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LOCAL MATTERS.

The Rock Hall Improvement.—The new wharf being built by Dr. A. P. Sharp in front of his residence in Rock Hall creek, is nearing completion, and it is expected will be ready for use by Aug. the 15th. It is reported that the Chester River Company will not build a wharf in Rock Hall harbor, but have arranged with Dr. Sharp for the use of his property.

Accidentally Hung.—Isaac Wilmer, colored, living in Millington, last week left his home in charge of a twelve-year-old son. Upon the father's return the boy was found dead hanging to a door with a rope around his neck. The boy it is supposed, was playing with this rope up on the stairs, and in some manner fell with the rope about his neck. It is evident that the rope was first placed on a nail which was found broken, and in falling off the nail, caught on the door hinge and hanged the lad.

Money in Early Tomatoes.—Mr. Percy G. Skirven several years ago demonstrated that there is handsome profit in early tomatoes. With great care and much trouble Mr. Skirven had over an acre in tomatoes several weeks ahead of the regular ripening and received seventy-five cents and one dollar per basket for the entire output of his one acre, or as much as from ten times the same amount of land in wheat, corn or fruit. Mr. Wiggins, of near Crumpton, on Friday brought to Chestertown twelve peach baskets of tomatoes and found ready sale at a dollar per basket, or received as much for the twelve baskets as the regular grower will get for two and a half tons later in the season.

Col. Vannort "In It."—Col. Wm. J. Vannort, left Baltimore on Sunday morning to attend the National Convention of the League of Republican Clubs which will be in session in Detroit on July 13, 14 and 15. Col. Vannort is a delegate-at-large from Maryland and is also a delegate-ex-officio by reason of being a national executive committeeman from Maryland The party traveled over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in two handsomely equipped private cars. Champagne, pure Havanas and other luxuries were in abundance, and the last seen of the affable Kent county politician as the train drew out of Camden station on Sunday were a boutonniere of for-get-me-nots, a luminous smile and his up-to-date beaver. The local representative of the Lowndes-Wellington administration is enjoying many of the good things of life during these latter days of the nineteenth century, and with a smile declares that "he laughs best who laughs last."

Machinery Hands Strike.—Mr. Henry Powell, living on the Brooks farm, in Morgnec, found himself confronted by embarrassing circumstances on Saturday. The threshing machine of Mr. Wattie McKnett was set and operations commenced when the colored hands asked what they were to receive per day. Mr. Powell told them seventy-five cents, the regulation price paid by all the farmers he had heard of. The men demanded one dollar and refused to work for less. The price being refused the men stopped work and Mr. Powell was left to get along as best he could with his own force and some white assistants. The strikers were prevailed upon on Saturday afternoon to go to work on Monday morning for seventy five cents per day, but some influence was brought to bear upon them during Sunday and on Monday morning the strikers were still out and the machine was started with a short force of hands.

A Fast Run.—The intense heat and the fact that a gale of wind prevailed, considered, Mr. Samuel Greenwood gave a splendid exhibition of vigorous road-riding on Monday. The mid-summer non-jury term of court was in session and Hope H. Barroll, Esq., desired certain important papers which were in possession of the court officials at Centreville. Could the papers be received before the case was called valuable time would be saved. Mr. Greenwood under took the trip, leaving Chestertown at a quarter to eleven o'clock. The heat of the sun was fairly blistering and a gale of wind made every inch of the way doubly trying, but at exactly twelve o'clock Centreville was reached. The papers were gotten and after stopping ten minutes at Church Hill, Mr. Greenwood walked into the court room as the clock struck two, and just as the case was called in which the papers were needed. A few minutes later and it would have been too late. The actual riding time was two hour and twenty five minutes.

Not so Hot, After All.—The hot spell which commenced on June 29th, and lasted fourteen days, though uncomfortably warm to the average man, was not so excessive after all, when compared with the hot spell of last year, which commenced on August 4th and lasted nine days. This year the temperature has been 90 degrees or over on only three days. During last year's hot spell the thermometer was 90 degrees or over on every day. During the hot spell last year the nights were exceedingly warm, the thermometer staying at 75 degrees or over. The average maximum last year was 94 degrees, while this year it was only 88 degrees. The average minimum last year was 74 degrees, while this year it was 71 degrees. The average for the period last year was 84 degrees, while this year it was only 80 degrees. The heat of the last few days is shown in the following list of maximum temperatures: June 29, maximum 83; June 30, 95; July 1, 84; July 2, 91; July 3, 88; July 4; 86; July 5, 87; July 6, 90; July 7, 89; July 8, 84; July 9, 86. Last year's hot spell is shown in the following list of maximums: August 4, maximum 91; Aug. 5, 96; Aug. 6, 94; Aug. 7, 98; Aug. 8, 94; Aug. 9, 97; Aug. 10, 90; Aug. 11, 95; Aug. 12, 97; Aug. 13, 92.

Large Land Sale.—Probably the largest sale of real estate that ever occurred in Queen Anne county took place in Centreville on Tuesday, when Mr. W. W. Busteed, as trustee, sold the county property of Mr. John B. Brown. There were seventeen lots, and the sales aggregated over $46,000 for about 2,100 acres, including some of the finest farming lands and desirable homes in Queen Anne's county. A few years ago the it would have sold for at least double the amount. The fine estate known as the Bryan farm was purchased by Mr. R. B. Dixion, the Burns farm by W. H. Newman, the Wright farm by W. J. Price, the Meredith farm by Charles West, the Ellersly farm by Josiah Rhodes, the Downes farm by C. W. Jackson, the Atwell farm by Spencer Merrick and the Hall farm by Daniel Tilghman. It was anticipated that the superior quality of this property and the present depreciated value of farm lands would attract buyers from other sections, but with the exception of Mr. Dixon the purchasers were residents of Queen Anne's county. Frank Seward and Sidney Jump were the auctioneers.

Officers Installed.—District Deputy Grand Master, Wm. T. Matthews, installed the following officers of Amicable Lodge No. 117 I. O. O. F. Noble-Grand, H. M. Wallis; Vice-Grand, F. D. Leary; Secretary, John R. Rollison; R. S. to N. G., J. Frank Davis; L.S. to N.G., John F. Howard; Conductor, C. J. Reiche; Warder, C. G. Howard; R. S. S., F. M. Miller; L. S. S., W. H. Lambert, Jr.; I. G., Geo. B. Twilley; O. G., A. B. Frazier; R. S to V. G., H. T. Hoyle; L. S. to V. G., L. B. Russell.

SCHOFIELD AGAIN.

The Negro Supposed to be in Somerset County.

The following letter was received by the TRANSCRIPT by mail yesterday, from Widgeon, Somerset county:

GENTLEMEN:—I will inform you of the fact that Sam Schofield, the assailant of Mrs. Godwin, is without a doubt in Somerset county.

He has been to several negro houses to get something to eat and they swear that he answers every description of Schofield. They say that he has the scar on the left side of his face and also one of his little fingers off.

The negro has also been seen by some white people. He is now in our community and everything seems to be in a perfect uproar. The women are afraid to leave their homes and men won't walk in the night. I think it will be well for your officers of Kent to investigate the matter fully, down here.

I remain very truly yours,
U. S. GRANT WELSH.

Mr. Welsh is well-known to the editors of this paper and is thoroughly reliable. Sheriff Casey when shown the letter yesterday, stated that he had heard nothing from the Somerset authorities, but said that he would write to them at once and mail descriptive circulars and the offer of the reward.

The Sheriff several days ago received a communication from Virginia stating that a strange and suspicious character was in the vicinity. He immediately sent full particulars to the authorities.

Short Crop Notes.

Mr. Thomas Cecil, the peach king of Spaniard's Neck, was in Chestertown on Thursday, and in response to a query as to his peach crop, said: "I have plenty of them. My trees are full, and I am pretty sure for 20,000 baskets, unless some unusual accident occurs."

The first carload of new wheat carried over the B. & D. B. R. R. was carried from Lynch's on Thursday. The grain was plump and in fine condition.

Peaches sold in the Baltimore market last week for 75c. and $1.00 per box, and 50 and 75 cents per basket. Mr. Wm. P. Ireland reports the first sales of Kent county peaches made by him in the Philadelphia market at $1.

Local buyers were offering 70 cents for wheat yesterday. Baltimore quotations were: Graded lots, 73½c. for No. 2 red and 71½ for steamer No. 2 red.

FROM ROCK HALL.

Two men and a woman with a team, composed a camping party in Ex Judge Wilkins' woods during last week. Their actions and inquiries as to the general retirement of the residents at night aroused suspicion among many of our people. A few evenings ago, several residents made a call and found that the trio had apparently retired for the night. The wagon having a medical advertisement displayed on the sides, the supposition was that the parties were patent medicine venders, consequently they were hailed thus: "Dr., Oh, Dr!" One of the men answering, exclaimed, "Now look here, you g— d— young rowdies, if you don't get away from here we will make it hot for you." The visitors answered, "let her go galagher, we are ready for you," then the strangers were asked the purpose of their traveling and camping out in our neighborhood. The occupants of the wagon became highly indignant at being disturbed and insulted by a set of d— oystermen, (as they put it) and began a tirade of abusive language and threats, if the visitors did not disperse. This was too much for our men to bear, and they gave the men and their female companion to understand that if they did not get out and move on, they would be roughly dealt with. So they "got up and dusted" for other parts, and have not since been seen in south R. H. It is reported that they were gypsies.

Another bad colored man has been allowed to escape, after enriching his pocket-book and wardrobe from the pockets and backs of his fellow-workmen. On Saturday, 13th inst., Capt. J. P. Hatcherson paid four of his farm hands $4 apiece. Three of the men were very judicious in the expenditure of their funds, and on Sunday morning they found a surplus of from $1 to $3 each to the credit of the rainy day fund.

On Tuesday night the fourth man went through the pockets of the other three as they slept, and secured the surplus cash, besides taking a brand new suit of clothes, and decamped. Constable Davis was put on the track of the fugitive but failed to capture him. Captain Hatcherson states that he could have easily captured the man, and had he known at the time the circumstances, would have done so.

The Republican primaries of last Saturday in this district has left an "aching void" which cannot be healed. Our old friend, J. C. Kendall, was badly cut. "Cast Iron" and his lieutenants accomplished the defeat of the head of the ticket by cutting off the white names and voting solidly for the colored delegates. It is now said that "Cast Iron" will concentrate his forces against Downey and in favor of Davis, for the P. O. plum. "He laughs best, who laughs last." The factional feeling is bitter, and things all along the lines are interesting.

Capt. Joe Downey, on Friday last captured 400 bunches of rock fish with his purse net near Poodles Island. Owing to a pile of stones upon which the net was badly torn a week before, Capt. Downey was compelled to lay his net off through the centre of the school of fish. Had he been enabled to surround the school, it is estimated that his pungy would not have held the fish that would have been caught. Capt. Downey went to great expense in fitting out for purse net fishing, and many thought that he was making a great mistake, but he is proving the wisdom of his undertaking so far, as he has caught about 1000 bunches of very fine fish since starting out several weeks ago.

Capt. George Davis has been on the sick list for a week. Indulging in too many good things on the "glorious 4th," proved detrimental to his well being. He is now getting out again, and no doubt will be more circumspect regarding what he puts under his belt.

A copious rain on Monday afternoon was productive of great good to this section.

Miss Ada, second daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Edward Procter, died on Sunday, after a long illness of consumption, which she bore with christian fortitude. Her funeral took place Tuesday afternoon conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. P. Outting. BON JOUR.

Obituary.

Mrs. Annie E. Schrieber, wife of Henry E. Schrieber, of Spaniard's Neck, Queen Anne county, died at her home on Sunday, July 4th, aged 35 years. She had been a sufferer from consumption for more than a year. A husband and five children survive her. Mrs. Schrieber was before marriage a Miss Annie Comstock, of Kennedyville. Interment at Salem, in Queen Anne.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mr. R. J. Catlin, an efficient official who was some time since asked to resign from a position in Washington in order that one of Mr. Wellington's campaign promises might be met, has purchased the interest of Mr. William T. Carter in the hardware business of Busteed, Price and Carter, Centreville. Mr. Catlin is an affable gentleman and during his long residence in Queen Anne, near Chester bridge, made many friends in Chestertown and throughout Kent county.

Dr. Sudler P. Roberts, of Greensboro, and Miss M. Julia Todd, a popular teacher of Church Hill Academy, were married at St. Luke's P. E. Church, Church Hill, on Thursday, by the rector, Rev. Mr. Kimball. The bride's sister, Miss Essie, was best girl and she was given away by her father. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the happy couple passed out receiving the congratulations of their many friends. They will make Greensboro, Caroline county their future home, the doctor having recently settled there for the practice of his profession. Miss Todd is a niece of Mrs. Joel R. Clements, of Chestertown, and has many friends in Kent, having frequently visited this town.

Mr. George Aldridge, who was the popular purser on the steamer Gratitude for several years, but on account of failing health resigned his position, has been appointed to a similar position on the steamer Corsica.

Dr. William J. Selby, dentist, formerly of Centreville, and a brother of Dr. W. O. Selby, of Rock Hall, has opened an office in Westminster, Carroll county, where he will practice his profession.

Mr. Richard Merrikin, class of '95 at Washington College, and principal of the Greensboro Academy, was an applicant, among many others, for the principalship of Easton High School, to which School Examiner Alexander Chaplain was on Monday appointed.

Miss Mary Stewart, who is visiting her sister, Miss Caroline Stewart, at Washington College, has recently graduated with honors in music and art. She is highly talented and her work has been greatly admired by all who have seen it.

No visitor to Kent during many months has given greater pleasure to many lovers of a beautiful voice, than did Mrs. Paul Turner, of Baltimore, who until several days ago was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. France. Mrs. Turner has naturally a magnificent voice and by careful training has added to its strength, precision and beauty. She, with Miss Mary Stewart, who also has a fine and cultivated voice, sung at Emmanuel P. E. church during her stay. Prof. Walter W. Chapman, whose musical talent is recognized and appreciated wherever he is known, assisted the ladies in giving some of the finest music ever heard in Chestertown. Miss Hurtt presided at the organ, and her performances were classic in their beauty.

Mr. Edward Miller, until recently the popular repairer in J. H. Sides jewelry store, has returned temporarily to his home in the Shenandoah Valley, Va. Mr. Miller is a dyed-in-the-wool Free Silver Democrat, and is deploring the fact that he is forced to receive his mail at "McKinley Postoffice."

Mr. M. E. Clarke, of Virginia, has been the guest of Prof. T. H. Topping for several days. In commenting upon politics at his home, he stated that the "colored brother" is giving no little trouble because of his demands. Postoffices are the places most desired by the new aspirants.

A very quiet and pretty wedding took place at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Wilmington, Del., on Tuesday evening, July 13th. The contracting parties were Mr. Francis A. Wallis, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Adolphus Wallis, of Kent county, Md., and Miss Katherine Hendel, daughter of the late Francis Joseph Hendel, of Wilmington, Del. The bride wore white silk trimmed with lace and ribbon and carried bride roses. The groom wore the conventional black. Owing to recent bereavement in the family of the bride, only the relatives of both families were invited. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wallis took the 7 o'clock train of P. W. & B. R. R. for a short tour. [*Kent News* please copy.

Prof. Wm. G. Smyth, school examiner for Kent county, is attending the State Teachers' Association at the Blue Mountain House, this week.

Mrs. W. D. Austin and two interesting children, of Wilmington, Del., are guests of Miss Alice Austin, at the Vosbell House.

Mr. T. Blackiston Perkins, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason.

Dr. C. W. Reid has returned from a delightful excursion in search of brook trout fishing. The doctor is the Isaak Walton of Kent and visited one of the most noted spots on the continent, north of and near Lake Superior, but found mosquitoes as fine in size and as vicious in biting qualities as were the trout. The doctor accompanied his brother, and reports that they each had a boat and two Indian guides to pilot them each day. The fare was novel, but not more so than a contrivance gotten up by the Kent county fisherman to keep off mosquitoes. It was successful however, and that was the object desired.

Mrs. Arthur Crisfield, and her daughter, Miss Ethelind, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Pearce, on Front street.

Mr. Samuel Beck, of Fort Worth, Texas, is visiting at his mother's home on Front street. Mr. Beck is an enthusiastic admirer of the "Lone Star State" but withal clings to the old home.

Miss Potter and Miss Ethel Knight, of Baltimore, and Miss Hattie McKenney, of Centreville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll yesterday.

Mrs. Deaver, and daughter, Miss Nannie, are visiting Mrs. M. H. Mecerer, Front street.

Mr. Metcvitz and two sisters, are spending the summer in town.

Miss Lycett, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. Eben F. Perkins, Water street

Mrs. Helen Kent Shaw, left this morning for Europe.

Short Church Notes.

Wye camp will open on July 27th. The new Queen Anne Railroad has a station on the edge of the grounds.

Very Rev. George C. Sutton, D. D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, has accepted a call to the rectorship of Pocomoke Parish, Pocomoke City, Md. He will enter upon his new duties Sunday, August 1. Dr. Sutton left Shewsbury Parish, this county, to become dean of the Cathedral in October of 1893. The Cathedral has grown greatly in power and influence during his ministry. A vested choir, the first one on the Eastern Shore was formed and trained by him.

The scholars, teachers and friends of the Chestertown M. E. Sunday School are enjoying a royal outing in the beautiful grove at Queenstown to-day. The school boarded the Ford this morning with beaming faces and well stocked baskets.

The Rock Hall M. E. Sunday School enjoyed the day at Tolchester yesterday.

New Advertisements.

Have you attended Moody & Lusby's reduction sale of broken lots in mens', boys' and children's suits? If not, and in need of such, you should call early while they have a good assortment. They are getting rid of all summer goods at cost of production to make room for Fall goods.

NOTES OF THE DIAMOND.

The game of ball between the Chestertown and Millington clubs, at Millington on Friday, was a great surprise, doubtless, to the Millington players as well as to their friends. That they lost the game was not so much due to their having played poor ball as it was to the fact that the Chestertown men put up an errorless game, and gave an exhibition of work on the diamond such as was never before seen in the county, except on the Washington College diamond. The following summary is a concentrated history of the game.

CHESTERTOWN.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
W. Trenchard, 2b	4	2	0	0	3	0
Deakyne, 3b	5	2	2	2	3	0
Bader, c	5	0	0	6	0	0
Boston, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
T. Trenchard, ss	3	1	2	4	2	0
Gill, 1b	4	0	0	12	1	0
Brice, rf	3	1	1	2	1	0
McCabbins, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Stevens, p	4	1	1	1	4	0
MILLINGTON.	**B.**	**R.**	**H.**	**O.**	**A.**	**E.**
Sparks, cf	3	0	0	0	1	0
D. Holtin, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	0
Stradley, 1b	3	0	1	10	1	1
Unglaub, c	4	0	0	12	2	0
J. Townsend, p	4	0	1	0	2	0
Schuratka, cf	3	0	0	1	0	1
Harris, ss	3	1	2	1	4	1
S. Holtin, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Pritchard, 2b	3	0	1	3	1	1

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Chestertown	2	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	—8
Millington	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—1

Earned runs—Chestertown, 3; Millington, 1. Two-base hits—Deakyne, Harris. Three-base hits—Boston, Harris. Bases stolen—Chestertown, 7. Double plays, Harris, Pritchard, Stradley. Bases on balls—Off Stevens, 3; off Townsend, 2. Struck out—By Stevens, 2; by Townsend, 12. Passed balls—Unglaub, 3. Wild pitch—Townsend, 1. Umpire, H. Cannan.

Manager Hurtt of the Chestertown base-ball team, has arranged a game to be played with the strong Cambridge nine to-morrow afternoon at Cambridge. The players, accompanied by a number of excursionists will leave Chestertown at 6.00 o'clock to-morrow morning on the the fine passenger side-wheel steamer Forest City. It is estimated that the eighty miles to Cambridge will be made in six hours and a half. A limited number of excursion tickets are for sale by Manager Hurtt at $1.00 for the round trip. This promises to be a delightful little outing.

The Millington team in the early part of the week canceled their game with the Chestertown team for a game to-morrow (Friday.)

FROM CLIFF CITY.

Cultivation of Small Fruits to be Inaugurated.

The Sunday School of Mowbray Chapel was organized on last Sunday. There was a good attendance but we hope for a better one next Sunday, when officers will be appointed and teachers selected for the classes. There will be extra services held in the Chapel commencing on Sunday. Two preliminary meetings held this week, one on Tuesday and one on Thursday night. The extra services last winter were such as to encourage the pastor, Brother Cooper, to hold the midsummer meetings. We hope and pray that it may meet with the greatest success.

Some of our farmers are branching out into small fruits, notably, Messrs. William, Henry, and C. C. Brown. They will have from 10 to 12 acres of strawberries next season. This will make work and money in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Kate Hyland, of Winchester, Mrs. Thos. B. Hyland and Capt. Thos Hyland, Sr., visited Mrs. James Hyland of Cliff City, last week. Capt. Tom became reminiscent and told of the good old days when you could catch a boat load of fish at one haul, and whiskey was $8.00 per barrel, and added that if it had been like the poison they sell nowadays the country would have been depopulated.

A splendid rain struck here on Monday afternoon and did much good to fruit, growing crops and grass. HIVER.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Newsy Bits From the Upper County.

Farmers are now busy threshing their wheat crops. Some fine yields are reported, Mr. Davis having threshed *sixteen hundred* bushels from *forty acres*, or an average of forty bushels per acre. Who can beat it? Messrs. J. D. Davis, Harry Griffith, Jas. Thornly and others got an average of thirty-two bushels per acre.

Mr. J. Ford Caulk met with quite a painful though not serious accident last Wednesday. He had a very sharp knife opened in his hand, and in attempting to jump upon a box he slipped and the knife-blade entering his leg just above the knee, inflicted a very painful wound. At last reports he was doing very well. Dr. Jeter dressed the injury.

Mr. Griffith Cliff, who accidentally shot himself some days ago, is getting along finely. His physician, Dr. Jeter, thinks he will be able to get out in a few days.

Master Louie Dreka met with what might have been a very serious accident on June 30th. He, with his schoolmates, were engaged in a game of base-ball on the school picnic grounds when a pitched ball struck him on the forehead just above the right eye, causing a very ugly wound and necessitating the taking of several stitches. Louie is a great lover of the national game and it is sincerely hoped that he may not meet with any more such accidents

Mr. Louis Dreka had his large gasoline engine placed in his fine roller mill plant last week. Messrs. Tepper, of New York, assisted by one of Chestertown's most skilled plumbers, Mr. Sutton, placed the engine in position. It is a Hicks twenty-horse power, compound engine, run by gasoline, which is ignited by electric sparks generated by five large Edison-Laland batteries. Mr. Dreka contracted direct with the manufacturers at Detroit, Michigan. This is a large mill plant heretofore run by water power, but owing to the scarcity of water during long droughts, Mr. Dreka being always ready and willing to serve his patrons, decided upon this wise course of putting in a large engine. This is the second one of the kind in the county, one having been put in by the same firm at the large mill of Topping and Price, near St. Paul's church, in the lower part of the county

The Misses Davis, of near Warwick, spent Friday with their uncle, Mr. J. D. Davis, near town.

Mrs. Vansant and two children, of Wilmington, are visiting at the parental home, Mr. Phineas Jones'.

Quite a number around here spent the fifth at Tolchester, going down on the steamer Sassafras.

The Jr. O. U. M. of Cecilton, gave their annual excursion to Tolchester on Tuesday.

Our teacher left for his home near Chestertown, on last Sunday, accompanied by his friend, W. Irving Spry, who spent several days with him.

The scholars of our public school held their annual picnic in Mr. Harry Griffith's beautiful lawn just outside of town on Wednesday afternoon, June 30th. A very large crowd was present.

The following are the averages of those scholars attaining 80 per cent. or better, and receiving certificates of proficiency and promotions:

Sixth Grade—Fannie Griffith, 92.4; M. Earle Davis, 85; Louie Dreka, 81.

2d Fifth Grade—Eva George, 88; Stella Davis, 86; Alice Dreka, 85.4.

1st Fifth Grade—Jerome Kennedy, 90

Fourth Grade—Erastus Nickerson, 87; Owens Griffith, 81.2.

Third Grade—Nellie Kennedy, 92.3; William Shallcross, 91.5; Helen Davis, 90.5; William Beaston, 83.1.

3d First Grade—Olin Davis, 95.8; Mary Tarbutton, 87.8; Harry Tarbutton, 87.4.

2d First Grade—Fannie Johnson, 97; Nellie Johnston, 88.5; Edlie Stradley, 82.8; Thomas Hickman, 81.

1st First Grade—John Ernest, 95; George Kennedy, 94.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Unhappy Family Met in Chestertown on Tuesday.

LOCAL TICKET TO BE NAMED IN AUGUST.

Hot Primary Fights.

The Republican convention which met in Chestertown on Tuesday was anything but a happy family. The colored brother, who long ago tired of playing second fiddle to the office-seekers' dance, had served notice of trouble, and in every district colored delegates were given a conspicuous place. Joseph C. Kendall, an aspirant for a place on the ticket came to Chestertown on Monday and spent the night with would-be-a-candidate for the State Legislature Larry Bates Russell, his son-in-law, and got in several telling blows in advance. An air of hustle and busy excitement pervaded the vicinity of the Westcott-Burchinal headquarters all the morning, and the colored delegates were an object of much concern to the prospective nominees, and were in a continuous state of button-holing

Some Republicans were anxious that the entire ticket be named on Tuesday and time given to heal all breaches and overcome any possible disaffection, but there were others who figured for time to build up fences and get the political household affairs in order, and it became evident that trouble was on. Saturday's primaries had had anything but a tendency to heal matters, and the cheese-knife, which a fifth district leader had drawn on his colored friends at the time of the fight in the lower district, was not forgotten by the men "they left behind them."

THE CONVENTION.

The convention was called to order at 12 o'clock in the supper room of Stam's Hall, by Senator Westcott, chairman of the central committee. The following committee on credentials was then appointed: O. P. Dickerson, S. J. Comly, Wm. Riley, J. H. Hurtt, Wm. R. Hodges, Simon Freeman, James H. Baker.

Charles T. Westcott was elected chairman of the convention and Joseph W. Harper, secretary.

The following committee on resolutions: Clarence Price, John W. Hall, Alex Mair, Wm. D. Burchinal, J. C. Kendall, Harry P. Jones and Henry Brown, reported resolutions endorsing the national administration and congratulating the country upon the election of Wm. McKinley. The board of county commissioners was resolved into having performed a splendid duty in their effort to hoodwink the people into an imaginary reduction of the tax-rate. The independent voter was resolved upon, and the following timely notice of future purposes was outlined in the following:

Resolved, That we pledge our efforts to select as candidates our best men, whose reputation and lives are a synonym of what their conduct will be if they are entrusted by the people with the management of public affairs.

The pretty irony of "Equal rights and equal justice to all" was dropped to the poor brother who after each election is told that the "times are not ripe for *equal* recognition. You must wait. Learn to clean spittoons and cut plantains out of the court house yard, and then at the end of the twentieth century step up higher."

Not one word of lovemaking or sweet encouragement was wafted to Mr. Wellington or to Messrs. Russum, Haines or Mullikin, the geniuses of yesterday's convention at Centreville, only because Senator Westcott didn't want the empty honor and blocked the way for his independent protege, Mr. Urie.

Upon taking the chair, the presiding officer served notice that the control of the commissioners office was the plum most worthy the plucking in November. The chairman spoke truly in saying "we are a peculiar people." The following delegates were named to the judicial convention: Wilbur Eliason, Joseph W. Harper, Wm. D. Burchinal, Willard Scotten, Harrison Jenkins and Louis Henry Mr. Harper was unable to go and Mr. W. H. Lambert, Jr., went in his stead.

The selection of delegates to the State Convention was next taken up and the following were named: Samuel Mallalieu, J. D. Urie, Samuel Comly, Charles T. Westcott, James H. Baker and Fred Nichols, Jr.

The convention extended to Mr. Westcott the courtesy of naming the delegates to the judicial convention, but the senator declined the honor stating emphatically that he was not and would not be a candidate for a judicial nomination. The naming of a State Central Committee, was taken up, and the old committe, Messrs. C. T. Westcott, F. H. Harper and Louis Henry, were unanimously re-elected.

The rock upon which the unanimity of the convention received a severe shock was, whether the naming of a local ticket should be on Tuesday or at a future day. Mr. Westcott was strongly in favor of a postponement of the naming of the ticket and made a strong appeal to that end, while that veteran of Republicanism and the man who was for years the soul and cohesive force which kept the party in existince, Capt. William D. Burchinal was for an immediate naming of the ticket and made the speech of the day in advocacy of it. J. Henry Hurtt made a ringing speech for action at once, as did also Joseph C. Kendall, of the fifth district, and others. Messrs. Harper, J. H. Baker, and others were equally earnest for a postponement. The fine Italian hand of Mr. Urie was also pulling with the opponents of Capt. Burchinal.

It was generally conceded that had the ticket been named on Tuesday the Captain would have been the nominee of his party for clerk. The friends of Mr. Harper, who desire that he shall step into that much coveted position, saw that their chance lay in delay, and the fight for vantage was a stubborn one. A final vote of fifty to twenty declared for a postponement until Tuesday, August 17. Some are disposed to think that with this handicap and certain tendencies showing themselves, the wealthy Still Pond merchant will come in a winner. The law creating the treasurers office precludes the possibility of Capt. Burchinal being his own successor, and there the matter stands. While there was no open outbreaks or wrangling in Tuesday's convention, they were a decidedly unhappy family.

The delegates to the convention were:

White.	Colored.
FIRST DISTRICT.	
Clarence Price,	John Terrel,
W. W. Baldwin,	Alfred Jeffers,
John D. Boyd,	Zion Potts,
Harry Dempsey,	Isaac Dempsey,
Wm. H. Ford,	Henry Scott,
Wm. Davis,	Samuel Caulk,
Lewis Atwell,	O. P. Dickerson.
SECOND DISTRICT.	
Samuel J. Comly,	Lewis Johnson,
C. W. England,	Lorenzo Johnson,
Joseph W. Harper,	Emory Henry,
R. G. Hill,	J. W. Hall,
J. S. Webb,	Joseph White.
THIRD DISTRICT.	
W. A. Crew,	William Riley,
Alex Mair,	Thos. Buckner,
F. R. Rouse,	Nath. Tilghman,
G. D. Bowers,	James H. Cotton,
Daniel B. Neal,	James Dorsey.
FOURTH DISTRICT.	
Chas. T. Westcott,	Harrison Jenkins,
Wm D. Burchinal,	John W. Broadway,
J. Henry Hurtt,	Zack. T. Dunn,
S. Frank Smith,	Fred. Nichols, Jr.,
Wm. T. Matthews,	Wm. E. Graves
FIFTH DISTRICT.	
Joseph C. Kendall,	John W. Murray,
Wm. E. Hodges,	Robert Murray,
John R. Dowling,	Dan'l K. Johnson,
George Ayres,	Edward Dudley,
Charles W. Crouch.	Wesley Suscoe.
SIXTH DISTRICT.	
Harry P. Jones,	J. F. Russell,
Thomas Willis,	Simon Freeman,
R. A. Smyth,	Henry Walley,
Wm. G. Smyth,	Emory Ward.
T. H. M. Bramble,	Charles Dudley.
SEVENTH DISTRICT.	
James H. Baker,	Geo. A. Thompson,
Henry Brown,	W. T. Murray,
George M. Hadaway,	Joseph Wallis,
J. C. Davis,	John Watson.
S. E. T. Startt,	
I. R. Leaverton,	

Saturday's Primaries.

The prolonged season of Republican uneasiness assumed form on Saturday and the contending forces lined up for a public test of strength and a general warm time. For weeks and even months generous signs of life and animation were noticable in the fifth, and in spite of the good old lion and lamb time recently announced, the veriest school boy could sniff trouble in the air. The scintilating witchery of the smile of Joseph Kendall had been at work on the weak-kneed and irresolute of the faithful for months, and his ranks were in fairly good shape. On the other hand Mr. J. E. Beck disapproved of certain men and certain measures adopted by the veteran oysterman and trucker and his friends, and threw himself into the breach.

The colored voter was warmly remembered, indeed, so vigorously remembered in the voting that the vote below discloses the fact that the colored delegates led the ticket. The temperature started out warm, but affairs around Rock Hall became steaming hot before 8 o'clock when the polls closed. The Kendall delegates, who won hands down, are as follows, with their vote:

WHITE.		COLORED.	
Jos. C. Kendall	99	John W. Murray	128
Wm. R. Hodges	109	Robert Murray	129
John R. Dowling	111	Daniel Johnson	119
George Ayres	103	Emanuel Dudley	112
Charles W. Crouch	102	Wesley Suscoe	112

The Beck delegates were: Wm. R. Hodges, John Dowling, John E. Beck, Robt. and John Murray colored.

The only opposition or interesting feature which developed in the fourth, was a vigorous onslaught by Zack Dunn leader of a colored faction in Chestertown, and his friends, upon Fred. Nichols, Jr., leader of another faction. Dunn and Nichols represent two different colored clubs, and strong jealousies have sprung up between them which culminated on Saturday in Nichols being cut twenty-five votes, and Graves, a Nichols delegate, being also somewhat cut. The leaders got wind of the affair and called a halt.

Esquire J. W. Wright was on the scene and took only a partially active interest in the situation.

At Millington came the great surprise of the day. It was conceded by many that the combination formed by Mr. Samuel Mallalieu and Dr. Fred Walls held the winning hand and that Mr. Willard Scotten and Clarence Price were to be snowed under. The Price-Scotten combination, however, when the polls were closed swept the field by majorities ranging from fifteen to twenty. It seems that a colored club at Chesterville determined to resent their section being ignored in the fixup of the Mallalieu delegation, and went to the polls *en mass* and "did" them.

The delegates and votes were as follows:

Walls-Mallalieu ticket—Clarence L. Turner, 30; James Walls, 29; John Terrell, 74; S. A. Earle, 26; Alfred Jeffers, 74.

Scotten-Price ticket.—John Terrell, 74; Zion Potts, 48; Albert Jeffries, 74; Clarence Price, 46-17; W. W. Baldwin, 45-15.

Mr. Westcott not a Candidate.

HIS LETTER TO THE JUDICIAL DELEGATION.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., July 13, 1897.

Hon. Wm. D. Burchinal, Wilbur Eliason, Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., and others:

Gentlemen:—In reply to your flattering request to be allowed to present my name to the Republican convention at Centreville, as a candidate for the Chief Judge of this Judicial Circuit, I assure you of my grateful appreciation of the compliment your request conveys.

To be selected as a member of the Judiciary of the State of Maryland, would be an honor which any gentleman would not only esteem, but regard as a distinguishing mark of the highest consideration. But to be named a member of the highest Court of the State should be accepted as evidence of the fullest confidence in the character, intelligence and integrity of the nominee by his fellow citizens; it is with these feelings that I receive and appreciate your kindly message.

There are occasions when the patriotic, conscientious citizen rightly regards the unanimous call of his party associates for the performance of public service, one of paramount duty, which he ought not to decline, but I cannot regard this call one of that peculiar import. There are aspirants from other counties of the circuit of undoubted ability, and whose friends have determined to present them before the convention for nomination, and I must decline to enter into any contest for that peculiar position which of all others should seek the man with harmonious unity.

Besides this, I am holding an unexpired term in the Maryland Senate, which I feel I should be allowed to serve out. In addition to these reasons, the business and domestic sacrifices which a compliance with your request might necessitate, compel me to decline to be a candidate before the judicial convention.

Yours most sincerely,
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

The W. C. T. U. held its last public meeting for the summer on Friday evening of last week. The town hall was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, while fragrant flowers and graceful sprays of asparagus added beauty to the scene. The hall was filled with members of the Union, members of the L. T. L. and their friends. Miss Lula VanDyke presided at the organ and the music by the choir was one of the principal features of the evening. The following programme was rendered:

Chorus, "Marching On," Choir; prayer, Rev. Jesse Shreeve; Address of Welcome, Master Charley Hague; recitation, "Old Mother Hubbard," Miss Mamie Kennedy; recitation, "Old Father Hubbard," John H