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LOCAL MATTERS.

They Found Honey.—Mr. Frank Howard is painting the Union M. E. Church, in Queen Anne, near Chester bridge. On Monday Mr. Howard opened the end of the church for the purpose of ridding the building of honey bees. The gentlemen found from fifty to seventy-five pounds of fine honey. The bees were smoked out.

The Cluster-Cup Fungus. — Mr. Thomas J. Vickers has reported to the gentlemen who are examining fruit and other conditions in Kent, that a number of apple trees in Broad Neck are infested with some dangerous pest. Messrs. Gould and Stewart examined the trouble yesterday and pronounced it the cluster-cup fungus. This enemy to the apple tree may be combatted by spraying.

An Interesting Buckle.—Officer Simpson, while having some gutters cleaned out last week, found the brass buckle plate of what appeared to be an old belt. The plate had engraved on it the words: "G. B. Westcott, Ches. City, Md." The lettering was a fine specimen of the engraver's art. Just what part the plate had played in the dress of the citizen, possibly half a century ago, is not known.

Off on a Cruise.—Capt. Curtis E. Crane left Chestertown on Monday afternoon for a cruise down the Chesapeake. The trip is being made in the fine racing yacht Josephine. Those who went as guests of Capt. Crane are: C. H. B. Massey, Esq., Thomas Massey, G. Burke Faithful, Godfrey and Ned Westcott, and Robert and Miltiades Merritt. The party will attend the races at Oxford today, and before the return, which will be tomorrow or Saturday, will visit Easton, Cambridge and other points.

Real Estate Sale.—L. Marshall Haines, Esq., as trustee in insolvency, on Tuesday sold the residence of Mr. E. Wilbur F. Simpers at public sale to Cashier William F. Russell. The price paid was $2,210. The property is situated on Spring avenue, has beautiful shade and grounds and the price paid is cheap, the many advantages of the property considered. Mr. Emory S. Wroth has purchased of Mr. Benj. F. Fleming a lot on E. Front street, fronting on Chester river, adjoining the property of Mrs. Ireland. The price paid was $750. The property at Crumpton, in Queen Anne, occupied by Thomas Bishop, was sold last Saturday to John Johnson for $500.

Henry A. Kraft Dead.—Mr. Henry A. Kraft, one of the highly respected and oldest citizens of the county, died of paralysis at his home, near Galena, at nine o'clock P. M. on Monday, aged 87 years. The old gentleman, enfeebled by age and an active life, was stricken on Monday while lying on a sofa in his home. He sustained serious injuries by a fall during the winter from which he never entirely recovered, but was able to sometimes drive to Galena. Until this accident he was as hale and hearty as many much younger men. Funeral services will be held in St. Denis' Church, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock; interment in cemetery at Lambson's Station.

Horseless Carriage for Kent.—Mr. John S. Vandegrift states that he has completed arrangements for an exhibition run by a horseless carriage between Chestertown and Tolchester Beach. The run will be made on the day of the unveiling of the fountain, the date for which has not as yet been positively determined upon. Mr. Vandegrift says that Mr. Clark, who will have the carriage in charge, states that the eleven and nine-tenths miles between Chestertown and Tolchester, will be made in twenty-five minutes. The carriage will be of the gasolene type, and will carry but two persons, Mr. Clark and Mr. Vandegrift. Mr. Vandegrift further states that a horseless carriage route between Chestertown and the bay will be a certainty for next season.

The Minstrels Will be Here.—All arrangements have been completed for the appearance at Stam's Hall to-night, of the big minstrel show. Mirth-inspiring jokes, fine vocal and instrumental music, and some of the "funniest people" ever seen in Chestertown are said to be among this great aggregation of funmakers. A number of special artists will be on hand, but possibly the most brilliant feature of all will be the superb costuming, which will be by Jones, the most noted costumer on the continent. The fund will be devoted to a completion of the improvements on historic "Old Kent Square," and a great throng from every section of the county should express their entire sympathy with the movement looking to the beautifying of the town. The members of this great aggregation of minstrelsy will come by way of Tolchester and will be entertained by citizens of the town.

A New Peach Authority.—The Philadelphia *Record* has come out as an authority on peach yellows and peach growing. It says: "It is claimed that peach trees should be cultivated like corn and kept as clean. Crimson clover may be seeded in the fall and turned under in spring, applying also at the same time air-slaked lime, muriate of potash and bone meal broadcast. It is best to have a winter crop as a covering to the soil, but it must not remain after spring opens. Whitewashing the trees in February and spraying the branches with whitewash is said to delay the buds and protects against frost. The severe cutting back of a tree often gives it new life, and the center should be well pruned, so as to admit plenty of air and warmth from the sun. In some sections where the trees live but five or six years, a new orchard is started every year, as the old trees are removed, and one good crop in three years may give a good profit for all the work done during several seasons."

Mountain Peach Belt.—The following report comes from the Pennsylvania peach belt: "If the reports coming in from the various peach sections are correct, the peach crop in Southern Pennsylvania will be almost a total failure. The blizzard of last February is responsible for the condition of the peach crop. At Edgemont and vicinity, where there are thousands of trees, growers say they will have no fruit for shipment or sale. The same condition exists at Edenville, Franklin county, and also at Huntsdale, which has been considered one of the leading peach centers. A few early peaches have made their appearance on the market in some of the valley towns, but they are of an inferior quality, and the prices so high that there is little demand for them. There is an abundance of all other varieties of fruit. The whortleberry crop which is being gathered at present, is one of the largest in recent years. The apple crop promises to be very large. Growers say that much of it will be shipped away, and they will have plenty to store away. This fruit is selling very low. The potato yield this year promises to be unusually large. Last year the potato crop in this valley was almost a failure, and potatoes had to be shipped here from other States for home consumption. The corn through the valley is also looking well.

Mr. Westcott's New Office.—Contractor James Chillcutt on Monday morning broke ground for a handsome new office for Charles T. Westcott, Esq. The building will be frame, with a front and rear office on the same plans as the old office which Mr. Westcott has disposed of to Wm. M. Slay, Esq. The interior will be oak, finished in oiled natural wood, and Mr. Chilcutt says will be one of the handsomest offices of the town. It is being built on Court street within a few feet of the office which has been occupied by Mr. Westcott for so many years.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† The Crumpton creamery, it is stated, will close down temporarily this week because of short pasture.

† The Still Pond Farmers' Club recently enjoyed their annual outing on a trip to Havre de Grace and Port Deposit.

† Mayor Malster has been presented with a ten-pound Betterton rockfish. The big fish was captured by a Baltimore fisherman.

† Mr. Thomas Nugent, of Tolchester Beach, captured a thorough-bred kissing bug last week, and disposed of the curiosity for "a snug little price."

† It is estimated that ninety per cent. of the Kent county wheat crop has been threshed, and that eighty per cent. of the fallow for this fall's crop has been broken.

† Judge Samuel Burgess exhibited a beautiful cluster of tomatoes in town on Tuesday. The four tomatoes which hung on one small branch of the vine weighed four pounds and six ounces.

† The Tolchester Company has had a telephone put in the Chestertown telegraph office for the convenience of guests at Tolchester. This brings the Beach in direct telegraphic communication with the outside world.

CHURCH NOTES.

Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, recording secretary of the National W. C. T. U., gave an interesting and strong lecture in Christ M. P. Church, on Sunday evening. The speaker took an advanced position, and while she in no way extenuated the alcohol habit, the blighting effects of the use of tobacco came in for her most scathing denunciation. She claimed alcohol and tobacco to be the twin vices of the world. Mrs. Hoffman has a pleasant voice, is a vigorous thinker and a fluent talker. She is decidedly above the average as a pulpit or platform orator. Her audience at Wesley Chapel in the morning and in Christ church at night, gave strong evidences of their pleasure at having the distinguished speaker address them.

Christ M. P. Sabbath school has presented its orchestra with two new trombones.

Rev. E. C. Sunfield preached Monday night at Wye camp, and has been invited to preach at Sudlersville camp next Sunday.

Rev. J. D. Kemp, pastor of Magnolia, Del., M. E. Church, has been granted a vacation of three weeks, which he is spending at Woodlawn, accompanied by his family.

Rev. Robert M. Comley, of Locust Grove, preached at Salem, M. E. Church, Fairlee, last Sunday, while the pastor, Rev. J. M. Arters, preached at Locust Grove and Galena.

Rev. B. F. Price, who for 60 years was actively engaged in the ministry, will shortly publish a book entitled, "Him or Them;" or "The Ideal Man." Mr. Price is 82 years of age.

Miss Bertha Stone, of Baltimore, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Smith, delighted the congregation of Christ M. P. Church with two beautiful soprano solos at the evening service on Sunday.

† J. B. McIntyre and Harry Hodgkins will open a general grocery and provision store on Saturday, in the building adjoining the old drug store of Mr. M. A. Toulson. These gentlemen propose to conduct a well-equipped and up-to-date store.

THE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

Will Probably Take Place Next Week With an Elaborate Programme.

The unveiling of the beautiful fountain and its formal transfer to the board of town commissioners will probably take place next week with impressive ceremonies. A distinguished speaker is to present, and because of the inability to state exactly what date will be convenient for the orator of the occasion, renders it impossible at this time to give the date of the unveiling.

The ceremonies will be of a most impressive and interesting character. Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., as the representative of the Ladies Improvement Association, will make the address formally transferring the fountain to the commissioners board. Col. William J. Vannort, by virtue of his office as president of the board of town commissioners, will make the formal speech of acceptance. Some prominent citizen of Chestertown will preside over the meeting. Dr. Charles A. Grise, through whose kindnees the beautiful fountain was brought to the knowledge of the ladies, is expected to be present and participate in the exercises. A grand chorus of one hundred voices will render a number of patriotic and inspiring songs, while an instrumental chorus will also be a delightful feature of the day's exercises. The unveiling by little Miss Ida Orem Smith, will of course be a conspicuous feature.

Without knowing positively, it is expected that the unveiling will be arranged for some day the latter part of next week.

BASE-BALL LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs up to This Date.

The series of games of base-ball to be played by the members of the Kent County Amatuer League, has awakened much interest at the three points where contests have taken place. Chestertown forfeited the game to Kennedyville on Friday by failing to put in an appearance. Galena and Betterton played at Betterton, but the Galena club was forced to play a man in violation of the rule against playing other than county men. The game, it is stated, will be protested. The game yesterday between Chestertown and Betterton at Chestertown, was stopped by rain in the third inning with the score 5 to 3 in favor of the Betterton club.

Galena—J. Whitaker, c.; F. Hoover, 2b.; R. Shallcross, cf.; C. Hoover, p.; H. Scotten, lf.; J. Smith, ss.; H. Kennedy, rf.; C. Lehman, 3b.; T. Massey, 1b.

Betterton—L. Atwell, p.; R. Crew, 2b.; Wheeler, 3b.; J. Atwell, lf.; Turner, ss.; E. Hepbron, cf.; J. Owens, 1b; J. Ring, rf.; H. Owens, c.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Galena	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	10
Betterton	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	6

IDA OREM SMITH

Will Unveil the Beautiful Fountain in "Old Kent Square."

THE UNIQUE CONTEST ENDED.

The novel contest for the honor of unveiling the beautiful fountain in the "Old Kent Square," closed at ten o'clock on Monday evening. As had been disclosed by the published record of the vote from week to week, the contest was anything but animated at the start, though the two leading contestants, the little Misses Ida Orem Smith and Rebecca Aldridge, kept constantly close to each other in the voting. On Monday, the last day the contest opened in animated fashion, and by ten o'clock ladies had taken the field for an active canvass. One gentleman called upon readily responded with a twenty-dollar note, two others contributed five dollars each, and at this rate it took but a little time for a genuine air of interest to surround the situation. The standing of the fair contestants was kept bulletined on the TRANSCRIPT bulletin-board, and throughout the day they ran close together. At six o'clock the vote became absolutely secret, the vote standing at that time 444 for Rebecca Aldridge and 428 for Ida Smith. From this time to ten o'clock, when the voting ceased, the interest was intense. The contest was the only subject for conversation on the streets or in the stores. Occasionally a five-dollar bill sent the vote of one or the other of the popular little contestants booming upward and added another degree to the interest of the contest. When the situation had reached its highest point of interest, a gentleman quietly planked down a hundred dollars in cash for Ida Smith and sent her total vote up to 2892 or 1464 more than the vote received by Rebecca Aldridge, whose total vote was 1428. Thus, in a blaze of glory and excitement ended this novel contest, and Miss Ida Orem Smith will have the honor of unveiling the beautiful fountain.

The sum realized from the personal contest of these young ladies was $221, while the total amount from all of the voting was $233.75.

Miss Ida Orem Smith, the winner, is six years and two months old; is a blonde, pretty and petite. She wears her honors with becoming ease and grace, and will doubtless fulfill the pleasant duties of the unveiling as daintily as could be done by even a much older young lady. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Smith, both of whom are justly proud of the pleasant honor which has come to their home.

It is stated that the young lady, who will of course be a prominent figure in the unveiling ceremonies, together with the chief speaker of the occasion, will be taken round the town in the automobile or horseless carriage and then taken to the square.

Little Miss Rebecca Aldridge, second in the race for the unveiling honor, is one of the prettiest and most popular young ladies of the town, as was shown by the splendid vote which she polled. She treats her defeat philosophically and with becoming dignity.

THE BIG FAIR.

Tolchester Preparing for the Third Annual Fair.

Supt. George E. Noland is busily engaged in preparing for the big Kent and Queen Anne fair which will commence at Tolchester Beach for its third annual exhibit on Tuesday, August twenty-second, to last four days. The premiums this year are greater than ever before, and profiting by past experience the efficient management will be enabled to cater to the comfort and convenience of both visitors and exhibitors in a more satisfactory way than in past years. The accommodations and conveniences in every department have been increased, and at the head of each department the most experienced persons have been placed.

Those who have been selected for the various exhibit devisions are. Horses, T. E. W. Crew; cattle, Walter T. Morris; sheep, J. Walter Skirven; hogs, William T. Nicholson; poultry, James Bell; machinery, Wm. E. Keyser; farm products, James Bramble; garden products, J. H. Gale; flowers, Mrs. Wm. T. Nicholson; fruits, Mrs. John P. Nicholson; dairy products, Mrs. John W. Corey; domestic manufactures (quilts, embroidery and ladies handiwork), Mrs. T. H. M. Bramble; works of art, Mrs. T. E. W. Crew bread, cake etc., Mrs. Thomas Skirven; preserves, canned fruits and jellies, Mrs. James Bramble; in the childrens department, Treasurer James L. Beck and Miss Sophia Beck; school department, F. G. Usilton and C. C. Hopper.

In another column will be found a full list of the races and prizes.

The fair this year will far exceed in interest and elaborateness any of its predecessors.

DEATH OF BISHOP BECKER.

Bishop Thomas A. Becker, of the diocese of Savannah, died at Washington, Ga., Saturday night. He went to Washington recently, to take charge of the summer school during the absence of Father Riley, who is in Europe. The bishop was taken seriously ill last Thursday. Father Keiley, formerly of Wilmington, but now of Savannah, administered the last rites. The end was peaceful.

Bishop Becker's funeral took place on Monday morning. The services were held in St. Patrick's Church, Savannah.

Bishop Becker was born in Pittsburg, Pa., December 30th, 1832, of German Protestant parents. Having joined the Catholic Church, he began a course of theological studies preparatory to embracing the priesthood. He was associated with Cardinal Gibbons at the cathedral in Baltimore when they both were priests and before this country had a cardinal. He had originally been a Presbyterian, but while on a visit to Rome had become so impressed with the services of the Catholic Church that he joined it and entered the Propaganda College, in Rome, to study for the priesthood. He was ordained by Cardinal Patriza in 1862, and returned to this country and took charge of a mission at Martinsburg, W. Va. He was soon removed to Baltimore where he became secretary to Arch-bishop Spalding. Bishop Becker was consecrated a Bishop on August 16, 1868, and became the first Bishop of the new diocese of Wilmington, Del.

In 1871 the Rev. Edward Henchy, S.J., rector of the Queenstown church, in Queen Anne's county, became involved in a dispute with his provincial, the Very Rev. Joseph E. Keller, S. J. Father Henchy resigned from the Jesuits and entered the secular priesthood, being retained by Bishop Becker at Queenstown. The action of Bishop Becker in taking sides with Father Henchy precipitated trouble with the Jesuits of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and vexatious litigation followed, which resulted in an appeal to Rome. The matter was finally settled by the Jesuits resigning all their missions and property in the Wilmington diocese, except those of Cecil county, which they still retain, into the hands of Bishop Becker. Bishop Becker was succeeded in the diocese of Wilmington by Bishop Curtis, and the latter by Bishop Monaghan. Bishop Becker labored with great success in this diocese, and it was largely due to his efforts that St. Paul's, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick's and St. James' Churches were built.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

In the Jolly Whirl of Social Pleasures.

A delightful dance was given by Supt. George E. Noland to the Tolchester hotel guests and a number of friends last week. The enjoyable dance programme was in charge of Prof. George J. Jackson. Among those present were: Mrs. John C. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hatcherson, Misses Helen Sappington, F. May Sutton, Bessie Willson, Nannie and Pansy Willson, Mary Ringgold, Anna and Charlotte Willson, Sophie, Bertie and Sallie Beck, Linda Maddox, Mrs. H. C. Kesrhaw, May Morgan, Victoria Hayden, Lula Strong, Emma Giles, Blanche Smyth, Lula and Clara Downey, Nettie Reynolds, Miss Linsole, Mary and Emma Jewell, Grace Greenwood, May Reese, Stella Cleaver, Ida Bramble; Messrs. Wickes Sappington, Charles Notley, John Willson, John McAdams, Murace and Bennett Willson, Claude Parks, Turbert Greenwood, Horace Constable, Chas. Jessop, Scott Beck, Author Bradley, Thomas Massey, Bert and Cary Rinhart, Raymond Jones, Will Strong, Joe Watson, Will Knight, Leon Bryan, Brat Braddrick, Will Gale, Nelson Crouch, Jack Morgan, Tom Wallis, Alfred Bramble, Jos. Brice, Saml' Greenwood, John Toulson, James Lucas, Merritt Brice, Floa Wheatley, Will Wagner, Mr. Cannan and Walter Sappington.

The young men of Chestertown gave a pleasant dance last night in honor of the young ladies visiting friends in town.

Misses Ada and Lillian Patterson, of Baltimore, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wallis, Mill street.

Miss Josephine Wickes and Miss Ethelind Crisfield, left yesterday for Charmean, Pa.

Judge Joseph A. Wickes and family, left on Tuesday for Greenbrier Springs, Va.

Miss Anna Willson, daughter of Dr. T. B. Willson, is visiting Miss Tood, near Cockeysville.

Miss Ruth Graham and Miss Jessie Copper, both of Baltimore, are visiting Miss Oneida Maslin, of Rock Hall.

Miss Mattie Hoffecker, of Kenton, Del., is visiting Miss Mary Hoffecker, of Double Creek, Queen Anne county.

Messrs. Samuel Greenwood and Ambrose Carroll were to have left on Saturday for a trip to Old Point Comfort, Virginia Beach, Norfolk and other Southern points, but owing to the yellow fever at these places, they will confine their trip to the lower counties of this peninsula.

Mrs. Wm. R. Pippin is visiting friends at Atlantic City. She has been visiting friends in Baltimore and in Camden, N.J.

Mr. J. H. Hurtt was in town Saturday night on official business.

Mrs. Joseph' Guest is spending a few days with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Willson, of Edesville, is the guest of Miss Dixon, on Queen street.

Mr. Eugene Lucas, and friend, of Baltimore, are visiting the former's mother, on High street.

Misses Mary and Bertha Spangenburg, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Smith.

Miss Bertha Stone and Mr. Walter Orem, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Smith.

Dr. Peter Cooper, brother of the late Dr. T. H. Cooper, has gone to Arizona for the benefit of his health.

Mrs. Wm. S. Culp, of Washington ave., has been visiting her brother, Mr. Milton Melvin, Morgnec.

Miss Ida Wood, of Kent, is a guest of Miss Kate Loraine in Chesapeake City.

Mr. Charles J. Sudler, of Philadelphia, paid a short visit to Chestertown friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Guest celebrated the fourteenth anniversary of their marriage last Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas Harding and son, of Laurel, Md., are guests of Mrs. W. T. Sutton, Cannon street.

Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Fisher spent part of last week with their son, Dr. S. G Fisher, Jr., in Port Deposit.

Mrs. M. A. Green, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson, on Princess street.

Dr. Bartus Trew and wife, of Baltimore are guests at the home of the former's father, Mr. Bartus Trew, Quaker Neck.

Misses Katie Pranke, Hattie Jones, Nellie Hoffman, of Baltimore, and Miss Anna Simms, of Fairlee, are the guests of Miss Etta Chrisfield, of Locust Grove.

Miss Mamie Chrisfield has returned home after a two weeks visit to relatives at the Monumental City.

Mr. Noland Wilkins, of Baltimore, is enjoying a vacation at the home of his parents, Justice and Mrs. B. N. S. Wilkins.

Mr. W. Henderson Crosby, on Tolchester farm, has as his guests, Mrs. Crosby and Rev. Mr. Turner.

Mrs. Harry Vickers, of Baltimore, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Lambert, at the Voshell House.

Mrs. John W. Collins and daughter, Flora, and Misses Margaret and Helen Wheatley, are visiting Mrs. Frank Wheatley, at Edesville.

Miss Fenhagen, of Baltimore, is the guest of the Misses Stuart, on Queen street.

Miss Nellie Cacy, of Rock Hall, has been the guest of the Misses Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Canfield, of Caldwell, N. J., and Miss Bessie D. Snyder, of Camden, N. J., are visiting Rev. E. C. Sunfield and family.

Mr. Warren Hurlock left Tuesday morning for New York where he will take an examination for a position as telegraph operator on the Long Island railroad.

Mr. Wm. A. Burke and C. Shannon York will attend the State convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America which will be held in Hagerstown next week. The former is district president and the latter delegate from Chestertown Camp.

THE SICK.

Mr. J. F. Howard was taken quite sick while at his place of business on Tuesday evening. He is now much better.

Mr. J. Allie Thomas, an officer in the Chestertown National Bank was taken quite ill during office hours on Tuesday but is again able to be at his post of business.

Commissioner James Brice was very ill for several hours one night this week but was soon relieved.

Miss Mollie Watts, who has been desperately ill for several weeks with fever, is still extremely sick.

Master Cordray Loud, who is ill with typhoid fever is but slightly improved in condition.

STILL POND NOTES.

Isaac Robinson's canneries, under the management of his superintendant, E. W. Scarborough, have opened operations in a small way on beans and apples. Next week some tomatoes will be coming in, and in a few weeks everything will be in full blast.

Robinson's canneries in this section are stationed at Lynch's, Hepbrons, near Still Pond, and at Blacks.

Henry Davis has decided to go to business College, and has resigned his position with F. H. Harper & Son.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a great favorite with the people everywhere. For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

TOOK POISON.

Sad Death of William Groves in Baltimore.

William Groves, aged 33 years, employed as a conductor on the Carey-street line of the United Railways Company, died at the Maryland General Hopital on Monday from strychnine poisoning.

The drug with which he ended his life was purchased Sunday afternoon at the store of Dr. E. C. Esslinger, Woodbrook and Fulton avenues. Groves bought three grains, with which he said he wanted to kill rats. Going directly home he retired to his bedroom and swallowed the poison. His wife was attracted to the room shortly afterward by his heavy breathing, and found him unconscious. She immediately notified Dr. T. J. Talbott. In spite of all the physician could do the man rapidly grew worse, and was removed to the Maryland General Hospital. He arrived there about 2 A. M., and died an hour later in spasms.

Conductor Groves resided at 2845 North Fulton avenue with his wife and three children. Coroner Abercrombie was notified of his death, but decided an inquest unnecessary.

Mrs. William Groves, widow of the deceased, said, when seen by a reporter, that her husband told her just before he took the poison that he was taking it as a medicine to relieve the pains in his stomach, with which he was severely troubled, and on account of which he had laid off from work. She also said that he took three grains of quinine after taking the strychnine. She does not think that he took the drug with suicidal intent, and says emphatically that he died from an overdose of the poison, taken unintentionally.

Mr. Groves was the youngest of the three sons of the late County Commissioner John A. Groves, and went to Baltimore about two years ago. He has two brothers in Kent, Messrs. James and Bert Grovers.

Before going to Baltimore, Mr. Groves was a farmer near Pomona. He left Pomona and spent several months at Edesville, and after that time went to Baltimore and sought employment. His wife was before marriage a Miss Degraw, of Baltimore. Interment took place in Louden Park cemetery, Baltimore, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

THE "DEVIL'S RIDING HORSE" OR "KISSING BUG."

It will be of interest to Kent countians to know that the now notorious "kissing bug" is an old resident here, and has been a conspicuous creature in orchards and other places affording food, time out of mind, and during all of that time has been the plain, unassuming "Devil's Riding Horse." The following article was prepared at the request of the TRANSCRIPT by Prof. Stewart, assistant State Pathologist. Prof. Stewart writes:

"This bug, known to scientists as *Priniudus cristatus*, has jumped into considerable prominence of late because of some "popular entomological" ideas of a newspaper man.

"The insect is really a very beneficial one from the fact that he destroys countless slugs, aphides, beetles and insects that are really doing considerable damage. His habit is to remain on a twig, leaf or stalk, perfectly motionless, for hours at a time, waiting for his prey to come to him, rather than going after it. Indeed, at this season of the year he may be found maintaining this "personification of patience" act on peach, apple, pear or maple trees, and on the asparagus stalk. The minute his victim, generally an injurious insect, gets within his reach, he is very active, soon putting an end to the captive and then sucking the nourishment from his body through the long tube which serves as his mouth. While doing so he holds the insect up with his two front feet, in which position he may frequently be found. Should one stand and look at him he will very cautiously move about so as to put a twig or leaf in front of him so that he may pursue his wait without disturbance.

"On account of the peculiar arrangement on his back, resembling a half cog-wheel, he is better known as the 'wheel-bug.' This same protuberance gives him the name of "devil's riding horse," and his use of the sucking tube, stinging, he is unfortunate enough to be dubbed 'kissing-bug.' In fact this insect has always been considered harmless, but from now on will probably be considered, at least by the fair sex, as dangerous."

GUY L. STEWART,
Ass't State Pathologist,
Md. Agr'l College.

BETTERTON NEWS.

Special Telegram to the Transcript.

The searchlight excursion from Betterton up the Susquehanna River as far as Port Deposit on Monday evening, was as usual well patronized and much enjoyed. Kent county folk find these semi-weekly trips a very pleasant way to spend an evening on the water, and indeed, the trip is just the outing for those who are busy and cannot get away for any length of time. The beautiful steamer Susquehanna, rightly called the Queen of the upper-Chesapeake, is a model excursion boat, and has splendid accommodations, and plenty of speed. The searchlight and moonlight trips are run on Monday evenings every two weeks, leaving Betterton at 5 P. M. returning about 9.30. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons of each week parties can take the steamer at Betterton at 2.45 P. M. for a sail up the Susquehanna river, returning at 7.30. There are no more delightful trips for Kent countians than these.

Peaches are very scarce in this section and it is a rarity that one can secure soft fruit. Only a few years ago, beautiful soft peaches went begging. A few years since, as many as 90,000 baskets of fruit, mostly peaches, were shipped from this place in one season. This year probably 3,000 or 4,000 baskets of peaches will be the shipment. C. H. Price will have probably 2,000 or 3,000, others from 10 to 100 baskets.

The pear crop will be larger. It is estimated that Dr. W. S. Maxwell will have 10,000 baskets, of which 5,000 will be the Bartlett. Others who will have fairly good shipments of pears are: G. S. Boulden, W. H. Bowers, H. L. Crew, L. W. Ford, C. H. Price, W. D. Pennington. At Harris' Wharf, Jas. S. Harris has both peaches and pears, W. G. Rasin a few peaches, John H. O. Stokes, peaches and pears, Carson W. Harris, pears; James G. Harris, some peaches on his young orchard, and Jos. W. Howard, pears.

Tomatoes are looking first-class, and corn will make up to a fair crop.

The hotels are doing nicely, the Chesapeake House and Betterton House have been full since July 1st. The Hotel Wilmer is also well filled and many cottages are taking boarders. A. H. Supplee has a number of camping parties on his Idlewild Farm bluff.

It is a serious question with many of our citizens as to whether Sunday excursions will be of any benefit to our beautiful place. It is needless to say a Sunday resort does not tend to improve the morals of a community, and unless the steamboat people co-operate with the hotels and others of our village, in having order and bringing orderly people in our midst, the natural result will be demoralization to our community. This is a matter that should be weighed by every good citizen, now, at the beginning of regular excursions to this place.

MYSTERIOUS MAN.

Englishman, With a Letter of Credit, Says He Was Drugged and Robbed.

On Sunday afternoon, while walking down Commerce street, Centreville, Finley Roberts saw a man stagger and fall in front of Mrs. Mary E. Feddeman's residence. Mr. Roberts went to the stranger's assistance, and found him unconscious. Dr. W. D. Troy was summoned and soon restored the man to consciousness, when it was ascertained that he was a member of the Masonic Order. Members of the local lodge were notified, and they had him removed to the Arlington Hotel.

The man gave the name of Dr. E. D. Edwards, and claimed to come from London, England. He said he had been traveling through the Southern States, and had reached Baltimore last Wednesday from Jacksonville, Fla. While in the former city he met a well-dressed man who represented himself as being an Englishman. His new acquaintance seemed to be a man of means, and made himself particularly agreeable, finally inviting him to take a trip down the bay on Saturday afternoon. Edwards said they went aboard the steamer B. S. Ford, of the Queen Anne's Rilroad Company, and on the trip to Queenstown, he was invited by his acquaintance to take a glass of lemonade. He said he remembered taking the lemonade, but did not recollect anything further until Sunday, when he awoke at Queenstown, minus his friend and also a large sum of money. It is believed that knockout drops were placed in the drinks by his companion.

From Queenstown Edwards walked to Centreville, a distance of seven miles, and fell exhausted on the street. He was well dressed and wore a handsome gold watch and chain of foreign manufacture He also had a letter of credit for $1,500, drawn on a New York banking firm, purporting to be signed by Baring Bros., of London. He had recovered sufficiently Monday morning to leave for New York, the members of the local lodge of Masons providing the necessary funds. He refused to give the name of the man who accompanied him to Queenstown and also declined to give a description of him.

LITERARY NOTES.

McClure's for August.

McClure's Magazine for August contains an article on "The Cape to Cairo Railway," by W. T. Stead. As Mr. Stead is a personal friend of Cecil Rhodes, as well as of most of the important men associated with him in this enterprise, his story will have a very special interest and value. It will be fully illustrated from photographs of incidents and scenes along the line. The issue will be a midsummer fiction number, and will contain a story of the law, an Irish story, a racing story, a story of the pioneer circus, a true story of the Secret Service, and a country love story, besides a generous installment of Booth Tarkington's novel, "The Gentleman from Indiana." All of the stories will be very fully illustrated.

In the August McClure's, Miss Tarbell will give an account of the death of Lincoln, based on the unpublished recollections of persons who were with Lincoln in his last hours and were more or less eye-witnesses of his assassination. The article will be illustrated with the last life portrait of Lincoln, a facsimile of the last bit of writing done by him, a picture of the scene at his death-bed, and other pictures.

M. E. Church Services.

9.30—Class meeting.
10.30—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
2.15—Sunday School.
7.00—Song service and short sermon.
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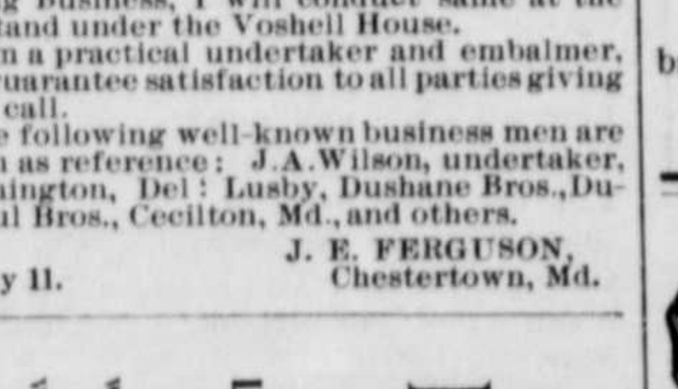
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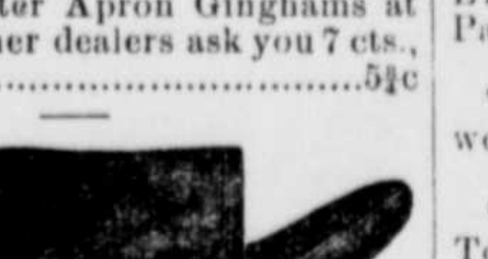
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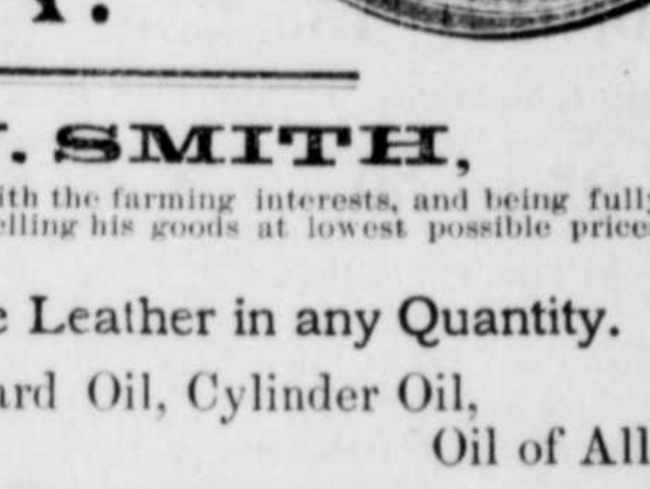
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