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LOCAL MATTERS.

Pole Raising.—The Democrats of the fifth district will raise a Bryan and Sewall pole at Edesville on Saturday afternoon next.

First Shipments of Corn.—The first shipment of shelled corn of the crop of the present fall, was made by Mr Isaac Snitcher on the steamer Corsica, on Thursday last. The next carlicst was Capt. P. C. Jester on Saturday.

Improvements at the Station.—Superintendent Stacey has completed a decided improvement at the Chestertown depot. Instead of the old board platform in front of and around the station a permanent cinder walk has been made.

A Prize Winner.—Mr. W. W. Hubbard, has recently purchased one of the finest carriages in Chestertown. It is an extremely handsome vehicle and is of the pattern which carried off first prize over many strong competitors at the Atlanta exposition.

Steamer Corsica Delayed.—On account of a slight mishap to her machinery on her trip to Chester river on Tuesday morning, the steamer Corsica was forced to tie up at Bogle's wharf for more than four hours for repairs, which were made and she completed the trip.

Died of Lock-Jaw.—Mr. W. D. Carter, of near Worton Station, lost a valuable horse last week of lockjaw. No sign of any injury whatever could be found on the animal, and Mr. Carter is unable to account for the trouble except on the theory that the horse's foot was punctured by a nail.

Dissolution of Partnership.—The peach basket season having closed, the firm of Crane and Trenchard Brothers has dissolved partnership, and Mr. Crane is settling up the affairs of the firm. The Scott's Point factory turned out a first-rate article and Mr. Crane states that the season's work was entirely satisfactory.

Telephones Received.—About one hundred telephones to be placed in homes and business places in Chestertown by the new company, have been received and are now awaiting a completion of the work in town. As already stated, operations have been suspended until after the election.

A Band for Chestertown.—A vigorous movement is on foot for the organization of a full brass band for Chestertown. Musicians have the matter in charge and it is expected will be successful in organizing one of the strongest bands on the shore. Chestertown has an abundance of talent and the matter should be carried through.

Ear of Corn Prophecy.—Mr. Josiah Massey exhibited on Tuesday, an ear of corn found in his field, which may be considered a political prophecy second in importance not even to the 16 to 1 hen's egg. The large parent ear had clustered around it 16 smaller ears embodying the successful idea of 16 to 1. Ears of corn, as well as straws, may show which way the wind blows.

Threatened Damage by a Wreck.—The pungy which was driven ashore within a few feet of Cliff City wharf in the great storm of several years ago, has been partially wrecked, and was driven against the wharf by the recent storms. The vessel threatens serious damage to the wharf, and the Chester River Steamboat Company has notified Capt. Roland Shriver, owner of the wreck, to have it removed.

An Uncomfortable Position.—Mr. Robert Benton, while driving a drill on the farm of the late Wm. W. Parks, on Thursday, was caught in a most uncomfortable position. While getting from the drill his foot slipped and was forced down in the cogs between the wheels and the body of the drill. He was held fast and was perfectly helpless until assistance came. The wonder is that every bone in the foot was not crushed.

Kent's Gunning Season.—Kent's gunning season will soon open, and while partridges are not abundant, some good sport will be enjoyed. Rabbits are plentiful as also other smaller game. The following dates mark the "open" season for gunning in this county: Partridges, rabbits, woodcock, robins, November 1st to December 24th; plover, August 1st to December 24th. License for non-resident sportsmen to shoot is required in Kent, Baltimore, Carroll and Prince George's counties.

"T. Tree" Grounds Given the Tongers.—Capt. Stevens, of the Police Boat Anna Smith, stated on Tuesday that the work of laying off the boundary lines of Swan Point oyster bar had been completed, and it only remains to designate the lines by buoys, which will be promptly done. The "T Tree" grounds which the dredgers claimed and fought for last year, are by the survey appropriated to the tongers, and dredgers will be excluded. Capt. Stevens stated that the oysters on Swan Point are now in fair condition.

A Harrowing Experience.—Mrs. Josephine Taylor, of Cliff City, had an experience last week such as few mothers, fortunately, are called upon to suffer. Mrs. Taylor left Cliff City with an ill son to drive to her father's home at Masseys. The little fellow continued to become weaker and weaker as the trip advanced, and to the horror of the mother before the home of her parents was reached the little fellow was dead and she was forced to continue the journey with her child a corpse.

Standard Oil Company Looking for Quarters.—A representative of the Standard Oil Company was in Chestertown last week looking for a location for the erection of an oil tank at this point. It is proposed to erect a large tank here, bring the oil in tank cars and have this as a point for distribution. Property at the Strawboard Mill, the angle of land adjoining the home of Frederick Humbert, opposite the cemetery, the grounds now used by Florist Senart and a site across the road on the Usilton property near the station were examined. No site was positively decided upon.

Rev. Jesse Shreeve's Home Robbed.—Rev. Jesse Shreeve, pastor of Kennedyville M. P. Church, and his wife spent Monday afternoon and evening with Mr. Wm. Hague, near Lynch's, and supposed that they had left everything secure at home. Upon their return, however, they discovered that the house had been entered and ransacked. Investigation disclosed the fact that some thief or thieves had effected an entrance through a window in the kitchen. The pastor had been appointed treasurer of funds for the improvements of the church and it is very evident that the surroundings and circumstances were familiar to the thief, and that the sole object was to secure money. About ten dollars in change were stolen from different places about the house and nothing else was disturbed. Fortunately the pastor, before leaving in the afternoon, deposited a pocket-book containing over a hundred dollars with one of the Kennedyville merchants. This, of course, was the prize the thief had hoped to capture.

To Regulate Cycling in Chestertown.—At a meeting of the board of commissioners of Chestertown, last week, an ordinance was passed to the effect "that the riding of bicycles through the streets of Chestertown after dark and before daylight, without a lighted lamp or lantern attached, is prohibited. That riding on the pavements, or racing on bicycles through the streets of Chestertown, is prohibited. For a violation of any part of this ordinance there shall be a fine of one dollar imposed for each offense."

New Theory for Hog Cholera.—Mr. Edward W. Emory has lost eight, and Mr. W. F. Woodmender has lost several hogs with cholera. In commenting upon the trouble several days ago, a prominent citizen of Quaker Neck stated that he had noticed hog cholera in Kent county as a rule accompanies or follows heavy peach crops. He was led to believe from this fact that the eating of large quantities of the fruit or peach kernels was to a degree responsible for the trouble in this section. This, so far as we can learn, is an entirely new theory.

The Queen Anne Railroad.—An amicable agreement has been effected between the Queen Anne Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad whereby the former secures permission to cross the tracks of the latter at Greenwood and Ellendale, Delaware. This arrangement relieves the Queen Anne Railroad from delay in building the remaining twenty-five miles of line to reach the ocean at Lewes, Del. Contract will soon be awarded for this work, and it is planned to have the whole line from Queecstown to Lewes ready for operation by April 1, 1897.

Patent Oyster Tongs in Chester River.—Because of the poor condition and scarcity of oysters on Swan Point, many Rock Hall and Swan Point tongers have been at work in Chester river this season, and as a result more patent tongs have been used on the Kent county river beds than ever before. Oystermen are prohibited using the patent tongs on the Queen Anne side of the river, and when a tonger stepped across the line into our sister county about ten days ago, he was snapped up and fined. The patent tongs have been used as far up the river as Booker's wharf.

Money Won in Both Cases.—In the discussion by Chestertown Conclave Order Heptasophs as to whether it is advisable to marry unless financial conditions are favorable, poverty stricken love was given a set back, and it was decided that however full the man might be of days work, if the purse be empty the vaulting ambitions of matrimony should be curbed. Then too, money scored another victory on Saturday night. In a discussion of the money question by members of the Mt. Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, the plutocracy of wealth as represented by gold, gave the aristocracy of the people's money as represented by silver a knock out.

The New Ballot Boxes.—The new election law, under which the November ballot will be polled necessitates new ballot boxes throughout the State. The new boxes, a contract for which has been given to Baltimore parties will be: one foot, outside measure, in width and length, eighteen inches deep, strapped on each edge and corner with brass moulding securely braced at junction so as to prevent it from being broken open. They will have strong wooden lids with glass on each side, which will be fastened to the boxes with brass or iron hinges not accessible from the outside, and will have a good Yale lock.

Another Hog Pen Ordinance.—October has become known in Chestertown as "Hog Pen Month." On October 17th of last year important hog-pen legislation took place, and last week, with a view it is supposed, to mitigating the vicious effects of hog pens in a town of nearly 3000 population the following ordinance was passed: "There shall be constructed under every privy, hog pen, manure pile and slaughter house in Chestertown, which may be designated by the commissioners as requisite, a cemented or water-tight receptacle which will prevent the percolation into the soil of any deleterious liquid or matter which may contaminate or pollute the water supply of the town. For a violation of this ordinance, after notice from the Commissioners, there shall be a fine of five dollars imposed."

Skipped with $39.—Edward Rusk, a white man who has been working for Mr. W. H. Stewart during the fall, unexpectedly left for parts unknown on Monday morning carrying with him $39 of Mr. Stewart's money. The man was sent to Worton Station on Monday morning with lambs to be delivered to Mr. Kiker, the stock dealer, and with milk for the creamery. A note was sent to Mr. Kiker requesting him to deliver the money for the stock, securely sealed in an envelope, to the bearer of the note; the instructions were followed and $39 placed in an envelope and sealed, was handed the man. After delivering the milk to the creamery, the fellow asked a boy to watch his team for a few minutes and at once started in the direction of a nearby branch, and never returned. Mr. Stewart was notified and Constable Parsons started in pursuit of the fugitive, who was traced as far as Cecil on Monday evening. He had appeared at Betterton during the evening, bought candy and cakes and paid a boatman $1.00 to put him across the river into Cecil county. There the trail was lost but at an early hour on Tuesday morning Constable Parsons took up the chase.

Benjamin F. Beck's Will Probated.—The last will and testament of the late Benjamin F. Beck was probated in the Orphans' Court on Tuesday. By the will Mr. Beck distributes his property as follows: To Benjamin F. Beck, Jr., the farm near Lankford, where he now resides, known as the "Trappe" or "Lankford" farm, containing 200 acres, together with a piece of woodland from the "Home Farm." He directs the "Home Farm," containing 360 acres, and woodland of about 90 acres, situated in Broad Neck, to be sold by his executor, Benjamin F. Beck, Jr., and after the payment of his debts, together with two mortgages given to Joseph W. Price, the balance to be equally divided among Emma A. Hynson, Annie Orem Wilkins, Frank H. Gilpin, Rose Elma Deputy and Emma J. Beck, share and share alike. To Rose Elma Deputy he gave his room furniture. The executor is instructed to pay to the children of John C. Beck (his grandson) or their guardian, the interest on $2,000, until each one becomes of age, and as each one becomes of age the interest to said child shall cease and he shall receive his proportionate part of the principal sum of $2,000, and in like manner until each child becomes of age. In the event of the death of any one of the children before his majority, his share to be equally divided among the surviving children. The $2,000 and the interest thereon is left as a charge on the farm devised to B. F. Beck, Jr. To George Vickers Beck, his grandson, he left his watch and gun. To his grandson, John C. Beck, he left his wearing apparel. He also left to B. F. Beck, Jr., 51 sheep to be disposed of at a suitable time to defray funeral expenses and to erect a suitable head and foot stone. To Mrs. Alice A. Constable, the china vases and a large rocking chair.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

What Your Friends Are Doing Here and Elsewhere.

A number of the young men of Chestertown gave the first of a pleasant series of dances, in Stam's Hall on Friday evening. Of course these informal dances will in no way interfere with more elaborate dances from time to time. Among those present on Friday evening were: Misses Nannie and Annie Brice, Susie Culp, Freddie Strong, Mary Hurtt, Grace Greenwood, Lottie Wickes, Bertha Hynson and Miss Maslin. Messrs. Perkins, Massey, Cobourn, Anderson, Brice, W. Eliason, Deaver, Rickey, Hurtt, Greenwoods and Davis.

Hugh Wallis, formerly of Chestertown and son of Mrs. M. J. Wallis, but more recently of Washington, D. C., was married on Oct. 14th at 7 o'clock P. M., at the residence of the bride, 723, 12th st., N. W., to Miss Ida Martin, of Washington, D. C.

D. T. Zearfoss, the old Washington College catcher is visiting friends in Chestertown. Zearfoss, it will be remembered, caught ball for the New York Club the past season.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary Jane Rasin, relict of the late Dulaney Rasin, died at the home of her son-in-law, Frank R. Rouse, at Worton Station, on Wednesday evening of last week, aged 75 years. She was buried in Union M. E. cemetery on Friday afternoon, Rev. J. B. Merritt officiating. The pall bearers were: M. M. Rasin, Perry B. Rasin, C. Roby Rasin, S. F. Cooper, Tilden Cooper and Frank R. Rouse.

The remains of Mrs. Rebecca Gresham, wife of Mr. Peter Gresham, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., were brought from Washington on Tuesday and interred in the cemetery at Wesley Chapel. Mrs. Gresham before marriage was Miss Rebecca Gresham, a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Kent. She was a sister of Mr. H. H. Gresham, of Edesville.

Mrs. Annie T. Duyer, wife of Mr. Wm. T. Duyer, died of consumption at her home on College avenue, on Sunday last, after a protracted illness, aged twenty-seven years. One child, a bright little boy of three years, survives her. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. W. Easley, who also married the deceased, assisted by Rev. J. M. Gill. Interment at Chester cemetery. The pall-bearers were: J. W. Elliott, Stephen T. Kirby, Frank E. Duyer, Jesse G. Duyer, Lawrence R. Duyer and S. R. B. Lusby.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.

Homes of Our Friends Resplendent in Fall Suits.

Normal Hall, the handsome new building under construction by Messrs. Pippin & Sons, will be under roof this week, and the contractors state that by January 1st it is expected that the handsome new home for the young ladies will be ready for occupancy. The new structure promises to be the most imposing of the college group.

The splendid new home of Rev. J. M. Gill is now receiving the interior touches by the contractors, Messrs. W. S. & A. M. Culp. The first coat has been applied and the new parsonage will, beyond all question, be one of the most spacious and handsome homes in Chestertown. The interior arrangement is ideal, the rooms and hall-ways spacious and bright, and the exterior is ornamental and imposing.

The old Westcott home on Church Alley, which has remained unoccupied and uncared for for so many years, is being remodeled and is receiving a new coat of paint at the hands of Col. W. P. Howard.

The homes of Mrs. Meeteer and Mrs. Barroll, Front street, are being beautified by a new fall suit by Mr. Frank H. Howard.

The handsome home of R. Bergen, Maple avenue, is resplendent in a charming tint of color for the fall.

Mr. Joel R. Clements has greatly added to the appearance of his pretty home by a bright and attractive coat of paint.

The pretty house recently purchased by the Misses Hattie and Cora Reed, Washington avenue, is being transformed into one of the daintiest homes in town by the artistic touches of the brush of Messrs. Frank Howard, William Fowler and Samuel Crouch.

Commissioner Hatcherson is having the beauty of his handsome home increased by the skill of Messrs. Elliott & Needles.

The cozy new home of Officer Copper is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Church Notes.

Rev. Alfred Smith, P. E., will preach at Union M. E. Church, Worton, at 3 o'clock P. M. on Sunday next.

The third quarterly conference of Still Pond Methodist Episcopal Church will be held Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3 P. M. Love-feast Oct. 25th at 10 A. M., followed by preaching at 11 A. M. by Rev. Alfred Smith, Presiding Elder.

M. E. Church of Chestertown, W. P. Compton, pastor. Services Sabbath, Oct. 25th, 1896, as follows: 9.30, class meeting, J. B. McIntyre, leader. 10.30, morning service, sermon, subject: "Perfecting Holiness." 2.15, Sabbath school. 6.30, quarterly love feast in connection with the Epworth League devotional meeting, Dr. Smith presiding. 7.30, evening service, sermon by the Presiding Elder of Easton District, Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., subject, "The Criminality of Consenting to the Continuance of the Legalized Liquor Traffic."

The third quarterly conference of the Chestertown charge will be held in the M. E. Church of Chestertown at 6.30 Friday evening, October 23d, to be followed at 7.30 by the regular Friday evening devotional service, conducted by the presiding elder.

At Union, Queen Anne, Sabbath school 1.30. Afternoon service 2.30, sermon subject, "Crucified With Christ." The Holy Communion will be part of the service. Public cordially invited to all services of the church.

Rev. A. D. Melvin occupied the pulpit of Christ M. P. Church morning and evening on Sunday last.

The third quarterly conference of Still Pond M. E. Church, will be held October 24th, at 3 P. M. Love feast October 25th, at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. by Rev. Alfred Smith.

Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., P. E. of Easton District, will address the students' Christian Association of Washington College in the College Chapel on Sabbath evening, Oct. 25th, at 4.30. All persons interested in the spiritual welfare of the students are invited to these services.

Galena Notes.

Mrs. Latimer returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Long, of Baltimore, is visiting her father-in-law, Mr. Thomas B. Long.

Miss Carrie Morgan, of Delaware, is visiting Mrs. Horsey.

Clarence Gray is home on a visit.

Mr. J. P. Ireland is the champion tennis player of the village.

The pupils of Shrewsbury Academy are practicing for an entertainment to be held one day next week. Mr. Jesse Ireland is to be one of the leading characters.

E. T. Massey had a fine colt injured while attempting to jump a wire fence, caused by horses running loose on the road. M.

INTERESTING COURT CASES.

The Present Term to be one of Unusual Interest.

An interesting suit will be tried at this term of court in which Benjamin F. Moffett, of Galena, claims damages against the county commissioners of Kent county. Mr. Moffett alleges that on or about May 9th, of the present year, while driving from Georgetown to Galena, a valuable horse was seriously injured, and himself badly hurt by driving in the night over a pile of stones, which, he claims, had been negligently left in the middle of the beaten roadway by the road supervisor of that district. Mr. Moffett and eye-witnesses claim that it was so dark the stones could not be distinguished, and that they were sufficiently far from the ditch at the left of the road to allow a carriage or wagon to drive between the stones and the ditch. His horse ran away and he claims that it is now worthless, his wagon damaged and himself injured. $2,000 damages are claimed. Hope H. Barroll and Richard D. Hynson are his attorneys.

During the past winter Mrs. Ida L. Baker, wife of A. L. Baker, while driving from her home near Fairlee, to Chestertown, had trouble with her horse, which started down the hill near Copper's school house in a run. At the foot of this hill there has been for many years a culvert, which did not pass much more than beyond the middle of the road, and to the left side of same a deep bank or ditch 4 or 5 feet in depth was left unguarded. Into this the team plunged, wrecking the carriage, throwing Mrs. Baker and her companion out, and seriously injuring Mrs. Baker's side and arm. She has brought suit against the county commissioners, claiming $2,000 damages. Mr. Baker has also brought suit for damages done to his team. Since the accident the county has repaired this road and put it in such condition that the culvert or bridge now passes under the entire road. Hope H. Barroll and R. D. Hynson are attorneys for plaintiffs.

William H. Benedict, of Philadelphia, through Albert Constable and Harrison W. Vickers, his attorneys, as already stated in the TRANSCRIPT, has sued William A. Potts, who has charge of Pike's Peak and other amusements at Tolchester. Mr. Benedict claims that during the summer of 1895, while in one of the cars on Pike's Peak, he was thrown out of the car into the tunnel, seriously injuring him and causing him to lose much time at his work. He claims the accident was the cause of the negligent manner in which Mr. Potts operated Pike's Peak, and sues for $10,000.

The suit of B. F. H. Rouse's guardian against Mrs. Elizabeth Walraven will be called again for trial at this term of court. Mrs. Walraven, it will be remembered, when the case was tried in April last, denied that her signature to the bond which C. W. Stephens, guardian for Rouse, gave was genuine. Her son, who also appeared as attesting witness, claims that his signature was forged. When tried in April, the jury, after having been out about twenty-four hours, was discharged because of its being impossible to agree. Mr. Rouse has employed Albert Constable, Esq., of Elkton, to represent his interests.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE FORMED.

Committee Appointed in the Different Districts.

Pursuant to the call of State Organizer John L. Amos, published in the TRANSCRIPT, Mr. Amos, was in Chestertown on Tuesday and organized a local Farmers' Institute.

Because of the busy season and court, the preliminary meeting was not as largely attended by farmers as it otherwise would have been.

Fred G. Usilton was selected as the secretary.

The following gentlemen were selected as members of the county committee:

First District—C. S. Hurlock, Masseys; W. E. Jarrell, Chesterville; Dr. E. A. Scott, Galena.

Second Dist.—Alday Clements, Crumpton; E. B. Pennington, Kennedyville; R. A. Shallcross, Locust Grove.

Third—W. D. Pennington, Still Pond; James S. Harris, Coleman; Samuel F. Cooper, Worton Station.

Fourth—Samuel Vannort, Chestertown; John Bell, Chestertown; C. T. Westcott, Chestertown.

Fifth—R. W. Jones, Rock Hall; C. A. Leary, Edesville; David A. Smith, Edesville.

Sixth—John W. Corey, Melitota; Geo. Bell, Chestertown; T. J. Willis, Hanesville.

Seventh—R. S. Emory, Chestertown; J. H. Baker, Pomona; T. J. Vickers, Lankford.

The following subjects were presented for discussion: (1) Peach Yellows; (2) Poultry; (3) the dairy; (4) small fruit (5) diseases of the pear; (6) diseases of swine; (7) cattle feed; (8) sheep; (9) horses; (10) picking, grading and marketing fruit.

The court house was selected as the place for holding the meetings. John Bell, W. J. Vannort and Thomas D. France compose the executive committee.

Questions will be grouped and speakers will be selected for the different counties. Just what questions will be selected for Kent county remains to be determined upon.

WORTON STATION NEWS.

A Delightful Festival and Other Matters.

The festival and supper given by the ladies of Union M. E. Church, in Worton Hall, on Friday and Saturday evenings, formed one of those successful and pleasant occasions for which the ladies of Union Church are so well known throughout the county. A large number of visitors partook of the splendid suppers and joined in the social pleasures. An old hand at festivals declared the Worton suppers to be the most temptingly sumptuous he ever sat down to. The ladies who were tireless in their efforts to dispense an elegant hospitality were: At the supper table, Mrs. Daniel E. Jewell, Mrs. B. F. Rash, Mrs. B. F. Crew, Mrs. J. W. Carter, Mrs. William Wood. At the ice cream table, Misses Laura Jewell, Mary Russell, Ruth Wood and May Fields. At the confectionery table, Miss Sue Matthews, Miss Dollie Crew, Mrs. A. S. Turner and Mrs. Z. P. Hubbard.

Mr. Benj. U. Parks and family, of Exmore, Va., came to Kent on Saturday and will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Z. P. Hubbard.

The cultivation of Free Silver Democrats in this section has been a great success and an abundant harvest will be reaped on November 3d. Gold Democrats are almost as scarce here as one could want. ZERO.

From Locust Grove.

Dr. J. H. Kelley has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks suffering with inflammatory rheumatism but is reported better at this writing.

Miss Lillian Price is also quite sick with pneumonia.

Miss Blanche Redmile has returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives in Pennsylvania.

Miss Blanche Sutton has returned home after a visit of several weeks to relatives in Philadelphia.

Rev. Mr. Watkins, of Cecilton, filled the pulpit in the M. E. Church on Sunday and delivered a very able sermon.

Mr. Jas. S. Webb finished husking corn on Friday last. Corn crops are generally good. X.

OCTOBER TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge Wickes' Emphatic Denunciation of the System or "Hog Pens in Town."

The October term of the Circuit Court for Kent county convened Monday morning at 10.30 A. M., with his Honor, Judge Joseph A. Wickes, on the bench. Judge Stump arrived at noon and took his seat on the bench with Judge Wickes.

The following gentlemen compose the

Grand Jury:

Dennis J. Noland, foreman; Samuel F. Cooper, Joel R. Clements, Edwin S. Morris, Joseph S. Trew, Walter B. Strong, William F. Crow, Edward E. Woodall, William S. Culp, Thomas J. Willis, Henry J. Gray, Anthony H. Johnson, John W. Carter, Theodore E. Hayes, Geo. W. Hatcherson, Jefferson D. Bacchus, Hartz E. Cooper, Thomas W. Eliason, Thomas C. Roe, John W. Skirven, Hiram M. Brown, Adam F. Hucy, T. Waters Russell.

Petit Jury:

Jesse R. Copper, Wm. G. Trew, E. W. F. Simpers, Wm. T. Hephron, James E. Hurlock, Wm. H. Lambert, Thos. D. France, Wm. D. Pennington, Tilghman Shafer, Ellsworth Bowers, James W. Irons, Thomas A. Jacobs, Garrett Foxwell, Harry C. Cacy, John F. Wilson, Augustine Hendrickson, Robert S. Crew, P. A. M. Brooks, W. A. Whitaker, Bartus Trew, Wm. A. Kennedy, Geo. R. Beck, Samuel J. Comly, George Bell, Wm. H. Bowers.

Judge Wickes then delivered his charge to the grand jury. After referring to the crime of abortion and of defaulters, he stated that he desired to call their particular attention to one or two other matters of importance for their consideration—hog pens and the public water supply of Chestertown. I have no interest in these matters, he added, other than that of duty. I am told that there are many hog styes in this town which have caused noxious and disagreeable odors, if not much sickness and distress. I have been informed that there were many cases of typhoid and other fevers, and in some cases where persons have been suffering with the tortures of that most serious and dreaded of all diseases—typhoid fever—the patients have been compelled to keep the windows of their sick room, with the thermometer, registering 90°, closed to keep out the disagreeable odors arising from near-by hog pens. Such a condition of affairs should not exist. I have no personal knowledge of the existence of the hog sties in Chestertown, nor of their condition, that I leave for you to investigate. Some persons are of the opinion that bad odors must be conducive to sickness to become nuisances, but that is not the law. He said he had made a thorough and careful examination of the law and had reduced to writing the following: "Nuisance, which from its derivation means annoyance, is anything that produces hurt, inconvenience or damage. They are of two kinds, public or common nuisances, which affect the public, and private nuisances, which affect only the individual. Private nuisances are remedied by a civil suit, but public or common nuisances, as they annoy the whole community in general and not merely some particular person, are properly punishable by indictment.

"It is the duty of every man so to manage his property or carry on his business that his neighbors will not be annoyed or disturbed. He has no right to carry on business or do anything which will impregnate the air with noisesome and offensive smells, which cause sickness or are offensive and disagreeable. But it is not necessary that a public nuisance should be injurious to health; if smells are produced which are offensive to the senses, that is sufficient, as the community have a right to fresh and pure air. It is no defence to say that others commit similar acts which contribute to produce the bad odors which contaminate the air. The presence of other nuisances will not justify any one of them, and one cannot escape responsibility because others are equally culpable."

"In calling your attention to this matter, I do not intend to cast any reflection upon the commissioners of the town. They are three in number and are among our most respectable citizens and are gentlemen of high character, but I have understood that by an ordinance they permitted persons to keep hogs in the town, or if they have not authorized it by an ordinance, that they tolerated it. Although the town commissioners have the right to pass proper ordinances for the regulation of the town, to secure peace and quiet and to promote the health and comfort of the inhabitants, they have no right to authorize any act which will prove a nuisance to the community; in other words, to permit hogpens to be kept in the town if they cause sickness, or if the odor from them so pollutes the air as to cause discomfort and annoyance to the neighborhood in which they are located; that is to legalize a nuisance.

"As I have stated, gentlemen, I have no personal knowledge of the discomfort and annoyance which are said to have been caused by the noxious odors to which I have referred, but as there has been much complaint by citizens of the town, I have deemed it my duty to call your attention to the subject, in order that you may investigate it carefully."

The first case called was State vs. Raymond Yorker and Bush Hazleton, colored, charged with assault upon Charles Waters, colored. Appeal from Justice Wilkins. Trial before court. Verdict, not guilty. Urie for State, Hynson for defence.

TUESDAY.

The case of Shaw vs. Hudson was taken up. Appeal from Justice Lambert. The facts in this case are that Mrs. Shaw's team was coming to Chestertown on the morning of June 1st last, with a passenger to take the morning train for New York, and in attempting to pass the team of Mrs. Hudson, struck her wheel, breaking it down. Hudson, through his attorney, John D. Urie, brought suit for damages to the carriage and horse of $60, and to Mrs. Hudson and her three children, Annie M., Thomas H. and Abraham, for $100 each, who were in the carriage with her at the time of the accident. The case was tried before Justice Lambert last August, who gave Hudson damages of $50 for his horse and carriage; Mrs. Hudson $50, and the three children $20 each, a total of $160. Mrs. Shaw appealed to the circuit court. The suit for damages for the horse and cariage was tried by a jury, who reversed the decision of the lower court and gave Hudson damages of $8.50. The cases of personal injury to Mrs. Hudson and the three children was tried before the court, who also reversed the decision of the lower court and gave Mrs. Hudson $5; Abraham, $5; Annie M., $1, and Thomas H., one cent, with costs above and below.

State vs. Wm. H. Lowe, charged with keeping a gambling room at Scotten's Hotel, Millington, last March. Jury trial. Urie for State, Constable and Vickers for Lowe. Carried over to Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY.

The case of State vs. Lowe continued. Verdict of not guilty was rendered by the jury without leaving the box.

The case of Wm. H. Benedict vs. Wm. A. Potts was then called. Benedict sued Potts for $10,000 for injuries which he claims he sustained while riding in the car down Pike's Peak, at Tolchester, last summer. The plaintiffs closed their evidence about one o'clock. The defence then offered a prayer to the court asking that the case be taken from the jury, as the plaintiff had failed to produce sufficient evidence to sustain their case. The remainder of the afternoon was consumed in argument before the court on the prayer, and will be resumed this morning. Messrs. Albert Constable and H. W. Vickers for plaintiffs, and Jas. A. Pearce and Hope H. Barroll for defendant.

The grand jury returned true bills against William Henry, colored, for larceny of some clothing from Willis Dandy and against Benjamin Dixon in two cases for illegal dredging. They also found a presentment against Robert Wilson, colored, for assault upon Elmer Williams.

Kennedyville Items.

Miss Susie Johnston left last week to enter upon a course at the State Normal School.

Mrs. Ida Creed and two children, of Delaware City, have been visiting Mrs. W. S. Hurlock.

Miss Catharine Goodhand has been the guest of Mrs. E. T. Othoson.

Mrs. Mary Meredith and daughter, Miss Jennie, are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. W. W. McKnett has been visiting relatives in Delaware.

Mrs. J. H. Clendaniel is visiting friends in Baltimore.

About $44 were realized from the festival recently held by the ladies of the M. P. Church. A rare musical treat which was much appreciated and enjoyed was given by Messrs. Samuel Wass, A. M. Culp, W. T. Hague and John Medders.

Messrs. Shafer and Davies paid 60 cts. for milk last month.

Quarterly conference will meet on Monday morning next at the parsonage.

Even the clouds have *silver* linings.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

Odd Fellows Enjoy a "Smoker."

The Odd Fellows of this place held quite an interesting "smoker" on Wednesday evening of last week, in their lodge hall. The hall was crowded with the membership, and refreshments, consisting of cake and lemonade, were served in abundance, together with the fragrant 10-cent cigars, furnished by our new merchant, Mr. Greenspond. The regular session of the lodge preceded the entertainment, during which one of our prominent young men, Mr. B. F. Urie, was initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship, and upon being told after the initiatory ceremonies that the social programme of the evening was one of the features of the weekly meetings of the lodge, said "I will be found a regular attendant." After the affair was enjoyed to the fullest extent by all present, an auction was held to dispose of the surplus of good things provided for the occasion. The bidding was exciting and resulted in a snug sum to the credit of the pleasure fund. The quarterly reports of the officials of the lodge showed a healthy condition. A snug surplus of lodge's funds was ordered to be salted down in the Kent Savings Bank for a rainy day. The lodge now numbers 85 members, with assets amounting to about $1500.00. The lodge will hold a festival and supper in Downey's Hall in November.

Notwithstanding the crisp weather prevailing for several weeks, the oyster business continues very dull, the tongers barely making enough to provide for their necessities. The buyers are constantly losing money, so that it becomes a question of a few weeks when they will be compelled to lay their vessels up or seek other means of obtaining a livelihood. Captains Thomas, Frank and Harry Hogans went to the Eastern bay two weeks ago, with the hopes of bettering their business, but found the conditions about the same as here, and have now returned home to make another effort, but with no better prospects.

Capt. Thomas Colyer, a tonger, concluded to barrel his oysters for the Baltimore market. His first shipments sold for $1.75 per bbl., which he deems paying, and will continue in that line.

A number of our residents, both ladies and gentlemen, were very much annoyed and insulted on last Saturday afternoon by a drunken colored man, with very abusive and profane language, without any provocation whatever. There is a probability of his being made to answer for his conduct before 'Squire Beck.

It is reported that the hog cholera is prevalent again in this section.

The Knights of Pythias have erected on their lot in the rear of the hall a store room for the use of the village shoemaker, to which is added a culinary department for use of the lodge.

FROM QUAKER NECK.

The Mowbray Chapel Festival a Splendid Success.

The festival and suppers given by the ladies of Mowbray Chapel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings were splendid successes, both financially and socially. The attendance was very satisfactory, and on Saturday evening was large. The suppers were temptingly and splendidly served, indeed, to the average man, the great variety on the menu, and the manner in which they were prepared, was a revelation, and proclaimed the ladies of Quaker Neck among the finest cooks in the county. The ladies who so pleasantly waited on the guests of the occasion were: Misses Nannie Brown, Lillie Haddaway, Nora Goodman, Sallie Townend, Maggie Townsend, Anna Brown and Moggie Stratton. The patronesses were: Mrs. S. W. Brown, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Wesley Haddaway, Mrs. Dickerson.

Capt. John P. Walmsley, of Fredericktown, made a short visit to his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Davis, at Pomona, last week.

Rev. T. B. Cooper is improving after a protracted illness. Rev. Howard P. Smith, brother of Presiding Elder Smith, has filled Mr. Cooper's pulpit for the past several Sabbaths.

Rev. James C. Russum, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. France recently, preached a splendid sermon at Bonds during his visit.

Mrs. John C. Davis on Thursday received a letter stating that her cousin, Rev. Elmer E. Jones, of Cecilton, had received a call to a charge in New York State near Niagara Falls. He is an active Epworthian, and is well-known in Epworth League circles in Kent.

Capt. James Thompson will move to Quaker Neck wharf next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown were called to Caroline county last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Brown's father.

Pomona has one sound money Democrat, but he has no vote.

Mr. William Townsend, on the Salt Box farm, is our farmer-dredger. He went into business last week.

Golt's Gleanings.

Our little village is all alive on the question of politics. In every store and at every corner we hear gold and silver and 16 to 1 discussed. Some of the ladies say their husbands talk silver all day and dream of it at night. We have quite a number on each side of the question, but I believe the silver men are in the majority.

Mrs. C. H. Smith and her mother, Mrs. James Pryor, and Miss Ada Smith, left us last Friday for a visit to friends in Baltimore.

Miss Blanche Higgins is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Conner. Miss Blanche stayed with her sister for sometime last winter, and made hosts of friends who are glad to welcome her here again.

Miss Florence Jewell, our popular school ma'am, took a trip home to see her parents on Saturday, and returned on the 8.40 train Monday morning in time to resume her school duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips were the guests of Rev. Brother Conoway last Friday.

Mr. John Rolph is erecting a new dwelling house on his farm near this place.

Miss Mamie Salisbury, of Queen Anne, who has been visiting in Golt's for several weeks, has returned home accompanied by Mrs. M. V. Davis and Miss Avon Golt. There is a rumor flying around, but we will not vouch for it personally, that Miss Mamie may return after a while to stay if things go satisfactorily between herself and ——. W. W.

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