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LOCAL MATTERS.

Arm Broken.—Crook Matthews, the eight-year-old son of Mrs. William T. Matthews, fell from a doorway on Monday and broke his arm at the elbow.

A Monster Egg.—Mr. Frederick Humbert, left at the TRASCRIPT office yesterday a monster egg. The egg was laid by a Brahma hen and measures 6½ inches around one way by 8¼ the other. Mr. Humbert stated that the same hen had laid a number of these large eggs and so far none of them have been double yelk.

Record Breakers.—Col. Sam Wallen has been breaking all previous records in growing fine strawberries. The colonel has been selling some monster berries this week, some of which measured 5½ inches in circumference. The berries were not only pictures of beauty but were luscious in flavor. Col. Wallen has easily surpassed all of his previous efforts at berry growing.

First Tolchester Excursion.—The first big excursion to Tolchester this season took place on Saturday. It was the annual excursion of the Protestant Episcopal churches of St. Peter's, St. Luke's, Grace and St. Michael and All Angels. The excursionists left Baltimore early in the morning and remained at Tolchester all day. Arrangements were made for the accommodation of 400 children.

New Town Officer.—Mr. Thomas V. Simpson was last week appointed to the police force of Chestertown, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Officer A. B. Frazier. Mr. Simpson has had considerable experience in this line of work. He entered upon his new duties on Sunday. Mr. Frazier has been doing some work for Deputy Sheriff Gill this week, but has no definite plans for the future.

A Mad-Dog Epidemic.—Prof. J. R. Micou, in response to the urgent request of a prominent physician of Tappahannock, has sent his mad-stone to Virginia, where a mad-dog epidemic prevails. The professor is to receive a royalty on each application of the stone. In some sections of Virginia the scourge of hydrophobia has reached such serious proportions among horses and cattle that several barns and other buildings occupied by infected stock have been burned by order of the health authorities.

A Series of Defeats.—The Washington College base-ball team last week ran into troubled waters. In a game with the Maryland Athletic Club, of Baltimore, on Wednesday, they lost by a score of 24 to 3, the club having sixteen errors charged up to it. On Friday they lost to the Mt. St. Mary's team by a score of 8 to 15, with a number of errors charged up to them. It was evidently the Washington College team's off week.

Nothing Finer.—Judge C. H. Jefferson, the "Queen Anne strawberry king," will accept the thanks of the TRAESCRIPT for a bounteous sample of his delicious fruit. The berries were pictures of beauty and the quintessence of lusciousness. The Lord might have made a more beautiful and delicious fruit than the strawberry, but certainly He never did, and Judge Jefferson has the fruit at its greatest perfection.

Decoration Day Observance.—Decoration Day was celebrated in Chestertown by a closing of all the banks and public offices. Sumner Post Grand Army of the Republic celebrated the day by a parade and the decoration of the graves of dead soldiers. Not only were the graves of colored soldiers covered with flowers, but the graves of Capt. William D. Burchinal, Col. Edward Wilkins and Ex-Postmaster Hamilton, were strewn with summer blossoms.

Some Damage Done.—A short but severe storm struck some sections of Kent on Monday evening. The wind was very heavy for a few minutes in Chestertown. The two large panes of glass in the door of the store of Mr. J. H. Simpers were smashed in by the force of the wind. A limb of considerable size was blown against an electric light wire and was nearly burned off. Electric sparks showered from the point of contact. Fruit and other trees were badly broken in different sections.

Damages by Lightning.—Mr. L. C. Bower's beautiful home at Lynches' station was struck by lightning during the storm of Sunday evening, May 21st. The bolt passed entirely through the house, but only slight damage was done. The loss was promptly adjusted by Mr. W. H. McFeely's Co. Mr. Joseph Trew, Jr., lost a hog by lightning on Monday evening. The hog was feeding in the field when killed. It was valued at $8 and was insured in a company represented by W. H. McFeely.

Mr. James White Dead.—Mr. James White, one of the oldest residents of Chestertown, died at his home on College avenue, on Tuesday morning. Mr. White would have been seventy-nine years of age in November of the present year. He had been sick with asthma for about four weeks. A widow and five children survive him, as follows: James, Harry, Thomas and Irving White, and Mrs. Horace Scaggs. Interment will be made in Chester cemetery at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

An Unusual Coincidence.—An unusual coincidence was brought out in the police court of B. N. S. Wilkins, J. P., on Saturday. About two years ago Ben Scott, colored, was convicted of the robbery of the jewelry store of Mr. Edward T. Willis. A number of watches were stolen but afterward recovered and Scott is now serving out a term in the penitentiary. On Saturday, Maud Scott, aged about thirteen years, and a daughter of Ben Scott, was held for the action of the grand jury, charged with stealing a watch chain from Joshua Reed, colored, of Lynchburg.

Will Protect the Improvements.—The following self-explanatory letter has been received by Eben F. Perkins, Esq.:

"SIR:—Your communication to the commissioners of Chestertown in reference to holding public sales in front of the TRANSCRIPT Building received, and I am directed to say, that they are not aware that any such attempt has been made, and it is their intention that this section of the town shall not be used for such purposes, and the bailiffs will be so instructed. M. WILBER THOMAS,
Clerk Commissioners Chestertown."

Hotel Business Sold.—Mr. J. Henry Hurtt, who has conducted the Voshell House for twelve years past, on Monday sold the entire hotel equipment and good-will to Mr. George E. Lambert, of Rock Hall. The furniture and everything were bought as they stood, and on Tuesday the new proprietor took hold of the business. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have had experience in the hotel business, and Mrs. Lambert has a reputation for serving elegant meals which extends far beyond the confines of Maryland. Mr. Hurtt, who has recently received a desirable appointment as deputy collector under Collector Parlett, will devote his entire attention to the duties of his new office with headquarters at Baltimore.

A Mad-Dog Scare.—A muzzled mad dog created some excitement in Worton on Tuesday. The brute put in an appearance at Mr. Lewis Newsome's home, and though muzzled, whipped all of Mr. Newsome's dogs, bit a cow and then proceeded to Mr. Joseph R. Usilton's. Mr. Usilton was notified and shot the dog in his corn field. The dog was a mongrel: the characteristics of the Shepherd's dog predominating. The fact that the brute was muzzled is taken as evidence that he was from Chestertown.

Town Improvement.—The work of laying the cement walks in the square near the TRANSCRIPT Building is progressing satisfactorily. The walk surrounding the basin for the fountain is completed. The ladies wish it stated that the fund collected for the purchase of a sprinkler, is now in bank and will not be used for any other purpose than that for which it was contributed. The town commissioners have been requested to assume the management of the sprinkler but have not as yet communicated to the ladies their action on the subject. Should the town decide to operate the sprinkler it will be purchased at once and handed over to them. Should they decide not to assume the cost and responsibility, the money already collected will remain in bank awaiting future developments.

Hulless Oats Again.—The celebrated hulless oats cases are still in the Maryland courts. A Washington county jury, on Friday brought in a verdict for the defendant in the the case of Grove A. Shipley against Charles J. Moore, executor of Robert Moore, deceased, removed from Carroll county in 1895 and a few days ago resurrected from the stet docket. The suit was for $750 on a note given to P. Huddle and signed by Robert Moore in payment for "hulless" oats, many of which were sold to farmers some years ago at a fancy price. The note was discounted by the plaintiff, Grove A. Shipley, but the executor refused to pay it on the ground that the seed oats purchased were in the nature of a swindle. The court granted an instruction to the jury that the estate of of the defendant, Robert Moore, had been settled in Baltimore county before the summons had been issued against the executor while the case was in Carroll county and before its removal to Washington county and, therefore, the plaintiff could not recover against the estate.

Inventor, Poet and Author.—Dr. David Genese, well known in some sections of Kent, has invented a new lamp which promises to have far reaching effects. In this new device for illumination the Doctor has solved the scientific problem of controlling the wonderful power of acetyline gas, for which scientists have been striving for years. Dr. Genese explains that the calcium carbide, which is made from coal waste and lime, burnt in an electrical furnace, is dangerous only when it meets water and flame at the same time, and the difficulty has been to avoid generating the gas so rapidly that it could not be stored. Dr. Genese has constructed a little lamp he thinks solves the problem. His calcium carbide is stored in a cylinder, which is made of a porous material, through which the water, which is held in a metal jacket about the cylinder, penetrates slowly, making only dampness, which generates the gas so slowly, that when the platinum burner is lighted there is no danger of an explosion. The light is ten times as bright and brilliant as that of the ordinary gas. It is clear, white and beautiful. The platinum burner is the only one in existence. It has no affinity for the calcium carbide, never corrodes and the intensest heat does not affect it. Dr. Genese obtained a patent last week. He is a poet and author, as well as an inventor.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Prof. William Watts, formerly principal of the Still Pond school, but at present a professor in an academy at Round Lake, New York, was in Kent last week. Prof. Watts will teach in a summer school to be conducted at Round Lake during July and August.

Mr. Hyrons, a brother of Mrs. Robert Griffith, of Sassafras, died at his home in Wilmington, Del., last week.

Dr. W. Frank Hines, R. D. Hynson, Esq., and Mr. Ambrose Carroll, visited Centreville last week.

Mrs. Hester Wright Corkran, mother of Presiding Elder W. F. Corkran, died at her home in seaford, Del., last week.

Miss Nan Comegys, of Millington, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Charles E. Comegys, of near Easton.

Mr. Trainor, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his father, Col. Trainor, Washington avenue.

Mr. Wm. Anderson, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. C. W. Reid, at the college.

Judge Pearce has spent several days of this week at home.

James P. Gorter, Esq., of Baltimore, was the guest of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., on Sunday.

Miss Plumley, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph A. Catlin.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Cotton, of Baltimore, are guests at the home of Miss Katie Trew, in Quaker Neck.

Mr. W. W. Chapman is enjoying a needed rest of two weeks.

C.F. Harper, Esq., of the New York bar, spent several days of last week a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Medders, Still Pond.

FROM WORTON.

Miss Margie Cooper, of Worton, spent several days last week with Miss Ida Crowding, of Still Pond.

Mrs. Nellie Ivens has returned to her home near Worton Manor, after a pleasant stay with Mrs. Agnes Crowding, near this village.

Messrs. Geo. Nicols, and Wright Nicols and wife, and Mrs. Nicols, of Baltimore, have been visiting at the home of Mr. Harry Nicols, near Worton.

Miss Blanche Duyer, of Worton, is the guest of Mrs. Edw. Newsome, of Chestertown.

Miss Bessie Ivens, of Kennard's Point, has been visiting Miss Mary Cooper in this village.

Miss Daisy Crew, accompanied by her friends, Misses Nora and Nina Roe, of Baltimore, and Mr. David B. Crew, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of Mr. L. J. Crew, near this village.

Mr. Frank Bacon, who is attending school in New Jersey, is at home for vacation.

The ladies of St. James Church contemplate holding a festival and supper in the hall on this, Thursday and Friday evening.

Don't forget the Children's Day exercises to be held in the Presbyterion Church next Sunday evening. It promises to be a good one.

Mrs. Lydia Duyer is visiting her son, Mr. T. J. Par ons, of Edesville.

MADGE.

Georgetown Items.

Mrs. Jester spent a few days in Wilmington.

The Galena Cornet Band filled an engagement at Earlville, Wednesday, attending a flag-raising celebration.

The Mite Society is holding a festival in the band hall.

Miss Mamie Spry is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ella Woodall. JOE.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† Ninety-five degrees in the shade, was Tuesday's brilliant record for the weather bureau.

† The date for holding the Christian Endeavor Convention at Kennedyville, has been changed to July 20th.

† A new coal and wood yard, with Mr. Enoch N. Roland as proprietor, will be opened on Cross street.

† Still Pond Council No. 182, Jr. O. U. A. M., will present Betterton school with a handsome flag on June 19th.

† Round trips between Chester river points and Baltimore were commenced by the Chester river steamers this morning.

† A number of the Kansas stock partridges released in Kent have been heard from, and in every case they are doing well.

† The soft-crab season is backward and poor. But few crabs are being caught, they are small and sell for 30 cents per dozen.

† Messrs. Crane and Trenchard Bros. are completing a large pen in their dock for the storage of logs to be used in their Scotts Point mill.

† The Sunday school of Grace M. P. Church, Centreville, will run their annual excursion to Tolchester on the steamer Emma Giles to-day.

† The medal offered to the fox-hound showing the greatest number of points in the Pine Tree Club, in Queen Anne has not as yet been awarded.

† Messrs. W. S. and A. M. Culp, contractors and builders, have compleated a roomy office and storage depot for fine work from their planing mill at their depot.

† The king-bolt of Mr. Robert Moffett's milk wagon broke on Tuesday; the driver, Mr. Frank Moffett, was thrown against the glass window and painfully cut about the face.

† Mr. H. C. Layman, formerly of Chesterville, but at present a well-known traveling salesman, purchased and used the first milage book ever issued by the Queen Anne Railroad.

† It is reported that the black blight has done serious damage to the wheat crop in Queen Anne. So abundant is this blight in some fields that a black cast is given to the appearance of the acres of waving grain.

† Mr. W. Irving Walker's collie, which won one first and one second prize at the recent Baltimore bench show in competition with a number of imported dogs, was in Chestertown last week, and was generally admired.

† District Deputy State Councilor for Kent, Charles N. Satterfield, Wallace B. Wheat, P. C., No. 149, Charles H. Jones, No. 149, all of Rock Hall, were elegantly entertained by Sassafras Lodge No. 95, Jr. O. U. A. M. last week.

† Dr. A. P. Sharp, of Baltimore, was in Chestertown last week, and states that elaborate improvements are in contemplation by the Rock Hall Land Improvement Co., at Rock Hall. The elegant hotel, its equipment and surrounding improvements will cost between forty and fifty thousand dollars.

† The steamer Louise, of the Tolchester line, will begin her daily trips to and from Tolchester to-day. The big steamer has been thoroughly overhauled, newly painted, newly carpeted and put in fine condition. The company report that they have more bookings for schools, churches and societies, for Tolchester than ever before in the history of the place.

† R. H. Collins, adm'r. c. t. a. of Colin F. Stam, sold at public sale on Tuesday the five hundred shares of the Santa Rosa Gold Mining Co., for $10; the six shares of the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Co., for $2 and the three shares of the Emerson Drug Co. for $400. The other stocks advertised and offered were not sold and are held at private sale by the administrator.

CHESTERVILLE NOTES.

Enjoyable Children's Day Services.

Without a blunder or misstep, the programme for Children's Day was carried out in happy style on Sunday last. During the morning service, the pastor, Rev. J. E. Wilson, addressed himself principally to the children on the Boyhood of Christ. He drew a distinction between knowledge and wisdom, showing the great superiority of the latter over the former. In conclusion he appealed in his calmly earnest way to the young ones to take for an example the "Prince of Peace," and would feel himself blessed, if in after years some one of the dear children he then and there addressed, should say to him, "your kind admonition kept me in wisdom's paths." Our excellent choir, during the evening services, had additional aid. Miss Susie B. Culp, Mr. C. H. Hurlock and Mr. Robert Nicholson, of your town; Mr. R. Wesley Moffett and Miss Jones, of Millington, and Mr. Joshua Walls, of Crumpton, added their fine musical voices, and the singing was, it seems to us, very superior. Miss F. A. Gale and Miss Ethel M. Solloway, after the duties of their daily school were over, undertook the training of the little ones for the exercises of the evening, and how well their services were rewarded, all present will testify. We regret to say that the collection taken up was very trifling for the large attendance, which must have been about 400.

Mrs. Chas. Cranor, whose life a month or so ago was dispaired of, has so far recovered as to be able to take a little outdoor exercise.

Our school house buildings have been substantially repaired by Mr. Thomas Bennett. They have long needed it, and the school house itself will soon undergo some necessary improvements.

Mrs. E. A. Crittenden has had a grocery room added to her store-house property. Mr. Wm. Dobson did the work.

There are further details of the fearful storm of the 16th inst. A large tree was blasted by lightning and four others blown down in the rear of Mr. Thos. Bennett's residence on the property of Mr. Alday Clements. A magnificent shade tree at Mr. John D. Burris', was nearly uprooted and fragments of its huge limbs strewn about the yard in wild profusion. His little girl, Bessie, exclaimed, "now, Papa, we will have plenty of wood." Like many children of larger growth, she had not counted the cost.

Once in a while our hustling friends, the candidates, come around. There is a kind of ink known to the professional chemist, the characters of which cannot be seen until subjected to intense heat. Our candidates will likely turn their search lights on each other and drag out what was never said, thought or done. Let us have peace.

Queen Anne cannot bear the palm alone for raising nice strawberries. Capt. Peter Brinsfield has supplied us with some as nice ones as could be desired. We have been reminded whilst handling his berries of some witticism; we think of O. W. Holmes, who says that when berries grow larger downward through the box, you may order your ascension robe. The worthy Captain's berries are fully as large at the bottom as on top.

Mr. J. W. Jarman is the only farmer who raises asparagus to any considerable extent in this immediate neighborhood, although it is said to be a very profitable article.

We had a slight shower on Monday evening. OCCASIONAL.

CHURCH NOTES.

Dr. A. D. Melvin, president of the Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference, preached an eloquent sermon in Christ M. P. Church, on Sunday morning.

Dr. S. C. Roberts preached a strong sermon on the Trinity, on Sunday.

Presiding Elder Corkran, on Sunday preached in the Sassafras M. E. Church.

Father Dolan, on Sunday of last week, closed a successful and interesting Mission and Forty Hours Devotion at St. Denis Church, Galena. His closing sermon was eloquent and strong and was from a text found in the 140th psalm.

Presiding Elder W. F. Corkran, thus writes of his recent visit to Kent:

"In my 'going to and fro on the earth' I came on May 20th to Millington, where Dr. Waddell has charge. I found the work in good condition. All the departments are well manned. As in some other places, greater dilligence should be given to the finances early in the year and thus be able to defy blizzards or anything else that may come later in the year. The pastor is planning to raise the benevolences early, and is seeking to direct all the activities of the churches toward a great revival. The old Mallalieu Mills have been restored and again present a scene of industry much to the gratification and financial interest of the whole community. The purpose is to operate about 200 looms, employing some 80 men and women.

"From Millington I drove to Crumpton, down the river six miles. Here I found a good Quarterly Conference. The spirit of the officials and the outlook for the work are gratifying. After investigating the matter to the best of my ability I was fully convinced that both Chestertown and Union were at a disadvantage because of their relation, so Union was set over to Crumpton in order that certain needs might be met, and Chesterville was detached from Worton because of its great distance from that point and united with Crumpton, thus making Crumpton a four appointment circuit with preaching every Sunday morning at Union and every Sunday evening at Crumpton. The salary was estimated at $700. Union generously taking more than she has formerly paid and giving assurances of better things as she develops. Bro. Bloxton, the new pastor, a man of native force, splendid acquirements, good sense, unusual knowledge of human nature, intense industry and consecration, is concentrating all his forces on his work and there is a very hearty response all round. Three of the churches have adopted the Reynolds system of finance with the endorsement of the people. Union church is being repapered, repainted and recarcarpeted with other minor improvements. It is expected that work of a similar kind will begin on the Crumpton church very soon, and Double Creek will make considerable improvement a little later. With such a leader and such co-operation as these people will give, Crumpton begins her new life with splendid promise."

J. R. Cannan, pastor at Pomona, writes: "We have been most cordially received by the people of Bond and Mowbray churches, and have large and appreciative congregations at both places. Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues well organized and doing splendid work. Work of painting and otherwise improving the parsonage will begin in a short time. Collection for General Conference expenses taken. Revival meeting now in progress at Mowbray with good interest so far. We are praying for, and expecting a good year."

The Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton will meet Thursday, June 7th, in Christ Church, Easton, Rev. L. B. Baldwin, rector. The convention will be presided over by the Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., Bishop of the diocese. The Rev. E. R. Rich, of Trinity Cathedral, is secretary. The parishes of the diocese, in the nine counties of the Eastern Shore, will be represented by their respective rectors and one lay delegate each. Besides, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will assemble at the same time. One evening during the convention is to be given to the interests of each of these organizations.

Children's Day exercises will be held in the Chestertown M. E. Church on Sunday evening. A pleasant programme of music and other features are being arranged.

Christ M. P. Church will hold its Children's Day exercises on Sunday evening. The high reputation of the church for enjoyable exercises will be fully maintained.

WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Local Flyers Getting Ready for Work on the Track.

Manager J. B. Pennington, reports some very satisfactory work at Piney Plain track. Enoch Clough, as trainer on this track last year, worked several youngsters entrusted to his care into the fancy price list. Notably among them was Edgar C., sold at $600, followed by Young Partner at $400, after a portion of two seasons work.

Now comes some good ones, such as William Stevens' Bessie B., credited with a half mile dash in 1.18 on Friday last, with every sign that she could have shown even better.

Mr. W. C. A. Thompson is a frequent visitor to the Queen Anne track with as fine a pair of Alcantell youngsters as can be found in the State.

A valuable two-year-old Dudley colt belonging to Mr. Alday Clements, died of lockjaw on Monday. The youngster gave promise of speed and was in the hands of Mr. William Stevens for development. This makes the second valuable horse which has died of the same cause at Mr. Steven's without any assignable cause.

From Quaker Neck.

Mrs. Sarah Rebecca Neal, relect of Geo. S. Neal, was buried on Tuesday in Bond Chapel burying ground. Mrs. Neal died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Mack, of Reed's Creek, Queen Anne's Co. She was the last living child of Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, of the Cliffs, who is now 97 years old. Mrs. Neal was buried from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Crouch, near Cliffs, in Quaker Neck. She was a member of the Mobray M. E. Chapel. She leaves five children; C. R. Neal, Mrs. Ida Kirby, Mrs. May Crouch, Mrs. Hattie Brown and T. E. Neal. The casket was covered with flowers. The services were preached by Rev. R. J. Cannon, of the Pomona charge.

Mrs. Hettie Smith, of Centreville, died on Monday morning. Mrs. Smith was the last living sister of the late Samuel Townsend, of Townsend, Del., and is an aunt of Mrs. Mary A. Carter, of the Cliffs. She leaves two children, David P. Smith, grain dealer, of Centreville, and Edna Lupton, of New Jersey.

Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. Babcock, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

PHILOMATHEANS CELEBRATE.

A Delightful Banquet Beneath the Shade of the Trees.

The Philomathean Literary Society of Washington College, celebrated its 7th anniversary on the beautiful lawn of Mr. R. G. Nicholson's residence on Friday evening. The place of rendezvous for the gentlemen was the college, while the ladies were taken aboard at the home of Miss Adele France.

The members of the society and their friends left town at 7 o'clock in real picnic fashion, in two large peach wagons, one drawn by four and the other by two horses. Song and merry jest made the ride of two miles all too short for the merry-makers.

Arrived at Mr. Nicholson's, the scene was inspiring. Beneath the beautiful canopy formed by the over-arching boughs of a grove of maples, were spread the banquet tables laden with a tempting wealth of fruits and flowers. Swaying among the leaves of the trees were many Japanese lanterns, sifting a mellow light upon the scene of animation and beauty. Hammocks had been placed about the grounds, and everything was done to perfect the occasion of enjoyment.

At about 9 o'clock the "feast of reason and flow of soul" was commenced. Ices, fruit and cake were served in abundance. At the close of this feature of the programme, Mr. Virgil F. Ward, president of the society, extended a cordial welcome to the guests of the occasion, and referred in appropriate terms to the brilliant record of the organization of which every member was justly proud. Mr. J. Hall Anderson, eloquently responded to the toast, "The Future," and was followed by Mr. F. C. Kirk, who paid a brilliant tribute to "The Pleasures of College Life." Editor S. Chester Coursey, of the Centreville *Record*, painted a picture which fairly glowed with warmth and beauty, in responding to that always timely toast, "Woman." The TRANSCRIPT's representative, who was a delighted participant in what he declares to have been a most delightful occasion, was the sage of the banquet, and after asking for a kindly remembrance on all banquet occasions, put a sudden quietus on the "flow of soul."

The great red moon had stolen out, the stars peeped down and nature smiled upon the seventh anniversary banquet of the Philomatheans. At 11 o'clock the home-return commenced, and with song and laughter the evening's pleasures ceased at 12 o'clock, ending in the following chorus:

"Too late I've staid, forgive the crime,
Unheeded flew the hours;
How noiseless falls the foot of time
That only treads on flowers."

Mrs. W. Frank Hines was chaperon, and fortunate indeed, were the pleasure-seekers in her presence. No more charming chaperone could possibly have favored the young men, in accepting an invitation to join them in properly celebrating the anniversary of their society.

The ladies present were: Mrs. Dr Hines, Misses Annie Lambert, Mary Hurtt, Beulah Hayes, Jennie Vickers, Clara Vickers, Grace Wilkins, Jennie Hines, May Jones, Clara Jones, Mattie Davis, Emma Davis, Estelle Crew, Hallie Toulson, Mabel Toulson, Adele France, Susie Culp, Amye Russell, Bessie Wheatley, Mary Brown, Irma Eliason, Frederica Strong, Cora Emory, Bessie Nicholson, Hope Wallis, Helen Wilkins.

The occasion was an unqualified success, and the young men of the Philomathean Society are to be congratulated. If they are proud of the society, the society may well be proud of its membership.

Mr. Horace W. Nicholson, a prominent member of the Philomathean society, busied himself during the evening in making every one genuinely at home, while his sisters, Misses Bessie and Mary, assisted by Mrs. J. H. Hessey and Mrs. Walter T. Morris, were tireless in their efforts to add to the pleasure of those present. It is of course unnecessary to add that Mr. R. G. Nicholson neglected no opportunity to extend a splendid hospitality, and did much to add to the pleasure of all present.

BETTERTON NEWS.

A Choice Budget of News From the Pretty Bayside Resort.

THE NEW CHESAPEAKE HOUSE.

The spirit of enterprise and improvement has at last been earnestly aroused in this place, and every member of the community seems to have been thoroughly imbued with a sincere desire to make Betterton what it should be, one of the leading pleasure resorts on the beautiful Cheasapeake.

Our enterprising young merchants, Messrs. Crew & Owens, are entitled to the credit of having taken the initiative in this general business progress. They are now completing one of the finest hotels on the peninsula. This handsome structure stands on a high bluff overlooking the Cheasapeake bay at its confluence with the Sassafras, Elk and Susquehanna rivers, a short distance above Poole's Island and directly oppsite Pseusia Island, in one of the most beautiful and fertile sections of Kent county. The new Chesapeake House is four stories in height, contains fifty-six large, airy rooms, and will be prepared for the accommodation of over two hundred guests. It will be handsomely furnished and thoroughly equipped with all modern improvements. This new house will be opened for the reception of visitors on the 20th of June, proximo.

HOTEL BETTERTON.

Mr. James Crew, the urbane proprietor of the Hotel Betterton, is building a new eight-room house as an adjunct to his already well-known and justly popular hotel. The new building is 24x28 feet, with a large hall running through the center. This building will be completed in a few days. Messrs. Stavely & Bowers, of Lynch's Station, are the contractors.

A TOWN HALL.

Messrs. R. T. Turner & Son, our enterprising lumber and hardware merchants, will shortly commence the erection of a town hall. This building will be 32x50 feet in size. The ground floor will be used as a store-room and office, while the second floor will be fitted up for a public hall. When completed this building will supply a need long felt in Betterton.

A NEW WHARF.

The Ericsson Line of Steamers, plying between Baltimore and Philadelphia, are now constructing a new wharf at this place. The company having recently purchased the fine water-front property of Capt. George Moore, have now a large force of workmen employed in excavating, pile-driving and constructing a wharf of the following dimensions: Length from shore to landing pier, 800 feet; landing pier 40x80 feet; approach, 750 feet, with crib and shed on shore. There will also be a railed-in passenger walk on one side while the balance of the wharf floor will be used as a driveway for teams. Messrs. Armstrong and Printzenhoff, of Philadelphia, are the contractors and builders, with Mr. A. J. Beamer, of the same city, as superintendent of construction, and Mr. J. Huchner, also of Philadelphia, as overseer. The grading from the street to the waterfront is being done by Mr. Craft, of Baltimore, who has a large force now employed in making necessary excavations. This wharf is to be ready for the company's use by the 16th proximo.

ANOTHER WHARF IMPROVEMENT.

The new Wharf and Improvement Company of Kent County, composed of Messrs. R. T. Turner & Son, the Sassafras River and Port Deposit and Havre de Grace Steamboat Companies, will improve their facilities for the handling of passengers and freight. The Company's wharf, as now constructed, is 500 feet in length, with a width of 16 feet and a landing pier of 90 feet front. This wharf is to be improved by the removal of lumber and sail sheds, and an enclosed passenger walk 8 feet is width. A railway for the handling of baggage and freight will occupy the remaining portion of the wharf-bed. The passenger room and freight-sheds will be handsomely painted and otherwise improved.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given by the Betterton public school in the spacious dining room of the new Chesapeake House, on Thursday evening last, was a grand success. The room was beautifully and artistically decorated with bunting and cut flowers. Mr. Harris Crew, whose musical genius is always appreciated, presided at the organ, and rendered the music for the evening in fine style. The programme was an excellent and interesting one and was carried out in a manner that did credit to both teachers and pupils. The children spoke and sang in clear, musical voices and could be distinctly heard in every part of the large room. Misses Goodhand and Haddaway, the teachers, deserve much credit for the efficient training of the children. The audience was large and appreciative, and the success, financially, was quite satisfactory. C.

THE COSDEN MURDER RECALLED.

Mr. Richard Lloyd Nicols the last Survivor of the Shelton Jury.

The death of Mr. Richard L. Nicols, last week, recalled one of the most atrocious deeds within the criminal history of Kent county, the Cosden Murder.

This murder took place on the Cosden farm, near Galena, now belonging to Mrs. Carolene L. Hynson, February 27, 1851.

While seated in the dining room with his family, Mr. Cosden was shot down through a window by Taylor. Miss Cosden, a daughter of the unfortunate man was shot dead by Shelton, and Mrs. Cosden, who had in the meantime escaped to the yard, was shot down and instantly killed by Murphy; a colored woman had her arm shattered by a ball from a gun fired by Murphy, but afterward escaped in the darkness. The desperadoes then proceeded upstairs, and finding a Mrs. Webster in bed with her five-weeks-old child, shot her dead. A boy named Webster, escaped uninjured to a neighbor's near by. Cosden, who was left down stairs supposedly dead, subsequently rallied and was stabbed to death with a dirk in the hands of Shelton. This vicious looking weapon is now in the possession of Mr. William S. Walker, of Chestertown. A number of arrests were made, but Shaw, who was to have been a party to the butchery, turned State's evidence and gave the details of the shocking crime. Cosden was known to have a considerable sum of money and robbery was at first the object of the men and Shaw was invited to participate, but when murder was determined upon he withdrew from the plot.

Shelton was tried and convicted at the March term of court, Judges Chambers Hopper and Eggleston on the bench. The counsel for Murphy and Taylor then prayed a removal and their cases were sent to Elkton and resulted in conviction. The members of the Shelton jury, so far as we can learn them, were: Richard L. Nicols, Hiram Jones, William Camp, Thomas Baker, George N. Hines, Wesley Wiley, J. F. Ringgold, and G. W. T. Perkins.

John M. Robinson, afterwards Judge Robinson, was deputy prosecuting attorney for Kent and Queen Anne's counties, appointed by the attorney general under the old Constitution, and was assisted in the case by B. Chambers Wickes, George Vickers and James B. Ricaud. The prisoners were defended by James Alfred Pearce and Edward A. Moore.

The execution took place publicly on a hill on the Whaland farm, near the mill, on the suburbs of town, on Aug. 8, 1851. The men were taken to the gallows in a wagon, wearing their shrouds, as was at that time the general custom. While the noose was being placed around Shelton's neck, he coolly remarked that that was the way he used to catch rabbits when a boy. The crowd which witnessed the execution has been variously estimated at from seven to ten thousand. Several large excursions were run to Chestertown from different places. When Murphy fell the knot slipped and he fell to the ground and a general stampede took place. The man plead for water, which was sent for at Whaland's mill, but when the man tried to swallow he found it impossible. He was then re-hung.

It is reliably stated, that it was found impossible to feed the crowd, and that before the town was cleared of its visitors there was not a cake, craker, pound of cheese or anthing fit to be eaten left for sale in the stores.

LITERARY NOTES.

The great questions which are making the history of our time so intensely interesting have never had, in a single issue of any periodical, more striking and more able presentation than they receive in June number of *The North American Review*. Whether the authority which the names of the authors carry with them, or the manner of treatment be considered, the list of articles is perhaps the most remarkable ever brought together in one number of the *Review*. On questions vitally affecting the United States there is a masterly treatment of "The Conditions and Prospects of the Treasurp," by the Hon. Lyman J. Gage, who, as Secretary of the Treasury, is obviously qualified to deal convincingly with this subject; there is an article by Mr. William J. Bryan on the application of "Jeffersonian Principles" to the current needs of our politics; an exposition by Mr. S. N. D. North of the work of "The Industrial Commission," of which he is a member; and a disquisition by the author of the New York Franchise-Tax Bill, State Senator John Ford, on "The Taxation of Public Franchises."

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