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LOCAL MATTERS.

Did not Name Registrars.—The board of election supervisors did not make the appointments of registrars on Tuesday as they at first expected to do. Some members were not ready and the work was posponed until next Tuesday, when it is expected that that important matter will be taken up and disposed of.

Velvet Wheat.—Mr. James L. Beck exhibited on Tuesday a fine specimen of what is known as the velvet wheat. The heads were gathered promiscuously from Mr. Becks twenty bushel seeding and measured from five to five and a half inches in length. They were well filled and gave promise of a fine yield. Owing to the cool, cloudy weather, wheat harvest in the early variety of wheat grown in Queen Anne, did not commence on Monday as expected.

The Bicycle an Unreliable Roadster.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Mayhew, of Swedesboro, New Jersey, spent Thursday night in Chestertown. The couple are making an extended trip on their bicycles. Shortly after leaving Church Hill one of the tires was badly punctured and the couple were forced to take a six mile walk and push their wheel, reaching Chestertown tired and hungry at about 9.30 o'clock. A night's lodging was sought at several farm houses, but they stated the proverbial Eastern Shore hospitality was not forthcoming. The bicycle is sometimes an uncertain steed.

May Sue the County.—Mr. John Bottomley, a resident of Millington, was thrown from his carriage and painfully injured on Thursday night. Several boards had been misplaced on a bridge on the public road near Chesterville, and in the darkness the horse plunged into the ditch and the driver was injured about the head. Mr. Bottomley, with his attorney, Mr. Richard D. Hynson, waited upon the board of county commissioners and demanded the payment of reasonable damages. The board will reply to the demand on next Tuesday, and in the event of a refusal of payment of a reasonable sum, suit will be entered.

A Wheat Pest.—A pest has put in an appearance in many of the wheat fields of Kent. The heads of wheat are literally covered with minute green bugs or lice, which bury themselves in the head and suck the substances of the grain and stalk. The pest, because of the fact that it has arrived as a supposed forerunner of the McKinley wave of "prosperity" and "restored confidence" is called the McKinley louse. George S. Biddle, Wm. Morris, Edw. Lusby, W. D. Pennington, Eugene Bonwill, W. T. Nicholson and hosts of other farmers have this pest in their wheat. It appeared on the oats during the years 1863-64, and damaged the crop considerably. Considerable damage is reported in Still Pond Neck.

At Ireland's Park.—Monday was a day of sport and pleasure at the driving park of Mr. James T. Ireland. Messrs. George Venable, Dr. John Robinson and Ireland's Maud S. participated in an interesting trot. Messrs. Jacob Crowding, Jr., Eugene Bonwill, Jr., were pitted, Crowding coming in in the lead. An interesting race took place between Walter Greenwood and Carson Harris runners. Greenwoods horse bolted and the contest was declared off. Messrs. Schofield, Robe Tolson and Al Stavely indulged in a contest at breaking clay pigeons.

Levy Court.—Session June 8th 1897—Full board present. The following accounts were examined and approved; For road work; John Walley, $21.55; Wm. Biggers, $13.50; C. H. Ross, $21.28; Wilbur Eliason, $14.15; J. P. Jewell, $41.38; O. P. Leary, $37.80; Harry Willis, $34.62; Wm. Keating, $9.88; Wm. H. Ford, $86.90; Marion Coleman, $48.60; Wm. Stouffer, $78.35; J. P. Ahern; $30.75; C. L. Turner, $77.10; J. I. Dobson, $75.14; J. E. Weer, $20.75; L. A. Pennington, $13.90; Thomas Bennett, $28.40 O. M. Foxwell, $69.40; W. Pinder, $17.30; Horace Skeggs, $20.51; W. T. Jewell, $21.63; Horace Brice, constable fees, $2.10; John Stauffer, bridge work, $7.50; Sam'l Burgess, one day's judge Orphan's Court, $4.00; F. H. Harper, same, $4.00; J. M. J. Byron, same, $4.00; C. S. Hurlock, lumber, $33.00; Wm. G. Russell, witness certificates, $2.31; Enterprise Publishing Co., printing for Trustees of the Alms' House, $7.00.

OBITUARY.

MRS. MARTHA J. JEFFERSON.

Mrs. Martha J. Jefferson, wife of Mr. Purnell Jefferson, died at her home near Hanesville, on Wednesday night of last week, aged fifty-nine years. The deceased had been a great sufferer for many weeks and death came as a relief from suffering. She was a daughter of the late Isaac Parsons. A husband and two sons survive her. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Mills officiating; interment in Chester cemetery. The pallbearers were Geo. F. Bacon, Alexander Bacon, A. S. Crawford, J. W. Fowler, Thomas J. Davis and Wm J. Tarbutton.

DR. F. L. BARDEEN.

Dr. F. L. Bardeen, professor of Natural Science in Washington College about 1884 or '85, died very suddenly at his home in Dunbarety Bay, N. Y, about two weeks ago. Fuller particulars will be given later to his numerous friends in this vicinity.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Rev. Mr. Gantt, of Trappe, Talbot county, will preach the sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington College, in Emmanuel Church, on Next Sunday evening, at 7.30 oclock. Seats free. All invited.

In writing of a recent trip through Kent, Presiding Elder W. F. Corkran says; "Without the aid of a professional evangelist, Millington had the largest revival of the district last year. This is not designed as a disapproval of the employment of evangelists, but to encourage pastors and people to depend upon themselves and the Lord for a revival, and thus secure the blessings that come to those who squarely meet their responsibilities."

Our Cliff City correspondent reports as follows: "The June drop is on in full force, and some very healthy looking peaches are dropping. Those remaining are growing nicely and we still predict a nice half crop, with prospect of the fruit being of much better quality than last year, and we hope for much better prices. Asparagus still goes daily and has so far proved a valuable crop, bringing paying prices all along. Last year some predicted that planting had been overdone and that the market would be glutted, but many thanks, that the prophecy was not fulfilled, and the farmers are getting a little ready cash."

An entertainment will be given by Corey "Y" on Wednesday evening, June 16th, in the M.E. Church at Locust Grove. The principal feature of the evening will be an address by Mrs. Milligan, of Wilmington. No admission fee will be charged, but a liberal collection is desired. Public cordially invited to attend.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

Messrs. W. S. and A. M. Culp, W. W. Hubbard, Chester River Steamboat Company and James G. Beck have had telephones put in their offices.

The case of Altemus C. and Annie E. Jenkins against the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, removed from Kent county to Harford county, resulted on Thursday in a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for $2,250. Mrs. Jenkins, while alighting from a passenger train, in motion, at Traynor, Del., fell and was injured.

Charlie Sing, the Americanized Chinaman, who successfully conducted the laundry business in Chestertown about fifteen months ago, but at present located at Crisfield, last week married Miss Carrie Wyatt, at American girl, in Crisfield. They were married by Rev. J. P. Otis, at the M. E. parsonage.

Miss Nellie Brown daughter of Hon. John B. Brown, of Centreville, was married to Mr. Charles Hammond Cromwell, of Baltimore, yesterday. The marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. Father Bartlett, an intimate friend of the groom, performing the ceremony. After the wedding festivities at the bride's home the steamer Gratitude, of the Chester River line was chartered and conveyed Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell and a party of friends to Baltimore.

A Baltimore commission man bought 10,000 bushels of wheat, July delivery, in Centreville last week at seventy cents a bushel. A number of farmers held their crops for seventy-five cents.

Complaint comes from many sections of both Kent and Queen Anne of damage to the corn crop by what is known as the wire-worm. The tenant on the old Gould or Northwest Point farm, on Chester river, has already planted his crop three times, and expects that a fourth planting will be necessary.

The Kent county representatives at the meeting of the Democratic and Republican committees last week, were: members of the local Democratic committee, R. D. Hynson, W. E. Keyser and Tilghman Shafer; M. deK. Smith, Josiah Massey, W. W. Beck, H. W. Catlin, W. B. Usilton, Philip G. Wilmer, "Doc" William Cooper, T. Romie Strong, Capt. Thos. Hyland, W. H. McFeeley, Josiah Massey and B. H. Cobourn. The Republicans were: C. T. Westcott, W. D. Burchinal, J. D. Urie, W. H Lambert, Jr., J. H. Hurtt, F. H. Harper, W. T. Mathews, L. B. Russell and Louis Henry.

Nine Baltimore bicyclists made the run from Tolchester to Chestertown on Sunday and took dinner.

William Waters, a Chestertown fisherman, caught in his siene on Saturday, opposite Chestertown, a sturgeon six feet long and weighing over 150 pounds. The fish made a desparate struggle and to some extent wrecked the net.

Fires and overcoats were in general demand on Monday and Tuesday and the thermometer settled down to about 54°.

The commencement exercises of Miss Idel Baker's kindergarten, will take place this evening After a successful and pleasant year of study the little ones of Miss Baker's popular school will close their books for the summers rest and playtime.

Mr. Thomas D. France has accepted a position with Mr. J. D. Bacchus in the coal business. Mr John Ruth, who was formerly with Mr. Bacchus has accepted a position in the office of Dr. J. T. Twilley, coal dealer.

Children's Day will be observed at Union M. E. Church, in Queen Anne, by a pleasant and appropriate programme on Sunday.

Walbert's trotter was too speedy for Coburn and the other owners of local flyers, at Rock Hall, on Whit Monday.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Messrs. Stockton Startt and Dave Ford will occupy Mr. W. W. Hubbard's home on Washington avenue while he and his family are out west.

Miss Mable Graham, returned home this morning.

Mrs. John N. Dodd, left this morning for a several weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. W. R. Graham, of Westminter.

Mrs. Emma Murtz, of Baltimore, is spending a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Josheph Guest.

Profs. Clarke and Burrris witnessed the splendid exhibition of ball playing given by the Orioles on Friday last. Rain stopped the game however.

The Young Orioles, of Chestertown, defeated the Rock Hall Juniors on Saturday, by a score of 9 to 4. The batteries were: for the Young Orioles, F. Greenwood pitch, and Milton Peregoy catch; Rock Hall Juniors, G. Warner pitch and J. Somers catch.

The Young Orioles defeated the Union Kids on Monday by a score of 24 to 15.

The Chestertown club defeated the Betterton nine on Saturday by a score of 22 to 11.

The Galena Club defeated the Kennedyville nine on Monday by a score of 14 to 16. The Kennedyville boys complain that they were not given room in which to spread themselves.

The engagement of Miss Julia Keating, daughter of the late William D. Keating, to Mr. Graham Watson, son of the late John G. Watson, both of Centreville, has been announced. The couple will be married on the afternoon of Thursday, June 24th, by Rev. James A. Mitchell, at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. Miss Keating has frequently visited Kent where she is well known and has many friends.

Mrs. Augusta Bowers has returned home from an extended visit in Baltimore and Cecil county.

Miss Bessie Poe Gilpin, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Richard D. Hynson.

Thos. G. Deford, of Baltimore, spent a few days in town last week.

Mr. Gromme Ringgold, of Shamokin, Pa., spent several days of last week in Chestertown.

Mrs. Solon Anderson, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her father, Mr. E. C. Reiche, on Front st.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Nicols, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Aldridge, on Front st.

Mr. Whittier C. Copper, teacher of Sassafras public school, spent Sunday in town.

Among the graduates of Dickinson College this year is Mr. Charles Easley, son of Rev. J. W. Easley, a former pastor of Chestertown M. E. Church.

Miss Marie Westcott, of Catonsville High School, is at home for the summer.

Mr. Frank R. McWhorter, our hustling boy merchant, is quite sick at his home, on Washington ave.

Miss Maggie Anderson is the guest of New Castle, Del., friends.

Mrs. Emma Vickers, of Baltimore, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Vickers. She expects to leave this week for a visit to her son Percy, in Indianapolis.

Miss Arline Constable, of Elkton, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, with their little son and Miss Miriam Hubbard, left this morning to visit Judge and Mrs. J. E. Ross, Mexico, Missouri. Mr. Hubbard will be absent several weeks, but Mrs. Hubbard will spend the summer in the west.

THE MAPLE SCALE.

A Pest Which Infests Chestertown Shade Trees.

As stated last week, specimens of the scale which now infest the handsome maple shade trees near the Voshell House, were sent to State Entomologist, W. G. Johnson. Mr. Johnson writes as follows regarding the insect:

MESSRS. EDITORS TRANSCRIPT.—I am in receipt of your kind favor of the 3rd inst., enclosing me specimens of a scale taken from branches of trees in your city. This is what is commonly called the Maple scale. Although this pest is called the Maple scale, and is found most frequently upon that tree, yet it is found also on grape and is very common on the Virginia creeper.

Sometimes it occurs on other plants as well and is occasionally numerous enough to require treatment. It usually attracts attention in the spring when white cottony masses become numerous on plants and leaves, increasing in size until they are ¼ of an inch or more in length and only slightly less in diameter though irregular in outline. The mass seems cottony but is actually a wax or gum, for if a bit be taken with forceps it can be drawn out into strings of considerable length. This waxy mass is simply a protection for the minute rusty brown eggs which it encloses. From these eggs minute larvae hatch and settle in a day or two on the twigs and branches of the tree and begin their work of destruction as they are constantly increasing in size.

The males, which are winged, usually appear in the late summer; the females are wingless and before the leaves begin to fall migrate to the twigs or branches where they fasten themselves to pass the winter. They resume feeding early in the spring, when the sap begins to circulate, and excrete a sweetish honey dew-like substance which, falling upon any material, gives it an oily or spotten appearance such as described in your communication. These insects can be kept in check by careful pruning the infested trees late in the summer, just before the leaves begin to fall, in order that the old females may be destroyed before they attach themselves to the larger branches and trunk of the tree. The tree should then be sprayed in the fall and winter with any of the soap washes, especially whale oil soap, at the rate of 1½ to 2 lbs to a gillon of water. The insect seems to be rather spasmodic in its appearance, as its presence is very preceptible certain years and then there may be a lapse of several years before it is seen again to any great extent. It is kept in check quite largely by its natural enemies, such as the true parasites and the predacious insects. Birds also play an important part in destroying large numbers of them.

This is the first time that this insect has come to my attention in this State. It has a wide distribution, however, throughout the United States, but does not seem to have been very prominent in this State as a pest.

Thanking you for your communication and the interest you have shown in this matter, I remain,

Very Truly Yours,
W. G. JOHNSON, State Entomologist.

BASE-BALL NEWS.

Millington vs. the Washington College Team To-morrow to be the Great Base-Ball Feature of the Season.

A game of ball has been arranged between the Washington College team and the Millington nine, to be played on the Millington diamond, commencing at 2.30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Millington base-ball lovers have gotten together a strong team, and the game promises to be one of unusual interest. That little pitching phenomenon, Townsend, who has swept everything before him this season like a whirlwind, will he in the box, and will be given strong support at every point. Lovers of the sport at Millington, as stated above, have gotten in position a rattling good team, and while some of the less enthusiastic may have misgivings as to their champions being able to defeat the strong college nine, there are others who are moderately confident of success. The team will be made up of four players from Townsend, several from Smyrna, one from Crumpton and the others from Millington.

THE MILLINGTON ROOTERS.

As an evidence of the deep interest being taken in the game by some persons, we print the following from gentlemen, while they object to the euphonius name from others, who declare themselves to be "simply rooters:"

The Millington base-ball club is wrought up to a state of excitement over several editorials that have been published in the various papers since their last game with the Clings of Chestertown, the score being 14 to 3 in favor of our boys. It was noticed on Thursday last, in the columns of the TRANSCRIPT "that the Millington base-ball club has marked the Washington College team as its next victim. While the Millington players are a trifle shy, it is believed that those veteran rooters, Dr. Walls and Chas. Hurtt, will prepare them for the contest." This editorial is emphatically denied, as the Millington base-ball club never entertained any such an idea of ever playing a game with the Washington College team until Prof. Burris, and Mr. Hopper, of the TRANSCRIPT, came up to Millington to make arrangements with our boys for a game with W. C.'s, and our team was made light of in the papers. As far as Dr. Walls and C. Hurtt is concerned they have nothing to do with the Millington base-ball club whatever, as they are simply rooters, that's all, and the Millington base-ball club is better prepared to play ball and to meet the State champions of Chestertown than those two gentlemen could possibly prepare them, and I will say in behalf of our boys and club, that they are not in the least shy of any club in Kent county, the W. C. champions not excepted, and that our manager says that he is ready and willing to cross bats with the Washington College team at any time, providing that the W. C.'s will guarantee a return game at Millington under a forfeit of $50. No doubt your State champions will defeat our invincibles, as they were once called by the TRANSCRIPT, and will not allow them to score a run, but after the game is over I think that some one will say that Townsend, the 17-year-old kid twirtler is "Hot stuff," and that the W. C.'s have not yet picked up all the pebbles off the beach. Our motto is

PLAY BALL.

W. C's. will play the Harlem Athletic Club, of Baltimore, on Saturday, June 12th, on the college campus. The Harlem's have met the very strongest teams in the State and have lost only two games in a series of sixteen. Monday, June 14, W. C. will play the Aberdeen B. B. Club, which gave us two of the most hotly contested games of last season. The last game of the season, will be with the Md. Athletic Club, of Baltimore. This association is recognized by all as being the very best of its kind in the State. It had the honor of being one of two teams which succeeded in defeating Washington College, and the Manager of the Washington College team is fortunate in being able to close the season by a game with such a strong and widely known club.

Mr. Joseph Armstrong, of Church Hill, has accepted a position at Morris Plain, New Jersey, to play ball, and Mr. Norman Riggins, son of Capt. Wm. Riggins, has taken his place in G. Q. Ortlip's drug store. Mr. Armstrong was for two seasons a strong man on the Washington College team.

Mr. Charles Beston, captain of the Roanoke, Va., base-ball team, will spend some weeks in Chestertown.

HEPTASOPHS FEAST.

Fairlee Conclave Entertains Its Friends.

The most delightful occasion during the life of Fairlee Conclave I. O. H., No. 467, was the splendid banquet and entertainment of its friends on Tuesday night. More than one hundred members and invited guests were present when the pleasant programme of the evening was opened by an address of welcome by Past Archon Harry C. Willis. The speaker extended a most cordial welcome, and officially placed the latch-string of Fairlee Conclave on the out side to its friends. A pretty tribute was paid to the ladies, a large number of whom were present, but not the slightest intimation was given, indeed, it could not have been, of the delightful feast to follow in the banquet room. Following the address came sweet music by Messrs. D. B. Ford, James Shuster, Warren and Arthur Hurlock, and that veteran devotee of harmony, Marcus Ascher.

Supreme Organizer J. W. Cruitt, of Baltimore, then gave a detailed but delightful history of the Order of Heptasophs, and extended words of cheer and encouragement. Mr. Thomas, of Baltimore, also made a pleasant address. At this point Mr. John Bell, of Chestertown Conclave, and a gentleman who delights as much in a feast of berries and cream as in a flow of soul, announced that the hour for the feast had arrived, and all repaired to the hall filled with beautiful flowers, more beautiful girls and brighter smiles, ice cream, ices, cake and berries. The tables were pronounced to be "pictures of perfect beauty."

A gold Heptasoph breastpin had been offered by Mr. Cruitt to the lady who would make the handsomest cake for the banquet. This prize was won by Miss Etta Vansant. The prize-winning cake was unique in that it represented a Heptasoph badge with the letters I. O. H. on the top in icing.

After the feast, many of the young ladies and gentlemen present indulged in a delightful impromptu dance.

Organizer Cruitt offers a handsome gold prize to the lady who will secure five new members to Fairlee Conclave.

Tuesday's entertainment and feast was declared by all a splendid success, and congratulations are extended.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Pleasant Programme For Next Week at Washington College.

The pleasant exercises of the one hundred and fourteenth commencement of Washington College, will commence on Sunday. The following are the exercises for the week:

Sunday, June 13th, 10.30 A. M., the Baccalaureate sermon, will be preached by Rev. D. H. Corkran, of Lewes, Del., in the M. E. Church.

Sunday, June 13th, 7.30 P. M., sermon before the Students' Christian Association of the college, by Rev. J. G. Gantt, of Trappe, Md., in Emmanuel P. E. Church.

Monday, June 14, 8 P. M., in Stam's Hall, address before the Mt. Vernon Literary Society, by Rev. E. R. Rich, of Greensboro, Md.

Tuesday, June 15th, 10.30 A. M., Declamation contest, in Stam's Hall. The contestants are Messrs. Davis, Pardee, Rickey, Sherwood, Anderson, Goldsborough, McDorman, Sutton; Misses Culp, Letty, Rogers and Toulson.

Tuesday, June 15, 8 P. M., in Stam's Hall, address to the Pierian and Philomathian Literary Societies, by Rev. T. E. Martindale, of Milford, Del.

Wednesday, June 16th, 10.30 A. M., in Stam's Hall, Graduation Exercises. The graduates are:

John Irving Coulbourne, Snow Hill, Md.
Ernest Cruikshank, Baltimore, Md.
Thomas Howard Fowler, Chestertown, Md.
George Clementson Graham, Jr., Trappe, Md.
Edward Fleming Webb, Vienna, Md.

Wednesday, June 16th, 3 P. M., game of base ball, college campus. Maryland Athletic Club vs. Washington College. Commencement Ball at 9 P. M., in Stam's Hall.

ART EXHIBIT.

An art exhibit will be held at Washington College during commencement week in the middle building, second floor. The work to be exhibited is that done by students of the Normal Department and special students during the past year, and consists of water-color paintings from still life, also copies, and still life work in black and white. The public is cordially invited to attend the exhibit and inspect the work. Considering that this department is a new feature at the college, the results have been gratifying. The art course is in its infancy, but gives promise of becoming an extremely popular branch of study in the school. During the past year this department has been in charge of Miss Caroline Stewart.

PIERIAS TO RECEIVE.

The Pieria Literary Society of Washington College will hold its annual reception on Saturday evening, June 12th. Invitations have been sent to the Board of Visitors and their wives, the faculty, the senior class and the members of the Mt. Vernon and Philomathean Literary Societies, also to a few special guests. It has been found necessary to limit the number of guests, and no other invitations will be issued except by members of the Pieria Society by special arrangement. Should the weather be inclement the reception will be held in Normal Hall, otherwise the usual lawn fete will be the order of the evening.

[COMMUNICATED.]

AN ANSWER.

BLACK'S, MD., June 7th, 1897.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—There is an old maxim which "in theory" *is defensible*, but the "practice" of which is scarcely polite. It is this: If you wish people to understand you, never give them credit for possessing any intelligence whatever.

The point made by your correspondent will be found to be fully, *though politely* met in my last communication. I am pleased to find by his quotations from it that he has read it, though "does it not seem a strange fact" that he should refer to the *Kent News*, which contained no mention of either the "aggressions" or the "methods" under consideration? "Why did he not" refer to the TRANSCRIPT, from which he took such disjointed words of mine as he found it expedient to quote?

If he had found it convenient to repeat a few more of my words, the space here occupied in your valuable paper might have contained matter of more *recent* interest. To give but one example: If he had even quoted in connection with "aggressions" my words which *immediately* followed, vis., "aggressions had been long and patiently born until *forbearance* had *ceased* to be a *virtue*," a meaning plain enough would have been conveyed to such as "have ears to hear."

But lest your correspondent should be bitten while endeavoring to appeal to the *higher faculties* of a mad dog, and hold me accountable for it, I will state now as plainly as I can *for his benefit*, that I shall not condemn him for employing even a *stick* if necessary in his self defence, if he will promise to use the little end, and that any degree of violence, that may be absolutely necessary, is justifiable in self defense.

"Look Before You Leap" would be an excellent way for your correspondent to mark his linen, unless he is an Indian, as his name suggests, to say nothing of his sentiments. I take it to be his real name, but if it is not, then his position *behind a tree* and his "method" of attack are even more suggestive.

Yours respectfully,
ROBERT L. PEARSON.

FRUIT CROP REPORTS.

The "June Drop" Now Thinning Out the Peaches.

Mr. Wesley Webb, secretary of the Peninsula Horticultural Society, makes the following May crop report from the Peninsula:

"May crop reports from the vice-presidents of the Peninsula Horticultural Society indicate that there will be a fair crop of peaches along the Chesapeake bay and in the northern part of Delaware. The condition on the whole Peninsula is about as follows: Peaches, 25 per cent; pears, 40; apples, 50; plums, 75; strawberries, blackberries and raspberries, 100. Pear trees are blighting to some extent; rose beetles, codling moth and curculio are abundant and destructive."

The "June drop" is now on, and to just what extent the prospects of two weeks ago will be thinned out it is impossible to say. The "drop" so far is rather heavy, and a liberal estimate will scarcely put the general average of the peach crop for Kent and Queen Anne at over a quarter crop. While some orchards may, and doubtless will exceed this estimate, many others will scarcely come up to it. An examination of a Queen Anne orchard several days ago disclosed the fact that nearly every peach on moderately well filled trees was stung and will eventually come off during the "drop."

The cultivation of the peach is not yet destined to become a "lost art" in Kent. A number of fine young orchards may yet be seen in different sections, and practical farmers may still be found who have faith in "the future of the peach."

A Western Maryland peach expert, who has been inspecting Kent and other sections of the Peninsular, writes as follows:

"I have returned home after having passed through greater part of the peach growing country of the Eastern shore of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, and I find that the peaches grown in Western Maryland are not a drop in the Potomac compared to what is planted there, and yet for quality of fruit I think we exceed them all. I was at a place where they load eighty car loads of peaches in a day at one depot, and the fruit dealers told me they bought car loads of peaches delivered to depot at eight cents per basket. The growers claim there was nothing in peaches for them for several years. I should think not at those prices. They are growing more small fruit and vegetables. They say there is more money in these than in peaches. Jersey will have a good half crop of peaches this season unless the June drop is too great. I like the people of Delaware better than of Jersey. They are more socialble and more like Marylanders. The most of people of Jersey are so eager after the almighty dollar that they have time for nothing else, but I cannot blame them much, if I had to live there among the mosquitos I should learn to bleed strangers too. There is no place like old Western Maryland. It has the most hospitable people and cannot be surpassed for its beautiful mountain scenery. There is no place like home."

W. O. D.

DELIGHTFUL CHILDRENS' DAY.

A Beautiful and Inspiring Service.

Sunday was a season of glorious pleasures at Wesley Chapel. The bright faces and sweet music of the children, formed one of those inspiring occasions which could not fail to gladden the heart.

MORNING PROGRAMME.

Chorus, "Our Anniversary," by school; responsive reading, by school; chorus, "Tell Them of Jesus," school; prayer, by Mary Engle; chorus, "Go Ye Into All the World," school; recitation, "Greeting," Anna Leary; chorus, "Jubilee Year," school; "Address of Welcome, Elsworth Leary; chorus, "Praise the Lord for Childrhood's School Days," school; recitation, "Wee Workers for Jesus," 6 little girls; singing, "Jesus' Little Children," by the little children; recitation, "Only a Penny," 5 little boys; chorus, "The Ship of Zion," school; recitation, "A Question Lesson," Mary Leary and several classes; singing by the classes, "Where Are the Reapers;" dialogue, "Bright New Cent," John Hadaway, Mamie Hadaway and Annie Walbert; duet, "In the Master's Name," Pansey Cosden and Nora Crouch; recitation, "A Cute Little Boy," Wilmot Crosby; singing by Mary Engle, "Good Morning, Merry Sunshine;" recitation, "The Need of Haste in Mission Work," Douglass Gresham; chorus, "Throw Out the Life Line," school; collection, and closed with anthem.

EVENING PROGRAMME.

Chorus by school, "Hear the Happy Voices Singing;" the Lord's Prayer, all standing; chorus, "We Are Soldiers," school; recitation, "Doing Our Best," 4 little girls; song by Mary Engle, "Springtime;" chorus, "Onward Still for Jesus," school; recitation, "The Beauties of Summer," Mary Leary; chorus, "Sweet Smiling Rose," school; chorus, "Gathering Sheaves for Jesus," school; recitation, "The Children's Sunday," Nannie Satterfield; singing, "Jesus' Little Children," by the children; recitation, "Little Acts of Kindness," Wilbert Walbert; chorus, "The Music of Nature," school; recitation, "Voice of Nature," 6 girls; chorus, "Saviour, Blessed Saviour," school; recitation, "Seed Time," Clara Meekins; Singing, Gloria and benediction.

All of those taking part did nicely, but without wishing to detract from their honors, little six-year-old Mary Engle should have special mention. She crowned herself with laurels, while Mary Leary, Nannie Satterfield, Pansey Cosden and Nora Crouch did splendidly and won the well-merited plaudits of all present. The address of welcome of Anna Leary was charmingly done.

The programme was delightfully rendered, and superintendent, teachers and scholars are all to be congratulated.

AT MOWBRAY CHAPEL.

The following is the program rendered at Mowbray Chapel on Children's Day: Opening Hymn, No. 8; Prayer; Song by school, No. 158; Introductory Address, by Lulu Crouch; New Kingdom, by Nettie Brown; My Little Be's, by Annie Hadaway; Song, by school, No. 149; The Master Is Coming, by Lillie Hadaway; Song by twelve girls and boys, We'll Be Right Instead of Wrong; If I Knew, by Robert Kirby; The City Boy, by Frank Goodman; Quartette, No. 155; The Door to The House, by Maud Brown; Jesus, Gentle Savior, by Katie Dickerson; What Rules The World, by Effie Goodman; Song by the School, No. 164; Come In, by Pearl Brown: The Parson's Sheep, by Annie Hadaway; Solo, by Miss Maggie Stratton; A Song by the School, No. 117; Benediction.

Locust Grove.

The Corey "Y" of Locust Grove, held a pleasant meeting at the residence of Mr. John W. Price on Tuesday evening, June 1st. The following is the interesting program presented: Scripture reading, by the president; prayer, singing, A Helping Hand, by the "Y;" reading, A Bunch of Roses, Miss Irene H. Gooding; singing, Glorious Victory; reading, Importance of Flower Missions, by Mrs. Chas. Hill; singing, Something Better; reading, Reminiscences of Miss Jennie Cassidy, by Miss Lillian Price. Y.

"For three years we have never been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house," says A. H. Patter, with E. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind., and my wife would as soon think of being without flour as a bottle of this Remedy in the summer season. We have used it with all three of our children and it has never failed to *cure*—not simply stop pain, but *cure* absolutely. It is all right, and anyone who tries it will find it so." For sale by M. A. Toulson, Chestertown, Md.

FROM CLIFF CITY.

Mrs. Carter's Chicken Coop was visited by a "War-ment" Friday night and eight fine chickens of broiling size killed and each one partially eaten. Saturday night the live ones were removed to a place of safety and the remains of two of the dead ones replaced in the coop surrounded by four big steel traps. The result was that on Sunday morning a lean, lank female oposum, caught by two traps, one front and one hind foot. She greeted John D. with a pleasant and affable smile and John greeted her with a blow on the top of her head with a club, and she passed away with her last earthly smile lingering in the corners of her jaws.

Capt. James Hyland has transformed his oyster sloop into a junker, and has removed several loads of the surplus old iron, rags, bones and etc. from Kent and Queen Anne with profit to himself and he former owners. It's a singular thing about the old iron that accumulates on a farm, it may lay around for years and you will not have use for any of it, but no sooner is it sold and away than several pieces of it would be of use if you had it; a clevis hook or bolt breaks of the very size you have just parted with.

There was a fair prospect for cherries, but where the trees were not guarded by some device for frightening the birds off they have destroyed the crop before it was ripe. Sleigh bells and other devices were used by some and a portion of their crop saved.

Sunday was Children's Day at Bond Chapel, and a number of children from the lower part of the Neck went, and took with them a lot of handsome flowers.

A good many mistakes can happen in a short paragraph as in the following in last *Kent News*, "Sam'l Townsend, a former resident of Urieville, died at his home in Spaniard Neck." Sam'l Townsend never lived at Urieville, never owned a farm in Spaniard Neck. He died at Townsend, Del., a dozen years ago. Edmund Townsend, to whom the article probably refers, died in Centreville, at the home of his nephew, Samuel T. Bouchelle, at the time mentioned.

Mr. Richard Crouch, who has been sick for a long time, is now reported to be much worse, and no hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. Mary E. Townsend, our oldest citizen, aged 95, still holds her own, and takes an occasional walk in the yard.

When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war; it's so different when Greek meets Turk. F.

STILL POND NEWS.

Dr. Medders, of Baltimore, has been enjoying Still Pond society this week.

Mrs. Benson, is paying her mother, Mrs. Parrott, a short visit.

Miss Anna Franklin has returned to Baltimore, after an extended stay with Miss Nelson, at the parsonage.

We will not publish any of Rev. W. F. Corkran's financial remarks, made after his quarterly meeting interview here. He should not have given such publicity to them as was inevitable when they were spoken from the pulpit. By some slip they might "get in the paper," and that would be awful.

Mr. J. W. Urie has been learning to ride the wheel.

Dr. W. S. Maxwell has a fine crop of early Richmond cherries. Last week he shipped 88 baskets.

Every year we recognize the extra fancy strawberries which come to our local market from the fine farm of John Parrott, Esq.

Our new Post office has been put in order by carpenter and plasterer, and will soon be ready to serve Uncle Sam. Your humble correspondent once dreamed that when that building should once more be occupied, as in days of yore, prosperity would perch upon the weather vane of our Town Hall, and beneath its wings we should all be happy. Will the dream come true?

Last Sunday evening Children's Day was celebrated in Still Pond Church. Seldom, if ever, has such a crowded congregation assembled to hear these exercises. The program was very bright and pleasing. Among the best features were "Temple Building," by the Primary Class and an exercise entitled, "Floral Bells." Collections were taken for the cause of education.

This (Thursday) evening, in Still Pond Hall, Rev. L. E. Barrett, P. E., will lecture on the "Opening Door of the Twentieth Century." Proceeds for the benefit of the Church Carpet Fund. Rev. Bro. Barrett is remembered as one of the former pastors of Still Pond circuit in its palmy days, and his return as a lecturer is gratifying and delightful.

The Epworth League monthly social and business meeting was held last Tuesday evening, at the parsonage. On account of the disagreeable weather, a rather small attendance was noted. Important business was discussed and several reports accepted. The entertainment committee reported net proceeds, $26.53. The literary report consisted of an instrumental duet by Miss Nelson and Mr. Crewe. The usual refreshments were then served, and the company dispersed to meet in July at Mrs. J. W. Harper's.

W. M. W.

Kennedyville Briefs

Mr. H. L. Davies, superintendent of Grace Presbyterian Sunday School, announces "Children's Day" services next Sunday afternoon at 3.15. An interesting programme has been arranged. Public cordially invited.

Miss Nellie Harper, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Carrie Jacobs.

Miss Bertie Murphy, of the Western Shore, has been visiting Miss Marian Pennington.

Miss Nettie Whiteley and Mr. W. E. Sanders, spent Sunday with Mr. John H Emory, the Templeville merchant.

Mr. H. C. Jarrell also spent Sunday with friends in Queen Anne.

We now have four lady cyclists. Miss Carrie Jacobs has purchased a handsome new wheel with latest improvements and fitted with Pneumatic saddle.

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FROM MILLINGTON.

The M. E. Sunday school is preparing its Children's Day service, which will be held next Sunday evening. A beautiful programme will be presented.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church realized between $50 and $60 gross earnings at their festival held in the town hall last Friday and Saturday evenings.

The strawberry season will about end this week. More berries have been shipped from this station this year than during any year previous. Mr. T. M. Jefferson, of near Crumpton, is the largest grower and shipper. His crop will be about ten thousand quarts of very fine berries. This figure is small of course compared with some growers on the Peninsula, but is large for this vicinity. Berries are selling here this week at four cents per quart

Many growers say the peach prospect is looking unfavorable, as many of them are dropping badly. A proper estimate cannot be given yet, but it is hoped that some will be left, so Millington can still hold its reputation as the great peach centre of the county.

The Millington base-ball club are preparing their grounds for their game with the Washington College club next Friday. Some good playing is expected to be seen.

Miss Vic Power has had her cozy home on Cypress street beautified by a fresh coat of paint.

Prof. H. Tonkin has also had the store and dwelling of his daughter, Mrs. Ella Rash, newly painted. Mr. Hamilton, of Georgetown, did the work.

Mrs. Dr. E. B. Britton and daughters and Mrs. J. W. Hazell, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. B. M. Hazell.

Messrs. B. W. Hazell and Herbert Longfellow, of Baltimore, accompanied by a friend, came by boat to Tolchester,