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LOCAL MATTERS.

Public School Commencement.—The Commencement exercises of the Chestertown Public School will be held in Stam's Hall, Tuesday evening, June twenty-ninth, at eight o'clock. All patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to be present.

Rock Hall Races.—Mr. Benjamin Coburn, has arranged for races at his Rock Hall track for Saturday, July 3rd. A number of fine local horses have entered, as has also Grover, a Baltimore horse, belonging to Mr. Lewis England, of that city. Grover will find interesting company in some of the Rock Hall goers.

Change in Postoffice Hours.—Postmaster Joseph N. Wheatley requests us to announce that, for the convenience of farmers during the busy season, the Chestertown postoffice will be kept open until 8.30 o'clock on Saturday evenings instead of closing at 7.3 as formerly. The entire community will appreciate this change.

First Southern Wheat Arrives.—The first arrival of new Southern wheat in the Baltimore market was received on Friday morning by Messrs. Aaron Lewis & Co. The lot comprised 48 bushels, and was from Northumberland county, Va. It was plump and well developed, but was soft, owing to the early harvest. It was purchased by the C. A. Gambrill Manufacturing Company at 80 cents a bushel.

Large Land Offerings.—Two thousand five hundred and forty-five acres of land belonging to John B. Brown, Esq., is now advertised at trustee's sale, by W. W. Busteed. This property includes some of the most desirable real estate in Queen Anne. Much of this land was purchased during the high prices of about fifteen years ago, and the tremendous shrinkage in real estate values, it is claimed, is largely responsible for Mr. Brown's present financial embarrassments.

A Team's Narrow Escape.—While hauling coal for Mr. J. D. Bacchus last week, a two horse team of Mr. Victor Hendrickson narrowly escaped backing off the wharf at Chestertown into Chester river. The rear wheels of the wagon were backed against the lighter when it floated off from the wharf. The wheels wedged in between the boat and the wharf and the front wheels were chocked just in time to keep the wagon and the half or three quarters ton of coal from drawing the horses over into ten or twelve feet of water.

Dogs Versus Poultry.—Two worthless curs invaded the poultry of Mrs. F. H. Dodson, on Thursday afternoon and spread general distruction. Mrs. Dodson's geese and goslings, and old and young ducks were in a meadow about one hundred yards from the house when the dogs commenced their vicious attack. All of the old ducks and a number of the young ducks and goslings were killed before the dogs could be scared off. The dogs came from the direction of Chestertown and Mrs. Dodson belives that they are members of the large fraternity of worthless curs of this town.

Kent's Creamery Interests.—A prominent farmer sends an interesting estimate of Kent's annual creamery products. He says: "There are in Kent county seven creameries (counting the one at Crumpton, which draws over half from Kent county), Fairlee, Still Pond, Kennedyville, Locust Grove, Sassafras, Millington and Crumpton, Masseys and Galena separators. The quantity of milk received by these in 1896 was nearly ten million pounds; quantity of butter made, 368,000 lbs., which netted $74,000. I have allowed a reduction for Sassafras, Millington and Crumpton creameries for the supposed amount produced in Cecil and Queen Anne counties."

Swindling Merchants.—A clever swindler is operating in some of the Eastern Shore towns, and as a result, some of the Talbot county merchants were victimized about ten days ago, faling easily into the trap. By a few shrewd questions he learns what city firm the merchant deals with, and then represents himself as agent for that firm, saying the regular saleman for the territory he happens to be in will not be around again. Then he tries to get an order from the merchant, giving him special inducements and asking a cash deposit to bind the bargain. In Easton he represented himself as connected with the firm of Pyle, McDowell & Co., whose salesman for this territory is T. Jeff Pyle. Mr. Pyle has since been in Easton and exposed the swindle.

An Experience With Bees.—Captain Henry Urie, a prominent Rock Hall waterman, had an unpleasant but novel experience while fishing his nets last week. Capt. Urie was below Poole's Island, in the bay, when to his astonishment a swarm of bees pitched on his boat mast. Matters became somewhat unpleasant and it was determined to drop the mast overboard. In an attempt to do this the bees fell into the boat and became extremely animated and unfriendly. An oar was then put up in place of the mast for the bees to lodge on, which provision they accepted. The uncomfortable waterman finally reached the boat of Capt. George Ayres, who towed the infested boat to shore and the bees were gotten rid of.

The Betterton Robbery.—On Saturday, May 30, Squire William Crew, of Betterton, went to Baltimore to visit his wife, intending to return on the following day. He was persuaded to remain over until Monday, however, and when he returned found that his house had been broken into and robbed of $148. The money had been left hidden between two mattresses, and had been set aside to meet the expense of building an addition to his residence. Detectives were employed, and Harry Owens, a well-known young man of Betterton, aged twenty-three years, was arrested Sunday, charged with the robbery. Detectives J. O'Donnell and Stunt state that Owens confessed to the robbery, and it is further stated that to escape detection, the money was burned.

Old Worton Race Track.—A move is on foot for the reopening of the old Worton race track, and it is expected that in a very short time the course will be getting in fair order for work. A number of gentlemen of Worton and vicinity who are interested in the development of local trotters will meet on Saturday evening to map out some definite plan of action. Worton track was first opened in the fall of 1873, and for several years the Kent County Fair and its trotting exhibitions were known throughout the State, and were largely attended, but since 1888 no fairs have been held there. The property is now owned by Mr. Edwood Kiker. The following gentlemen are interested in the new move: Walter T. Morris, Elwood Morris, A. S. Turner, Noble B. Gears, Biddle Hossinger, William Morris, E. B. Crowding and others.

Real Estate Sales.—Auctioneer J. H. Greenwood sold for Richard D. Hynson, Mortgagee, on Tuesday, the Henry Urie lot No. 1, of 21¼ acres, near Rock Hall, to William T. Copper, for $225—Lot No. 2, of 2 acres 3 roods etc., was bought by the same purchaser for $156—Lot No. 3, containing 1 acre, was bought by Mr. Copper for $45. The Stewart property, of two parcels, situated in the first district and offered by R. D. Hynson, Esq., at Mortgagee's sale, was withdrawn on a bid of $1800.

Mrs. Westcott's Narrow Escape.—Mrs. Chas. T. Westcott, accompanied by her two sons, Carl and Jack, and daughter, Miss Marie, started on Capt. Atkinson's pleasure yacht Hesperus yesterday, Capt. Atkinson at the wheel, for a trip to the races at St. Michels. Upon reaching the middle of the river opposite Chestertown, a heavy flaw of wind struck the yacht causing her to list heavily, and Mrs. Westcott losing her balance fell over board. Her son Carl immediately jumped to the rescue, followed by Capt. Atkinson, and together they succeeded in keeping her to the top of the water until the yacht was turned about and they were taken aboard. Mrs. Westcott was very much prostrated by the accident, which happened about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

—The management of the bicycle parade, which is to be an interesting feature of the Fourth of July celebration at Greensborough, extends a cordial invitation to all cyclists and desires that every town on the peninsular be represented in the procession. The C. C. C. will probably be represented.

—The statement that the prize offered the winner in the running broad jump in the field day sports last week, was given by the Second National Bank, was an error, it was given by the Chestertown National Bank and was the handsomest prize of the day. It was won by Mr. V. F. Ward.

—Gilbert Jarman, the seven-year old son of Dr. and Mrs. G. Allen Jarman, fell from a hammock on Sunday and broke his collar bone.

—Mr. W. H. Fitton has been appointed janitor of the Washington College buildings.

—The town commissioners have had twenty-four new street lamps placed about the town.

—The Court of Appeals has confirmed the decision of the Kent county court in the case of the Quannah Bank vs. State's Attorney J. D. Urie. The decision is in Mr. Urie's favor.

—Mr. Charles M. Lucas, the well-known jeweler, of Chestertown, has discontinued business. He closed out the balance of his stock, at auction, on Saturday. Mr. Lucas has been in business here for 21 years.

—The Board of Election Supervisors on Tuesday excused Mr. Geo. L. Bowers, of the Third district, from service as register of voters, and appointed in his stead, Mr. Alexander Mair, of Betterton.

—An extensive peach grower of near Chestertown, last year made seven barrels of peach vinegar. This unusual product of the peach is now being put on the market and is claimed by some to be superior to cider vinegar for table or general purposes.

—Mr. Gillen, the gentleman who spent several weeks in Chestertown last winter securing subscribers to a Biographical Encyclopedia of the Eastern Shore, was recently attacked by illness on the streets of Baltimore and died. He was successful with his work here and made many friends during his stay.

—Mr. D. H. Cox, Jr., of Elizabeth, N. J. passed through Chestertown on Monday riding a wooden bicycle. The frame, handlebar, rim and other parts were of wood. The joints were reinforced with brass but the front fork was of steel. The wheel was a novelty in cycle circles here.

—Messrs. Wootten and Fooks, of Laurel, Del., have been in Kent this week examining as to the outlook for a peach crop. These gentlemen, should the crop justify, will locate at Worton Station for the purchase and shipment of fruit, and will use only refrigerator cars.

OBITUARY.

MRS. EMILY A. HURTT.

Mrs. Emily A. Hurtt, one of the most esteemed and loved of the elderly ladies of Millington, died at her home in that town on Saturday, aged 71 years. For some months she had been feeble as the result of age, and the watchful care of loved ones and the skill of the physician were unable to do more than temporarily stay the result. Six children survive her: J. Henry Hurtt, of Chestertown; Albert, of Delmar; Charles M., Mrs. Edward Spear, and Misses Annie and Fannie Hurtt, of Millington. Funeral services were held Monday, conducted by Revs. Sedwick, Smoot and Ware; interment in Millington cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Joseph Mallalieu, H. S. Cook, Frank Vansant, Robert Massey, William Comegys and J. S. Newman.

SAMUEL D. SHAWN.

Mr. Samuel D. Shawn, died with a startling suddenness, at his home, 409 High street, on Thursday evening, aged 36 years. Though he had been somewhat sick for several days his symptoms were in no way alarming, and only a short time before his death he had been on the street. Coming in, he lay on the bed for a needed rest and in a short time was dead. His physician, Dr. C. W. Whaland pronounced death as having resulted from apoplexy. Mr. Shawn moved from near Price's Station, Queen Anne county, to Edesville about four years ago, and came to Chestertown last January and opened a livery business. A widow, a Miss Kate Edsall, of New Jersey, before marriage, and five children survive him. Funeral services were held at 2½ o'clock on Saturday, conducted by Rev. J. M. Gill; interment at Church Hill. The pall-bearers were; W. R. Clough, William Kendall, George B. McWhorter, T. A. Marker, Jr., T. S. Todd and John Newman.

Mrs. Shawn will continue to live in Chertertown, and the business will be continued by Mr. Shawn's father, Mr. S. C. Shawn.

Among those present at the funeral services from a distance were: A. D. Edsall, of the Pennsylvania Railroad; G. W. Edsall and B. F. Shawn, of the United States Marine Hospital, Reedy Island; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edsall, connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Volz, of New York.

RICHARD CROUCH.

Mr. Richard Crouch, a venerable and esteemed citizen of Piney Neck, died at his home on Saturday evening last, aged 70 years. He leaves a widow and four children, viz: Washington, Romie, Emory, and Mrs. Isaac Bryden. Funeral services were held Monday, interment at Wesley Chapel cemetery.

New Advertisements.

Men's suit and shoe sales at Oehm's Acme Hall, Baltimore, will save you many dollars; are truly worthy goods.

R. Bergen, Chestertown's merchant prince has shirt-waists by the thousand, and invites and inspection of his stock. His reductions in the prices of beautiful millinery goods are simpley marvelous. Dry goods, millinery, and everything in his great emporium is first class and at rock bottom prices.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Dr. C. W. Reid, president of Washington College, left on Tuesday for his summer vacation; a portion of which will be spent on Lake Superior. The doctor is an enthusiastic lover of brook trout fishing and has discovered a place where nine lb. brook trout may be caught. Mrs. Reid is visiting her old home, at Milford, Del.

Prof. and Mrs. Rowland Watts, of Western Maryland College, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hubbard.

The wedding of Mr. Frank L. Smith, of Millington and Miss Jennie P. Thompson, of near Wilmington, Del., took place yesterday. The TRANSCRIPT extends sincere congratulations to the happy young couple.

Miss Marion Lusby is spending a few days in the country with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Nicholson.

Mrs. Hugh Wallis, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her husband's mother, on Mill street.

Mr. James Boston, of Reading, Pa., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt N. Boston.

Miss Olive Russell, of Baltimore, and Miss Grace Wilkins, are visiting Mrs. Edw. B. Jones, on Queen St.

Miss Sue Ford and Miss Katherine Shuster, of Chestertown, are visiting friends in Baltimore

Messrs. George and Harrison Vickers, Carl and Jack Westcott returned home last week for their summer vacation.

Mrs. Morton and daughter, of Washington, D. C. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rickey, on Queen St.

Miss Estelle Kenley, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Fannie Baker, on Mill street.

Miss Mary P. Ould and Miss Katharine V. Hopper, of Baltimore, are spending several weeks in Chestertown.

JOYOUS CHILDREN'S DAY.

A Beautiful Programme Rendered at Chestertown M. E. Church.

The programme presented at the Chestertown M. E. Church, on Sunday evening, was one of the most elaborate and successful ever given on a similar occasion. The stage was profusely decorated with graceful palms and fragrant blossoms, while the spacious folds of a banner bearing the words: "The Young People's Republic," just touched the outstretched arms of a cross, significantly formed of evergreen.

The church was so densely crowded that chairs were placed down all the aisles and still many were forced to stand during the entire service.

After an organ vountary sweetly rendered by Miss Anna Lambert, and a fine selection by the church orchestra, "A Garland for Jesus," was beautifully sung by the following dainty little choristers: Laura Lambert, Mildred Hyland, Emma Roe, Lillian Matthews, Lizzie Davis, Nellie Jones, Houston Toulson, Roland Matthews, Kemp Bordley, and John Armstrong, The encouraging "Introductory Address" was made by Thomas Dyott, and was followed by one of the cutest performances of the evening, a recitation, "Give Us a Chance," by Preston Jones. Carl Bordley delivered in a pretty manner, "Do Your Best," and was followed by a pretty recitation, "Cyrus the Great," by Wilbur Hirons. The motion song by the prize-winning little members of the infant class, was extremely pretty. Miss Susie Dunbracco did splendidly in her recitation, "Do All that You Can."

The placing of the six stars in the flag of the "Young Peoples Republic" was interesting and pretty. Miss Anna Cosden made the opening speech and held aloft the glorious banner of a future glorious republic. Milton Peregoy placed the star of Law on the flag, Miss Carrie Reiche, the star of Intelligence; Iris Anthony, the star of Fraternity; Leonard Needles, the star of Temperance; Miss Anna Bryan, the star of Uprightness and Staunton Brown the star of Patriotism. M. deK. Smith, Jr., was the leader in an impressive responsive reading, and the enjoyable programme was closed with the announcement that the busy little workers of the infant class, taught by Miss Nannie Bordley had won the prize, a handsome teacher's Oxford Bible offered to the class raising the largest amount of money during the year.

Delightful music was interspersed thoughout the programme and formed a most pleasant feature of the evening.

IN BOATING CIRCLES.

Mr. Crane's New Yacht—Pleasures on the Water.

The handsome new yacht of Mr. Curtis E. Crane, was launched at St. Michaels, Talbot county, no last Saturday. The measurements of the new boat are: 55 feet long, 16 feet beam and 6 feet 4 inches deep in the cabin, which is 20 feet long and will be arranged to quarter a dozen people comfortably. She is by far the largest and most elegantly fitted pleasure yacht in Eastern Shore waters.

The launching was quite an event and as the vessel glided smoothly and gracefully into the water, Mrs. Crane broke a bottle of wine over the prow and named her Josephine, in honor of Mr. Crane's mother. She is built after Mr. Crane's own ideas, and along the lines of no model. It is a yawl-rigged yacht, with solid log bottom and sides, on the order of a canoe. The construction of the hull required twenty-one pine logs. No log was shorter than 20 feet, and some measured 50 feet. They were from 18 inches to four feet in diameter. The bottom is a hollow, convex one, something like that of a keel boat. There is another peculiarity in the shape of an overhanging stern. It is a centerboard yacht, and if used as a freighter would have a carrying capacity of about 40 tons. It draws 3½ feet in ballast. Mr. Crane now has a fleet of eight boats—six canoes, one bateau and the Josephine. There are some excellent craft in the lot. Two of the canoes, the Madelle and the Belle M. Crane, are the fastest vessels of their kind in the State, as they have never yet been beaten by a canoe.

Mayor Alceus Hooper and City Solicitor Thomas Ireland Elliott, boarded the steamer Sassafras on Saturday for a trip up the picturesque sassafras river to Georgetown. Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., joined the distinguished party at Buck Neck and enjoyed the trip. The gentlemen spent Saturday night at Georgetown and on Sunday drove down to Lauretum Place and were guests of Mr. Vickers. All were delighted with the unusual beauties of the Sassafras river and the fertility of Kent's incomparable farming section.

CHURCH NOTES.

Commencing with next Sunday evening, instead of the usual 8 o'clock, twilight services will be held in the Chestertown M. E. Church, Dr. C. A. Grise pastor, at 7 o'clock. The first fifteen minutes will be devoted to a song service.

It is expected that Rev. R. W. Todd will occupy the pulpit of the Chestertown M. E. Church, on next Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Calvary M. P. Church has invited the societies of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester counties to hold a joint convention with the Talbot county union in Easton, at its next convention, Sept. 9 and 10, about one hundred delegates, representing fifty or sixty societies. The Rev. George W. Haddaway, pastor of Centreville M. P. Church is chairman of the Peninsula executive committee.

A BRUTAL ATTACK.

Mrs. William Smith Senseless on the Floor While her Home was Plundered.

NO CLUE TO HER ASSAILANT.

Detailed Statement of a Harrowing Experience.

Smithville and the entire community was thrown into a state of intense excitement on Saturday afternoon, by the unprovoked and brutal attack of a negro man upon Mrs. William Smith, wife of a young farmer whose residence is within three hundred yards of Smithville, a small village about two and a half miles from Worton Station.

Mrs. Smith was before marriage Miss Belle Thomas, of Marydel; is about twenty-six years of age, and extremely prepossessing in appearance.

When seen by a TRANSCRIPT representative on Sunday morning, she gave the following interesting and graphic account of the thrilling affair which resulted in her being knocked senseless to the floor, and as she lay unconscious her home was ransacked and thrown into confusion around her. She said in substance:

I was ironing in the dining room, I suppose some time between 4 and 5 o'clock. My husband and Mr. Fred Wilson were at work in a field about two hundred yards from the house. I was not thinking of danger; and when I heard the door which leads from the front room into a small hall-way, open gently my first thought was that one of my neighbors had driven over to see me and had walked into the house. If not this, I thought that Mr. Wilson might have come in from the field, and in either event it was intended to play a joke on me and frighten me. I walked to a window and looked out for my visitor's team, but seeing none, I put three sticks of wood into the stove and then suddenly opened the door leading from the dining room into the small passage. The back portion of the house has been built on the front portion and is lower. As I thrust my head through the doorway I nearly struck the hip of a man. The first glance disclosed the fact that the intruder was a stranger and a man. I hastily drew back, and as I did so raised my eyes and the next instant received a blow which sent me unconscious to the floor. While I could not identify my assailant, the slight glimpse which I got convinces me that he was a rather heavy, bony, copper colored negro. He wore a slouch hat pulled down over his ears and stood side to me and did not turn his head as he dealt the blow. The hat was a faded brown or almost red. The man had no side whiskers but I cannot say whether or not he had a mustache. I have no idea how long I lay unconscious on the floor, but when I came to I had a bursting headache and my knee was dislocated as a result of my fall (my knee gets out of place for slight cause). Holding my knee as best I could I scrambled out of the house and gave the alarm and my husband and Mr. Wilson came to my aid. After I heard the door open and the step in the hallway, there was a pause as though some one was listening. It was this that led me to think that some friends were trying to scare me. I never thought of being scared and could not have fainted. My head aches and I have been nervous since the affair.

A slight abrasion of the skin on the forehead just above the right eye, and a bruise about the size of a half dollar, were the only evidences of the harrowing experieace through which Mrs. Smith had so recently passed. The details of the assault were given as composedly as though nothing unusual had happened. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Wilson told of the alarm and the generally torn-up condition in which the house was found. As far as possible the rooms had been left in the same condition as when examined immediately after the brutal attack upon Mrs. Smith and the robbery of the house. The TRANSCRIPT representative examined each and every room and closet. In Mr. and Mrs. Smith's room the bureau drawers had been ransacked and every article spread over the floor. A small box containing bills and receipts had been broken open and the papers scattered in every direction. A purse containing two dollars had been found and the money taken. Two closets were literally thrown into confusion and everything scattered about.

In Mr. Wilson's room the bed had been turned almost bottom upwards; two screws and a wrought nail which secured the lock on the trunk had been broken out, and the trunk opened and its contents scattered. The bureau drawers were opened and showed a similar fate A silver watch which lay on the bureau was not touched.

In an adjoining room the bed was torn up and everything movable had been scattered about the floor. In a rubbish room over the kitchen the same performance had been gone through with. Several days before, Mrs. Smith had taken her handsome gold watch and chain from its case in her bureau and placed them under the bolster of the bed in this room. The bed was torn up but the man either missed the watch or did not take it, fearing that it would furnish a clue in the event of subsequent arrest.

It was in the small passage way where Mrs. Smith was struck that the principal loss was incurred. Among several other articles of wearing apparel, Mr. Wilson that morning hung a pair of pants, and being in a hurry had failed to take seven five dollar notes from the pockets. When Mrs. Smith opened the door she remembers that the clothing was hanging on the hooks; when she came to and an examination was made, the clothing was on the floor and the money was gone. A Number of coins, (half pennies, hay coppers of ancient date, etc.,) taken from Mr. Wilson's room were found scattered on the front room floor. Not a single article by which the guilty party could be identified was taken away. Mr. Wilson had made a register of the numbers of the five dollar notes on an old envelope, and though he had it in his pocket about four days before the robbery and assault, it is now nowhere to be found, and this, the only clue is lost

ARRESTS MADE.

Sheriff Casey and Deputy Pinkind were early on the scene on Saturday night and again on Sunday morning, and though there was only shadowy, if any evidence against the men, Frank Hicks, who had worked for Mr. Smith about five years ago, and Abraham Castle, were placed under arrest and lodged in jail, but were released on Monday.

About 6.30 o'clock on Saturday night Mrs. George E. Noland, of Tolchester, telephoned to Chestertown, asking whether or not any new crime had been committed, at the same time stating that a negro then at the Beach had awakened suspicion by his peculiar actions. The fact of the crime was telephoned back, but the man had boarded the Tolchester steamer and she had just left her wharf, but the officers were informed of the crime and asked to arrest the man, which was done upon the arrival of the steamer in Baltimore.

A MATTER OF THEORY.

With but meagre circumstances to go upon, whether or not Mrs. Smith was knocked unconscious and the house was subsequently robbed, or whether the house was ransacked before the assault, is a mere matter of conjecture. Mrs. Smith of course has no idea as to what length of time she lay unconscious on the floor.

She was badley unnerved as a result of her trying experience, (an experience which might have been far more serious with a less robust and courageous woman). Dr. W. S. Maxwell was summoned on Monday and examined the wound on the forehead. The doctor found that the spot on the forehead above the eye where the abrasion of the skin appeared, was not where the injury was greatest. The heavier and more serious injury was dangerously near the temple, and the physician is reported as stating that the unfortunate woman may have lain unconscious for fully an hour, and possibly longer.

Mrs. Smith remembers distinctly that when she opened the door leading into the small hall where her assailant awaited her, she saw the clothing hanging on the hooks and after she came to, the articles were in piles on the floor. This would indicate at least, that the thirty-five dollars was stolen after she had been struck.

EMORY FORD RELEASED

Emory Ford, who was arrested on the Tolchester steamer on Saturday evening on suspicion, was brought to Chestertown on Tuesday, and was given a hearing before Squire J. W. Wright yesterday morning. Mr. S. D. Leaverton, who keeps store at Fairlee, testified that Ford was at his store on Saturday between 4 and 5 o'clock and purchased sardines and a pound of ginger snaps, and stated at the same time that he was on his way to Tolchester to take the boat for Baltimore. The man was perfectly composed and gave no evidence of anything being wrong. He knew Ford well.

Marshall Russell, a colored man who lives at Georgetown, between Fairlee and Tolchester, testified that Ford passed his house at a quarter to 5 and asked the nearest way to Tolchester. He fixed the hour of the afternoon by the fact that he was himself washing his carriage to go to Tolchester, and about fifteen minutes after Ford passed the clock struck five.

Emory Ford stated that he drove a wagon at the paper mill. He wanted to go to Baltimore and hired J. C. Bailey to drive the wagon for him on Saturday. He (Ford) went to the paper mill at 2.30 o'clock and got his money ($5) and immediately started for Tolchester, riding as far as Cooper's school house with John Price. He substantially repeated the testimony of Mr. Leaverton and Marshall Russell.

Ford was at once released, the evidence not justifying his further retention in jail. Up to this time not the slightest clue has been found to assist the authorities in identifying Mrs. Smith's assailant

The house in which the assault and robbery took place is on an elevation and about one hundred yards from the public road and about three hundred yards from the little village of Smithville. Teams were constantly passing on Saturday afternoon, and it is remarkable that the man should have been able to approach the house and leave without being seen.

STRANGE MEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

A strange man answering the description given by Mrs. Smith, is reported to have been at Mr. Jos. R. Usilton's on Saturday asking for work.

A strange man was also seen passing rapidly across the country and was seen at Melitota.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

William W. McKnett Passes Quietly Away.

Since a few minutes after three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, last, a cloud of sorrow and bereavement has overshadowed our community. That indiscriminating reaper, Death, laid hold upon one of our most prominent, most exemplary and most favorably known citizens. Mr. William W. McKnett died at his home, at Urieville, in the 63 year of his age. The deceased had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for several years, but death was rather sudden and unexpected to many, even of his closest friends. Mr. McKnett was originally from Caroline county. About 18 years ago he purchased the milling interests at Urieville, where he removed with his family and has since resided until his death. He was of quite an inventive mind and was constantly devising original designs of machinery for his milling establishment and it is stated was the first to introduce the roller process in this county. He was an official member, and a large contributor to the M. P. Church of this village. He leaves a widow and eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Funeral services were conducted at his late residence yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Jesse Shreeve officiating, interment at Chester cemetery. The pall bearers were: J. R. Copper, W. D. Shinn, J. R. Jarrell, John Medders, Isaac Cleaver and Jas. E. Weer.

Miss Nellie Barwick spent part of last week in Baltimore.

Mr. J. Oscar Jarrell, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his parents near the village.

Miss Annie Shafer is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Ernest Cornelius and sister, Miss Lillie, of Centreville, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. J. R. Jarrell.

Mrs. J. T. Kennard and little daughter, Pearl, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. M. E. Lane.

Rev. Dr. Mills will fill the pulpit of the M. P. Church on Sunday morning next, in exchange with our pastor, Rev. Jesse Shreeve. Rev. J. S. McKaslin preached two excellent sermons on Sunday last.

Festival, supper and entertainment to be held by the ladies of the M. P. Church, will be held one week later than advertised last week. The dates will be July 9 and 10.

The K. K. K. Cycling Sextette is composed of equal numbers of ladies, and had the editors of the *Kent News* been aware of this fact we feel sure that such an unfitting interpretation of the K. K. K. would not have been made.

Members of the the Kennedyville Council No. 178 Jr. O. U. A. M., have accepted an invitation from Rev. Jesse Shreeve to attend service in a body on Sunday, July 4th. A special sermon will be preached. Requested that every member be present. RIVERA.

FROM CLIFF CITY.

We are sorry to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Richard Crouch, of Pine Neck. Mr. Crouch or "Uncle Dick," as he was called by his friends, and that means every one who knew him, was born in Pine Neck and was in his 69th year when he departed this life on Saturday last. Fisherman, oysterman, carpenter, were all in his line. A boat built by Uncle Dick was sure to be a good one and no one ever went to him when he was seen hauling but that he got a mess of fish. We seldom meet such good hearted, kindly men now-a-days. He leaves a widow and three sons, Washington, Emory and Romie, and one daughter, Mrs. Isaac Dryden. He was buried on Monday, after appropriate funeral services attended by a large number of friend and relatives. It can truly be said of him, that "none knew him but to love him."

Most of the oystermen have improved their leisure hours this summer in painting up their houses, fencing, etc. Martin Taylor, one of the most industrious and enterprising tongers is building a nice two story back building to his residence, which will make it one of the finest in Cliff City. All the homes of the tongers of Cliff City look neat, clean and pretty, and show that somebody lives in them.

Mr. Robt. Kirby has returned from his trip up the Susquehanna, collecting shad eggs for the fish commission. He reports that the season was not as favorable as last year, but they have done fairly well. There was some five million eggs sent them from the Potomac.

But few persons attended the primaries on Saturday. Not because they lacked interest, but were satisfied that those who did would voice their sentiments and use every means to forward the cause of Jas. A. Pearce, Esq.

The June drop of peaches and other fruits is about at an end, and a lucky thing for some that it is. Still, however, most of the orchards have a fair sprinkle of peaches, but none claim a full or half crop. Distinguished persons, however, who have visited some orchards, think that there is still from one-half to one-third crop. Mr. Wm. F. Brown, on the Ebb Point Farm, has the best outlook with more than one-half crop. The farm runs down to ebb point and has Chester river on one side and Lankford bay on the other, and further, the orchards are not neglected but are given a dressing of bone and potash. I hear that Henry Porter says he don't expect over 1000 baskets from 4000 trees. None of the farmers are willing to give figures at this early stage, but all have some peaches and Cliff wharf will no doubt show the usual activity during peach season.

Mr. Henry Brown commenced cutting wheat on Saturday last, and was the first in this part of the county.

Mr. Wm. T. Brown has nearly completed his new, commodious and well-built barns which make a decided improvement.

Soft crabbers are meeting with some "Luck," but one remarked that in Corsica creek there was a crabber for every crab. Prices in Baltimore ranged last week from 20 to 40 cts. per dozen. From 5 to 6 dozen is a good day's work. The prospect was for a plentiful supply of crabs, but they must have had a June drop also.

One of our citizens has been out to catch a mess of oysters and reports that they are in their milk, but no noticable increase where he was. P.

Hundreds of thousands have been induced to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are to-day its warmest friends. For sale by M. A. Toulson, Chestertown, Md.

CHESTERTOWN BASE BALL CLUB.

Organization Effected and Games Now Being Arranged for the Season.

As the base-ball season at Washington College drew to a close with such splendid results, lovers of the game in Chestertown began a movement for summer ball. Messrs. Bader, Stidham and Deakyne, among the strongest players of the W.C. club, expressed a willingness to play with the new team, and Mr. Frank Simpers and several other gentlemen put the ball in motion for a summer organization. Many of the most prominent citizens and business men of Chestertown contributed to the fund, and the success of the movement was soon insured.

A meeting of the contributors to the fund was held on Friday night, and Mr. Spencer M. Hurtt was elected manager. The other officers elected were: President, Dr. T. H. Cooper; secretary, R. Snowden Thomas; treasurer, L. B. Russell, and Messrs. William H. Lambert, Jr., Dr. C. W. Whaland, Dr. Thomas H. Cooper, R. Snowden Thomas and L. B. Russell, directors. No better selection could have been made for a manager than Mr. Hurtt. He was manager of the Washington College team last year and gave to the patrons of the game in Chestertown and vicinity one of the most enjoyable series of fine ball games ever seen in the county. He knows what to do and does it.

Manager Hurtt has arranged the first game for Saturday afternoon next.

The several gentlemen of the Chestertown National Bank are enthusiastic patrons of the marly sports and gave $35 to further summer base-ball.

The Rock Hall base-ball team defeated the Betterton club, on the Rock Hall grounds, on Saturday, by a score of 19 to 9. Battery for Rock Hall, Jake Kendall and Charles Baker. Battery for Betterton, the Messrs. Atwell.

FROM ROCK HALL.

The dredging machine engaged in the work of the cut-off channel, when reaching the hard bottom of Swan Island bar, became inadequate for the further progress of the work owing to the style of scoop used (it being the style worked by two upright polls opening from the centre, right and left) in consequence of which the machine was laid off until an old-style leverage scoop could be substituted, when the work will be resumed. The machine in the harbor is making rapid headway in the prosecution of the inside work. The deposits from the dredgers is giving considerable annoyance to the watermen because of the fact that many small oyster "patches" will be covered and the shifting and spreading tendency of the mud will be very detrimental to a number of local oyster bars, especially during the spawning period, which is now on. It will also curtail the already narrow limits of sailing room between Huntingfield and Swan Island bars. The watermen say the mud should be taken as far down as the bouy on the end of the bar, and put into a hole southwest of the bouy. The captain of the tug says he will make every endeavor to dump the mud where it will be the least harmful if the watermen will go with him for several trips and locate such places. It is reported that work on the building of a wharf in the inner harbor will commence in a few days, and a basin of ample capacity will also be dredged out.

Base-ball teams from Lankford and Betterton entered our village on Saturday with much *eclat* to cross bats with the home team, only to meet with crushing defeat. The Rock Hall boys didn't want to be so severe, but they just couldn't help it.

The Messrs. Leary & Son, who have been during the past five weeks engaged in rafting timber from Blount's Creek, Queen Anne county, have been very much retarded by prevailing northerly winds, the mode of towing the logs up the river being by sailboat.

Capt. Wm. T. George, one of our Huntingfield crabbers, struck it rich a few days ago, having caught a tugboat on his trot line, but unfortunately or fortunately for him, the steamer finally got away.

The new store being erected in the village for Mr. Jos. F. Leary, is rapidly nearing completion. This will make a most decided improvement to the eastern section.

"Bags" Jones, the veteran feedman, backman and general transfer agent, has made an excellent improvement to his property on Catholic avenue by raising the west end of his dwelling to the same height of the main part, and giving the entire building a fresh coat of whitewash.

Mrs. S. J. Wickes, having for sometime past noticed the uneasy swaying of one of the large cherry trees in front of her dwelling, had the tree removed last week. There was nothing to hold the tree up save its surface roots, the lower roots having been entirely decayed.

Capt. F. T. Hogan is making fair progress in the rebuilding of his vessel, the Wm. A. Eggerton, at Grey's Inn.

Miss Ada Proctor, who has been an invalid for many months, seems at this writing very much improved. She is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Edward Proctor, and their many friends are much pleased, and hope for a complete restoration to health in the near future.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hogans, who was so extremely ill during last week, is at this time very much improved.

Mrs. Jos. A. Williams several days ago met with a very painful accident. It seems that she was passing through the bars of a fence when her foot became caught between the rails, causing her to fall and injure one of her limbs. While the injury was not seemingly serious, it gave the family much concern because of the terrible swelling and inflammation. She is now much improved.

Fish on Swan Point and other bars are beginning to make sport and remuneration for those who have been patiently seeking them. Quite a number of oystermen are now getting ready for hook and line work.

The primary election was fairly well attended on Saturday afternoon, and resulted in a renewal of activity in the State and county campaign.

From reports, it appears that the "Duke's" knock-out drops have been administered to some of our postoffice aspirants.

The heavy down-pour of rain on Thursday afternoon, and the heavy blow of Saturday night came near sweeping the peach crop out of sight. Other fruits suffered also. The many rains are making it tough on the farmers, most of whom are cutting their wheat quite green.

Mr. Wm. J. Porter, while assisting Mr. C. H Smith in harvesting wheat on Monday last, had the misfortune to get his left hand caught in the machinery of the binder, causing quite a painful injury. BON JOUR.

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