.—Five bicyclists from Ridgely, Caroline county, braved the heat of Sunday and started to wheel to Chestertown. One dropped out about ten miles this side of Ridgely, two fell by the wayside at Church Hill and two completed the run to Chestertown, a distance of 25 miles.

Butter Market Overstocked.—The butter market of Chestertown was overstocked on Saturday and many of the merchants were left with an over supply, which was seriously affected by the intense hot weather of Sunday and Monday. One merchant had over 300 pounds left on hand on Saturday night.

Valuable Property Sold.—The Louis K. Stam property, on High street, now occupied and lately owned by W. S. McDonnell, was sold on Saturday at public sale, to Mrs. Jennie E. Walker and Mrs. Catherine A. Gundry. Price, $1675. The property is situated in the business centre of the town and was an excellent investment. The Spear farm, near Massey's, was sold at public sale on Tuesday, to Dr. S. C. Dudley, of Church Hill, for $7,525.

Fine Asparagus.—Mr. Harry Griffith has been shipping asparagus to the New York market, which required but eleven stalks to make a full marketable bunch, and that too, on poor asparagus lands. To grow the greatest possible quantity of the finest possible produce on the smallest possible space is where the money of latter-day farming comes in.

To Accommodate Farmers.—Postmaster Wheatley announces that for the accommodation of farmers, the Chestertown postoffice will be kept open on Saturday evenings until 8.30 o'clock instead of closing at 8 o'clock, as formerly. During the busy season this arrangement will be a great accommodation to the farmer patrons of the office.

Won His Case.—Henry W. Catlin, Esq., of the Chestertown bar, won an important case in the United States District Court, at Wilmington, on Wednesday of last week. The case involved about $1,000 pension money, which had been collected by a guardian and never accounted for to the ward. Engaged on the other side were ex-Chancellor Walcott and H. H. Ward, Esqs.

Saw the Addick's Train.—Conductor Welch, Postal Clerk Lambert and other officials of the B. & D. R. R., saw the Addicks free train as it passed through Clayton enroute for the convention at Dover, on Tuesday. Addicks ran his own train, furnished free tickets, Addicks buttons, a collation at Dover and music for the trip. This is what is known in Delaware as "high pressure politics."

Directors and Officers Elected.—At the annual meeting of the Kent Mutual Fire Insurance Company last week, the following directors were elected: T. W. Eliason, James R. Jones, A. L. Corey, Samuel Vannort, Franklin H. Harper, Robert S. Emory, George B. Westcott, Robert G. Nicholson, Charles T. Westcott, David Hurlock, James H. Baker. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Thomas W. Eliason was elected president and Mr. George B. Westcott secretary and treasurer.

New Orchestrion.—The large orchestrion built for the Tolchester Steamboat Company by Shimek Brothers, was accepted on Friday and was played on the company's Light street wharf for the first time. It is a handsome concern, representing a full brass band of thirty pieces, and its music Friday afternoon put an end to business along Light street for full half an hour. The crowd became so thick that Captain Eliason was obliged to have the instrument shut off. It is played by steam, and will be one of the new attractions at Tolchester this season. On the left side of the instrument, facing it, is the figure of a woman, and on the right side the figure of a man. They play triangles. It was taken to the beach on Saturday, when the Tolchester Company tendered its annual excursion to a number of invited guests.

The Champion of Wool Growers.—Mr. Edward Loud forges to the front with so substantial a lead over all competitors that it is almost certain that he will hold the season's honors. Mr. Loud sheared from 20 sheep an average of 9 pounds of wool per sheep. Now who goes ahead of this magnificent yield? Mr. Harry Meekins and Mr. Joel R. Clements got an average yield of six pounds, while Mr. Thomas Blackiston sheared an average of five pounds. Mr. Marcus Ascher states that the average yield of the season per sheep will not be over four pounds. He further states that never before has he known wool prices to range so low for first-class product. The highest price he ever paid was in 1872, when wool went as high as 56 cents. Some of our older citizens remember when wool sold for 75 cents per pound.

St. Johns Backs Down.—Evidently the St. John's base-ball team is profiting by past experience, and rather than risk a game on the diamond with the victorious Washington College nine has indulged in a fair and square back down. At first they complained of the guarantee, this Manager Hurtt arranged in accordance with their own sweet but capricious wills; then it was impossible to secure transportation to Chestertown, and again Manager Hurtt rose superior to the objection and guaranteed to send a steamer to Annapolis for them, bring them to Chestertown and land the precious aggregation safely in Annapolis after the game, and that, too, entirely at the expense of the Washington College team. Even this magnanimity on the part of the home team could not corner the Annapolitans and back came a telegram, stating that examinations would prevent their risking their fortunes on this side of the bay. A back down, gentlemen, fair and square, and out of the whole cloth. Right fielder Ward sent in his resignation from the team on Monday last. His ball practice of late has been greatly interfering with his studies and sooner than allow it to do this, he determined to resign. He was a very valuable addition to the team and his loss is greatly deplored. It has not yet been fully determined who will take his place. It will probably be Goldsborough or Jones.

The New Assessment.—The work of making the new assessment will begin on June 2. The assessors and members of the boards of control and review will receive $4 for every day of service; the clerks in the city of Baltimore $3.50, and those in the counties $3 a day. That will make the expenses $906 a day in Baltimore city, and $1,565 in all the counties of the State—a total per day of $2,471. The Governor will appoint two assessors-at-large in Kent and two in Queen Anne. The law provides that the assessors in the counties shall be appointed by the commissioners—one in each election district. There is no limitation in this connection as to the politics of the appointees, and it is natural to presume that they will be selected according to the political complexion of the respective boards of commissioners. The Republicans will have five in Kent, while the Democrats will have seven in Queen Anne.

Burkehardt Asks Commutation.—Petitions have been sent to the members of the jury, which at the October term of the Kent County Circuit Court in 1891, sentenced Lawrence Burkehardt alias Larry Burke, to 18 years in the State penitentiary for the murder of William Gardner. A commutation of Burkehardt's sentence is asked upon the affidavits of Robert Connelly and J. Edward Woods, the State witnesses in the case, largely upon whose testimony Burkehardt was convicted and narrowly escaped going to the gallows for one of the most brutal murders which has taken place in Kent county in recent years. The purse, which was shown at the trial to have been the motive for the murder, it is now sworn by Connelly that he took from Gardner, but fearing that it would connect him with the murder, he threw it on the boat where found by Burkehardt or the captain. It will be remembered that Gardner was knocked overboard in Rock Hall harbor, and after swimming to the side of the vessel, and while endeavoring to save himself by climbing on board, Burkhardt kicked him under the water three different times. Judge Wickes, in sentencing Burkhardt, declared the crime to have been one of the most brutal and cowardly that he had ever known. The jurors in the case were: J. Thomas Pennington, foreman; Ben. N. S. Wilkins, George W. Hatcherson, George W. Davis, Maccall M. Rasin, Thomas J. Shallcross, James R. Hicks, Albert L. Corey, John B. Parrott, Garrett Foxwell, John M. Comegys, Samuel Mallalieu.

Trip to Tolchester.—Captain W. C. Eliason, president of the Tolchester Company, with a number of his friends and sixty-four students of the Woman's College, of Baltimore, went on a trip of inspection to Tolchester Beach on Saturday afternoon. The trip, a delightful one, was made on the steamer Emma Giles, which left Light street wharf at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, reaching Tolchester Beach at 4.30 o'clock. The party landed and spent a half hour inspecting the beautiful grounds and the many improvements to the buildings and devices of amusement at this popular resort. At the end of the wharf a pavilion has been constructed for the convenience of excursionists. The grounds and buildings are in the best condition, neatness and order being a chief characteristic. The lawns are luxuriant, the walks neat and the buildings newly painted. The numerous benches placed in the shady groves have been painted a bright red color, forming a pleasant contrast to the vivid green grass. The hotel has been remodeled and newly furnished and an inviting porch has been built around it. The excursion-house nearby has been renovated, and nearly all the pavilions have been improved. A new pavilion has been built on the little knoll which commands a beautiful view of the bay, and which is intended for the convenience of picnic parties. This pavilion stands on the site of the original dancing pavilion erected nineteen years ago. The "Pikes Peak Railroad" has been lengthened and made more attractive. The carousel has been remodeled and a large steam organ introduced. This instrument represents a band of thirty pieces. A beautiful field at the north of the grove has been leveled off and put in condition for athletic sports, including base-ball and tennis. The novelty of the switchback railroad has been increased by the addition of numerous curves and turns. The shooting gallery, swings and the many other devices of amusement have been put in first-class condition. Vases of pretty flowers will be set out on the lawns and along the walks to increase the beauty of the place. Eight hundred new bathing suits have been provided for those who desire to play in the refreshing salt water, and piles for diving purposes have been driven. The return trip was more enjoyable than the one to the Beach, the young ladies from the Woman's College entertaining the company with songs, recitations and the college yell.

Of Personal Interest.

Prof. E. J. Clarke and Mr. Fred G. Usilton witnessed the fine performance given by the Star Company at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, on Saturday. This was one of the finest aggregations of talent ever placed on the American stage, and comprised such celebrities as Joseph Jefferson, Nat Goodwin, William H. Crane, Francis Wilson, Julia Marlowe Taber, Mrs. John Drew, Fannie Rice. Both gentlemen declare it to have been one of the most magnificent performances they ever witnessed.

Messsrs. Spencer M. Hurtt and Harry Simpers attended the pleasant dance given at Church Hill on Friday evening. Those attending from Millington were: Misses Etta Massey, Mary Hurlock, Nannie Comegys, Grace Greenwood, Messrs. Harry Hendrickson, Clarence Comegys and Wilson Cochran.

Mrs. Hope H. Barroll and her two sons Masters Wethered and Morris, are guests of Mr. J. Leeds Barroll, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

Mr. Walter Perkins, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Perkins, Queen street.

Mrs. John M. Gill and little son are enjoying a week's visit to Baltimore friends.

Mrs. James S. Bradley has been on a several weeks visit.

Mr. W. H. Ford, of Golt's, has been visiting Washington, D. C., and other points.

Mr. Wm. Jones, of St. Augustine, Cecil county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Hayes, on College avenue.

R. D. Hynson, Esq., has been elected a vestryman of Immanuel P. E. Church, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles T. Westcott, Esq.

Messrs. S. F. Smith, T. W. Russell and W. B. Copper have been elected trustees of the Chestertown public school. Mr. Copper is a new member of the board, and succeeds Mr. Colin F. Stam, resigned.

Mrs. Clara Fahnestock, of Lancaster, Pa., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Compton. Mrs. J. J. Rothrock, wife of Rev. J. J. Rothrock, pastor of the German Reformed Church, of Landsdale, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Compton, at the parsonage.

Church Notes.

The Rev. Robert W. Todd is lecturing on "Phunny Pholks and Phacetious Phathers of Primitive Peninsula Methodism." A phunny subject, which will doubtless be phunnily handled.

JOHN A. GROVES DEAD.

A Prominent Citizen and ex-County Commissioner Passes Away After a Lingering Illness.

John A. Groves, a prominent citizen and one of the active agriculturists of the county, after a lingering illness from kidney trouble and a complication of diseases, died at his home "Hill Top," in Quaker Neck, shortly before midnight on Sunday. He would have been sixty-three years of age on January 10th, 1897.

Mr. Groves was born in New Castle county, Delaware, and came to Kent county in 1855 and lived on the Buck Neck farm for two years. He then returned to Delaware and commenced the butchering and stock business at Red Lion. At the end of two years he went to the large peach farm of Judge E. F. Chambers, in Queen Anne, about one and a half miles from Chester bridge. This property was under rental by Wilkins and Shuster and an orchard of 144,000 peach trees were set out on the place. During the peach season of the third year he shipped 44,000 boxes of peaches to Baltimore, the fruit averaging slightly over one dollar per box. At the end of the fourth year Mr. Groves came to Kent and took charge of the large peach and fruit farm of Col. Edward Wilkins, where he remained three years. His destiny seems to have been cast with the then great peach interests of the section and he went to the "Old Wilkins" farm in Quaker Neck, on which was an orchard of 27,000 trees. It was here that fortune smiled upon the efforts of the great peach champion, and in 1875 his peach crop alone netted him $15,000. He ran his own line of steamers and did a large amount of freighting for other growers out of Chester river and Lankford's bay.

In 1885 he leased for a term of ten years the magnificent Paca estate, now belonging to Mrs. Joseph Rasin, on Paca's Island and set out 175,000 trees. This enterprise was a partial failure and he only gathered two partial crops from this orchard. In 1884 "Popular Neck" was purchased and in addition to a large orchard on the place 20,000 trees were set out. As a natural result of these enormous transactions in peaches, Mr. Groves became an acknowledged authority and was often styled the "Peach King."

A man of great energy his life was one of unusual activity, but financial reverses set in when the wane of the peach commenced and his handsome earnings were greatly curtailed in late years.

In politics Mr. Groves was an active and unwavering Democrat and in and out of season contributed much of his time and means to the success of his party. The only political office which he ever held was that of county commissioner, to which he was elected in 1889 and reelected in 1891.

He married a Miss Sarah Shuster, daughter of Mr. James Shuster, of Kent, and sister of Mr. John L. Shuster, of Chestertown. Eight children survive him: James H., of Kent; Albert S., of Queen Anne; William B., of Baltimore; Mrs. Frank Lamb, Mrs. J. C. Loud, and Misses Emma E., Belle A. and Sarah S.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, which were largely attended. Rev. T. B. Cooper officiated. Interment in Chester cemetery. The bearers were: John Brice, J. H. Baker, B. N. S. Wilkins, W. B. Usilton, Dr. W. F. Hines and T. W. Russell.

QUEEN ANNE COURT.

A Point of Interest to Farmers and Threshermen—Important Case of the Second National Bank of Chestertown.

The first case called for trial was George vs. Walls, an appeal from justice of the peace. It seems that in this instance Mr. John E. George held a mortgage bill of sale of the wheat crop of one Smith. The threshing of said crop was done by the defendant, Walls, without an express contract between him and the plaintiff. Walls retained sufficient wheat out of the quantity threshed to re-imburse him for work and labor done. The plaintiff, George, sued him to recover the amount of the wheat thus appropriated. The justice decided in favor of the defendant, and the case was brought up on appeal. The court affirmed the judgment. This has the effect of making a preferred claim against wheat crops of work done by those who thresh it, a preferred claim which takes precedence even of a legally recorded mortgage. The court did not deliver an opinion in the case.

On Wednesday of last week the case of the Centreville National Bank vs. J. E. H. Lewis et al was called. The case was set down for argument on an agreed statement of facts. It involved a point of law which some of the counsel in the controversy claimed had never been adjudicated by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. It seems that the Centreville National Bank and the Second National Bank of Chestertown obtained judgments against the defendant both on the same day. This was at the July term of 1894. On the 10th of November ensuing the Second National Bank of Chestertown levied execution against the real estate of the defendant. On the twenty-second day of the same month the Centreville National Bank also issued execution against the said real estate. Under this latter execution the sheriff sold the property, and the money thereon is held for distribution. The Centreville National Bank contended that, as the judgments in question were of even date, both being liens against the defendant's real estate, the funds arising from the sale of said real estate should be distributed amongst the several plaintiffs *pro rata* according to the amount each of its respective claims. The Second National Bank of Chestertown denies this right. They argued that because of their superior diligence in suing out the first execution they were entitled to priority over the Centreville National Bank. They discussed the question both historically and by citation from numerous authorities. They insisted that, as the fund in hand was not sufficient to pay both claims in full, then, the issuance of their execution first, gave them precedence over their more negligent co-creditors, and that they were entitled to have their entire claim paid; and, if there be any residue, then the Centreville National Bank would have partial recourse against said residue. The court has not yet rendered a decission in the case.

Coming Events.

"A Celebrated Case" to be repeated at Stam's Hall to-morrow evening, promises to be more delightfully enjoyable than the first performace. Continued rehearsing and familiarity with the parts will of course give a polish and ease not possessed to the same extent in the first performance. Miss Seemuller and Miss Brice, too, will appear for the first time in their respective casts, and all will want to see their interpretations of the important parts.

The gentlemen of the Chestertown Cycle Club have certainly struck upon a most delightful feature for the warm season. Nothing could be more pleasant and popular than a moonlight run on the beautiful Chester river. The Emma A. Ford, with the affable Captain William Taylor, an enthusiastic cyclist, in command, will be chartered for the occasion, and with that not less enthusiastic cyclist Archie Bowers, to back up his efforts, and a corps of efficient and pleasant officers on board, what could be more delightful. This is to be made the royal occasion of the season in bicycle and social circles.

A Splendid Success.

The Mother Goose cantata and drill given by the little folk of Chestertown M. E. Sunday school, at Stam's Hall on Tuesday evening, was one of the cutest and most pleasant entertainments ever given by the members of the school. The little characters were so beautifully taken, the parts so cunningly carried out and the singing so sweet and pretty, that it would be impossible to describe it within a limited space. Miss Anna Lambert, Miss Nannie Bordley and Mrs. Dyott, in drilling and preparing the children accomplished wonders and are to be congratulated upon their unqualified success.

Each quaint little participant became a star just as soon as the curtain rose and from start to finish the audience was delighted. Of course there were bright and particular stars, and where all did so well it would be unsafe to draw comparisons. However, we must venture to say that the Bachelor and Wife, impersonated by Master Sam Jones and pretty little Miss Ethel Ringgold, were inimitable. Sam wore a high hat and his charming little bride of five years wore a wreath, bridal veil and train of several yards in length. Preston Jones, too, as Puss in Boots, kept the audience in a constant state of laughter by his antics, while quaint little Charlie Compton, as the blackbird of the now celebrated bird which tipped off the King's nose, was splendid.

The programme was so thoroughly enjoyable that in response to public demand it is probable that it will be repeated at a near date. As the characters and parts have all been given in the TRANSCRIPT they will not be repeated until the next entertainment is decided upon.

All did splendidly and are to be congratulated.

The programme as given was: Piano Solo, Miss Wilkins; Tambourine Drill, ten young ladies, Misses Ford, H. Toulson, Clara Thompson, Bertie Burchinal, Mary Brown, M. Toulson, Mary Fleming, Iris Anthony Gussie Friedman, and May Jones; Mother Goose Party, by forty children; Telephone Song, Edna Downey; Three Little Kittens, Bertie Tucker, Edna Roland, Mary Miller; The Toad Stools, Robert Simpers, Carl Bordley, George Compton; Duett—Beautiful Moon Light, Clara Thompson and Elsie Fallowfield; Topsy Turvy Chorus.

Peach Orchard Notes.

It is perfectly proper and in evident good taste that the peach prophet should now be abroad in the land.

The first estimate of one million baskets for the Peninsula has been raised by a Caroline county grower to eight million. A pretty substantial raise.

Mr. H. L. Crew, the successful fruit grower and farmer of near Still Pond, on Friday measured the trunk circumference of a peach tree in his orchard and found it to be five feet and a fraction over. The tree is fully 30 years old and is of the Susquehanna variety. On a twig 13 inches long, broken from the tree, there were 56 large well-developed peaches. Eight would be a heavy crop for the twig.

Mr. H. L. Crewe stated on Friday that the weather was so cool on Thursday night that about 4 o'clock on Friday morning he determined to start a small fire in his furnace and found the straw which he intended to start the fire with white with frost and so wet that it would not burn. He feared that the heavy frost had been fatal to strawberries, which were then in full blossom.

Reports from the fifth district are to the effect that in some orchards smock peaches are all killed. Other varieties are but slightly hurt.

Prof. C. L. Marlatt, of the department at Washington, was the guest of Capt. R. S. Emory last week and made a thorough investigation of the pear trees of Mr. C. E. Reiche. As stated in the TRANSCRIPT several weeks ago, an insect, pronounced by Captain Emory to be the dreaded San Jose scale, was discovered on one of Mr. Reiche's trees. An investigation last week disclosed the fact that the scale had attacked other trees in the same orchard. Captain Emory has proven beyond all controversy that whale oil soap is the most effective remedy for this trouble.

A dispatch from Ellendale, Delaware, on Friday says. There was a heavy frost in this locality this morning and at present it looks as if many of the peaches have been killed. All small fruit is also thought to be damaged. The frost extended as far north as Middletown, but it was not so heavy in the upper part of the State as hereabout.

A dispatch from Bridgeville, on Saturday said: This locality was visited by a heavy frost yesterday. The damage therefrom is confined to strawberries and young vegetables, especially tomatoes. The injury to the strawberry crop cannot be estimated at present. Tomatoes have been damaged considerably. Peaches escaped injury.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

About two months ago, the W. C. T. U. took iniatory steps toward establishing a library. The committee appointed worked faithfully, with the result that on Friday evening of last week an organization was effected to be known as "The Literary Club" of Kennedyville. Any person may become a member by the annual payment of one dollar and by subscribing to the rules of the club. The following persons were elected officers: President, Mr. W. T. Hague; vice president, Mr. H. L. Davies; secretary, Mr. Jas. E. Weer; librarian, Mrs. S. E. Sutton; treasurer, Mr. W. E. Sanders. It is thought that the library will be in full operation by the last of May and will comprise the following periodicals, "Century Magazine," "Harpers Monthly Magazine," "Review of Reviews," "Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly," "Ladies Home Journal," "The Cosmopolitan," "Munseys Magazine" and "Golden Days." The library will be at the store of Mrs. S. E. Sutton. It is the design of those connected with the organization to make it a benefit to the community at large, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of the advantages presented. The next meeting of the club will be held at the office of Mr. T. Shafer on Saturday evening, May 23rd. The public cordially invited.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its next meeting at the M. P. Church on Friday evening, 22nd inst. An entertaining programme is being arranged. There will be music, readings and an address by Mrs. Mary Haslup, State President W. C. T. U. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The meeting of the first quarterly conference on Monday morning was a very interesting session. Extensive improvements are contemplated by the official board and the work, no doubt, will be begun before the close of the present year. Many needed improvements out side the church will be made at once.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Orem and Mr. W. E. Stevens, of Crumpton, spent Sunday with Mr. Thos. A. Godwin.

Mrs. J. R. Jarrell spent part of last week with relatives near Centreville.

Mr. Samuel Pippin, wife and child, of Marydel, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McKnett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whiteley spent Sunday with friends in Queen Anne Co.

Mr. Richard Haggerty is visiting distant friends.

Preparations are being made for "Childrens Day" at the M. P. Church.

The "Kids" in return, played a practice game with Locust Grove last Saturday. The game was simply a waterloo, the score being 20 to 34 in favor of Locust Grove. The Kids expect to play the Crumpton club next Saturday. It will be the beginning of a series. JUNO.

MILLINGTON NEWS.

The trustees of the M. E. Church will hold a festival two evenings in June to liquidate a small debt of several years standing in the finances of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hazell gave a reception to their son, Mr. B. W. Hazell and wife, of Baltimore, on the occasion of his marriage with a young lady of that city.

Mr. Eben S. Massey, formerly of this place but now extensively interested in the dairy business at Colorado Springs, Col., and Miss Mary Bryan, of that city, were married April 29th.

Miss Nannie Comegys spent last week as the guest of Miss Sallie Findley, Church Hill.

Miss Etta Massey was the guest of Miss Anna Gillespie, near Sudlersville, last week.

Miss Minnie Hazell, of Sudlersville, spent Sunday with Miss May Green.

Misses Grace Greenwood, of Chestertown, and Mary Hurlock, of near Massey's, are visiting their aunt Miss Annie Meginnis.

Mr. Jas. Austin, of the War Department, Washington, D. C., accompanied by his wife with Miss Alice Austin, of Chestertown, spent a few hours in town Thursday afternoon, guests of Miss Fannie Hurtt.

Mrs. Emily Hurtt was the guest of her son, Mr. A. S. Hurtt, of Delmar, last week.

The ladies of the P. E. Church will hold a festival two evenings in May.

The number of bicycles are steadily increasing in our town. Miss Ollie Price has been added to the list of lady cyclists and will soon be able to ride her wheel from her home here to her school in Galena. Y.

EASTERN NECK ISLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wickes were tendered a surprise last Thursday evening by a number of their young friends, at their beautiful home, Napley. The young folks took entire possession of the house, illuminating it with Japanese lanterns, and, after removing the carpet, dancing was indulged in until midnight, when refreshments, consisting of creams, water ices, cake and chocolate, were served. Those present were: Mr. Lou Alrich and sister, Miss Tenie, Miss Ella Diggs, of Baltimore; Mr. John Brice and wife, Mr. Neal Willison and wife, Mr. E. Wilkins and wife, Misses Mamie, Edna and Lula Strong, Miss Minnie Wickes, Miss Louise Price, Miss Fannie Sappington, Miss Alice Willson, Miss Mary Willson, Miss Marie Camp, Miss Fannie Wilkins, Mr. Robert Wickes and wife, Messrs. Page and Elwood Strong, Will and George Camp, Charles, Maurice and Motley Willson, B. C. Hatcherson, John C. Wood, Bennett Willson, Jr., and J. H. Ruth. Music by Prof. Eugene Willson. All left declaring their intention to drop in and see the host and hostess again in the near future.

Mr. Wm. Goodman has a wild swan, which he caught last winter. Mr. G. says it is getting along nicely and is becoming quite tame.

There has been a considerable fall off in the peaches but there is still a plenty left on the trees, in fact too many. The trees wont be able to carry them.

Mrs. A. J. Willson and daughter, Alice, are visiting relatives in Queen Anne.

Mr. N. S. Bogle, who recently took a position with N. Tip Slee, Baltimore, paid us a flying visit on Sunday. Mr. B. is very much pleased with his new position.

J. H. Ruth has given his store and buildings a coat of whitewash, which adds very much to their general appearance.

Mr. Boose Goodman is getting Mr. N. S. Bogle's new and fast canoe ready for the races on the 20th. Mr. Harry Watkins is also putting his canoe, the Dauntless, in condition to join the same races. These two canoes (Mr. Bogle's, which he has not named yet, and the Dauntless) are two of the fastest boats now in Kent.

Mr. R. S. Wickes lost a good cow last week by getting in the mire. WRITER.

FAIRLEE NEWS ITEMS.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—A large crowd witnessed the base-ball game between the Fairlee school boys and the Lankford school boys, which was played here on Saturday afternoon. The score was 26 to 6 in favor of Fairlee. A scrub game was afterward played by the young men of the town and some are still complaining of the effects.

Messrs. James and John Lewis went to Centreville this, Monday morning to hear the trial of Thomas Brown for the murder of Mr. Samuel Rash. They expect to return this evening.

Mrs. Lou Zenker and children have returned to their beautiful home in Fairlee, where they will make themselves happy for the summer. Mr. Zenker will remain in Philadelphia for a short while longer.

Mr. Jake Statts, wife and Master Wilbur went to Middletown on Saturday. Mr. Statts returned last evening. His wife could not accompany him on account of illness.

Quite a number of our young folks visited Worton yesterday and attended meeting in the evening, when they heard a very fine sermon preached by the Rev. K. M. Bull.

Our Sunday school has begun to make preparations for our Children's Day service, and no doubt that every effort will be made on the part of the teachers and children to make it a great success. Salem has the credit of taking the lead in these services, so let us all try to keep our record.

There was some very large shipments of asparagus from here this, Monday morning.

Shad are getting very scarce now and a great many of our fishermen have taken their nets up. They report the season as being a dull one. Fish have been plentiful but were very cheap. Mr. Charley Trimble says he saw some very fine white perch and rock sold for 38 cents per barrel.

Miss Hope Greenwood, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs. M. M. Greenwood, of Rock Hall, formerly of Fairlee, was married to Mr. Joseph Kendall, of Rock Hall, on last Wednesday morning at 11.30 o'clock, by the Rev T. O. Crouse, of Chatsworth Church, Baltimore.

Mr. Clarence Greenwood stopped with us a short while yesterday as he was passing through, en route to Still Pond, where he is spending some time with his uncle, Mr. James, Greenwood.

Mr. Allie Baker was over several days last week but returned to his home in Baltimore Saturday morning.

Mr. R. A. Smyth has been appointed constable of our new district, which is the sixth. Mr. Smyth, we think, is capable of fulfilling the position and is deserving of it. We wish him success, and hope now that we have a magistrate and constable too in our town, that there will be better order. Boys, do your duty.

Captain George Bramble has sold his sail vessel, the A. and M. Ella, to Mr. Henry Taylor, of Broad Neck. Terms private. Captain Taylor will sail out of Fairlee creek and do general freighting.

The Democrats will hold a primary election here about the 30th of May.

Mr. W. A. Potts had a fine $1000 organ come over to Tolchester Saturday, which will be placed in his caroussel. This is a very fine instrument, beautifully toned and of fine design.

A very large crowd went to Baltimore by way of Tolchester Saturday.

Mr. A. M. Kendall and his corps of skilled workmen went to Mr. Crosby's this morning, on the Tolchester farm, where they will be engaged for some time.

Miss Zadie Lee is quite sick at her home near Fairlee.

Miss Lenora Myers returned to Philadelphia to-day, Monday, after a pleasant week's visit with her parents.

Mrs. Katie Heuisler, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Geo. E. Noland, at Tolchester.

Mrs. Vincent Lee had two goslings to hatch from one shell. They both died shortly afterward. Mrs. L. says she has often set double yolk eggs before but this is the only one which ever hatched.

Dog harvest has come at last, but of course better late than never. Those having dogs of value who wish to keep them had better keep them close, and those having worthless dogs can easily get rid of them by allowing them to seek their daily bread. Mr. Vincent Lee had one poisoned one day last week which he valued very highly.

Miss Carrie I. Smyth has added greatly to the appearance of her house by placing a very neat wire fence around it. EAST END.

County Commissioners.

Session May 12th, 1896. Full board present. President Hill presiding. The following accounts for road work were examined and approved: W. S. Walker, $56.80; Thomas W. Trew, $42; Willard Pinder, $53.98; J. W. Bramble, $2.15; B. F. Durham, $39.70; T. A. Hudson, $50; W. P. Garey, $86.67; R. W. Coleman, $23.25; Edward England, $84.25; C. W. England, $42.70; George Gale, $1; Wm. Stauffer, $38.85; James E. Weer, $30; John M. Kinsey, $57.22; A. M. Brown, $31.63; J. V. Greenwood, $40.64; Wm. Biggers, $65.85; T. B. T. Brice, $30.05; Samuel V. Nickerson, $49.47. The following miscellaneous accounts were passed: Thos. Hewitt, two months' salary, keeper Sassafras bridge, $25; H. U. Fletcher for shells, $37.50; Collins & Hopper, publishing, $40.63; John F. Howard, harness, etc., furnished almshouse, $13.35; N. C. Crow, per diem certificate, $1.65; Chapman & Lambert, repairing road machine, $2.95; Wm. D. Burchinal, for brick, $7.50, Geo. C. Townsend, J.P., account fees, $6.35; Dr. F. W. Hodgkins, for vaccinating indigents $19.50; R. R. Calder, for mason work, $28.80; W. S. Pennell, same, $8.25; John E. Hadaway, for hauling shells, $21.12. Pensions were continued to Wm. Davis, $15; Kitty Blake, $10; Mrs. Indiana Perry, $20. Usual levy for public schools of $15,000, was ordered.

Orphans' Court.—Present, Judges Burgess, Byron and Harper. Letters testamentary on the estate of Wm. W. Parks were granted to Rufus F. and James T. Parks, and Samuel F. Cooper and Geo. T. Williams were appointed to appraise said estate.

When Nature

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.



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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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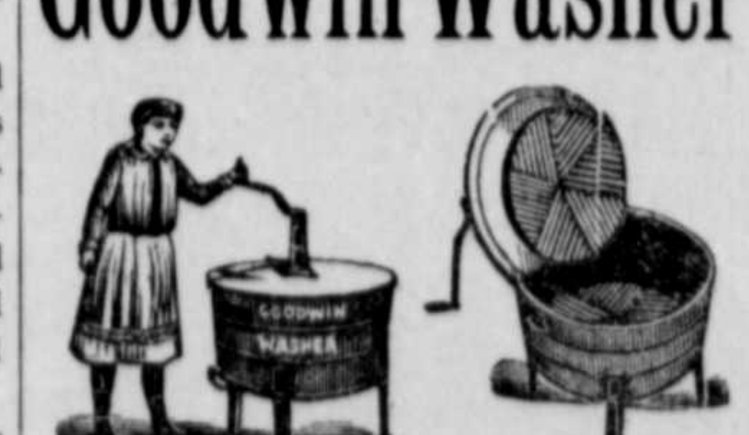


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Prices will do it—must do it. The articles bought to sell at $1.00 must go for 75c. Goods bought to sell for $4.00 must go at $3.00. Suits made to sell at $10 must be marked $7.50—those made to sell at $20 must sell at $15.

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are now offering the public in the purchasing power of their money more than ever before. This is a chance for all—Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters.

Our Great Shoe Sale,

commencing to-day and will continue Saturday, 18th, Tuesday, 21st, Saturday, 25th.

Men's Plow Shoes 75c., 90c., and $1.00.
" Work " $1.25, worth $1.50.
Our Little Gents' Shoe for $1.00 and $1.25. Every mother that loves her boy should try a pair.
Our Dress Shoes at $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 cannot be excelled. Balance of our

GUM BOOTS AT COST.

Our modesty forbids of us relating what a gentleman remarked while buying 3 pair shoes the other day. One thing he did say, he had returned home to the old reliable place for low prices.

Whitewash Brushes 5c., 10c., 3 for 25c. 40c., 50c., 75c., $1.

175 Water White Oil 11½c.

6 cakes Oeline Soap for 25c.
3 boxes best Coffee Essence 5c.

Our TEAS are pronounced the best.

No better Tobacco for 25c. lb. can be had. 50c. Tobacco for 35c. 2 lbs Free Coinage Tobacco, worth more, for 55c. R. J. R., 1 lb. 67c., and it is the best Tobacco in this State for the price.

Our SYRUPS for 18c. is the best. We have the credit of keeping the best quality Syrup and Molasses; also Vinegar.

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Large Stock of Lubricating Oils.

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With this introduction we herewith announce our spring stock of Lumber. Below we name some of our stock, which is always wanted for repairing as well as building.

N. C. Boards, (rough,) 1x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet.	FENCING. Cypress, Hemlock, White Pine.	SHINGLES, No. 1 Heart Cypress, 6x20. No. 1 Sap Cypress, 6x20. No. 1 " " 5x20 No. 1 " " 4x20.
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Laths, W. P. Pickets, Hemlock Pickets, W. P. Siding, N. C. Siding.	Hemlock and Virginia Framing and Scantling, all sizes and lengths. Dres. W. P. Boards, 4-4, 5-4, 6-4, 8-4.	Sash, Window Frames, Door Frames, Doors, Blinds.

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New York Early Rose, Burbank and other varieties of Seed Potatoes on hand at prices that save farmers from buying in the city. 50 and 55 cents per bushel buy the best. These cash prices.

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