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LOCAL MATTERS.

New Gasoline Launch.—Capt. J. E. Woodall, on Saturday launched his new gasoline boat at Georgetown. On her trial trip from Wilson's Point to Georgetown the trim little vessel developed satisfactory speed, beating, it is stated, the Toddy's trial time by just one minute.

Manual Training Instructor.—Prof. John T. Bruehl, of Baltimore county, has been selected and has accepted the position of instructor of Manual Training in the Chestertown Public School. Prof. Bruehl is a graduate of the State Normal School and is finely equipped for the duties of the position to which he has been appointed.

Competative Examinations.—Nine competitors took the examination on Tuesday for the vacant free scholarship at Washington College. One young lady was included in the number. The result will be made known next Tuesday. The appointment will be made to fill the vacancy caused by the graduation in June last of George S. Biddle, Jr.

The Brooks Crippled.—The power schooner Velma Brooks, of the Chesapeake Line, was towed into Baltimore from Chester river by a tug, on Tuesday. The engine of the vessel became disabled; she had on board heavy consignments of fruit, and to avoid injury to her cargo and to keep schedule time her captain called in the services of the tug William A. Johnson.

Annie Black Dead.—Annie Black, probably the oldest colored woman in Kent, died about ten days ago, at her home near Galena, aged 106 years. The woman was a slave in the family of Gilpins, of Kent, and nursed Mr. Joseph E., Bert and William Gilpin in their childhood. She was one of the "old time" colored servants, and died as she had lived, highly respected alike by white and colored persons of the community.

A Model Road.—The model piece of public road, built under the supervision of Engineers Johnson and Harris, of the Maryland Geological Survey, in Queen Anne, will be completed this morning A big five-ton roller is putting the finishing touches on, and the scant quarter mile of model road will be completed to-day. The success of this experiment in road building will be watched with great interest in every county of the State.

Stock on Rampage.—It was noted in last week's TRANSCRIPT that Mr. L. C. Hayes had sold 26 fine steers at $50 each, to a stock dealer. These cattle were shipped on Thursday of last week and upon leaving Kent seem to have decided to give all possible trouble. Turned loose in Philadelphia they went on a stampede. One landed in the river and was drownded, several were injured, and it is reported that two men were badly, if not fatally injured. The animals were finally gotten under control.

A Pleasant Excursion.—St. Paul's Parish and its many friends gave a very pleasant and successful excursion from Tolchester to Port Deposit, on Wednesday. It is reported they spent a really happy holiday while on the steamer Emma Giles, and found the Port well worth a visit. The gust which visited part of Kent at the time, did not interfere, to any extent, to the party's enjoyment. Happiness prevailed, and the hearty socialbility for which the people of St. Paul's are noted, made the trip delightful in every feature.

The Bottom-of-the-bay-Cable.—The new telephone cable at the bottom of the bay, from Love Point, Queen Anne county, to Sandy Point, Anne Arundel county, was completed on Tuesday. The first message sent over the new line was sent to the Baltimore *Sun* by its Centreville correspondent. Heretofore all telephone communication between Baltimore and the Eastern Shore has been around the head of the bay. A cable across the bay was laid last winter, but broke before there was any business over it. This new cable will give Baltimore communication with the entire Eastern Shore below Cecil county. It will be a great convenience to the people of those counties, and good telephone communication will doubtless promote business between the Shore and city.

Curious Performance of a Turkey Gobbler.—Mr. L. J. Usilton is experimenting with a turkey gobbler as a "setter." This erratic member of Mr. Usilton's barnyard persisted in a desire to usurp the place of Mrs. turkey, (some men do the same thing) so Mr. Usilton determined to gratify him, and set him on six eggs. In discussing the matter several gentlemen stated that it is no uncommon thing for turkey gobblers to want to set. Often they will set on apples, and perform their duty most faithfully. As a matter of fact, a setting gobbler is said to leave the nest less often and for shorter periods than Mrs. Turkey. One gentleman reported that he knows of a gobbler which is now caring for a fine brood of young chicks, but they were hatched by a hen.

A Robber's Fruitless Visit.—Clerk Graham, upon going to the farm implement establishment of Mr. George W. Smith yesterday morning, discovered that the now notorious Chestertown robber had paid the place a visit during Thursday night. The fellow neatly broke a pane of one of the front windows, turned the catch and entered. He propped the back and middle doors open, it is supposed, to insure easy exit in the event of being disturbed. The drawer to Mr. Smith's desk was left open and the papers were somewhat disarranged, but otherwise nothing was disturbed. The small amount of money in the office was in the safe, but there were no evidences of any effort having been made to open the door. The officers are on the outlook for this nervy gentleman of the mysterious art of burglary.

A Pleasant Surprise.—Mr. Joseph Guest, of Chestertown, gave his granddaughter, Miss Olive Carson, a most delightful surprise. The young lady, who is about seventeen years of age, lives with her parents on the suburbs of Boston. She is highly talented in music, but circumstances have never permitted the purchase of such a piano as it was desired to give her. Mr. Guest learned that a "piano fund" had been started, but like the majority of grandparents must outdo everyone else, which he proceeded to do with an elaborateness which simply bewildered the young lady. One of the handsomest pianos in the Knabe Boston establishment was selected, and the first intimation Mr. Guest's grand daughter had of her rare good fortune, was when the beautiful instrument was backed up to the door of her pretty home to be put in place. It were difficult to say which was the more delighted over the event, the giver or the recipient of the splendid gift.

Can't Catch His Man.—Mr. J. M. Severson, a prominent citizen of Betterton, is on the warpath for a drummer who outraged his (Severson's) confidence and overdrove his (Severson's) mare. The man went to Mr. Severson's to hire a team, but was told that the only animal on the place was a mare with a young colt, and she had just gotten in from a drive. The man, Mr. Severson says, stated that he only wanted to go to Still Pond, Coleman's and nearby places, and would return the team in good condition. Upon these assurances the stranger was allowed to have the mare and carriage. That evening the man came back and notified Mr. Severson that the mare had given out and that he had left her at Mr. Harper's. The fellow thereupon took boat for Baltimore. Mr. Severson at once instituted search and found his mare at the home of Mr. Biddle Hossinger and gave evidences of serious abuse. Investigation lisclosed that the man had driven to Chestertown in addition to the other points named and had been guilty of overdriving the mare. Mr. Severson found the team on the following morning. A warrant has been sworn out for the man's arrest upon a charge of cruelty to animals, but as yet Sheriff Fletcher has failed to locate the individual wanted.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† Arrangements are being made to install patent roller process flouring machinery in the old Gooding mill, near Galena. Mr. J. Wesley Wright is the miller in charge.

† Badly washed roads are reported as a result of the heavy summer rains.

† Betterton is overflowing with summer guests. More than 500 excursionists arrived on Saturday.

† Lady, the favorate driving mare of the late Mr. William T. Lusby, died on Friday night last. She was 36 years old.

† Fine corn, tomato and grass weather this, but hard on wheat in the shock.

† Thanks to Mr. James T. Anthony for the most delicious water melon tasted this season.

† The Lynch's cannery, it is expected, will commence operations about Aug. 18.

† Capt. S. J. Davis, of Chestertown, while on the mainboom of his vessel, The Agnes, fell in the Baltimore dock on Monday and narrowly escaped drowning.

† The new slate crossings for some of the streets of Chestertown are being put in place.

† L. B. Russell has sold to Frank D. Leary, his stable on Court street extended.

† Harry Fallowfield, the barber, is again in the tonsorial parlors of his old employer, John S. Vandegrift.

† Mr. Duhamell, of Cecil county, has purchased the mercantile business formerly conducted by Mr. J. B Sappington, at corner High and Mill streets, and took charge of the store on Monday.

† Mr. Clarence Cochran has determined to move from Kent to Delaware. This is universally regretted here.

† Capt. Richard Dodson, of St. Michaels, arrived in the Chestertown harbor in his fine canoes, on Thursday evening. Mr. Dodson is off on a cruise of the upper bay and its tributaries.

† Several of the "wild horses" sold on Tuesday were driven to Chestertown yesterday. They were lamb-like in their gentleness (except with their fore-feet) which had not been civilized.

† M. deK. Smith, Esq., is gathering fine berries from his blackberry vine. The bushes blossom and bear until frost cuts them off in November.

WILL OF W. T. LUSBY.

Distribution of Valuable Realty Among Relatives.

The will of the late William T. Lusby was probated in the Orphan's Court for Kent county, on Tuesday. The will provides that his River Farm shall be sold to pay his just debts and legacies. To his sister, Mary Ellen Lusby, he bequeathed $60 annually, being "the interest on $1,000," during her life, counting from his death. To Rebecca Wooters, widow of a brother of the deceased, he leaves $30, amount of interest on $500—to be paid annually. To provide this interest the executor is directed to invest in some safe investment, $1,600. The Home Farm is devised to Garrett Foxwell (the executor) in trust for Robert Lusby, son of James Lusby, a brother of the deceased, and in trust to take and receive the rents, issue, and profits, etc. The executor is directed to make all necessary repairs and to keep the land to a proper standard of cultivation and fertility; upon the death of Robert Lusby the property goes to his children in such manner as if he held it in fee. In the event of his death without children or surviving kin, then to be divided equally among the children of William Loller, the children of Robertine Benton and Mollie Foxwell in fee simple. To his nephew, William Vandyke, of Wilmington, he left $1.00.

The Greenwood Farm and the Queen Anne County farm, purchased of Ellen Lusby, is left to the executor in trust, to sell the same at such time and on such terms as he may deem most advisable, and to distribute the net proceeds in shares to: One share to the children of William Loller, one share to the children of Robertine Benton and one share to the children of Mollie Foxwell. It is provided that should the personal estate and the sale of the River farm fail to pay the debts and legacies, then the deficiency shall be paid before distributing the proceeds of sale of the two last mentioned farms.

All the residue of the estate is to be divided as the proceeds of the Greenwood and the Queen Anne farm.

By a codicil $30 annually is left to Rebecca Wooters, widow of a deceased brother.

Garrett Foxwell is named as executor. John M. Comegys and Clarence Cochran, are named as appraisers of the personal estate.

WOMEN BASEBALLISTS.

Chestertown's Impromptu Club Outplays Them at Every Point.

Women baseball players, a big horse sale and the railroad negotiations, made up a very large day in Chestertown on Tuesday. The last circus failed to draw half so large a crowd of representative people from different sections of the county.

The fifty wild horses and a brand new trolley line paled into insiguificance before the spectacular novelty of seven big girls and two men in red (yes, red, redder, reddest) bloomers. Followed by a brass band, the Chicago Stars made several tours of the town before the game and awakened the tiny spark of latent interest which might have existed. The ladies objected to the unwomanly innovation and many of them said, "The horrid things, we just want to see what they will do," and they went—nearly all of them went, and innocently deposited forty cents for the previlege of seeing the red bloomers flounce and flutter across the college diamond. The men were more charitable. They knew the girls couldn't play ball, but then, their wives wanted to go and they would go with them for escort. The men without wives went to see who would go see the game.

A canvas enclosure surrounded the field and *857* paid for admission into the sweltering, steaming atmosphere, and finally the women base ballists gladdened the hearts of the curious people.

To make a long story short, for women, the visitors played good ball. The work of the pitcher, the first base player and the centre fielder was very creditable to the average player. The point of most conspicuous weakness was the running. They batted well, made some signally fine plays in the field and threw well to bases. Of course, they were no match for Owens and Moore, the strong Betterton battery, George Brice at first, Tom Massey at second, Smith, of Easton, at third; Crew, the brilliant little Betterton player, at short; Wheeler, another Betterton man, in left field, and that vigorous and brilliant all-round athlete, Eldridge Eliason, in centre field, and Tarbutton covering right field.

One of the women players became indignant at a reprimand from the manager and left the field.

In justice to the members of the team, it should be said they were, in every respect, so far as we have been able to learn, modest and above criticism in their conduct. They are playing ball for the money there is in it, and in no way transcended the requirements of propriety and good taste, apart from their occupation.

The score stood 18 to 5 in favor of the Chestertown players.

† Capt. J. E. Nickerson has purchased the Ben's Point freighting business of E. S. Valliant & Son.

FREAKS OF THE LIGHTNING.

The Emma Ford Struck—Mrs. Hiram M. Brown's Narrow Escape—Several Severely Stunned.

Lightning strikes have been of startling frequency during the present Summer. The steamer Emma Ford was struck twice during her trip from Baltimore to Chestertown on Wednesday. Soon after leaving the harbor a severe storm set in and following a terrific crash, which some of the large number of passengers describe as sounding like the discharge of a heavy gun on board the steamer, a bolt of lightning struck the smokestack. The bolt followed the stack down into the firemen's room stunning one of them, who declared he had been "struck on the jaw." No serious damage was done. Another bolt struck at a point nearer the stern of the steamer tearing away some of the lighter wood work in the ladies' cabin. There was no panic or unnecessary excitement among the passengers.

The Carter Cottage, on the beach, near Rehoboth, was struck during the Sunday evening storm which swept over that section of the coast. Mrs. Carter is a sister of Mrs. Hiram M. Brown, of Chestertown, and Mrs. Brown, and Miss Carolene Hynson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hynson, are now guests at the Carter Cottage. The evening being cool an open fire had been kindled and the family and their guests were seated around the genial glow of the open fireplace during the storm. A startling crash of thunder came and in an instant the electric bolt came down the chimney and passed out into the room. The fire and ashes were scattered in every direction, but however strange it may appear, no one was seriously injured. All were more or less shocked.

Serious effects from lightning were narrowly escaped at the home of Mr. Garrett Foxwell during the storm of Sunday evening. A large tree was struck and injured within a few feet of Mr. Foxwell's door. Near the ground, in the tree, two wires had been attached passing to stakes on each side of the corner of the house, to prevent walking over a grass plot. The current followed these wires, but did no serious damage to the building. Little Miss Eva, who was in one of the rooms, was severely shocked by the current, and Mr. John Silcox, who was in the upper story lowering a window, was nearly knocked from his feet.

During the heavy storm of Thursday of last week, lightning struck in the field of Mr. Andrew Taylor, near Galena. The bolt knocked a big hole in the earth within 20 yards of one of seven ricks of wheat. This may reasonably be considered a narrow escape from possible heavy loss.

CHURCH NOTES.

Bishop W. F. Adams will preach and celebrate the Holy Communion at St Clements church, Massey, at 10 30 A. M., and will preach at the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Millington, at 8 P. M. tomorrow, Sunday, August 10.

Dr. Alfred Smith is scheduled to preach one of the sermons at Brandywine Summit camp to-morrow. Rev. H. S. Dulaney is spoken of as one of the preachers of the Sunday following.

Rev. R. W. Todd is the preacher in charge of Woodland Camp. Revs. E C Sunfield and W. P. Compton will preach to morrow. Revs. J. D. Kemp, L. E. Poole and R. K. Stephenson will preach on Monday. Rev. J. D. Kemp, of Millington, is among the tenters. An admission of five cents is charged to the grounds.

Work was begun on Tuesday on the interior improvements to the Chestertown M. E. Church.

Presiding Elder Corkran will preach at the Chestertown M. E Church next Sunday evening, at eight o'clock.

Rev. V. S. Collins, pastor of the M. E. Church at Symrna, caused something of a sensation last Sunday by whistling in the pulpit. He whistled in imitation of a meadow lark, and took as the text, "Thou God Seest Me." He said the words had been suggested to him by the notes of the lark heard while on a visit to Smyrna Landing, and he then proceeded to preach an excellent sermon.

DIED.

REED.—Annie E. Reed, daughter of William E. and Maggie Reed, died at the residence of W. W. Newcomb, on Thursday morning, aged 2 years and 8 months. Funeral this, Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Newcomb, at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. C. Makosky. Interment in Chester cemetery; John N. Dodd in charge of arrangements

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