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LOCAL MATTERS.

Mr. Harding Not Drowned.—It was currently reported on Tuesday that Mr. John Harding, who lives on the farm of Dr. W. S. Maxwell, on Lloyds creek, had been drowned on Monday evening. The report was entirely without foundation and Mr. Harding is, we are glad to state, alive and well. At any rate, he is making a remarkable record for a drowned man.

Robbed the Steamer Louise.—River thieves made a raid on the excursion steamer Louise, of the Tolchester Line, while she was moored at Pier 14 Light street wharf, Baltimore, on Saturday night. They forced an entrance to the office on the vessel by breaking the iron bars off the window, and once inside they turned everything upside down, forcing open all the drawers in the desk and ransacking them. Their booty consisted of $10 in money and clothing valued at $12, the property of Purser Philip Travers.

Krause Caught in Philadelphia.—Andrew Krause, who escaped from Deputy Sheriff Davis, of Kent county, on Light street wharf August 3, was arrest- on Saturday in Philadelphia, by Detective Murray and will be delivered to Sheriff Casey as soon as the necessary requisition papers can be secured and an officer sent to Philadelphia: Krause was arrested August 2 at Tolchester, charged with picking pockets. He was conveyed to Baltimore and committed by Justice Caulk to await the action of the Kent authorities. While being taken to the boat by Deputy Sheriff Davis, Krause made his escape.

A Sad Bereavement.—Miss Nannie Walls, daughter of Mr. E. B. Walls, of Price's Station, in Queen Anne county, died at her home on Friday night at 9 o'clock. Miss Walls was a student last year in the Normal Department at Washington College. Bright, pretty and vivacious, she was one of the most popular young ladies of the school, and was a general favorite with those who knew her in Chestertown and in the county. She was decidedly one of the most splendidly developed and robust young ladies of her class, but within a few days after leaving college typhoid fever set in. After lingering for many days the fever attacked her brain and finally spinal meningitis developed. Her brother has for several weeks been ill with typhoid fever also.

Dogs Killing Hogs.—Mr. August Money, living on the farm of Mr. T. E. Hayes, near Lynch's Station, has had an unusual experience with hog-killing dogs. Mr. Money last week found the carcasses of partially eaten shoats in his field which gave evidences of having been killed by dogs. His hogs were attacked on Friday night and again on Saturday night and he knows of six shoats weighing from fifty to sixty pounds which he has lost by dogs. He heard an uproar on Saturday night and upon investigation saw two dogs after his hogs but was unable to get a shot at them. Mr. Money belives that he has lost fully a dozen of his finest shoats. This is an experience the like of which many old farmers declare they never before heard.

Possibly Fatal Cutting Affray.—What is feared will prove a fatal cutting affray occurred at the colored camp near Millington, on Sunday. John Sewell, one Potts and several other colored men became engaged in a general fight in which knives and razors figured conspicuously. Sewell was being roughly handled when his son went to his aid and both father and son were cut. The elder Sewell's wound is across the ribs, and necessitated being sewed up, and are of so very serious a nature that it is reported that his physician considers his chances for recovery very meagre. The injured man lived near Kennedyville, and Potts is a relation of the notorious Potts who gained an unenviable reputation in connection with the trial of the Hill murderers.

Miss Vansant's Prize Cake.—At the grand banquet of Fairlee Conclave Improved Order Heptasophs, held last June, State Organizer John W. Cruett offered a handsome prize to the lady making the finest cake for the occasion. Many splendid cakes graced the banquet table but none were so beautifully and tasefully made as that of Miss Etta A. Vansant. The splendid cake was handsomely iced, and was ornamented with the initials I. O. H. Miss Vansant has received her prize which is a gold pin representing a scroll ornamented with the letters I. O. H. separating the words *experientia docet*, which translated is, experience teaches. On the reverse side is "presented to Miss Etta A. Vansant by John W. Cruett." The pin is very handsome and is a trophy of which the happy recepient may well feel proud.

The Tolchester Fair.—The Kent county fair for 1897 will open at Tolchester on Tuesday next, August the 24th, closing on Friday, the 27th. The outlook is that the fair will be a splendid success. The list of exhibits promises to be fine, large and varied. Supt. Noland wishes to impress upon every one the great necessity of promptness in making application for exhibit space and for entrance to the different departments. He is particularly solicitous that the public school department shall be a success, and has issued the following personal card to the public school teachers and children of Kent: "We have made a school and child's department at the great Tolchester fair, and placed the same in the hands of Mr. F. G. Usilton, of the *News*, and Mr. C. C. Hopper, of the TRANSCRIPT. We want you to have the prizes, they are worth the effort, now get to work. If you do not understand about it, send postal for fair book, it tells all about it."

Wheat Still Up.—But ten cents stand between the farmers and dollar wheat. Local growers on Tuesday and yesterday were offering ninety cents for the best grade but found a wide-spread disposition among farmers to hold off for the high-water mark of one dollar which it is believed will be reached before the ebb-tide in wheat prices sets in. The following quotations are from yesterday's Baltimore *Sun*: Prices steady, with sales at Monday's figures. No. 2 red winter brought 94½ cents and steamer 2 red 91½ cents. Bag lots by sample went at 94 and 95 cents, with sales of damaged at 83 cents, The easier tone continued to the close, which marked a loss of 2 cents for spot and September. Sales were 2,500 bushels. No. 2 red spot at 93¾ cents; 1,500 steamer 2 red at 90½ and 90¾ cents, 30,000 August at 93¼ and 93¾ cents, 20,000 September at 92½ cents, 4,000 rejected at 82½ and 86½ cents. Sales last Monday were 20,000 August at 94¼ cents, 1,000 steamer 2 red at 91½ cents. The close was dull and lower at 92⅞ and 92¼ cents spot and August, 91 and 91½ for September 91 and 94 cents for new Southern by sample and 90⅞ and 93⅞ cents for do. on grade. Settling price 93¼ cents.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

—The Orphans' Court of Queen Anne county has appointed W. T. P. Turpin and S. Collins Wright appraisers of the personal property of the late Gen. Wm. McKenney. His personal property is estimated at $100,000.

—Mr. Curtis E. Crane has entered his fine canoes, the Belle M. Crane and May Belle, in the Maryland canoe regatta, to be held at Claiborne on Friday. The prizes are purses of $30, $20 and $10. The Belle M. Crane is also entered in the races to be held at Oxford on Saturday.

—The *Ledger-Enterprise*, published at Pocomoke City, last week gave a fine double column cut of Washington College with an interesting condensed history of the time-honored Chestertown educational institution. The *Ledger-Enterprise* said: "Its long life has been an eventful one, and the fact that it is still living and successful is as good a monument to its worth as could well be erected. Vicissitudes of war, fire, and monetary panics, have beaten in vain against its walls, and it stands to-day a representative State institution, making a bid for State patronage in general and Eastern Shore support in particular."

—Captains P. S. McConnor and W. J. Taylor waived an examination last week upon a charge of running their vessels too fast in Baltimore harbor and were released on bail for court. The penalty upon conviction is $20.

—Joseph Kelley, aged thirty-two years, while playing leap-frog with a party of bathers at Tolchester, last week, struck his head against the bottom and received serious injuries. Kelley was from Baltimore and was bathing at the time.

—Harry C. Evatts who fell down the flight of high steps as a result of an attack of vertigo, has since died. In none of the accidents at the Beach could the slightest responsibility be attributed to the local management or to the company.

—Mr. J. Harper Gale, of this county, has a heifer that has broken the record in calving. The heifer was born August 30th, 1896, and on July 28th, 1897, gave birth to a calf which is still living. The young mother and her offspring will be exhibited at the Tolchester fair next week.

—Supt. George E. Noland states that on account of the fair which is to be held at Tolchester next week the Friday night dances at the popular beach were closed for the season on Friday night last.

—Mr. R. K. Pippin will this week commence the work of putting shutters on Normal Hall, the ladies' home at Washington College. Further improvements will be the placing of nicely paved walks to and around the building.

—The oyster season for tongers will open on September 1st and not on the 15th as has been stated. The dredging season will open on October 15th.

—Mr. Alexander Crew holds the prize ribbon for the finest head of cabbage offered in the Chestertown market this season. Some heads from Mr. Crew's patch are nearly as large as a half bushel and tip the beam at from 15½ to 18 pounds. Who can beat it?

—The Chinese barber who several years ago left Chestertown, settled in Pocomoke City and last fall married a pretty American girl of that town, was reported as being in Chestertown this week with his Maryland wife and created no small amount of interest. The sequel to the report was that a young woman from Philadelphia had come to town having hired to some one here but forgot the name of her would-be-employer and was much distressed. It may be difficult to see how the Chinaman's wife became mixed up with the misfortunes of the Philadelphia girl but she did.

—The TRANSCRIPT's informant was in error in stating that Senator Charles Tilden Westcott and Mr. James W. Chapman, Jr., had formed a co-partnership for the practice of law. Mr. Westcott has desk room in Mr. Chapman's Baltimore office and both names are on the door, but each gentleman's practice is separate and distinct.

—Thirteen men who absented themselves without leave during the good ship Dale's stay at Tolchester, were tried by court-martial on Friday. Seaman Crawford, of D division, was confined to the "brig," the ship's dark hole, until midnight for contempt of court. He was one of the men charged with being absent and appeared before the court with a cigarette in his mouth. When told to remove the cigarette he refused.

IN PRISON FOR LIFE

Joshua Bainard one of the Most Interesting Characters in the State Penitentiary.

In reference to the six men now serving a life sentence in the Maryland penitentiary, the Baltimore *News* says:

There is nothing attractive about a life sentence in the Maryland Penitentiary, but there are six lifers in Warden Weyler's statehouse, five colored, who seem to enjoy life and indicate no special desire to be released.

The most important of the lifers now in the penitentiary is probably Joshua Baniard, who, with seven others, was arrested and convicted of the murder of Dr. Hill in Kent county. The murder occurred in January, 1893. The eight negroes had been out on a Saturday-night lark, when they met Dr. Hill on a country road. The plot was quickly arranged, and together the negroes assaulted the doctor, beating him and choking him to death, and afterward robbing him of what valuables he possessed. Four of the eight—Fletcher Williams, Charles Brooks, Morgan Brown and Frisby Comegys—were hanged by law. The other four—Bainard, Lewis Benson, Henry Hurd and Charles Henry—were hurried away from the county in order to avoid lynching, they having been given life sentences in commutation of the death sentence, as it was not clear that they actually helped to murder their victim.

All but Bainard of the quartette of survivors died in the Maryland Penitentiary of nervous disorders brought on by the shock caused by their sentence to hang. They were all young, and during the period preceding the date set for their execution, before the sentences were commuted, were in a terrible state of nervous excitement. Bainard has not yet recovered completely. He is 23 years of age, and is employed in the shoe department. Of the six life term prisoners five are colored and one white.

Kennedyville News.

Mr. George Bennett and family, of Harrisburg, Pa., are visiting relatives in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Bacon and two daughters, of Wilmington, Del., are visiting Mr. Thomas Redmile.

Mr. Harvey C. Meredith, of Baltimore, is visiting his parents in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Shafer and daughter, Miss Emma, are visiting relatives in Harrisburg, Pa. They will also attend Mount Gretna Fair.

In the absence of Rev. Jesse Shreeve on Sunday next the pulpit of the M. P. Church will be filled by Prof. A. L. Judefind. The pastor and his wife will be visiting their son in Washington, D. C.

RIVERA.

OF A SOCIAL NATURE.

Pleasures of Summer Days on Land and Water.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross entertained a jolly crabbing party at his beautiful country home last week. Much of the day was spent on the Sassafras. After these pleasures Mr. Schallcross spread a splendid luncheon and entertained most charmingly. Those in the party were:

Mrs. Ware, Miss Lillie Ware, Messrs. Howard and Henry Ware, Mrs. George Ireland, Miss Vistie Ireland, Mrs. Herman B. Massey, Miss Anna Cacy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilpin, of Massey's, Miss Bair, of Baltimore, Miss Minnie Massey and Thomas Massey, of Chestertown.

Mr. John Westcott celebrated his 21st birthday by a delightful strawride given to a number of friends on Tuesday evening. A large peach wagon drawn by four horses was called into requisition and with the jingle of many bells, peals of laughter and amid a blaze of light cast by Chinese lanterns the merry-makers left Chestertown in the early evening. The objective point was Mr. Westcott's farm where Capt. Cornelius Haddaway lives, beautifully situated on the banks of the Chester. After a charming ride refreshments were partaken of and a return made by moonlight. Mrs. Westcott, Miss Guion and Mr. Westcott chaperoned the party. This fine property was transferred to the celebrant of his 21st birthday anniversary in fee by his father as a birthday gift on Tuesday morning. Those who enjoyed the strawride of Tuesday were: Misses Grace Whalaud, Carrie and Laura Mitkewicz, Sallie and Isabel Beck, Lucy Hines, Nannie Brice, Beulah Hayes, Marie and Eunice Westcott, Messrs. Carl and Jack Westcott, Henry Deaver, Joseph Brice, Frank Simpers, Spencer Hurtt, Mr. Miller and Mr. Fraser.

The young gentlemen of Edesville and vicinity gave last night another of their delightful dances in Edesville Hall. Messrs. W. W. Camp and T. B. Wilson constituted the floor Committee.

Mrs. Dr. Davidson, of Queenstown, last week chaperoned a party of young ladies and gentlemen of Queenstown on a trip to Chestertown. They boarded the steamer Ford, and after a charming trip up the Chester visited Chestertown friends and returned on the boat next morning. Among the visitors were: Mrs. Davidson, Miss Alice Emory, Miss Mary T. Clark, Miss M. T. Davidson, Messrs. W. Spencer Sparks and W. C. T. Emory.

Mr. Richard Reese, of Elkton, is visiting Dr. C. R. Twilley and wife.

Mr. John P. Merritt, of Baltimore, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Dr. Chas. R. Twilley.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, of Wilmington, are spending a few days with Dr. Chas. R. Twilley and wife.

Miss Margaret M. Rison, of Washington, D. C., is visiting friends in town.

Mr. William Bell is spending a week at Asbury Park.

Miss Marguerite Perkins is spending her summer holiday in Chestertown.

CHURCH NOTES AND PERSONALS.

A Sassafras correspondent states that "there is a movement to petition the Bishop of Wilmington for the retention of Father Hughes at Galena.

Father McSweeney returned on Saturday from his summer holiday. After a trip to Boston by sea the time was delightfully spent with relatives and friends at his old home in Massachusetts.

The annual picnic held in McCaulley's woods on Wednesday evening, was a splendid success financially and socially. After an elegant supper consisting of every delicacy of the season, dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Fine music by the Middletown Orchestra. Father Connelley was present and enjoyed meeting many of his old parishioners.

The annual campmeeting of the Atlantic Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventists, opened at Longwood Grove, near Wilmington, last week and will continue ten days. There will be over one hundred and twelve tents. No talking will be permitted in or out of the tents after 10 o'clock, and all who are not located in the camp will be required to leave at that time. E. E. Franke, well known among the Adventist's of Kent is mentioned among the prominent speakers.

Mass will be celebrated at St. John's Catholic Church, Rock Hall, next Sunday at 8.30, A. M. Sacred Heart Church Chestertown, 10.30 A. M.

Rev. J. M. McManus, who succeeds Father Hughes at Galena, arrived last Saturday and officiated there for the first time on Sunday.

Dr. J. B. Merritt, pastor of Salem M. E. Church, Fairlee, will hold a village camp on the green near the church, commencing the last Sunday in August and to continue one week. Delightful services will be held all of the day Sunday and evening services will be conducted on each day of the week.

FROM CLIFF CITY.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jerome lost their infant child last week. It was but a few days old and the first baby for the young couple and its death was a sad blow, but they feel that He who doeth all things well, knows best, and they are reconciled.

Bro. Wright, the evangelist, filled the pulpit at Mowbray's Chapel on Sunday afternoon, Bro. Cooper being away on a vacation.

Lots of fruit and some fine rock and other fish were shipped from Cliff wharf last week. The fishermen are not having good catches but they persevere and work with a will that deserves better pay.

Some very fine peaches are being shipped now from Cliffs, the Reaves variety leading off. The best price so far reported was $1.25 in Philadelphia market. There are being shipped from this wharf from 400 to 700 baskets, per day. Mr. Wm. T. Brown is the largest shipper. There are also good shipments made on the Philadelphia boat from Brown's wharf on Laukford bay.

Some hog disease is playing havoc down the neck. Quite a number of persons have suffered loss, some who only had two lost one and in some cases both went.

Miss Sallie A. Hollis, of Wilmington, Miss Ada M. Anders, of Philadelphia, Miss Mollie Gill and Miss Lizzie Desch, of Townsend, Del., are visiting Mrs. John D. Carter, at the Cliffs. The ladies have been on a tour. Leaving Wilminton made a visit to Townsend, from thence to Tolchester and then to Baltimore, from Baltimore they took Steamer Charlotte for Old Point Comfort where they spent some time, making headquarters at Hotel Chamberlain, visited all points of interest in the neighborhood taking in Hampton, Newport News, Ocean View, Norfolk, and returning stopped at Tolchester, and from there to the Cliffs, and by a unanimous vote decide that Cliffs is the nicest place they have been. Finest fruit, nicest sailing, in fact, everything just suited and they thoroughly enjoy the freedom of Cliff City and suburbs. Sunday night showed them the hardest thunder storm we have had this summer. The electrical display as Hicks calls a great big thunder and lightning storm was, as the girls express it, just awful. On Monday they took a trip to Baltimore, their cousin Mary, Mrs. Carter, going with them.

A SEVERE STORM.

Claude and Norman Blackiston Knocked Unconscious by Lightning, Stock Killed and Buildings Burned.

FAMILY AND GUESTS STUNNED.

About six o'clock on Sunday afternoon ominous storm clouds threw up in the west and by about seven o'clock one of the most severe storms of the season had settled over the county. For nearly three hours the lightning and thunder at Chestertown were unusually severe, and during a portion of the time rain fell in torrents, but no damage of a serious nature was done in the town or immediate vicinity.

A Fatal Stroke.

The storm reached its greatest severity at the county almshouse, and it was at that place that Claude and Norman Blackiston, sons of Mr. Thomas Blackiston who carries on the almshouse farm, and Richard Biscoe, a colored boy, were rendered unconscious by a bolt of lightening, two cows instantly killed and the building in which the boys were was burned to the ground. Mr. Blackiston's son Claude, about 16 years of age, Norman, about 12, and a small colored boy, as was their custom were in the cow stable milking when the shock came.

The incidents were told to a TRANSCRIPT reporter on Monday morning by Claude, in an unvarnished and interesting manner. He gave little evidence of nervousness as a result of the thrilling experience and almost miraculous escape from death which had so recently befallen him. Claude said in substance: There were twelve cows in the stable at the time. I was milking one nearest the feed room and farthest from where the lightning struck the building. A few feet from me Richard Biscoe was milking a cow, and beyond him, also milking, was my brother, Norman. The storm came up and we were talking of lightning striking places but were not worried as to our own safety. In an instant there came a crash and the place was lighted up by a great ball of fire which came in the end of the building and ran along above our heads the entire length of the cow stable. Two cows nearest the end of the stable were killed. One of them fell and never kicked; the other bellowed once and was dead, and a third fell over on them. Each cow in the stable was knocked from her feet and we boys were knocked five or six feet from the cows which we were milking. Biscoe and myself were unconscious for a moment, but Norman, who was nearest the point where the bolt came down felt the shock rather more. I was dazed and a feeling of numbness was in every part of my body. We soon recovered and made our way out of the building, which was then on fire. The bolt of lightnig set fire to everything as it ran along the stable above our heads. The cow which was knocked down on the two cows which were killed afterward recovered, but her hair is now badly singed."

Mr. Blackiston was in his home at the time, about seventy-five yards from the fired building. He had just placed a book on a table when he noticed the stable on fire and hurried out. Ten of the twelve cows in the stable were gotten out and a number of sets of harness were saved. In the burned building were fully fifty tons of hay, all of which was consumed. The building itself was an old one which had been a few years ago remodeled and improved. But for the shifting of the wind the barn, which stood about seventy-five yards distant, must have burned. The wind for a time set towards it and quantities of burning hay fell upon the roof, which in spite of the rain was kept dry by the intense heat. A fine horse belonging to Mr. Blackiston and only about twenty-five yards from his residence, was knocked from his feet.

A large number of persons visited the scene of the fire on Monday, but only the charred remains of two cows and a mass of ashes were to be seen. The building was insured for $225, by Mr. H. L. Boyd, of Chestertown. The wheat was insured for $200 by Mr. W. H. McFeely.

Six Persons Unconscious.

Our Rock Hall correspondent writes: The heaviest electrical storm of the season passed over this section on Sunday evening at about seven o'clock. The rain came down in torrents accompanied with hail, peal after peal of the most fearful thunder and continuous lightning of the most blinding nature. A bolt entered the chimney of the rear building of Mr. Geo. W. Colyer's residence in South Rock Hall, passing down the chimney to the stove pipe hole in the lower room, thence to the back door and out, dropping down to the porch floor, and passing through the sill and into the ground. The chimney from the ceiling to the floor in the second story was entirely demolished falling upon a bed and smashing the bedstead into kindling wood, and otherwise damaging the bedding and other furniture in the room. The lower portion of the chimney was bursted, but did not fall. The portion above the roof remained intact. Mrs. Colyer, and her sister, Miss Amanda Porter, Mr. Henry Sharp, a visitor, Mr. Micheal, a boarder, and two small children were in the room on the first floor, and how they escaped death is a miracle. Mrs. Colyer with her two children was sitting within two feet of the chimney, Messrs. Sharp and Michael were less than four feet from the chimney and Miss Porter was standing in the door when the lightning passed about fifteen inches above her head.

All were prostrated and considerably stunned, remaining unconscious for 30 or more minutes. Micheal was the first to recover, and he immediately gave the alarm and neighbors from all directions responded, but by the time they arrived the five persons had recovered, but were in a state of great nervousness from the severe shock. Blood was trickling from the noise and ears of Mr. Michael. Mr. Sharp and the ladies were walking about in a dazed condition, while the children seemed more dead than alive. Mr. Colyer was not at home until the alarm was given. Mrs. Wm. Apsley threw open her doors for the sheltering of the unfortunate ones who gladly accepted her hospitality, and after the neighbors made sure that no fire was lurking among the debris, all wended their way to their respective homes. The lightning struck in two other places in the same neighborhood, but no other damage was done so far as heard from.

Another account states that the bolt completely demolished the chimney on the second floor of the building, then passed down it to the first floor, where it seems to have separated into two distinct parts, one bolt passing through a stove-pipe hole and passing out of the room over the front door between a horse shoe which was hanging there, and through the porch into the ground; the other bolt tore up the stove pipe and passed into the stove tearing off the doors and breaking out all of the isinglass. Picture frames, lamps and plastering were also broken.

The blaze of the big fire at Tunis' Mills, Canton, was plainly visible to our citizens for hours. A large dead pine tree in ex-Judge Wilkins' woods was blown off, but luckly for Captain Kerr's property, it lodged into another large tree, where it still remains, and is dangerous to passers along the road to and from the public landing on Huntingfield Creek.

At Cliff City.

Our Cliff City correspondent writes: "The storm of Sunday night was the most severe that has visited the Cliffs for years. The thunder and lightning were terrific. One bolt struck Mr. Thomas Brown's house and demolished the chimney. Several trees were struck in Cliff woods. Aunt Mary Thomas, aged 95, was so alarmed at one fearful crash that she fainted and it was nearly an hour before she recovered, and she is still quite sick from the effects. The several rains were very heavy.

Wheat and Barn Burned.

About ten minutes of 7 o'clock, while Mr. J. E. Higman was standing in his door watching the storm a bolt crashed into the large barn not many yards away and fired it. Mr. Higman is proprietor of what is known as Biscoe's Mill, about one and a half miles from Millington, and had about 2000 bushels of wheat, much of it belonging to different patrons, stored in the granary. The fire spread with such rapidity that it was impossible to save any of the contents of the building, and it was by the greatest exertion that the residence and mill were saved. Both the building and wheat were insured.

Fire at Tolchester.

Mr. Crosby, on Tolchester farm, was forced to stop threshing on Wednesday because of the breaking of the machine. Shortly after removing the engine and thresher lightning struck one of his two ricks of straw and it was entirely consumed by fire. Mr. Crosby remained on the yard all Wednesday night to prevent the fire spreading to the other rick of straw, and thought the fire out and all danger removed, but during Thursday the other rick was ignited in some mysterious way and burned.

Near Barclay.

The barn on the farm of Mr. David Wallace, near Barclay, in Queen Anne, was struck by lightning and entirely consumed together with about 800 bushels of wheat.

Struck in Four Places.

The fine residence of Thomas R. L. Price, about three miles from Centreville, on the Easton road, was struck in four places on the roof, passing through different parts of the house, tearing out rafters and breaking off plastering, besides injuring the underpinning, also killing a dog in the yard. The family was considerably stunned, though none were seriously injured. There were no lightning rods on the house.

Half Million Dollar Fire.

While persons in different sections of the county were watching the glow caused by the almshouse and the Biscoe Mill fire, a great light was noticed in the direction of Baltimore. Persons in Chestertown and up the county located it at or near Tolchester, and not until Monday was it known to have been caused by a half million dollar blaze in Baltimore.

At about 6.40 o'clock a bolt of lightning struck a pipe of the Tunis Lumber Company's planing mill located in East Baltimore. The loss was: Tunis Lumber Company, entire plant burned; damage $150,000; fully insured. Thomas McCosker & Co., shipbuilders, damage $12,000 to $15,000; insurance $4,000. The J. S. Young Company, bark extract mills, damage $6,000; fully insured. Pennsylvania Railroad Company, three box freight cars burned. B. S. Bramble, schooner Cadet burned. E. L. Tunis, houseboat Wanderer burned. Other smaller vessels on the ways at McCosker & Co.'s shipyard were slightly damaged.

WITH HOOK AND LINE.

An Eleven Feet Long Shark and Three Big Sturgeon Caught in the Chester.

The past ten days have marked a complete revolution in Chester river fishing, and the presence of so many large fish may possibly be assigned as the reason for poor perch fishing all along the line. Regular man-eating sharks put in an appearance down the river last week and made the water in Comegy's Bight fairly seethe as they darted from place to place. A number of fishermen put their seine out around the big fellows, and after surrounding three, to prevent having their net torn to pieces were forced to let them out. At another haul one was caught and it was determined to land him, but this was only done by drawing him into shallow water and dealing a stunning blow on the head with an axe. The fish measured full eleven feet and was one of the largest sharks ever landed in Chester river.

Millington fishermen were given royal sport during the past ten days by the appearance of sturgeon in the upper Chester. Above the iron bridge on the outskirts of town the river is so narrow that a boy in places can jump across the stream. The water is from two to three feet deep with occasional deeper holes. Last week two big fish were noticed above the iron bridge in a comparatively shallow place. Messrs. George Clark, Dudley Biscoe, and, indeed, nearly all of Millington turned out to see the fun. The puzzle was how to land the big fellows which were securely trapped. Clark and Biscoe, two of the nerviest watermen in the county, fairly rode the fish astraddle around the pool, but that was not landing him. Finally, a long piece of wire netting was called into service and the two sturgeons were rolled out on shore. One weighed 90 and the other 80 pounds.

On Monday another sturgeon was discovered in the same hole at the iron bridge, and another outing for the populace was in order. Clark and Biscoe were on hand and rode the fish as though he were a Mexican broncho—they fairly wrestled with the fish, but finally landed him by means of the wire net. This fellow tipped the beams at 114 pounds.

Capt. Harvey Brice landed a 7½-pound rock on Howell's Point one day last week.

No loyal Betterton fisherman will subscribe to this statement from the Easton correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*: "Some bob-line fishermen from Kent were visiting in Easton last week, and of course were taken to the perch-biting grounds of the Choptank, which extend from Col. Wilbur F. Jackson's Castle Haven to and above Edward B. Hardcastle's Boston Cliffs. These Kent county visitors had been fishing the Betterton shoals for years, where it has not been an unfrequent event to catch three perch at once, one each on the three suspended hooks to the same line. In the Choptank, however, there was better fun than Betterton fishing for perch. Some of the visitors caught two perch on the same hook, for the truth of which Dr. Edward R. Trippe is ready to make the averment." Please name your men from Kent.

MR. ISAAC HORNER, proprietor of the Burton House, Burton, W. Va., and one of the most widely known men in the state, was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I hav'nt sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered. My physician told me that nothing could be done for me, and my friends were fully convinced that nothing but death would relieve me of my suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Wheeling Drug Co., recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my feet and limbs were swollen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm, the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

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BASE BALL NOTES.

To-morrow Will Witness the Last and Greatest Game of a Great Base Ball Season.

Capt. Deakyne has arranged for another game with the strong Yannigan team of Baltimore, for to-morrow (Friday) on the Washington College diamond. This team is by all odds the strongest which has played with the home team this year and a battle royal is expected. In the last half of the ninth inning when the Yannigans forfeited to the Chestertown team in the game of two weeks ago the score stood five to six. The home club will have its strongest possible players in position. The receipts from the game will be for the benefit of Captain Deakyne, Catcher Bader and Pitcher Stevens, who have done so much to furnish healthful, manly sport for the entire community this season, and should be liberally patronized.

Horton, the signed pitcher of the Orioles who pitched such a strong game for the Yannigans against the Chestertown team two weeks ago, has been loaned to Reading. The Baltimore *Herald* printed a fine three column picture of the great professional who was fairly knocked out of the box and defeated by the Chestertown local champions.

By some misunderstanding, the strong Townsend club advertised a game with the Chestertown team to take place at Millington on Monday. The game was well advertised but Capt. Deakyne knew nothing of any game having been arranged for that date and was non est. A game arranged by Manager Hurtt had been formally cancelled.

FROM MILLINGTON.

A colored excursion conducted by Wm. Riley, colored, of Philadelphia, was run from Philadelphia to Millington to the Riley's Neck colored camp, sunday, reaching here about 1.30 M. returning a 7.30 P. M. The train consisted of 7 coaches and baggage cars, bringing about 275 persons, and was in charge of Conductor Tumlin, Wilmington.

One of Mrs. D. A. Price's cacti, a night blooming cereus, presented a beautiful sight Monday night and was admired by many persons. 14 large blooms came out during the early evening. Miss Nema remembered many of her friends by cutting off the blooms and sending them.

Miss Vic Power has returned from her trip to the Christian Endeavor Convention in San Francisco, and is now visiting her sister, Miss Annie, in Philadelphia. She says she had a very delightful and interesting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Crane, of Philadelphia, have returned home from visiting Mrs. A. E. Crane and Miss Emily Massey.

Misses Alice and Florence Crane, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. M. O. Cacy.

Miss Sallie Townsend left her home here this morning to take charge of her brother's home in Norfolk, Va.

W. H. Price, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday with his wife and mother.

Mr. B. W. Hazell and Mrs. J. W. Hazell and son, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. B. M. Hazell.

Mr. Herbert Longfellow, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. E. V. Lees.

The Misses Elva and Mary Blackiston, of Wilmington, Del., have returned home from visiting Mrs. M. E. B. Mallalieu.

Misses Clara and Ruth Toft, of Wilmington, Del., are guests of their aunt, Mrs. John Duling.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Meginniss, of Wilmington, are visiting her mother, Mrs. H. R. Moffett.

Rev. T. C. Smoot, wife and children, are spending a few weeks at Rehoboth, Del. Mr. Smoot returns to preach Sundays

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Crane, who have been visiting Mr. Crane's mother, Mrs. A. E. Crane, have returned to Philadelphia, to their home.

From Worton Station

Miss Lou Jewell, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Jewell, near Worton.

Mrs. Ada Duyer and two children, of Fairlee, are visiting relatives in this place.

Miss Maud Parsons, of Edesville is the guest of Miss Mamie Copper, of this town.

Miss Grace Gage, of Baltimore, has been the guest of Misses Millie and Nellie Porter.

Misses Jessie and Margie Cooper paid a flying visit to the Monumental City last week.

The tomato pealers have arrived and the cannery will start in a few days.

Miss Bessie Ivens is visiting Miss Agnes Newcomb, of Flatland.

Mrs. Wibble and son spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Coleman's Corner.

Tramps are very numerous around here. One day last week while Miss Blanche Dwyer was sitting at a front window of her house she was attracted by the conversation of two men who were planning to steal some coats that were in the front hall. After hearing this she rushed to the back of the house where her mother was and said that some one was after their coats. Mrs. Duyer then went around to the front yard and found the man just on the point of entering the hall. She asked him what he wanted and he said "something to eat." She gave him something to eat and then he said "I want a cup of hot coffee." This was refused him and he went off grumbling.

Miss Ida Wood, of Still Pond, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Katie Cooper.

MADGE.

New Advertisements.

Mr. J. W. Robinson, of Still Pond, announces in a card in this issue his candidacy for sheriff for Kent county subject to the democratic convention. Mr. Robinson says he is an old democratic warhorse, and will always be found with his gun loaded with democratic powder.

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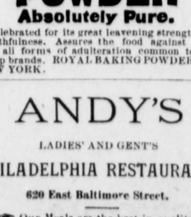

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