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LOCAL MATTERS.

Dividends Declared.—The Second National Bank of Chestertown, yesterday declared a semi annual dividend of 3 per per cent clear of taxes, and carried $1,000 to account of undivided profits. The Kent County Savings Bank on Tuesday declared a semi annual dividend of 2½ per cent clear of taxes, and carried $645.40 to surplus account. No changes were made in the board of directors of either bank.

Sale of Real Estate.—Auctioneer John H. Greenwood, on Tuesday offered for Benjamin F. Beck, executor, the B. F. Beck, Sr., home farm, located in Broad Neck, and containing 360 acres, which was held up at a bid of $30 per acre at private sale. For H. H. Barroll, att'y, a house and lot in Quaker Neck, for $297, and the Gleaves house in Morgnec was held up on a bid of $140 and is now offered at private sale for $150. The Samuel Davis farm offered by Wm. M. Slay and John D. Urie, trustees, was withdrawn and afterward sold at private sale to Mary E. Davis, for $3500.

Without Foundation.—As stated in the TRANSCRIPT last week, Misses Dora Powell and Victorine Power, of Millington, are among the vast number of visitors to the great convention in San Francisco. Two trains bearing Endeavor excursionists were wrecked, several persons were killed and a number injured. Much uneasiness was caused among the friends of the ladies from Kent by a rumor given currency that Miss Powell's name had been published, as among the injured in one of the wrecks. This report was entirely without foundation, as the ladies were not on either of the wrecked trains but are well and enjoying the delights of the Pacific coast.

July Weather.—Hicks, the weather prophet gives out the following forecast for July weather: Storm conditions will be disappearing off the Atlantic coasts as July comes in, leaving fair weather and more pleasant temperature over the country generally up to about the 3d. By that date renewed storm conditions will arise in the west, causing storms to advance eastward about the 3d to 6th. Barometer will rise and winds will shift to westerly, after storms until about 9th and 10th, when great warmth, with falling pressure and tendency to storm and bluster will return. From 14th to 17th is a regular storm period, during which very high temperatures will prevail, and many flurries will break in various sections, bringing more bluster than rain. The same is true for the 21st, 22d, and dates touching them. From 26th to 30th, look for extreme warmth, culminating on and about the 29th, in many violent atmospheric disturbances, thunder and rain. Hottest days during storm periods, coolest between them.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

—An enraged cow, intended for butchering, gave an interest and zest to the celebration of the "Glorious Fourth" on Monday morning. Though the cow was supposed to be securely held, a colored boy, in escaping slipped and come near being ballanced on her horns.

—Harlem Park Methodist Church, of Baltimore, gave an excursion on Friday to Worton Manor Beach on the steamer Sassafras. There were about 400 persons in the party.

—The first shipment of peaches from the Eastern Shore was made on Friday via the steamer Sassafras. There were six baskets in the consignment.

—The first winter wheat from Harford county was sold on Friday at the Chamber of Commerce for 71½ cents a bushel. About 500 bushels arrived.

—The steamer Corsica is now running on Schedule time, leaving Chestertown for Baltimore every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon.

—The steamer Gratitude broke her machinery on her return trip to Centreville on Tuesday afternoon, and the Emma Ford took her freight and stopped at Centreville and the Gratitude's Corsica river stops on her trip. Because of this assistance to the disabled steamer, the Ford did not reach Chestertown until 10.30 o'clock.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Kent County Christian Endeavor Union meets in Chestertown on July 15, at Christ M. P. Church. The following is the program:

Song service, led by Miss Mary Elliott; address of welcome, Ralph Barnett; Response, Miss Mattie Taylor; president's address, reports of societies and committees named; convention sermon, Rev. W. W. White. Afternoon song service, Mrs. Wilmer, leader; Address, "What Will Be The Effect Of Christain Endeavor Work In The Future," Rev. J. L. Mills; question box, Rev. J. S. McCaslin, conductor; open parliament, "How to interest indifferent members," led by Rev. G. W. Hadaway; junior Rally. Evening song service, led by Prof. Judefind; open parliament, "Best Methods On Committee Work," led by Rev. Jesse Shreeve; address, Rev. F. T. Little; consecration service.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

What Kent County Farmers are Doing.

Prof. W. M. Watts, of Still Pond, ate ripe tomatoes gathered from his garden on Friday last.

A farmer on Tuesday reported the corn in the fields of Ex-Judge F. J. Shallcross and on the Knight's Island farm of Mr. Andrew Woodall, as silking and tasseling. Mr. James T. Dixon has one of the finest fields of corn near Chestertown.

Mr. James S. Harris states that in the vicinity of Still Pond there will be the greatest pear crop this season ever known within the history of pear culture in that section. Kieffer, Duchess and Mannings are all full, while all varieties have some fruit. He also states that of Reeves and Crawford varieties of peaches there is a full crop in that section. Yellow St. John trees are also full.

From all sections of Kent the reports are that the wheat crop has, so far as threshed, been very satisfactory. Mr. Andrew Toulson, near Lynch's, got 25 bushels per acre. Mr. Carson Harris, of near Still Pond, cut a field which required 3 pounds of twine per acre. Mrs. Anna Wallis and Mr. George Roeder got 20 bushels per acre. Mr. Wm. B. Stephens got a yield a 22 bushels.

Mr. L. C. McGinnis, the Double Creek watermelon king, states that the outlook for watermelons and cantaloupes is good. But, says Mr. McGinnis, "we are out of the race on peaches, we have none."

Mr. Charles S. Smith had southern peaches in the Chestertown market fully a month ago.

Mr Hudson, on the Worton Manor farm, is reported as having threshed 25 bushels of wheat per acre.

MAN IN HER ROOM.

A Young Lady's Hand Grasped While in Bed, by a Midnight Intruder.

The little village of Worton Station, within two miles of the scene of the recent assault upon Mrs. William Smith and the robbery of her home, was thrown into a state of great excitement on Sunday night by an intruder in the home of Mr. Joseph H. Porter.

Miss Nellie Porder, eldest daughter of Mr. Porter, while asleep in her room with Miss Addie Parsons, a visitor at the Porter home, was awakened and startled about 2 o'clock on Moaday morning by feeling a large and rough hand touch hers. Half asleep and little suspecting an intruder in her room, Miss Porter's first thought was that possibly it was the hand of her companion, Miss Parsons, which had startled her, and reached out her hand to locate her friend's hand, when to her harror the broad, raspy hand of a man was again felt. In the dim light of the room Miss Porter saw the muscular outlines of a burly negro beside her bed.

Fearing that in the event of an outcry the man might kill her, the young lady, terror-stricken, for a moment kept silent, but human nature finally asserted itself and the almost paralyzed girl screamed to her father, who was in an adjoining room, for help. At the same moment the man, who was evidently familiar with the surrounding made a dash down the back stairway. The latch of the back door worked imperfectly and the fellow barely escaped in time to prevent Mr. Porter from grabbing him as he left the house.

Mr. Porter, when seen by a TRANSCRIPT reporter on Tuesday, in addition to the facts given above, said in substance:

I was unarmed, and before I could prepare myself to attempt a capture of the man alone in the darkness, he was gone. My daughter was completely unnerved by the ordeal through which she had passed. I had been to church on Sunday evening, and returning before my daughter, who had driven to a meeting in the neighborhood, I left the front door open, and my opinion is that the man tried the front door, and finding it open, entered the house before my daughter's return and secreted himself in the house. Then, too, some of the children heard a noise some time before the man awakened my daughter, but it soon stopped, and nothing was thought of it.

On Monday morning the ten inch footprints of a barefooted man was traced from Mr. Porter's home down the public road to Catt's Corner, a distance of nearly a mile. At this point the man entered a stubble field, going in the direction of Butlertown, a colored settlement about a mile from Catt's Corner, and all tracks were lost.

That he went to the Porter home fully intendiag and prepared to enter the house, and that, too, through the window to Miss Porter's room, is shown by the fact that he first stole a heavy ladder belonging to Mr. Edward Kiker, in the village, which ladder was found lying on the ground under the window of her room. Two bare-foot tracks were found on the main road, and many think that the man had a confederate.

MR. SHOCKLEY'S HOUSE ENTERED.

On the same night, the home of Mr. G. W. Shockley, about an half mile from Mr. Porter's, was entered and a basket containing nearly five dozen eggs, and a pair of gold spectacles, were stolen. Entrance was effected through the open door of a summer kitchen.

The tracks of two bare-foot men were traced down the road leading from Mr. Shockley's house to Worton Station, on Monday morning, and it is generally thought that the same man or men entered both houses. No clew whatever has been discovered as to the identity of the guilty party or parties.

FIFTH OF JULY NOTES.

Local Happenings on the National Holiday.

The first team which passed through Chestertown on Monday morning bound for Tolchester, crossed Chester bridge at a quarter to 2 o'clock. The enthusiastic celebrants were from Queen Anne and had driven twenty-one miles before reaching Chestertown.

While the thermometer indicated 84° in Chestertown on Monday, a snow storm raged at Leadville, Colorado, and the ground was covered by an inch of snow.

There were scarcely enough people left in Chestertown on Monday afternoon to make a respectable celebration. The firework display by private parties was the poorest for many years.

A man at Tolchester hitched his horse in a bumble bees nest, and the poor animal was unmercifully stung. When Mr. Douglas Bell, of Chestertown, approached with a knife to cut the horse loose, the owner objected to the bridle rein being cut and offered the young man five cents if he would untie it.

The crowd at Tolchester on Monday is variously estimated at from five to ten thousand. The crowd was great and the dust oppressive.

But one arrest was made in Chestertown on Monday, and that was a colored man charged with fighting in Lynchburg.

The last team to cross Chester bridge on Monday night, or rather Tuesday morning, went over at 2 o'clock.

The game of base-ball at Tolchester was between two local teams and was not an exhibition of fine ball playing. The Chestertown players should have been allowed to play an exhibition game.

Col. J. Frank Supplee, Hon. Howard Bryant and Hon. W. F. Porter, made eloquent speeches at Tolchester on Tuesday. All of the rhetorical eagles were spread eagles, but there was only one distinction, and that was that while Col. Supplee took the golden eagle, Mr. Bryant called for a national bird of the Free Silver stamp. The Fifth Regiment band furnished delightful music and the fireworks were fine.

The Fifth passed off without an accident of any serious nature in Kent.

LOCUST GROVE NOTES.

The lawn party given by the Corey Y. at the residence of Mrs. R. Redmile, on Wednesday evening, was largely attended. After spending the evening socially the guests were invited to partake of refreshments. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. John Price, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Money, Misses Lillian, Mabel and Laura Price, Lizzie and Hannah Scotten, Gussie Cannan, Ruth Bramble, Edna Blackiston, Bessie Hayes. Messrs. Andrew Medders, Harry Kelley, Walter and Robert Shallcross, Clarence and Harry Scotten, Karl and Elmer Price, Robert, Thomas and Edward Bramble, Harry Rutter and Newton Sutton.

Miss Gussie Cannan, of Chestertown, was the guest of Mrs. Thomas VanDyke, last week.

Mrs. M. V. Sutton has been called to Philadelphia, by the illness of her sister.

Miss Taylor and Miss Powell, of Berlin, Md., are guests of Mrs. S. J. Comly.

Mrs. S. J. Comly and Miss Lulu Covington spent last week in Baltimore.

Mr. Walter G. Shallcross has been spending a few days with his uncle, Mr. R. A. Shallcross.

Mrs. W. H. Kelley has returned home after a pleasant visit to Wilmington friends.

Miss Clara Scotten is visiting friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. John L. Byron and family, of Middletown, Del., spent Thursday with Mrs. W. H. Kelley. Z. Y. V.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard on Friday returned from a three weeks western trip. He came home by way of Nashville and declares the exposition a splendid success.

Miss Avice Donaldson, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Fannie Massey.

Messrs. Howard Jones and Thomas Cochran, of Baltimore, spent the Fourth at the home of Mr. Josiah Massey.

Miss N. E. Gooding and Miss N. E. Walters have been the guests of Miss Mollie Hurlock, at Church Hill.

Dr. J. W. Latimer, the prominent Galena physician, was in town on business several days ago. The doctor rarely comes to Chestertown, but always receives a hearty welcome from many friends.

Mr. Henry Deaver, the obliging official of the Second National Bank, is at home for a summer holiday.

Miss Beulah Hayes gave a pleasant dance on Thursday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Walnut, of Philadelphia. Iula, the harpist discoursed sweet music. Elegant refreshments were served during the evening.

Mr. J. E. Taylor, the affable representative of Chester River Steamboat Company and the new Queen Anne railroad, was in Chestertown on Thursday last. Mr. Taylor is one of a number of successful Kent countains who figure prominently in the progressive business life of Baltimore city.

Miss Alice Lee Healy, of Baltimore, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. R. Pippin.

Mr. Harry O. Redue, of Baltimore, has been the guest of Mr. D. P. Jones.

Messrs. Harry and Rogers Sappington, of Baltimore, spent the 4th with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sappington.

James W. Chapman, Jr., Esq., of Baltimore, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. J. Lloyd McFeely and family, of Baltimore, are visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fitzpatrick, and family, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. F.'s father, Mr. E. C. Reiche.

Mr. Thos. Massey, of Baltimore, has been visiting his grandmother, on Washington avenue.

Mr. Robert Jacobs, of Baltimore, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Edw. Lusby, near town.

Mr. Edw. W. Jones, of Philadelphia, is at home for the summer.

Mr. W. P. Armstrong, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with his uncle, at the Armstrong House.

Mr. Eldridge Eliason, son of Mr. Wilbur Eliason, graduated at Hotchkiss College, last week, with highest honors, leading his class. He will enter Yale in the autumn.

Messrs. Walter E. Hill and J. Oscar Jarrell, of the Fire Commissioners office, Baltimore, accompanied by their friend, Mr. W. F. Parker, spent the Fourth at their paternal homes near Kennedyville. Mr. Hill is a son of County Commissioner Hill and Mr. Jarrell, a son of Mr. J. R. Jarrell.

Mrs. M. Price, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Friedman, of High street.

Mr. Frank W. Smith, of Baltimore, spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Smith, on High street.

Misses Rebecca Epstein and Katie Fox, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Winer.

Mrs. Price and daughter, Miss Marion, and Mrs. Wolf and two children, of Baltimore are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bergen, on Maple avenue.

Mrs. Kate Thawley, of Centreville, is the guest of Mrs. Elwood Whaley.

Mrs. John N. Dodd returned Monday from a protracted visit among friends in Westminster.

Mr. M. E. Baker is spending the week at Atlantic City.

Dr. Marion Twilley and wife, of Dover, Del., spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Twilley, on High street.

Mr. Wm. Staylor, of Baltimore, has been visiting Mr. Geo. B. Twilley.

Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard after three days practice can now manipulate a bicycle with the ease of a professional.

The Messrs Cora and Hattie Reed have purchased two handsome new wheels.

A beautiful Syracuse tandem was received by Mr. Carl Westcott on Monday.

Mr. Stockton Startt, has ordered a Syracuse flyer.

Mrs. J. J. Sheppard, and her daughters, Misses Avis and Bessie, and Miss Mamie Rayner, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. William J. Vannort, at her home on Front St.

FROM ROCK HALL.

Order out of chaos has at last resulted in the postoffice fight here. We learn that after a thorough consultation between the leaders, Mr. Joseph C. Kendall has withdrawn from the contest and has thrown his influence and strength to Mr. John W. Downey, which practically makes Mr. Downey the successor of our most efficient present encumbent. By this, the muddle is somewhat cleared up, but, in view of the fact that one applicant and his following is yet unpacified, the effect will still be a "thorn in the flesh" to the G. O. P.

The progress in the harbor improvements has been very much retarded for about a week past, owing to the disability of the dredging machine. Repairs are rapidly nearing completion, and in a few days work will be resumed. One of the company's wo. kmen who met with an injury to his foot last week, is much improved, and will soon be on deck again in the discharge of his "mud slinging" duties.

Crab contractors, John W. Boyer & Co., have ordered a "shut down" in the trot-line department for an indefinite period; cause, small demand, small prices, and "general depression," which has been repulsed by "general prosperity" now sweeping over the country.

Captain George Colyer and George Davis succeeded in making large captures of very fine rock fish during last week, but right on the strength of their first successful catches since the close of the oyster season, they are compelled by an odious law to cease further operations until August 1st, unless they secure a $5.00 license for the purpose of seine hauling the bayshore flats for thirty days. The buck fishermen are meeting with poor success in their line so far.

The first and second nines of base-ball of this place matched for honors here on Saturday afternoon, resulting in the defeat of the latter.

The Odd Fellows in a body will attend divine service at the M. E. Church on Sunday morning next, when a special sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Outting, will be delivered.

Dr. Wm. J. Selby, late of Centreville, is here on a visit to his brother, Dr. Walter O. Selby. He has been traveling extensively on the Western Shore, taking in the most prominent cities and towns. He returns with much enthusiasm for Westminster, and says nothing is heard of hard times in that section. Everybody is too busy and happy to find fault or complain.

Mr. Geo. A. Schoon, a resident oysterman of Green Lane, who has been employed at New Port News, Va., since the close of the oyster season, is now home for a week or so respite. He will return to N. P. N. for the remainder of the summer.

A balloon descended into the bay at Huntingfield Point on Sunday afternoon, and was picked up by parties from the shore. BON JOUR.

BASE-BALL GOSSIP.

The Chestertown team yesterday defeated the Lafayettes, of Baltimore, by a score of 10 to 1.

Mr. Curtis E. Crane left Chestertown on Saturday evening for a cruise to Bay Ridge and other points on the Chesapeake in his yucht, the Josephine. Mr. Crane, in addition to a number of special guests took the Church Hill base-ball team on the trip. Messrs. Bader, and Deakyne of the Chestertown club play.d with the Church Hill team on Monday against the strong St. Micballs nine. Among other guests of Mr. and Mrs. Crane were: Misses B. George, L. and N. Valiant, Messrs. Wm. and Russell Caulk, Capt Chas. Tarr, and Capt. Geo. Larrimore, who sailed Capt. Crane's racing canoe.

Prof. A. B. Burris and Joseph Stidham of the Washington College base-ball team have had an enthusiastic welcome by the friends of the Cambridge nine. The Dorchester *Standard* on Saturday said, in referring to the games between Cambridge and Federalsburg: "Prof. Burris' pitching scarcely needs comment. He is simply a master of the pitching art, and with the present team behind him, we have no fear of defeat. Burris pitched a game—and such a game; it was absolutely perfect; he is master of the pitcher's box. The boys could not solve his curves, and down they went.

Joe Stidham's appearance on second for our team was the signal for a mighty outburst of applause from the five hundred people present. His fame as a second baseman had preceded him, and his beautiful playing caught the crowd from the start.

Manner, well-known in Chestertown ball circles also plays with the Cambridge club.

Cambirdge won two games from the Federalsburg club last week by scores of 6 to 4 and 7 to 2. Townsend, who will pitch for Millington to-morrow pitched for the Federalsburg nine, and of his work the *Standard* has the following to say: "Raymond Charles introduced his famous Delaware pitcher, Mr. Townsend, to the Cambridge public for the first time last Saturday. The same young gentleman won his first game against our crippled team at Federalsburg; but this time the conditions were different. Burris and Stidham were with us, Manner and Webb were with us. The game from start to finish was intensely exciting. The Caroline boys were on their mettle and contested every inch of ground. They certainly play fast ball, and deserve credit for the showing they made."

One of the most interesting games of base-ball played here this season, was between the Harlems, a strong aggregation of ball players from Baltimore city, and the local champions, on Saturday last. Although the visitors were defeated by a score of 12 to 3, they kept pace with our sturdy manipulators of the ball, until the sixth inning, when a lead, such that they could not overcome, was scored. A great feature of the game was the terrific batting by Beavers, of the Harlems, and W. Trenchard, of the home team, each having to their credit a home run. That by Trenchard is considered the longest ever witnessed on the grounds. Stephens officiated for the home team and proved himself well worthy of the honor.

Chestertown has now one of the strongest base ball teams on the peninsula. With "Doggie" Trenchard on second, we feel not the loss of Mr. Stidham.

The greatest, most interesting and exciting game of the year will be played at Millington on Friday, between Chestertown and Millington. Townsend, the "invincible" will be on exhibition. What will we do to him?

The Church Hill team, assisted by Bader and Deakyne, won from the St. Michaels team on Monday by a score of 16 to 6.

The management of the Chestertown base-ball club is contemplating a trip down the peninsula next week. The points to be touched are: Monday July 12, Dover; Tuesday 13, Seaford; Wednesday 14, Laurel; Thursday 15, Federalsburg; Friday 16, Cambridge. Should the above be the final arrangement, an excursion will be run via steamer on Friday July 16th, to Cambridge, returning after the game.

STILL POND SCRAPS.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sasscer and their children, Miss Jessie and Master James, of Baltimore, have been the guests of Mrs. M. R. Wilson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hyland, and daughter Mary, of Brooklyn, have been visiting Mrs. Hyland's mother, Mrs. Howard.

Miss Nellie Krusen, and Messrs. J. Ben Krusen and Gus Krusen, have been back home this week.

Miss D. A. Crossley and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parr and family enjoyed the Fifth at Tolchester.

Miss Katharine Howard has returned home after a long and enjoyable visit in Brooklyn.

Messrs. J. Ford Caulk and John B. Parrott spent their 5th at Tolchester.

Miss Daisy Moffett has been cycling with her friend Miss Myra Crewe.

At this writing Mrs. J. W. Harper is improving slowly. Her recovery must be slow and tedious, and her many friends have been very solicitous and sympathetic.

Mr. Jack Medders, of Baltimore, has been visiting Still Pond friends.

The Junior League Lawn Fete, last Saturday, in Krusen's Park, was an auspicious and enjoyable occasion. The spirit of this organization cannot be sufficiently commended, nor their enterprise and activity too often praised. On this special evening their festival was crowded, and about $18 are said to have been realized.

Miss Mary Baynard and friend, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. J. W. Harper.

The Epworth League held its monthly business and social session last Thursday evening, at Miss Annie Roeder's. Owing, it is supposed, to the extreme heat and humidity, an unusually small number were there. Those present seemed to enjoy themselves. The literary program consisted of Music, by Miss Pauline Nelson, Miss Josephine Jones, Rev. E. H. Nelson and others. The next meeting will be at Mrs. J. W. Harper's.

An artistic and versatile Frenchman has been decorating our business houses this week. The new firm of Jewell & Bro. have a fine sign of his painting over their meat market.

Miss Harper, of Brooklyn, has been the guest of Still Pond friends this week.

Still Pond Council No. 182, Jr. O. U. A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: C., C. W. Hague; V. C., John Sutton; A. R. S., W. M. Watts, T., J. W. Clark; financial sect'y, Frank Hill; con., Wm. Anderson; W., J. Boulden; I. S., Wm. Rasin; O. S., I. P. Starkey; chaplain, Wm. H. Krusen.

A gay party of young folks, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, picnieed at Harris' wharf on the glorious and dusty fifth. Crabbing and bathing were enjoyed, and the party returned home via Betterton in order to see the fireworks. The following were on the wagon: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Culbertson, Miss Margerita Lake, Misses Anna, Mary, Eleanor and Lily Wilkinson, Misses Dora and Jessie Culbertson, Misses Mattie and Emma Davis; Messrs. Medders, McGary, Walter and Henry Davis, Edward and Ernest Schofield, Chas. Watts, Earl Busick, J. B. Krusen and Edward Hepburn. W. M. W.

PICNICS GALORE.

A Day of Pleasures in Shady Groves and on the Water.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. Henry Hurtt in extending the use of his pretty steam launch, Sunset, to a number of friends, a delightful Fifth of July outing was enjoyed on Monday afternoon. The party boarded the trim little yacht at 3 o'clock, and after a pleasant run of about an hour and a half between the flag-fringed banks of the Chester, tied up at Crumpton, the queen city of the upper Chester. Dr. F. M. Sheppard kindly offered the use of his beautiful lawn for a picnic ground, and about 6 o'clock, under a spreading chestnut and on a velvety sward of grass, a feast fit for the gods was partaken of.

The location was an ideal one on a high bluff overlooking the river, and everything conspired to add to the pleasures of the occasion. Music and beauty, coupled with a perfect supper perfectly spread completed the charms of the occasion. After a sail in the moonlight the picnicers reached home at 9 o'clock Among those present were: Misses Mary and Catharine Stewart, of Mrs. Paul Turner and Miss Adele Turner and Miss Ould, of Baltimore; Mrs. T. D. France, the Misses Adele and Anna France, Mrs. John D. Welch, Miss Anna Brice, and Messrs. J. D. Welch, T. D. France and C. C. Hopper. Capt. Joseph W. Thompson presided at the wheel.

A jolly party of picnicers pitched their tent and made the wooded bluffs overlooking the Chester ring with mirth and pleasure Monday afternoon. Social pleasures, talking, bathing, swinging in delightful hammocks, interspered with two delightful meals caused the hours to speed all too quickly by and the silent night stole on. It was a joyous, happy crowd who started out in the moonlight for the home return. Those present were: Mrs. E. B. Jones, chaperone, Miss Grace Wilkins, Misses Mary Rogers, Cora Emory, Lucile Rasin, Mary Fleming, Jennie Hines; Messrs. John, Eldridge and Holt Eliason, Frank and Charlie Hines, Hynson Rogers, Harrison W. Vickers, Jr.

The Maskan, one of the handsomest of the fleet of Chester river pleasure yachts, in command of Commodore Eben F. Perkins, and Capt. Thomas W. Perkins, carried a party of picnicers to the pretty grove on the Chester opp site Newnam's wharf, on Monday morning, amid laughter and song the merry makers commenced the cruise, and amid feasting and pleasure the hours were passed.

"Unheeded flew the hours;
How noiseless falls the foot of time,
That only treads on flowers."

Swinging, bathing, eating and other pleasures were in order, and each and every worshipper at the shrine of the American eagle, enjoyed himself or herself. Those composing the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown, Misses Anna Brown, Rebecca Wickes, Mary and Sallie Beck, Miss Solomon, Miss Walnut, Beulah Hayes and Jennie Vickers; Eben F. and Thomas Perkins, George Vickers, Wilbur Eliason, Lewin W. Wickes and W. W. Beck.

A party composed of Mrs. J. D. Bacchus, Mrs. Wm. R. Aldridge, Misses Gertie Lusby, Marion Lusby, Clare Vannort, Clara Usilton, Lottie Russell, Anna Russell, Amye Russell, Maude Sheppard, Maggie Anderson, May Hurlock, Ethel Bacchus, Nellie Nicholson, Augusta Aldridge, Gladys Aldridge, and Messrs. J. D. Bacchus, Chas. L. Dodd, James W Chapman, Earle Usilton, D. A. Bacchus, A. C. Culp, Harry Rickey, Jr., and T. D. Bowers, boarded the schooner "Alexina" at 3.30 P. M. on Monday, for a sail to Northwest Point. As usual, we were becalmed shortly after starting; but drifting with the tide and pushed along by an occasional breeze, we anchored off the point at 6.45 and partook of a dainty repast which the "girls" had prepared. At 8.45 we weighed anchor and were homeward bound with nothing to aid our progress save a flood tide. But what cared we, for as one remarked, we had on board all that was of any importance to "me and you," and by drifting with the tide, and enjoying some of the finest music that Chestertown talent could furnish, we whiled the hours sweetly away until finally at 12.30 A. M. in the morning we anchored once more in the harbor, where we sought the rest that remaineth after pleasure is gone.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

Dr. Chas. R. Twilley took a party to "Riverside" to spend the day crabbing and bathing. Those in the party were: Dr. Marion Twilley and wife, of Dover; Mrs. Hennick and daughter, Mrs. Dr. Twilley, Miss Lillie Bramble and Dr. Chas. R. Twilley and wife.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

Kennedyville Council No. 178 Jr. O. U. A. M. elected the following officers on Wednesday evening of last week: Councilor, W. T. Hague; vice Councilor, H. C. Jarrell; Warden, Chas. King; Conductor, C. W. Nickerson; Chaplain, D. T. Nickerson; assistant Rec. Sec., W. E. Sanders; inside sentinel, Norman Faulkner; outside sentinel, T. A. Godwin; Junior Past Councilor, E. T. Othoson; Senior Past Councilor and State representative, W. E. Sanders.

In acceptance of an invitation from Rev. Jesse Shreeve, the order attended service, at the Methodist Protestant Church in a body on Sunday morning, July 4th. About twenty-five of the members of the Still Pond Council joined the body swelling the number to nearly seventy, which nearly filled one half the church. In addition to other selections, "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner" were sung by the choir. The pastor chose for the subject of his discourse, "Love," and throughout the sermon spoke in a manner that not only encouraged and inspired the hearts of the Juniors but every true patriotic citizen as well.

The Christian Endeavor Society elected the following officers on Thursday evening: President, W. S. Hurlock; vice-president, H. S. Redmile; rec. sec., Miss S. B. McKnett; assistant, Miss Nettie Whitely; cor. sec., Miss Annie Shafer; treasurer, Miss Bertha Redmile.

Mrs. Dr. G. I. Barwick, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. S. E. Barwick.

Mr. J. Oscar Jewell and friend, Mr. Parker, of Baltimore, spent part of the week with Mr. J.'s parents.

Mr Chas Dickey and friend of Baltimore, have been visiting Mr. T. Redmile.

The W. C. T. U. will meet in the town hall to-morrow (Friday) evening. An interesting programme has been arranged, and all are invited to attend.

The festival and supper to be held at Mr. T. Redmiles on Saturday evening will be an enjoyable affair. Please remember the day, Saturday, July 10th.

Mr. W. E. Sanders spent Monday with his parents at Greensboro', and participated in the great bicycle parade, one of the most interesting features of the 4th celebration. RIVERA.

"July 18, 1896, our store, four dwelling houses and three barns were washed away by a flood. Soon after the community was visited by an epidemic of bloody flux. In a short time we sold 10 dozen of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and in every case where it was used the results were all that could be desired; in fact our physicians admitted that it would do more toward bringing about a cure of flux than they could do."—BUSH & KINLEY & Auburn, W. Va., Oct., 8, 1896. For sale by M. A. Toulson Druggist.

FROM PINEY NECK.

Respects to a Christian Gentleman and Good Citizen—Children's Day.

This community was saddened on June 19th, by the death of Richard Crouch, Sr., a highly esteemed citizen, a kind neighbor, and a loving brother, father and companion. Brother Crouch was 69 years of age, had been a man of marvelous constitution and wonderful ambition. He had lingered about nine months in his late illness, which was a disease of the stomach. He had, however, been confined to his bed but a few weeks. The greater part of this nine months, he had eaten comparatively nothing, except such light diet as oat meal and milk. It seemed to be his greatest desire and ambition to get well in order that he might be able to work again. It was his daily talk to get out of the house and walk around. Notwithstanding this desire, he would often say "The Good Master knows best, for He is above us all." A week before his death he called his family to his bedside and told them of his plans for burial and asked them not to grieve for him, and to meet him in heaven. He frequently expressed to his pastor, and intimate friends, a willingness and readiness to go, if it was the Lords will. Finally he became too weak to talk above a whisper and at the questioning of his pastor, Rev. J. W. Prettyman, he said he was trusting in God and that he was ready to go whenever the messenger came. The funeral exercises were conducted at his late residence in Piney Neck on Monday, June 21st, at 10 o'clock A. M. by pastor, and interment at Wesley Chapel cemetery.

It was considered by the oldest persons in the community to be the largest funeral procession that ever went out of this Neck.

The order of Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was a member, turned out in a body and conducted their regular burial services around the grave.

May this eventful and pious life, which went out so like unto the going down of the sun on a clear day, be a perpetual reminder and example to the members of the order and the community at large, and a lasting consolation and stimulus to the members of his family and his relatives! HIS PASTOR.

N. B.—This communication was lost on the way, hence it is late in being published.

The Children's Day services at Piney Neck Church, held on the evening of June 27th, were a grand success. A large audience was in attendance. The church was filled to its utmost capacity with chairs and extra benches in all the aisles, and then all the standing room taken besides. There were also a large number who, not able to get even standing room inside, stood around the windows looking in. The programme rendered was of the highest order. In the absence of the pastor, the exercises were largely arranged by Miss Clara B. Van Dyke, one of our school teachers in this place. Miss Van Dyke had the children thoroughly drilled, and the programme rendered under her supervision on the night of the entertainment was but an evidence of the superior adaptability of both instructor and pupils. The part given by the little folks was especially interesting, many of them being quite small, yet, they spoke nicely and sung, it may well be said, "as never children sang before." The Young Peoples Republic, rendered by the older scholars, was exceedingly instructive and was in all respects a success "AN OBSERVER."

WORTON ITEMS.

Two colored men entered the bedroom of Miss Nellie Porter, and Miss Addie Parsons, who is visiting her, on Sunday night by means of a ladder stolen from Mr. Kiker. Miss Porter says she felt some one holding her hand and reached forth her other when she clasped a colored man's hand. This frightened her so that she gave the alarm but before assistance could arrive they had escaped. The men were bare-footed and were traced as far as Catt's Corner school house.

Mr. Carter, of Queen Anne, is visiting his cousin, Mr. Wm. Carter.

Miss Annie Herbert is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Worton is very proud of the fine trotter, Procter, of Mr. Ed Crowding, which won second money at Tolchester on Monday, with both traces and breeching undone hanging around his feet. Trot him again, Ed, he'll do better next time.

Mr. Everett fell at noon on Monday, hurting himself very badly.

Mrs. Caffrey, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Kiker.

Miss Susie Johnston, of Kennedyville, spent last week with Miss Blanche Duyer.

Miss Maud Parsons has been the guest of Miss Mamie Copper of this place.

Mrs. Elva Porter, of Still Pond, has been the guest of Mrs. J. B. Crowding.

Mrs. L. A. Duyer has been quite sick the past week.

Miss Margie Cooper, of Worton, is visiting Miss Minnie Hudson of Fairlee. MADGE.

From Cliff City.

There was a general exodus of Cliff City on the 5th, many of our citizens leaving the heated city for the bay shore and river picnics.

Mr. Fred Kursh was the only citizen patriotic enough to sling old Glory to the breeze.

A little rain would be a great benefit. Things are needing a drink; the men who are that way inclined all had one or more on the 5th.

Mrs. Wm. B. Hollis, of Wilmington, Del., and Mr. Geo. M. D. Hart, of Townsend, visited Mrs. John D. Carter at the Cliffs last week.

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