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LOCAL MATTERS.

Who Can Beat This?—A Chestertown lady has a hennery with a record which it is difficult to beat. From 45 hens, since making her Christmas cake she has sold 816 or 68 dozen eggs, which cleared her over $14.

Will Build New Draw.—At a joint meeting of the commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne counties on Saturday, it was decided to build a new draw for Chester bridge. It was not decided positively whether the new structure shall be of wood or iron. Bids will be asked for next week.

An Old Claim.—A prominent business man of Chestertown carried to a lawyer yesterday a note dated in the year 19. This is the oldest note—1883 years—that has ever been placed in the hands of a Chestertown attorney, so far as the records disclose. The lawyer is hopeful of collecting.

Heavy Loss of Sheep.—The unusually protracted severity of winter weather has broken the usual Kent County record for slight losses of sheep and lambs. While in many cases the losses have been remarkably small, these are exceptions to the rule, and resulted from extreme care and exceptional facilities for caring for the sheep and their lambs. Mr. John Turner, on the Bennett's Point Farm, in Queen Anne, is said to have, up to last week, lost 40 old sheep and lambs.

Our Water Supply.—Supt. M. Wilber Thomas states that a thorough analysis has recently been made of Chestertown's drinking water and that the chemist's statement is that it is in excellent condition for all purposes. An additional boiler is now being put in at the company's power house to supplement the original power capacity. There is no necessity for this improvement at this time but the addition is being made as a wise precaution against accidents or other complications.

February's Record.—March opened with a clear sky and vernal temperature, and no one regretted the exit of the month. The average temperature was 10° lower than the mean for February in years. The coldest days of the month were the 5th, with 8° and the 4th and 6th with 11°; while the warmest day was the 26th with a temperature of 54°. February of last year was by far more pleasant. The average temperature then was 29°, while the total precipitation was about 65 inches, or 3 inches below normal. Rain fell on four and snow on two days during that month.

Police Justice System.—With a bill now in the State Legislature having in view the inauguration of the Police Justice System in Chestertown, the success of the Police Justice in Talbot can but be of interest. Mr. George H. Trax, a prominent citizen and politician of Talbot county who was in Chestertown yesday, declares the system an unqualified success. He says that the Police Justice saved to the Easton district about $900 in one year. It prevents a multiplicity of suits, there are not half as many cases to go to the circuit court, and it possesses other admirable features. The Justice is paid a stipulated salary.

Withdrew Signature.—Mr. T. J. Tarman, father of 10 year-old Helen who was assaulted by Lloyd Burke, has written Govenor Smith asking that his name be not considered on Burke's petition for a commutation. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tarman signed a specially prepared letter addressed to Govenor Smith, asking that Burke's sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. Prosecuting Attorney Harper refused to sign the petition. Burke continued to insist that he had "just as soon hang as go to the penitentiary for life," but when Contractor McKnett commenced work on the scaffold on Wednesday morning of last week he began to realize his position.

Another Sleet Storm.—The storm of rain, snow and hail which passed over Kent on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning was scarcely second to that which did so much damage about two weeks ago. Hail, rain and snow fell alternately during Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, but fortunately a higher temperature lessened the ice coating which covered every exposed object. Telephone and telegraph wires and trees were heavily weighted by a coating of ice. A northeast gale prevailed at the time and many fine trees were prostrated throughout the county. The handsome shade tree in front of the court house was uprooted.

Did Not Celebrate.—The delightful banquet and anniversary celebration arranged by Kent Lodge I. O. O. F., of Galena, has been indefinitely postponed. Three different times the date was changed and each time weather conditions were such as to preclude the attendance of even those members and friends living nearest to Galena. Considerable trouble and some expence had been incurred, and all things considered the best thing to be done for the present, they thought, was an indefinite postponement. The lodge is fifty-one years old and is one of the most vigorous and helpful fraternal organizations in the county.

Stolen Goods Recovered.—During last summer a series of petty thefts took place from the porches of residents on Washington avenue. Mr. W. B. Copper lost a porch rocker and willow-ware stand, Mr. W. F. Russell lost one oak rocker and Mr. Tadm as S. Bordley, a table. Officer Cooper several days ago located the lost property in a negro "club house" in Twilley's lane. Raymond Yorker, president, and John Thompson and William Graves, officers of the club, have been arrested and lodged in jail to await a hearing to-day. Yorker and Thompson claim that Graves brought the articles to the club house and they know nothing of where he got them.

For Kent's Waterways.—Improvements in Rock Hall harbor, Queenstown and Chester river, are included in the $60,000 appropriation recommended by the River and Harbor committee for Eastern Shore waterways. The latter appropriation of $60,000 is grouped by the committee for the reason that it is proposed to expend the full amount upon the rivers and harbors indicated, and if the engineer officers find any money available after improvements upon any one river and harbor are completed they may expend the remainder upon one of the others if it should be found expedient. An appropriation of $10,000 for the improvement of the Susquehanna river in Maryland is also made in the bill.

Cow Held the Field.—An "indignant" cow assumed charge of the Tolchester Company's Baltimore wharf one morning this week. The animal, which was of unusual proportions, objected to being taken on board the steamer Sassafras. Mr. Edward Heinz, a butcher, had started the animal from his stock yard, on light street, in charge of two boys. The cow manifested a docile disposition until the gang-plank of the steamer was reached. There she balked. Coaxing proved of no avail, and when force was attempted the cow broke away and with a defiant toss of the horns tore about the pier, scattering the employes in every direction. Having cleared the field temporarily the cow calmly walked up to a bale of hay and began to partake of an evening meal. While the animal was thus engaged the two drivers crept up and tying ropes about the cows leg's threw her down She was dragged on board, and the Tolchester Company's employes came out from their various places of concealment.

Millington Horse Case Decided.—The Court of Appeals has decided the Millington horse case in favor of William Darrell. It will be remembered that at the October term of court an interesting horse case was tried between William Darrell and Edward Biscoe. Darrell bought a horse at public sale for $140. Biscoe replevied the horse, giving bond before the Justice of the Peace for $280, but the apprisers apprised the value of the horse at $90.00, for the purpose of bringing it within the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace. At the trial last October the court, Judges Martin and Brown on the bench, refused to hear testimony as to the conduct of the apprisers, holding that under the law their appraisement was final, and could not be inquired into. Hope H. Barroll, Esq. was attorney for Darrell, and Biscoe's attorney was Marion deK Smith, Esq., Mr. Barroll excepted to the court refusing to allow the admissability of the testimony as to the mis conduct of the apprisers and carried the case to the Court of Appeals by an appeal in the nature of a writ of error. On Thursday the Court of Appeals decided that the testimony should have been admitted, and that the Justice had no jurisdiction if the horse in question exceeded $100 in value. The judgment of the court below was reversed, so under this decision Mr. Darrell gets his horse, which is the fine driving animal Mr. Richard D. Hynson has been using during the past two years, he having purchased it from Mr. Darrell for $175.00, if a good title could be given him.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† The Black's cannery is contracting for tomatoes at $8 per ton.

† Several Chestertown parties saw Prince Henry at Annapolis last week.

† 12-year-old John Shriver, of near Cliff City, had his arm broken last week.

† A large number of the Chestertown public school children are wearing temperance badges. May they never abandon them.

† Others in the Maryland Circuit have followed the hustling pace set by Tolchester and will make a stake for the fast ones.

† Mr. C. C. Wood, of Eastern Neck Island, is making ready to hurry the building of his new home when weather conditions are favorable.

† The St. James Sewing Circle met at the home of Mr. Washington G. Skirven on Thursday night, and in spite of the bad roads about eighty persons were in attendance.

† John P. Thompson, of Baltimore, has purchased the store and land of Oregon P. Leary at Deep Landing, Rock Hall, Kent county, for $1,600, and will erect a hotel on the site.

† Representative A. M. Kendall left Chestertown at 6.30 o'clock p. m. on Friday of last week and did not reach his home at Fairlee until after 10 o'clock on account of the condition of the roads.

† Mr. William Biggs, who so successfully drove Bedworth, Jr., last season was the guest of Mr. William Bell on Monday. Mr. Biggs will drive the Kent county champion through the coming campaign on the turf.

CHURCH NOTES.

Methodist Protestants Have Much Work to do.

A church fair and bazaar will be held in Stam's Hall during April, by the ladies of the Chestertown M. E. church. Elaborate preparations are being made to make of it a delightful affair.

The M. E. Sabbath school will hold its Missionary Anniversary exercises tomorrow night.

The election of officers for Christ M. P. church for the ensuing year, and delegates to the Maryland Annual conference was held in the church last Thursday night. After the prayer service, Mr. J. D. Bacchus was called to preside, and Mr. Jas. W. Crouch chosen sec'ty. The present board of Stewards was unanimously elected to serve another year. The election of the delegates was spirited but perfect harmony prevailed. Chas. L. Dodd was chosen as the delegate and W. W. Hubbard alternate. The sentiment of the church is unanimous for the return of Dr. Greenfield.

The annual Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will meet in the church of that denomination in Centreville, on the first Wednesday in April and continue one week. The strongest representation to the body will be from Baltimore, and, naturally, the larger interest in its prospective doings is centered there.

The first act of the Conference after assembling will be the election of a new president to succeed Rev. Dr. A. D. Melvin, whose term of five years expires at the beginning of the session. It is known almost beyond a doubt that Rev. Dr. Frank T. Little, pastor of Starr Church, Baltimore, will be chosen. There will be a great many important subjects for discussion and settlement, one of which will be the arrangement for a new book concern in that city and the establishment of an official printing plant to do the work of the Conference and its official publication. The larger part of the fund for the purchase of this building is already in hand, but it was thought advisable to defer action until an expression was received from Conference. The amount that will be invested in the new property will be about $20,000.

Another question will be that of church expenses and assessments. Ex-President of the Conference Rev. J. D. Kinzer, now pastor of the Congress-Street Church, Georgetown, has written a pointed letter to Rev. Dr. F. T Tagg, of Baltimore, advocating the reduction of expenses by discontinuing the payment of salaries for work done at Conference.

KENNEDYVILLE W. C. T. U.

The Kennedyville W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly meeting at the M. P. Church on Tuesday evening. With Mrs. Annie S. Redmile as organist the audience sang, after which Rev. Louis Randall offered prayer. At the request of Mrs. Emma Jarrell all united in singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," after which she read one of the beautiful Psalms having "Prayer" for its theme, and spoke of the comfort derived from coming to God in prayer; she said that in the hurry of these busy days many are apt to neglect the blessed privilege of secret communion.

The president referred to the "red letter" days of the month "Union Signal Day" and "Prohibition Rally Day," the former being the birthday of the national president, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, the latter that of Gen. Neal Dow, the "Father of Prohibition."

Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, of Still Pond, gave an earnest, heartfelt address that greatly encouraged and inspired the members. Beginning with the days of Queen Esther, he spoke of woman's influence for good. Advancing to later years he briefly sketched the crusade movement and the birth of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; spoke of its mighty power as a whole, and, referring to the local unions, said that he had heard of the work that is being done by the Kennedyville Union.

He said it behooved him and his church, the ministers present and their churches, to stand by these unions and help them, for who knows but that in the few years to come they might be the means of saving his boy or theirs. He believed the day was not far distant when the Christian church would arise in its strength and by its influence and vote outlaw the drink traffic. He pictured scenes in the homes of the drunkards, and thought it not surprising that the fruits of such surroundings should be vice and crime. As if in response to this earnest appeal the honorary members present pledged themselves anew in short speeches to redeem the fair name of their village from the calumny that has rested upon it through violation of the local option law. It is hoped that there may be such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this community that every man who has the love of his home and fellow beings at heart may so faithfully perform his duty that walking speak-easies and keepers of secret barrooms may find it impossible to ply their diabolical trade. The president expressed herself as greatly encouraged by this action of the honoraries and feels that the Union has received substantial encouragement in its efforts to elevate the moral tone of the neighborhood. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. K. M. Bull.

SIX PRISONERS ESCAPE.

A Talbot County Officer Shot Dead by One of the Escaped Convicts.

Six prisoners escaped from Easton jail on Saturday night. The men who escaped were: Lewis Green, murder; Michael Drygalsky, stealing Henry Zeigler's watch at Longwood; George Sterling, selling whiskey at Oxford; Carroll Gibson, stealing horse and carriage from Mr. Camper, Miles River; Percy Broom, breaking in Levine Walker's store at Easton; Anthony Dashiell, Illegal dredging.

Deputies Thomas John Thompson and C. M. T. Soulsby went to Bellevue, opposite Oxford, by team. Green formerly lived and had a house at Bellevue and had many relatives living there.

Michael Drygalsky, the tramp Pole, was a mechanical genius. All the time he was in jail he was making all kinds of mechanical toys and devices to the amusement of the other prisoners. His work indicated much skill in the mechanical line. He was claimed to be a watchmaker by trade. On Saturday he skillfully hammered a key to fit the dungeon lock out of a poker. After unlocking the dungeon door he permitted the five negro prisoners to enter ahead of him, then locked the door, picked the lock of the iron window of the dungeon, assisted the others through this window and over the yard fence. Drygalsky was the last one out of the dungeon and the last one to scale the fence. The prisoners separated as soon as they were outside the jail yard. Drygalsky was smart enough to know that if Lewis Green escaped all attention would be given to Green's capture, thus giving him a better chance for freedom. The telegraph and telephone wires were down in all directions, handicapping the officers to a great extent.

THE TRAGEDY.

Deputies Soulsby and Thompson arrived at Bellevue about midnight, and it was their intention to remain there until daylight. They went to William H. Valliant's carriage shed for this purpose. While there they were accosted by Frank Burke, a negro who ask them if they were looking for Lewis Green and informed them that he was at his sister's (Louisa Gibson) house. Burke took them to the home of Louisa. Burke was instructed to remain behind a tree some distance off while Soulsby went to the rear of the house and Thompson to the front door

Thompson demanded admittance and the surrender of Green and it was denied him. Burke recognized Lewis Green's voice as the one talking to Tompson. Thompson then sent Burke back to Mr. Valliant's after assistance and to notify the Sheriff. Thompson then went back to the front door and again demanded admittance. Two shots were heard and Thompson exclaimed "Oh! Dick." Soulsby hurried to Thompson and saw a man running off to the woods and shot several times at him without result. Soulsby found Thompson on his back lengthwise of the house with his right side toward the house. Thompson never spoke after Soulsby reached him. This was at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. Soulsby placed Thompson's body against the house, went to Mr. Valliant's for assistance and with Spry Newnam and Burke returned with a wagon and took the body to Mr. Valliant's. The body was in the same position as Soulsby had placed it. Death was practically instantaneous. Thompson's body was carried to Easton and placed in Mason's undertaking rooms about 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Four of the men have been captured in Talbot, and Dryglasky was captured in Delaware. It is impossible to ascertain who fired the fatal shot.

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