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LOCAL MATTERS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

ALL PERSONS indebted to the old firm of Collins & Hopper for subscriptions, advertising and job work prior to January 1st, 1900, are hereby notified to settle their accounts at once. All accounts uncollected on June 1st may be placed for legal collection. Payments may be made to either member of the firm.

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The Grain Market.

Wheat-70¼ and 71¾.The close steady was at 70⅝a70⅞c. for spot and May, 71⅛a71⅜c. for July, 71⅛c. for August, 65a72c. for Southern by sample and 67½a71c. for do. on grade.

Corn—May 41⅝a41¾c. and July 42c. The close was firmer at 41¾c. for spot and May, 41¾c. for June, 41⅞c. for July, 43½a44½c. for Southern white and 42a43c. for do. yellow.

A Monstrosity.—Mr. Joshua Jarrell has, or had, one of the most singular and interesting monstrosities reported this season. The freak was a calf which was born with but one eye and no tail. It came dead.

Treasurer-Elect Smith.—Treasurer-elect Charles S. Smith has filed his $40,000 bond, which has been approved, and he will assume the duties of his new office on Friday next. Mr. Smith's bondsmen are, on State bond of $15,000, Fred G. Usilton, Walter W. Chapman and John D. Urie; county bond of $25,000, S. F. Smith, James W. Chapman, Wm. F. Russell and James W. Lambert.

New Colored Cemetery.—The strip of land extending between Muddy creek and the public road, on the Quaker Neck road, belonging to Capt. Cecil Atkinson, is being negotiated for by some prominent colored people of Chestertown. The purpose is to use the lot for a cemetery, for which it is admirably adapted. The colored cemetery in Chestertown will be sold to Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard.

Mr. Falkner Ahead.—Mr. William E. DeFord has corn knee-high and finished thinning on Monday, but Mr. George Falkner on the bayshore goes him one better. Mr. Falkner finished thinning his corn on Saturday, had cultivated it four times, and had set out ten acres of tomato plants. In addition to all this Mrs. Falkner, has probably hundreds of chickens, while vast flocks of ducks and goslings dot the waters of the Chesapeake along the Falkner shore.

Lost His Tomato Seed.—Mr. Edward Corey, living on the Barnard farm, near Coleman, has lost nearly all of his twelve pounds seeding of tomato seed, and has been forced to buy plants for his own use. For some cause the seed failed to come up. Mr. Corey is planting a heavy acreage of plants, however, and is being assisted by Mr. Gaylord Hurlock, who is an expert at operating the patent tomato planter.

Fine New Ice Wagon.—Messers Chapman and Lambert have built for Mr. Robert G. Nicholson, an ice wagon which is one of the finest pieces of work of the kind ever turned out from a Kent county manufactory. Every part is built of the finest material, doublebraced, and it is artistically painted. The builders declare that this is only a fair sample of the quality of work done at their shop. Mr. Nicholson is delighted with the wagon, which is up-to-date in every way

A Great Soft Crab Season.—A real old-time soft crab season is on, and great numbers of the early-summer delicacies are being sent to market. Messrs. John Glenn and William R. Hodges caught 57 dozen on Monday, and on Tuesday about 300 dozen were shipped to market by Lankford bay crab men. Soft crabs have been selling at from twenty to twenty-five cents in the Chestertown market as against thirty and thirty five cents, the lowest prices of last season. The Baltimore market has ruled from ten to fifteen cents per dozen.

Traction Engines.—Complaints are made that persons having traction engines in charge on the public roads are failing to comply with the law governing the management of engines on the public highways. One gentleman complains that an engine was run up to within a comparatively short distance of his horse before any effort was made to stop or use any precautionary measures whatever. Engine men should remember that the law is exacting and the fines severe, for violations such as those complained of.

Electric Lights for the Ford.—The fine steamer Emma A. Ford, of the Chester River Line is being fully equipped with an electric lighting plant. The steamer is now being wired, the workmen making the trips on her each day. The saloons and every part of the boat will be brilliantly lighted, and in addition a powerful search-light will be placed in her bow. The dynamo has been ordered and will be put in as soon as possible. This will be a great improvement to the already comfortable equipment of this, the company's finest steamer.

Visiting Coons.—Samuel Sheppard and George Mitchell, two Chestertown negroes, visited Church Hill one day last week, and after being there a short time, proceeded to demonstrate to the "Hillers" how the coon element runs things in the shiretown of Kent when it gets good and ready. Bailiff John Carter arrested the men, and after a hearing before Squire C. E. Smith, fines of $1 and costs were imposed upon each, and in default of payment they were committed to jail. They will assist the town laborers during the next thirty days.—*Centreville Observer.*

The Editorial Association.—The following will constitute the reception committee on the occasion of the approaching visit of the members of the Maryland Democratic Editorial Association which meets on Tuesday, June the twelfth: Judge and Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Eben F. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Dr. and Mrs. W. Frank Hines, M. deK. Smith and wife, H. M. Brown and wife, W. B. Copper and wife, James T. Dixon and wife, Samuel Vannort and wife, Prof. and Mrs. E J. Clarke, W. W. Beck and wife, Josiah Massey and wife, H. Rickey and wife, Thomas D. France and wife, Dr. C. R. Twilley and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Brice; Misses Maggie Plummer, Ellen Fisher, Clare Vannort, Beulah Hayes, Mary and Sallye Beck, Clara Usilton, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Lewin W. Wickes, Dr. H. L. Dodd, D. A. Bacchus and C. L. Dodd.

Offer to County Commissioners.—The Highway Division of the Maryland Geological Survey, which has in view better roads throughout the State, has sent to the board of county commissions, a letter in which it calls the attention of the board to the opportunities which are open to the citizens and tax-payers of Kent to secure the aid of the Maryland Geological Survey in preparing plans for highway construction and improvement. Two sets of forms are forwarded to the board, the first for a preliminary examination, on which a rough estimate of the cost of the proper improvement of the road can be made. A second form is also inclosed for a detailed survey. This is to be made by the Geological Survey free of expense to the counties after the county commissioners have decided to undertake the improvement on the basis of the estimate furnished in the preliminary examination.

Rev. Mekosky's Experience.—Rev. E. C. Mekosky, pastor of St. James M. P. Church, had rather a thrilling experience about 12 o'clock on Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Mekosky were awakened by hearing some one walking around their house and trying to effect an entrance. They awaited developments, and the man left and went over to the home of Mr. Ezekiel Fowlers, a short distance away, and tried to force an entrance by getting on a shed. Failing in this he returned to the parsonage and tried to get in the window from off a shed. Satisfied that the situation demanded heroic treatment, the minister fired his pistol twice in the air, whereupon the man dashed off hollowing at the top of his voice—"You don't know me, do you, I am Jerry Wilson." The negro was terrified and left both his hat and boots behind him. The man's wife lives at Mr. Cooper's, and being drunk, he had made a mistake and had gone to the wrong place to spend the night. Mr. and Mrs. Mekosky were startled by their unexpected visitor, but the reverened gentleman gave unmistakable evidences of being prepared and knowing just how to deal with such emergencies.

Was Removed From Kent.—The case of William B. Broadway against the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company, which was removed from Kent county at the April term, came up for trial in the circuit court for Harford county, on Wednesday. The plaintiff's attorneys are Hester Hess and Albert Constable, of Elkton; John S. Young, Henry W. Archer and Fred R. Williams, of Harford. Thomas R. Clendinen, of Baltimore; George L. Van Bibber, Stevenson A. Williams and James J. Archer appear for the defendant. A novel point was raised in the trial by Albert Constable. He objected to the counsel for the defense sitting around the end of the trial table, claiming that they should be compelled to occupy either one side or the other. Failing to adjust the matter amicably themselves, the court was appealed to. In the meantime, however, Mr. Van Bibber succeeded in restoring peace by agreeing that a crack in the trial table should be the boundary line between the opposing sides. The suit is brought for $10,000 damages claimed by the plaintiff for alleged illtreatment on one of the dafendant's boats last spring. It was admitted that the plaintiff was intoxicated and was asleep on the deck of the steamer. He alleges that a negro porter dragged him down below, choking him, and that he was then set upon by the purser and unmercifully kicked and bruised.

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LITTLE LOCALS.

† Crumpton has a juvenile cornet band.

† Next Wednesday, Decoration Day, will be a legal holiday.

*†*Judge Pearce arrived in Easton on Monday and took his place on the bench.

† An original pension of $12 has been granted to George Greenwood, of Millington.

† The New York *Sun* gave the score of the Washington College—Mt. St. Mary's game, in its sporting columns.

† The members of St. Leo's Gymnasium, Baltimore, will go on their annual excursion to Tolchester, on June 27.

† A Still Pond gentleman says: "We will soon have electric lights, the next thing we want is a bank."

† Mr. W. H. Brown will superintend the Numsen cannery at Chestertown during the coming season.

† The schooner owned by Capt. J. E. Nickerson is sunk in Chester river about two miles above Crumpton.

† Parties from Westminster inspected the Chestertown Water Works last week and made an offer of purchase, which was refused.

† Two sailing vessels, the Senator, Capt. Bachelor, and the Ivanho, Capt. Hadaway, ran into the draw of Chester bridge, last week.

† Mr. Staunton Brown has resigned as manager of the Washington College base-ball team and Mr. P. T. White will be selected to fill the vacancy.

† Several farmers of Kent will experiment with what is known as huskless corn. The corn has no sign of husk and presents a singular appearance.

† A new turn table has been put in at the Chestertown station of the Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad. Contractor Robert N. Boston did the work.

† The contract for carrying the mail between Chestertown and Betterton has been awarded to W. F. Anderson, of Still Pond, for $170. The new route will commence June 1.

† On Monday the county commissioners of Kent, met the commissioners of Cecil county, at Fredericktown, and discussed the question of building a new bridge over the Sassafras river at Georgetown.

† The game of ball expected between the Washington College team and the Gallaudets, on last Saturday, was prevented by the rain.

† The 500-gallon street sprinkler recently purchased by the ladies of the Town Improvement Association, arrived on Thursday.

† The Stam Drug Company has put in an extremely handsome Tufts soda water fountain. Onyx and finely hand-carved mahogony are the materials of which the fountain is made.

TWO CONFERENCES.

Women Win a Long and Stubborn Fight—Pastoral Time Limit Abolished.

After a struggle extending over a number of years the efforts of women to gain admission as delegates to the Methodist General Conference have been successful, so far as the action of that body can invest them with the privilege. With little opposition, the conference voted on Tuesday to amend the church constitution by substituting the words "lay members" for "laymen" wherever they occur. The constitution, as amended, must now de passed upon by the annual conferences. Should the change be favored by three-fourths of the aggregate number of delegates, it will become effective, and the last barrier in the way of women enjoying the same recognition in the councils of the church that is accorded to men other than ministers will have been removed.

The conference on Wednesday voted to remove the time limit for pastors. They may be hereafter returned to charges as often as is desired by the bishop presiding over the annual conference. The question was brought up by a report of the committee on itineracy recommending the return of a minister to his church as many successive years as is found desirable. Heretofore Methodist ministers were permitted to remain in one pastorate only five years as the extreme limit.

After a number of ineffectual ballots, the General Conference has elected Dr. J. W. Hamilton and Dr. D. H. Moore, bishops.

M. P. CONFERENCE.

The Methodist Protestant Conference, in session at Atlantic City, has dispatched much important business.

The special committee to which was referred a proposition to combine the foreign and home missionary work reported that the committee disagreed, four reporting favorably to consolidation and four members reporting adversely. The question was delayed until later in the session for the decision of the conference. The conference also has under consideration establishing a home Sunday school department. It is a plan by which teachers may visit the homes of church members and prospective church members to give home instruction to children unable to attend Sunday school. The teachers will co-operate with pastors in gaining members for the churches.

Amendments to the discipline require applicants for probationary membership to be made to the pastor. Section 9 is to be reconstructed to read thus: "When there is dispute between two or more members of the church concerning the payment of debts or other buisness matters which cannot be settled by the parties concerned the pastor shall recommend to the contending parties a committee of arbitration, one of which to be chosen by the person aggrieved another by the person accused, these two to choose a third, a majority of whom shall decide the case."

An amendment to the book of discipline was adopted, requiring that hereafter every candidate for the ministry before being eligible, shall take oath to avoid the use of tobacco in every form. The amendment has no reference to pastors already ordained except for its moral influence. It was offered by Rev. J. L. Straughn, of Maryland.

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