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LOCAL MATTERS.

Local Wheat Market.

Local offerings for wheat yesterday were:

No. 2, 95½ cents.
Steamer, 92 cents.

Real Estate Sales.—Hope H. Barroll, Esq., as trustee, sold on Tuesday, a lot of land in Quaker Neck, adjoining the lands of I. R. Leaverton, and containing 1 acre, 3 roods and 20 perches, to E. C. Reiche for $50. A 3-acre lot with house, on the road from Pomona to Quaker Neck wharf, was sold to D. W. Haddaway for $60.

Brand New Postmaster.—Mr. W. P. Armstrong has won his fight for the Crumpton postoffice, and is now a brand new postmaster. The appointment was made last week, and the new official is having new quarters built for the office. Mr. Spencer Merrick has been the efficient and obliging representative of Uncle Sam for four years.

Fine Clover Seed Yields.—A number of Kent county farmers have threshed their crops of clover seed, and with scarce an exception the yield has been rather above the average, and the quality of the seed good. Mr. Clay Lusby threshed 53 bushels of fine seed, Mr. Tilden Brice 60 bushels, Commissioner George W. Hatcherson between 50 and 60 bushels, and many other farmers have correspondingly large yields.

Exhibition of Corn Cutter.—Mr. Geo. W. Smith gave a highly satisfactory exhibition of the work done by his new Fuller & Johnson corn cutter and carrier, in the field of Mr. John E. Morris, yesterday. The machine cuts two rows at a time, and operated by two men carries the corn and drops it on the shock row. Mr. W. T. Maslin last year cut 100 acres of corn with two men. Mr. Chas. Smith, brother of Hon. Thomas A. Smith, democratic candidate for State comptroller, came over by special engagement to witness the exhibition.

Married Women as Teachers.—The appointment of several married women as teachers in the public schools of Queen Anne county has excited in some quarters a slight ripple of disapproval. Numerous reasons have been urged before both the school board and the different boards of trustees, as to why married women should not be admitted to the pedagogic profession. The ruling powers, however, have as yet taken no decisive action. Whether they will heed the objections made is as yet a matter of speculation.

College Improvements.— Improvements are being forced to completion at Washington College, preparatory to the formal opening of the collegiate year on Wednesday next, September 15th. Outside shutters have been hung on the windows of the first, second and third stories, inside shutters at the windows of the fourth story, pavements laid, the grounds beautified and other changes made. The outlook is for a most encouraging opening. President Reid has made a strenuous effort to fill the normal department, and the prospects are favorable to satisfactory results,

His Carriage Burned.—What at one time threatened to be a serious fire occurred in Centreville on Sunday afternoon. The carriagehouse and stable of Mr. Wm. T. Wright, who does business in Centreville but lives at the foot of Chester bridge, in Queen, Anne were entirely destroyed. Mr. Wright had driven to his home on Saturday evening, and but for that fact his fine driving horse must have been burned in the building, as it was impossible to save any property. The building was in a full blaze when the fire was discovered. He had just had his carriage painted, and as the paint was not dry left the carriage in the building and borrowed another vehicle to drive to his home in. The carriage was burned.

Mysterious Campers.—A mysterious camping party located on Thursday evening beneath the trees at Hopewell school house. There were six teams and a number of men were seen moving about the camp by those passing, at a late hour. Several ladies were unable to force their horses past the place, and were compelled to return to their homes by out-of-the-way routes. The campers struck tent before day Friday morning, and so far as can be learned, their visit is enshrouded in mystery. There was not a gypsy wagon in the camp, but the vehicles were principally dearborns and one or two buggies. Who they were nobody seems to know.

Wharf Improvements.—Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Brothers state that just as soon as the present pear and peach season closes they will commence making great improvements to the wharf property at Scott's Point, Chestertown, preparatory to the constant running of their mill. The gentlemen said on Monday: "We have had a great season. For three solid weeks our mill was kept at work day and night so that our orders might be promptly met. The present outlook is that our mill will not be shut down three weeks between now and next season. We have brought in new territory this year, and our baskets have been declared by some of the largest fruit growers in the State an unqualified success. The Chestertown basket is now largely used by truckers, and new possibilities have opened for the business here. We have employed about 70 men and boys, and much money has been paid out to local workmen."

Stole Pistol and Shoes.—George Clark, colored, an old offender and an ex-member of the list of successful candidates for the Delaware whipping post, is now fleeing the Kent county officials. Between twelve and one o'clock on Friday night Clark forced an entrance through a pantry window at the home of Mr. Charles W. England; safely in the pantry he continued his investigations into the kitchen, and opening a drawer secured a six-shooter revolver, a silver watch and a new pair of shoes, all belonging to James Benton, colored. Benton was asleep in the kitchen at the time and was awakened by the scratching of a match by the intruder. By the light of the match Clark was fully recognized, but made his escape, and though two writs were issued for his arrest, he escaped into Delaware, and the last heard of him he was at Blanker, that State. The man husked corn for Mr. England last fall, and while thus engaged was arrested, taken to Delaware and tried upon the charge of robbing a colored woman in Smyrna, and was sent to jail for six months. Immediately upon his release he came to Kent and indulged in another escapade. Burned matches were found indicating that the man started to enter the lower rooms of the England residence, but finding the entrance obstructed by Mr. England's son and another gentleman, he was frightened off. He has served his time at the Delaware whipping post, and is an old offender. His stealings of Friday night were valued at ten dollars.

Pocomoke City Lost.—Prof. E. J. Clarke's strong aggregation of base-ball players droppod both games to the Cape Charles City Giants last week. The Trenchard Brothers, towers of strength to any base-ball team, found at the last moment that it would be impossible for them to play and in consequence the Pocomoke club went to Cape Charles handicapped by having to put on two "raw" men, and thus weakened lost the first game by a score of 8 to 3. The second game was lost by a score of 13 to 6. Clark, of Delaware, pitched the first game for Pocomoke, and Burris, the second. Latimer pitched both games for Cape Charles. Pitcher Horton, who was mercilessly struck by the Chestertown players in the game with the Yannigans, has been laid aside by Manager Hanlon as not coming up to the standard. Horton could have gone to the Toronto's, but refused, and has been released.

Fine Dove Shooting.—Monday was a red letter day with the Chestertown dove shooters, and over one hundred fine birds were bagged. A regular cannonade was kept up during the later part of the afternoon on the Col. Vannort farm, near Lankford. A field of German millet had been allowed to get very ripe before being cut, and quantities of the seed shattered on the ground. Last week, before the field had been plowed it was fairly alive with birds, and as late as Monday the sport was fine. W. H. Lambert, Jr., bagged 19, William Moody 18, Dr. C. P. Gilpin 14, Walter Strong 9, R. D. Hynson 8, W. W. Beck 8, S. Q. Moody 6, Hiram Brown 6, Deputy Clerk Greenwood 4, John F. Howard 2, and there were others with varying numbers. The sum total was 103 birds. S. Q. Moody couldn't get in the line of flight and Lambert took care of the cripples, Howard had a fondness for shade, Greenwood used up his ammunition, took W. E. Moody's gun, Moody having killed a sufficient number.

Sudden Death.—Mr. Lewis E. Hamilton, a highly respected citizen of Georgetown, this county, died at his residence in that town on Saturday last from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, aged seventy-one. Mr. Hamilton left his home Thursday morning about eight o'clock to go fishing a short distance up the Sassafras river. Not returning home for his dinner, his daughter, Miss Hattie, who was the only member of his family at home, his wife being in Cecil county, became uneasy about her father, but waited until later in the afternoon when his continued absence became alarming to her. She then informed Mr. E. Thomas Massey and Mr. Robert Wallis of the absence of her father and requested them to assist her in making search for him. They soon found his boat anchored along the shore near Georgetown and upon further investigation found the old gentleman lying in a clump of woods about one hundred yards from his boat, paralyzed, on one side and in an unconscious condition from which he never rallied. He was immediately removed to his home where he died as above stated. Mr. Hamilton had been complaining for some time of dizziness in his head but continued to go about as usual and no serious thought was given his complaints by the family. It is supposed the old gentleman was unconscious at the time he left his boat and wandered in the woods to the spot where he was found when he was stricken with paralysis. He leaves a widow and several children, all of whom are grown.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

*** Richard M. Leager, near Crumpton, lost two horses last week as a result of the animals eating too much dollar wheat.

*** The Crumpton cannery is employing about 60 Hungarian laborers.

*** The Philadelphia peach boat out of Chester river made her last trip on Wednesday of last week. A fair season is reported.

*** The Queen Anne railroad has engaged two Baltimore artists to take photographs of interesting points along its line.

*** Some of the most beautiful canned goods exhibited at the Elkton fair were put up by Mrs. George E. Noland, of Tolchester.

*** Agent H. L. Boyd made quick work in adjusting the insurance on the almshouse stable. The building was struck by lightning and destroyed on August 15th and on August 18th Mr. Boyd had a draft for the payment of the money to the county management. The money could not be received until the meeting of the board last week.

*** Some of the most highly colored and most beautiful fruit shipped out of Chester river this season has gone from Kent Island. The Island, too, has become one of the points of heavy shipments.

*** Billey Bowlegs, Annelis Pedler, Peaches, Nina Noble, all racers who helped make the sport at Tolchester, are entered in the Elkton races for this week.

*** Cecil county court will convene on September 20th. Politics will enter largely into the unofficial proceedings of the session.

*** The Sassafras cannery opened last week and is now running on full time.

*** Mr. William Mckenney has been recommended as the successor of his father, the late Gen'l William McKenney, as a member of the board of trustees of the poor for Queen Anne. The appointment is made by the county commissioners.

*** Mr. Robert Cochran, of near Galena, has grown a tomato which weighed over two pounds and six ounces. Mr. Thompson, on the Gooding farm, near Galena, has exhibited four tomatoes which weighed over six pounds.

*** During a recent storm lightning struck and killed three sheep belonging to Mr. Walter Greenwood, near Coleman's.

*** Postmaster Joseph N. Wheatley has grown a monster sunflower which tips the beam at four pounds.

*** Sunday last was fifteen-cent day at Tolchester, and had all those who started reached the Beach, it is estimated that nearly 15,000 would have been there. The actual attendance is put at between six and eight thousand. The big excursion from Philadelphia by the Pennsylvania Railroad came through to Baltimore in seven sections, eleven cars to the section. The steamer could not accommodate the immense crowd, and passengers were left on the Baltimore wharf. On all of the trips the steamers came into the Tolchester wharf with one wheel partially out of the water. Mr. Lenox Catlin was among the Philadelphia visitors, and was met at the Beach by his brother, Henry W. Catlin, Esq., who spent the day with him.

*** Dr. C. H. Medders, ear and eye specialist, will make his next visit to Chestertown to see patients on Thursday next, 14th of September, and can be found at the Watts House.

*** Monday was Labor Day, a legal holiday, and was observed in Chestertown by a closing of the banks and all public offices.

*** The present week has marked the heaviest fruit shipments of the season in some sections of Kent. The steamer Sassafras carried over 1500 packages from Buck Neck on Tuesday, and did not leave Gale's until after 12 o'clock noon. Her schedule time for leaving Baltimore was 2 o'clock but because of the great quantity of fruit she did not get off until after six, reaching Buck Neck at 9 o'clock This irregularity of time however, will only last for a fewdays.

*** Mr. John V. Greenwood died at the home of his brother, James Greenwood, in Still Pond Neck, on Tuesday morning, of rheumatism, aged 63 years; interment at St. Paul's. Funeral this (Thursday) morning at 9.30 o'clock. C.

THE OYSTER LAWS.

Attention of the Board of Public Works Called to the Failure of Enforcement.

Oyster dealers in Baltimore city have addressed a communication to the Board of Public Works, in which attention is called to the failure of the authorities to enforce the oyster laws, and suggestion is made that more stringent measures should be adopted this season for the protection of the oyster beds. The communication is as follows:

"The value of the oyster industry in Maryland is not over-estimated when we say it gives employment to ten thousand people, whose earnings afford homes, food and clothing for forty thousand dependants.

"Nature has year after year replenished the oyster beds and bars with a new growth of oysters, but not equivalent to the number of bushels taken by the oystermen annually. Thus the beds are affording largely decreased supplies and smaller stock to an extent for the last six years that alarmingly threatens the destruction of the beds and the ruin of the industry.

"The destructive agencies are not starfish, but oystermen who violate the oyster laws—not rigidly and fearlessly enforced by those who ought to do their duty.

"For sevesal years the democratic party was gravely charged with much leniency towards invaders of the oyster laws. The cull law—the very life and preservation of oyster beds, better than the gold mines of Klondike—they treated as a farce

"After the republican party officials took control of the oyster navy and appointed the commander and deputy commanders of their party faith, a feeling of confidence arose in the minds of thousands whose living depends on the oyster trade and its normal continuance, that all packers, dealers and oystermen would be made to obey and respect the oyster law.

"Last fall the trade opened in Baltimore by the arrival of very nice oysters, legally culled and fairly measured. Had the adoption of these regulations, which well complied with the law, been permanently and properly enforced, all would have gone well, and to-day the republican party and oyster navy would stand high in the estimation of Maryland oystermen and others interested. But instead of five per cent of small oysters being the limit caught and sold of the legal size, the ratio was inversed, and before the season was over the deputy commanders allowed to be caught, and the oyster inspectors allowed to be sold, thousands of bushels that ran 95 per cent under the legal size, with only five per cent of legally salable stock.

"Now, at the beggining of another oyster season great anxiety prevails as to what will be the policy adopted by the board of public works. Is law to be efficiently enforced and respected? Or is every oysterman to be allowed to catch and sell all sizes of oysters, and rapidly complete the ruin of a great industry once so valuable, but now on the verge of preventable destruction, under the sham police protection of a great naval fleet, built, manned, equipped and sustained by money exacted from toiling oystermen at a daily cost of tired limbs and aching bodies? We must admit that the part of the oyster law made to collect license is systematically and fully enforced.

"If we have told the truth in this appeal for justice, who is to blame? Let the defense speak and tell why they enforce enough of the law to get the oyster license money and then fail to protect the oyster beds from illegal depletion."

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Though in the extreme north eastern corner of Kent, Sassafras is still holding her own. The town is having quite a boom in the erection of a new separator, taking the place of the old plant which was consumed by fire on April the 12th last.

Mess. Vandergrift, and Clothier, of Bunker Hill, Cecil, two enterprising creamery men have erected a large building and placed a very large and latest patent of the Reed Danish separator with a capacity of three thousand pounds of milk per hour. Messrs. Frank Siequet, of Philadelphia, and George Kennedy, of this place, two expert machinists, put in place the machinery. Mr. George Kennedy will have full charge of the plant. They commenced on Wednesday, Sept. 1st, with a large quantity of milk. Our people are very glad of this move and hail the operation of the same with delight.

School reopened last Wednesday with a large attendance. Quite a number of new scholars were enrolled. Our teacher is very anxious to have an assistant in his school as he is crowded, the room being small and the large number of grades rendering the work very heavy.

Quite a number of crabbing parties have passed through town this summer from Middletown, Townsend, and elsewhere, enroute for "Fox hole" and Wilson's Point, two excellent crabbing shores on the beautiful Sassasfras. But the most enjoyable one seems to have been on Wednesday of last week when quite a number from Townsend and here spent the afternoon at Fox-hole. Having spread their tables on the shore they partook of all the delicacies of the season in regular picnic style.

Farmers seem to be in the midst of wheat threshing, the majority of them having stacked their wheat in the early summer, and of course are ready now for the advanced prices of that cereal.

Peaches have been extremely scarce in this belt. Mr. Harry Griffith has had the finest fruit shipped from here.

Quite a few changes are anticipated among us for the coming year.

Among the changes made around here we notice the repainting in tasty colors of the large and commodious dwelling on the farm of Mr. Wm. H. Spry, near town.

Mr. Jacob Shallcross, we are glad to state, is able to be out again after several weeks illness. Also Mr. Eugene Savin, who has been a great sufferer during the past summer with his throat and catarral trouble. Mr. Savin's speech has been very much affected His physician states that it was a case of dangerous nearness to diphtheria. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith have returned from a prolonged and pleasant visit among friends and relatives in Wilmington, Philadelphia and other points of interest north.

Mrs. Mary Lane returned Monday to her home in Wilmington, after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Wm. H. Spry.

Mr. Joseph White, of North Carolina, is spending his vacation with his brother, the Rev. W. W. White, of Warwick. He reports prosperity and good times in general with his people in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby, of Easton, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dreka.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin, last week drove to Easton and while there took in the great fair. The politicians and aspirants for office were out in full force.

The Elkton fair having opened yesterday, quite a number from here will visit it on Thursday, it being conceded to be the biggest day of the season.

Mr. Jesse Hartley, the expert butter maker in the Odessa creamery, has been home for two weeks, a great sufferer from a large abcess under the right arm. We are glad to say he is now improving rapidly. C.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Master Conlyn Noland, of Tolchester, is the happy possessor of one of the prize winning bicycles at the Tolchester fair. The precocious youngster learned to ride in less than five minutes and can now throw dust in the eyes of many local trotters.

Mr. Chester Maul and wife and Miss Bessie King, of Millville, N. J., are visiting their cousins, Mr. W. R. and Miss Phœbe Maul, High street.

Mrs. Fred Humbert, while descending the stairs at her home near town, last week, fell and broke two ribs and injured her leg. Mrs. Humbert is very old, this fact rendering her injuries extremely serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Clements returned from Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on Saturday. Both are enthusiastic over the charms of Saratoga. Mr. Clements enjoyed frequent bicycle rides on the splendid roads, but took little interest in the presence at a nearby hotel of such prominent figures in national political life as Senator A. P. Gorman, John Henry Keene and others.

Mrs. M. E. B. Stephens, of Prince George's county, is the guest of friends in Kent. Mrs. Stephens was for years one of the most aggressive and successful teachers in Kent, and since taking up her residence on the Western Shore, has become one of the most potent factors in the educational life of her adopted county. She was an interested visitor upon the exercises of the Teachers' Institute in Chestertown on Friday. Mr. Stephens, who had many warm and abiding friends in his native county, died about eighteen months ago with startling suddenness, and was brought to his old home to rest amid the scenes which were dearest to him during buoyant, hopeful childhood and a riper and nobler manhood. Mrs. Stephens, like her husband during his life, has always been a warm friend and welcome caller at the office of the TRANSCRIPT.

Miss Beulah Hayes has returned from a delightful visit to friends in Charlestown, West Virginia. Miss Hayes became familiar with many interesting facts in the history of this quaint old town among the mountains. It was here that John Brown and his followers were executed, and the handsomest residence of the town stands on the exact spot occupied by the gallows. It is stated as a matter of fact that a boy who took pictures of this residence has grown rich from the sales of the photographs. The wealthy owner, Col. Gibson, dislikes the notoriety, and it is said denies that the execution took place on the spot claimed. There is yet living in Charlestown one man who rode to the gallows with the notorious rider.

The law firm of Baker & Leach, Baltimore, has by mutual consent been dissolved, and Mr. J. Henry Baker will continue the practice of law in the offices formerly occupied by the firm.

Ex-county Commissioner Horace A. Willson, and his wife are both ill with typhoid fever at their home at Edesville. Every effort has been made to secure the services of a trained nurse, but as yet without success.

George H. Biddle, son of Mr. George S. Biddle, and Scott Beck, son of Mr. George Beck, took the competitive examination for a free scholarship to Washington College, on Thursday. Young Biddle was the successful competitor, though both boys made excellent records.

Lieut. M. K. Barroll, 3d U. S. Art. has been selected by Col. Miller as Regimental Adjutant in succession to Lieut. C. T. Menoher. Lieut. Barroll is a graduate of the artillery school and an officer of high ability. This takes him from Alcatraz Island to Angel Island, Cal., Lieut. Menoher taking his place at the former post.—*Army and Navy Journal.* Lieut. Barroll was formerly a Chestertown boy, and is a brother of Hope H. Barroll, Esq.

Professor and Mrs. A. M. Ebaugh, of Baltimore, have been on a pleasant visit to Mrs. Ebaugh's brother, Mr. I. R. Leaverton. Prof. Ebaugh occupies the chair of history and political economy in Baltimore City College. Mrs. Ebaugh, after a four years art course at the Maryland Institute, graduated last spring, and now proposes to continue her work and will pursue a post-graduate course in art at the Institute.

The "*Metropolitan*," an interesting and superbly illustrated New York periodical, in its September number presents four finely executed cuts of Hon. Lemuel Elly Quigg. Mr. Quigg is now one of the most prominent figures in the republican politics of "Greater New York," and is scarcely second in prominence to the irrepressible Tom Platt himself. Mr. Quigg is a son of the Rev. J. B. Quigg, and scarcely thirty years ago was in daily attendance at the public school at Chestertown. As a boy he was noted for his oratorical prowess and his addresses were always a feature of the public exercises of his class either in the public school or the Sunday school of his father's church. Several years ago Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Mrs. Hiram Brown and Miss Nannie Bordley and Miss Lizzie Graves, who had known Mr. Quigg as the village school boy called upon Mr. Quigg the congressman and were splendidly entertained. His rise to power and prominence has been almost phenomenal. Mrs. S. M. Usilton was young Quigg's teacher in the Chestertown school.

Mr. T. R. Hubbard, a prominent Chestertown business man, has become thoroughly impressed by the comparatively new theory which excludes breakfast from the list of daily meals, and has adopted the new idea of eating no breakfast. Dr. B. B. Perkins, of Philadelphia, but well known in Kent, long ago adopted this new theory.

Gen'l John Bordley, after a protracted confinement to his home was sufficiently recovered on Monday to surprise his friends by appearing on the street.

Mrs. Boston, formerly of Washington College, has accepted the position of matron at Richmond College, and left this week for her new home.

Mrs. J. R. Micou is the guest of Mrs. Satterfield, at Greensboro.

Miss Mary Stewart, who spent the summer with her sister, Miss Caroline Stewart, at Washington College, has accepted a desirable position in an Ohio College to teach vocal music and art.

Among those in attendance at Elkton fair from Chestertown this week are: A. J. Hynson, Dr. G. Allen Jarman, J. H. Aldridge, James A. Pearce, Esq., S. Hicks, W. H. Lambert, Jr., T. D. Bowers and a number from the upper section of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hanold and son Ireland, of Sweedsboro, New Jersey, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard this week.

Mr. Wilbur Eliason, Jr., who several weeks ago suffered a severe sprain of the ankle while playing base-ball, is still forced to use crutches.

Messrs. Eben F. Herkins, Jr., T. W. Perkins, Hynson Rogers, Thomas Massey, of Baltimore, and Charles Hines, spent Monday on a fishing trip to Deep Point. The gentlemen took their boat, the Hallie, down on the steamer, and supplied with an elaborate lunch, spent a delightful day on the fishing grounds. They had only moderate success with the hook and line, and returned on the steamer at night.

Miss Caroline M. Wicker, who taught in the Normal Department at Washington College last year, has accepted a desirable position in the Wilmington office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Mr. Harry H. Hyland, who is in the employ of Uncle Sam as machinist at Fort Delaware, spent Sunday in town with his family.

Mr. Owen C. Smith, of Baltimore, has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Smith. Owen is now proprietor of a large and growing drug store.

Rev. J. D. Kemp and wife are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Thos. S. Bordley.

Miss Hester A. Russell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clinton Cook, in Denton.

Mr. Gary H. Leaverton, of St. Mary's county, spent a few days last week with friends in Kent.

Miss Ellen Fisher is visiting her brother, Dr. S. Groome Fisher, in Port DePosit.

Mr. Frank D. Leary, who has been quite sick with typhoid is reported better at this time.

Mr. James L. Russell, of Washington, D. C., paid a flying visit to his parental home in Chestertown, Sunday.

Miss Mayme Thomas, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. C. S. Smith.

Mrs. Green and Miss Rudderow, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mrs. Wm. Robertson, on Queen street.

Mr. Thos. Harding and son, of Laurel, Md., have been visiting Mrs. Wm. T. Sutton.

Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and children have returned from Mexico, Missouri, where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Grace Hurlock and daughter, of Wilmington, have been visiting Mrs. T. S. Dodd.

Miss Sarah Whitehill, Miss Elizabeth Danenhover and Miss Fannie Reimer, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. J. Franklin Crew, of Wilmington, Del., are visiting Mrs. B. F. Crew, near Melitota.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lucas have returned from a week's stay with friends at Betterton.

Misses Maggie Grammar and Mary Alexander, of Wilmington, Del., have been visiting Miss Mollie Parks, on High street.

Mrs. Delma Dyott, who has been under a physician's care in Baltimore, has returned home much improved in health.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Twilley are visiting friends in Princess Anne, Md.

Misses Mamie and Belle Hamilton, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Joshua A. Copper and wife are visiting the former's mother on High St. This young couple were married in Baltimore on Monday and are now enjoying their honey-moon.

Miss Emma C. Greenwood, of Chestertown, and Mr. Edward G. Vanetta, of West Philadelphia, were quietly married last Wednesday, by Rev. S. C. Roberts, at the rectory on East Queen street. The bride is the youngest daughter of Auctioneer John H. Greenwood, and is quite popular with a large circle of friends. The groom is a young gentleman of character and means. He has made many friends in Chestertown during his visits here. The happy couple left for their future home in Philadelphia on Thursday morning.

Henry W. Catlin, Esq., and W. W. Beck, Esq., left Chestertown yesterday afternoon on horseback to attend the Elkton fair.

Miss Cora Reed is now in New York making her annual inspection of metropolitan fashions, and is purchasing new goods. Miss Reed will visit Philadelphia and other cities before her return, and proposes to make her fall stock one of the finest ever seen in Kent.

Mr. Joseph Brice will in a few days open a feed store in the Bordley storeroom adjoining Toulson's pharmacy.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Distinguished Visitors Attended Friday's Session of Teachers.

On last Friday the Kent County Teachers' Association met in Chestertown, with Examiner Smith in the chair. Sixty-one teachers and a number of distinguished visitors were present. Among the visitors present were: Prof. and Mrs. Ebaugh, former teachers of Chestertown school; Mrs. Stephens, a well-known teachers of not many years ago in Kent; Prof. Watts, of Western Maryland College, and Miss McDaniel, of Easton High School. Miss Florence Jewell was essayist of the occasion, and she treated her subject—"Perseverance"—with ease and fullness. Mr. J. A. Greenwood had been programmed for a paper, "Co-operation of Association with Executive Committee," but instead of a paper, he spoke to the question. Miss Sophie Miller, Mr. Topping, the Examiner and Mr. Milton McVin continued the discussion, which drifted into the question whether or not the executive committee have furnished a programme for the last three meetings, best suited to furnish instruction to the teachers. It was held that the arrangement is calculated to entertain rather than to instruct; and that those who are on the programme would furnish all the entertainment, while the body of the association would not participate in the exercises.

The regular literary committee reported the following, which was adopted for the next regular meeting: Music by a committee to be appointed; a paper by Mr. John F. Copper, subject: "What Features of Association Work Have Seemed Most Beneficial?" Discussion by the association. Reading, by Miss Daisy Moffett. "How Can a Teacher Not Skilled in Drawing, Aid Pupils in Learning to Draw?" Discussion by the association. Essay, by Miss Sallie Brown; Queries by the association; music, by music committee. Music committe: Miss Walters, Miss Stuart, Miss Nettie Gooding. Miss M. E. Hadaway gave a reading and Miss Emma McFeely a recitation. Miss Bertha Miller wanted to know of the association what she should do with certain pupils who had been admitted into her school by her predecessors who had not preserved a record of vaccination of these certain pupils, as prescribed by law. The teachers were free to express themselves, saying they would, on no account, admit any pupil without the required certificate, and that if they had a pupil or pupils in their schools who had gotten into them without a certificate, they would notify the parents that they must present a certificate of vaccination from a regular practicing physician within a reasonable time, or they would dismiss from their schools such pupils until they furnish the requisite credentials. Some of the teachers took occasion to recall a severe criticism which they had suffered some years ago, at the hands of a board of physicians assembled in the court house.

The association was adjourned early to give the teachers time to get their orders filled, which was really the most important feature of the day's duties.

"MY BOY CAME HOME FROM SCHOOL one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros., Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sparins, swellings and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 10 cent sizes for sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

CHURCH NOTES.

Christian Endeavorers in Convention With a Delightful Programme.

The upper-Pennisula Christian Endeavor Society met in annual session in Calvary M. P. Church, Easton, Rev. W. M. Poisal, pastor, yesterday, and will close tonight. The convention is composed of the societies of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester. The Rev. W. M. Poisal delivered an eloquent address of welcome to the visitors, which was responded to by Rev. J. M. Gill, pastor of Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown. An address; "A Convention Forecast," was delivered by Dr. J. L. Mills, pastor of St. James M. P. Church, this county.

Dr. S. Reese Murray, of Washington, preached a strong sermon in the Chestertown M. E. Church on Sunday morning.

The members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kent, are preparing to make their twelfth annual convention one of the most successful occasions within the history of the great work in this county. The convention will convene at Still Pond, on Wednesday, September 15th. Mrs. Ella Boole, one of the most eloquent speakers on the American lecture platform to-day, will deliver an address. Mrs. Boole has spoken in Kent, and if we may be allowed to quote; "without any sacrifice of womanly refinement and delicacy, she has shown clealy the true relations and duties of Christianity to the temperance cause." The following subjects will be treated by Kent county Ministers: "Since the Bible Teachers Temperance in All Things, Does That Mean That Total Abstainers Are Fanatics?"—Rev. E. H. Nelson, of Still Pond. "Why Should a Minister Encourage W. C. T. U. Work?"—Rev. K. M. Bull, Worton. "The W. C. T. U. is an Arm of the Church—How Can the Church Best Aid it Locally?"—Rev. C. T. Smoot, Pomona. "Since Intemperance is the Greatest Foe of the Church, What is Demanded of Its Loyal Members?"—Rev. J. M. Gill, Chestertown.

This noble band of Christian women are scattering seed which will ripen into a golden and abundant harvest in the future. The young womanhood and vigorous manhood of Kent are receiving the impress of Christian, temperate living which must redound to the building up of a higher plane of citizenship in the future.

Rev. Thomas Houston, better known as "The Blind Evangelist" is assisting in the protracted services at Worton and will preach every evening this week.

Mrs. Edna Taylor Hill, of Baltimore, sometime a resident of India, will make an address in Still Pond Methodist Episcopal Church, to-morrow (Thursday) evening, on the manners and customs of the people. All are invited.

FROM ROCK HALL.

A Gloomy Outlook for Kent County Oystermen—Stock Scarce and Prices Low.

"The season of 1897-8 opens under the most favorable auspices. Not for ten years at least have the indications of a fair supply been so apparent." My! how wide of the mark was the staid *Kent News* when it flashed out the above under the headline of "King Oyster on the throne," in its issue of last week. The season *really* opened under more *unfavorable* circumstances than it did one year ago. Then everybody was confident of a good season until several days of actual operations had taken place, notwithstanding the onslaught by disease and death upon Swan Point. This season scarcely a man felt encouraged upon the outlook, because buyers were warned to be cautious as the prospects were anything but favorable; and while wheat had run up into "high G," and provisions all along the line were in sympathy therewith, indicating that prosperity was really at hand, yet, the wage scale was flat, and 200,000 miners and thousands of other hard toilers were in entire idleness, and *they*, the bone and sinew of the consumption of oysters, had for weeks made it apparent that the season would open and continue for a time, under the most discouraging auspices. And so it has proved thus far. Some here and elsewhere think that it will be better further on. All hope that such will be the case. Marketable oysters are *very scarce* in our waters, and while they are healthy, yet, they are thin, which is remarkable, owing to the many heavy rains of the summer. There are places many young oysters, and if properly protected, they will afford a rich supply another season. The weather thus far has been pleasant, but the prices in Baltimore have been very low, and some of our buyers were compelled to return with part of their cargo, and quite a number have laid up for better times. Nearly all our tongers are in Chester river, there being less than eighty on the bayside. The oystermen are toiling hard and are bedding their catches. It is amusing to see the scramble among the tongers on the approach of a supposed buy-boat. As soon as one is sighted implements are laid in and preparations are begun for a race which has all the excitement of a regulation regatta, each bent on being first alongside the vessel, and in almost every instance the men are disappointed, for instead of coming to anchor in the usual thoroughfare, the vessel goes in harbor, the captain replying to the inquiries of the oystermen that he doesn't want to load.

Commander Stevens is keeping a sharp lookout for the oystermen's interests in seeing that the cull law is enforced. On Saturday he arrested F. L. Rich for having illegally culled oysters. 'Squire Beck assessed him $10.00 and costs. "There were others," but they "smelled a mice" and did not attempt to haul up alongside, but quietly passed on and bedded their catch. While it is unfortunate for Mr. Rich to be compelled to reach down into his pocket and shingle out $12 in these bright McKinley days, yet, it no doubt will be productive of great good to the industry here by deterring many others from selling undersized oysters.

Mr. Jacob Kendall, Jr., died at his home here on Monday night, after a protracted illness of typhoid fever. Mr. Kendall was unmarried and a most estimable citizen.

The crew of the survey steamer Blake before their departure from this place, held an interesting fire drill, much to the enjoyment of a number of our watermen.

Oystermen and others passing along the Huntingfield shore on the bayside are surprised to see Mr. Hatcherson's corn rolling down the bank. When the corn was planted ample space was left between the corn and the edge of the bank to allow for driving out and properly turning a team in the cultivation of the crop. Now the bank is breaking in to the corn rows, caused by the heavy rains and remarkably high tides of the summer.

Much complaint is heard here about the shortage of the sweet potato crop.

Another camp meeting row took place on Sunday in this section. Constable Davis was specially employed to guard the grounds at night.

Capt. Chas. R. Kerr has so far improved that he is able to be out.

Mr. Benjamin H. Larrimore, residing at Steelton, and formerly a resident of this place, made a flying visit with his family to relatives and friends here on Saturday evening, having crossed the bay in a sail boat. They returned on Sunday. BOB JOUR.

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FROM MILLINGTON.

Quite a heavy thunder storm passed over our town Thursday morning at four o'clock. The vivid flashes of lightning and loud crashes of thunder awakened nearly every person in the town. But little damage was done.

Mr. R. W. Comegys has had his house moved about twenty feet back from the street. The work was very difficult as it had to be moved from over a cellar. Mr. Sparks, the house mover, did the work.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Jacobs lost their infant daughter, Dorothy, Saturday night. She had been sick two weeks. Her funeral took place Monday morning. Interment in Millington cemetery.

Quite a large crowd of people were in town Saturday afternoon and night, the occasion being the John H. Sparks' show. In the evening before the programme began, a balloon ascension took place free to the public. After the balloon was a considerable height in the air a parachute which was attached was cut loose and parachute and aeronaut came to the earth in safety.

Mr. W. H. Price, of the commission house of Thos. Viguers, Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. D. A. Price, and returned home Monday afternoon with his wife and two sons, accompanied by his neice, Miss Addie Vansant.

Mrs. Sallie Jester and son, Charlie, of Philadelphia, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith.

Rev. T. C. Smoot, wife and children, have returned from Rehoboth, realizing that they have been very much benefitted by the trip.

Mrs. Geo. McKee, and daughter, Miss Ella, of Wilmington, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Ennis, near town.

Mr. W. T. Mallalieu has been quite sick with remittent fever at the Brick Hotel, but is reported improving.

Mrs. M. O. Cacy, Misses Julia, Lily and Marie Cacy, are visiting Atlantic City.

Mrs. J. W. Hazell and son, Joseph, have returned to their home in Baltimore after a visit of several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hazell.

Miss Mattie Hazell has returned to Baltimore having spent her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hazell.

Mr. T. J. McWhorter, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. Dr. Jeter, of Sassafras, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McWhorter.

Mrs. E. G. Clark has returned from Ocean Grove, N. J.

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