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LOCAL MATTERS.

An Efficient Assistant.—Mr. G. Hines Thomas has personal supervision over the important work at the Maryland Experiment Station of printing and sending out the flood of "emergency bulletins" which have been placed in the hands of the farmers during the past six weeks. Prof. Willis G. Johnson has kept the people thoroughly informed as to the methods of combatting the insect pests which have appeared in such alarming numbers this season. The State Entomologist has found a most efficient assistant in Mr. Thomas.

The Memorial Fountain.- The drinking fountain to be presented to Chestertown and placed in the square opposite Stam's Hall, was put in place yesterday by Mr. F. M. Miller. The fountain is of bronze, is five feet and a half in height, is surmounted by an urn and has a large basin for horses, and a faucet for persons to drink from. The fountain is a memorial presented by Mrs. Thomas Hill, of Baltimore, and bears the following inscription on a brass plate: George Burgen Westcott, Senior, erected by his daughter, A. D. 1900. Because of the intensely hot weather and the further fact that Mrs. Hill, the donor, will be in Europe at the time the fountain is presented to the town, the ladies have abandoned the coaching parade at first decided upon, and have decided upon an extremely simple ceremony.

Saw it in The Transcript.—A gentleman who about ten days ago inserted an advertisement in the TRANSCRIPT for a housekeeper, stopped the advertisement after the first issue in this way—"The TRANSCRIPT did it in just twenty-four hours. Take the add. out. In one full working day I got the woman I want, and she came from Cecil county, too. I had faith, but not quite that much faith in the CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT's effectiveness as an advertising medium. If I wanted a wife I really believe an add in the TRANSCRIPT would bring the answer in one week." An attorney who had a farm advertised in the same issue, stopped the advertisement before the first week had passed with the message "the TRANSCRIPT has sold the farm so leave out the add." This is the old, old story to the TRANSCRIPT editors.

Date Postponed.—The committee having in charge the erection of the new public school building for Chestertown, has postponed the date at which all plans and specifications were required to be in the hands of the committee, from Tuesday of this week, July 10th, to next Tuesday, July 17. This action was taken because of the fact that several parties had found it impossible, for reasons entirely satisfactory to the gentlemen of the committee, to file their papers within the required time. Mrs. Constable, who now occupies the property recently purchased for the new school site, has rented the house on Spring avenue, belonging to Mr. Wilbuer Eliason, and will be ready to give possession within the specified time, so that no delay will follow when the contract is awarded. Mrs. Constable has rented the house on Queen Street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Slay for next year.

A Week of Picnics—The present week has been one of picnics to the Sunday scohool children of Chestertown. On Wednesday the children of Christ M. P. Sunday school boarded the Emma Ford for Queenstown, and enjoyed the day on the beautiful grounds at Bolingley, which were placed at their disposal by the management of the Queen Anne Railroad. Dinner and numberless lunches, and games under the trees made up the pleasures of the day. On Thursday the large Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church enjoyed its annual picnic at beautiful Bolingley. Feasting and rollicksome fun completed a day of rare enjoyment for the pupils and teachers. The Sunday school of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church will go to Queenstown on its annual picnic on next Wednesday. Should Wednesday prove inclement they will go on the following day if fair.

Co-Operative Cooking.—Following the suggestion of Mrs. Shafer relative to co-operative cooking, first published in the TRANSCRIPT and copied in the *Kent News* last week from the Baltimore *Sun's* Chestertown correspondent, Mrs. J. Cordray Loud is seriously considering adopting certain features of the co-operative cooking idea. Mrs. Loud, who is an expert caterer and experienced housekeeper, in discussing the question of domestic servants, stated that she considers the idea practical. Of course there must be a sufficient number of patrons of the new idea to meet the expense of a trial, but with proper encouragement she thinks that hot meals could be temptingly served at the home. Several ladies in Chestertown have already discussed the matter with her, and she is ready to give the matter a trial. The idea as advanced by Mrs. Shafer and published in the TRANSCRIPT, has awakened a general discussion among the ladies of Chestertown.

Distinguished Guests.—Washington Camp No. 34, P. O. S. of A., entertained distinguished visitors at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The guests were William Keener, a member of the Baltimore bar and a member of Camp 38; Prof. Heaps, a member of Camp 15, Baltimore, and Past-president A. M. Geisbert, a member of Camp 38 and publisher of the *Camp Fire*, the official organ of the P. O. S. of A. in Maryland. The gentlemen all made speeches, and were delighted with their visit.

Baltimore's Harbor Odor.—There could be nothing more annoying, and indeed, disgusting, to the Kent county visitor to Baltimore, than the nauseating odors which arise from the harbor of the great Southern metropolis during certain seasons of the year. To one who has been accustomed to the pure atmosphere of Kent, the question presents itself as to why every citizen of Baltimore is not striken down with cholera or some other disgusting plague. Here is the record for June and easily accounts for the origin of the harbor odors. The Harbor Board during June had dredged from the Back Basin about 23,054 cubic yards of mud. During the month the scavenger brigade of the department took out of the harbor 129 cats, 173 dogs, 304 rats, 800 pounds meat, 82 fowls, 31 fish, 180 crabs, 20 livers, 4 turtles, 2 goats a sheep, a ham, a pig, a calf, a terripin and a 'possum.

Mr. Crew's Wheat Lost.—The schooner Anna Marts, Capt. George Bramble, having 1800 bushels of wheat in her hold belonging to Mr. T. E. W. Crew and Mr. Crosby was capsized and sunk in the Patapsco river, on Thursday afternoon. A heavy gale struck the vessel so suddenly that she capsized, as did several other vessel caught in the same squall. Captain Bramble and his crew—John H. Peirce, Michael Speck and John Peirce, were rescued by the tug Solicitor. They were given dry clothes and taken care of until taken to the city. Captain Bramble said he loaded his grain at Tolchester, whence it was shipped by Messrs. Crew and Crosby. The vessel belonged to Capt. John Webster, of East Baltimore. The Marts lies just above Fort Carroll in the track of vessels. Her topmast is above water. Those in the storm said it was free of rain, but that large hailstones fell during the few minutes that it lasted.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† There was no meeting of the board of county commissioners on Tuesday.

† Mr. Frank M. Miller has erected a 500-gallon tank at the Nicholson ice plant and the sprinkler may begin regular operations to-day.

† Free Silver, the fine pacer of Register C. S. Hurlock has been forwarded by express to Boston to compete for handsome purses.

† The promising young pacer belonging to Mr. Wm. Bell, gave a very satisfactory account of himself at Smyrna, on July 4.

† Messrs Crane & Trenchard Bros., have, what is claimed to be the finest team of mules in the county. Each of the four males will weigh 1200 pounds, and the team cost $600 Four tons is an average load.

† The steamer Corsica, of the Chester river line, has commenced her regular summer and fall trips. Mr. Denny is most efficiently filling the position of clerk on the "Flag ship" of the Chester river line, the Corsica.

† Capt. C. E. Crane has brought his racing canoe, May Belle, to Chestertown and has issued a challenge to the bankers for a race with their new boat. Manager E. F. Perkins declares that with proper allowance for difference in size the bankers will accept a challenge from any boat on the Chester.

† The idea of holding a camp-meeting in the old Baker's woods, has been abandoned by Chestertown Methodists.

† 97° in the shade was the highest temperature of the past hot spell.

† Sheriff Davis has had the floor of the lower corridor of the jail cemented. The interior of the jail has been otherwise improved.

† The irrepressible tramp has put in an appearance and is ahunger and a thirst for work, but like certain applicants for a commission during war times desires to "pick" his job.

† A number of Kent county school children contributed to the fund which purchased the magnificent equestrian statue of Lafayette, unveiled at Paris, last week. The monument was a present from the public school children of the United States to the Republic of France.

† A New Jersey grower has a variety of white blackberry. He calls it the Iceberg. That beats Kent's white blackbirds.

† The greatest amount of ice ever supplied to Chestertown consumers in one day was seven tons on last Saturday.

† The gooseberry bushes of Mr. Wm. McKee were so infested with wasps that it was found impossible to harvest the crop.

† Mr. Arthur Hurlock has resigned his position on the steamer Tourist and is now an independent purchasing agent on one of the Chester river steamers.

† The first carload of wheat taken out over the Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad was shipped from Worton Station on Monday.

† Messrs. George L. Chrisfield, of Locust Grove, and John E. Bramble, have been appointed guards at the House of Correction.

† A number of persons availed themselves of the opportunity to go to Chautauqua Beach on the excursion run by the P. O. S. of A. of Church Hill, on Thursday. About seventy-five got on at Chestertown.

† July showers would bring cornflowers.

† The ladies of the Town Improvement Association are in no way responsible for the delay in sprinkler operations.

CANNERY OPEN.

Consternation in Colored Ranks Because None of Them Will be Used.

Supt. Snodgrass created some excitement in the ranks of Chestertown's colored population, by the importation on Monday of fourteen families of Poles (50 persons) and more will follow as the season advances. Mr. Snodgrass employed colored labor largely last year, but found much of it of an extremely indifferent quality. They did not hesitate to stop work at their convenience leaving great quantities of fruit to spoil. The prospect of work in the canneries has had much to do with the demoralization of colored labor in Chestertown. Hundreds of able bodied men, women aud girls are idle in Chestertown awaiting the cannery season, while fifty per cent. of Chestertown's housekeepers are without help and farmers are actually begging the men to work, but without success.

Both housekeepers and farmers are being forced into the necessity of solving the local labor problem. It is hoped that the decision of Mr. Snodgrass may tend to simplyfy the matter in Chestertown.

The Poles who have come are all more or less expert workmen in canneries, a majority of them having been in the work for fourteen consecutive seasons. It is claimed, and with some reason, against the Poles, that nearly every dollar paid them is carried from the community, which is not the case with the local help.

The Chestertown cannery was opened on Wednesday on beans. The crop is short by fully one-half as a result of the drought. At fifteen cents per peach basket, the price paid farmers in the vicinity of Chestertown, thirty dollars per acre is a fair price. The tomato season is expected to open about August 10.

Three large barracks have been built for the colony of foreign help whose methods of life are primitive and picturesque.

THRESHING RIG BURNED.

Was Just Finishing the Crop of Mr. Jesse R. Copper.

The threshing outfit of Mr. James E. Weer was badly damaged by fire in the field of Mr. Jesse R. Copper, at about 3.30 o'clock on Wednesday. Only about 50 bushels of Mr. Copper's big crop remained to be finished when Mr. Weer, who was near the thresher, noticed a blaze about the size of his hat near the base of one of the two straw ricks. In an instant, fanned by the high wind, the flame enveloped the entire rick. The engine and thresher were at work at the time and the stacker was packed with straw into the rear end of the thresher. With rare presence of mind Mr. Weer hooked the engine to the thresher and drew it away from the burning straw ricks, but not before the stacker was totally destroyed and the rear end of the thresher badley damaged. All the belting was saved, and the only wheat burned was four shocks which caught from the stubble, and the wheat scattered around the thresher, say about ten bushels.

Mr. Weer was using a 120-feet driving belt and a strong cross wind was blowing at the time. The fire started about one hundred feet from the engine.

Mr. Copper's loss is about ten bushels of wheat and the straw from twenty-three acres seeding. It is impossible to estimate Mr. Weer's loss, for in addition to the damage to his thresher and the loss of the stacker, he had crops awaiting him aggregating about 8,000 bushels. There was no insurance on the article.

Mr. Weer expects to have a threshing rig ready for work by Monday. He takes his loss philosophically, and says in a note to the TRANSCRIPT—It is hard to keep a working man down. I gratefully express my thanks to my friends and fellow workers who so heroically fought the fire and saved what they did. I do not know at present what I am going to do, but expect to arise Phœnix-like from the ashes with renewed vigor and strength.

He will be O. K. by Monday and will fulfill all threshing contracts.

On another farm a driver who was on a load of wheat waiting his turn to deliver his load to the thresher, felt a burning back of his head, and upon looking round found the load of wheat on fire The horses were loosed from the wagon and the wheat was abandoned and burned.

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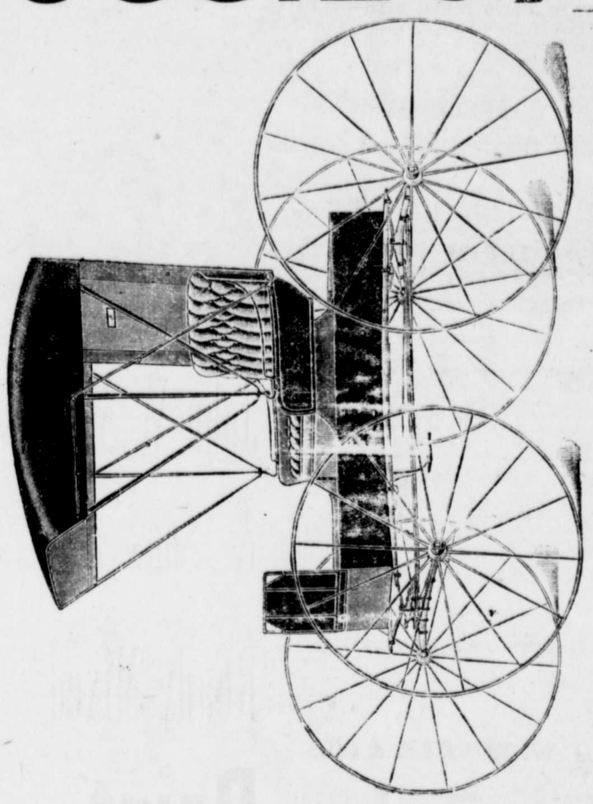

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