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LOCAL MATTERS.

The Ford's Quick Time.—The Emma Ford made the straight run from Baltimore to Chestertown on Sunday in three hours and 40 minutes, or 20 minutes more than the fastest run ever made by the steamer George Law. Incidentally the Ford beat the Tolchester steamer Louise. The Chester river steamer had been over to have her bottom scraped and was in fine trim.

Silo Rebuilt.—Mr. Walter T. Morris, whose Philadelphia Patent Silo was wrecked by the storm on July 3, has completed the rebuilding. Mr. Morris' silo will hold when filled 125 tons and is considered one of the finest on the market. His first silo had just been completed when the storm of July 3 struck it. Mr. Morris will exhibit an amateur silo at the Tolchester Fair next week.

Depots Completed.—Contractors W. M. and A. S. Culp have about finished work on the new depots along the line of the local railroad. The finishing touches will be given and the workmen will come to Chestertown on Monday. In regards to the new depot for Chestertown, the Messrs. Culp have no idea when wark on it will commence or where the building will be located. They are simply awaiting orders.

The Tabardinne Library.—The books and full equpment of the Tabardinne Library have arrived and are in place in Stam's drug store, where the library will be permanently established. The Chestertown branch has 48 members. The collection of books represents many standard works in romance, fiction, history, political economy, etc. This is one of the most admirable literary propositions ever submitted to a book-reading people.

The Sprinkler at Work.—Mr. A. L Hudson, assisted by fifty citizens of Chestertown, has solved the sprinkler problem. The town commissioners allow Mr. Hudson $3 00 for each day the sprinkler is run. This is not sufficient to defray the actual expense of operation, and to make up the deficiency of $1.50, thirty business men of High street have agreed to pay five cents a day for the service. Upon this agreement Mr. Hudson put the sprinkler in operation yesterday morning.

Centreville Base-Ballists.—The citizens of Centreville are wildly and justly enthusiastic over base ball and their local team. The ladies are unstinted in their applause and lend the inspiration of their presence at each game. Tuesday's game, which was witnessed by the writer, was one of the finest exhibitions of amateur base base ball ever seen on the Eastern Shore. The home team crossed bats with the Baltimore Post Office nine and at the end of a twelve inning game had a score of 3 to 2 to their credit The visitors played snappy, aggressive ball, but it requires more than the ordinary club to stand in the way of the Centreville players. Tuesday's game reminded us of the very finest work ever seen on the Washington College diamond in the old days when Chestertown, like Centreville, was literally base ball mad.

Capt. Eliason Favors It.—The movement to widen Light street, the congested thoroughfare of Baltimore city, is receiving the unqualified endorsement of business men. In speaking of the matter Capt. W. C. Eliason, president of the Tolchester Beach Improvement Company, said: "Personally, I have no complaint, but for the general betterment of the conditions along Light-street wharf, I think that Light street should be widened. Every year for the past 10 years its congested condition during the fruit season has been a cause for complaint. The conditions are not improving, in fact, they are getting worse. During the past 10 years the large steam boat companies have more than doubled their business, and, instead of diminishing, the trouble has increased. My Company has very little trouble, but, as a public improvement, I do not know anything which the business men of South Baltimore more urgently need than a wider thoroughfare for Light street."

An Interesting Incident.—Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard tells an interesting incident of his acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Fair, the wealthy citizens of San Francisco who were instantly killed in an automobile accident in France, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. Fair were passengers on the Deutschland returning from Europe. It is a custom on shipboard for passengers to bet as to the number of miles made by the steamer each day. Each one entering the contest becomes a party to a pool, and the one coming nearest the actual distance made gets the purse. These purses sometimes amount to as much as $500. On the occasion in question Mr. Fair won a pool of $487. Not wishing to retain the money and not desiring to go into a distribution of it among the contributors, the rich Californian struck upon this plan of distribution. Each dinner thereafter each member of the pool found a quart bottle of champagne at his plate. This was continued until New York was reached.

Earthly Twins.—Mr. John R. Bennett, one of the old and most successful farmers of the second district, has sent the TRANSCRIPT a curiosity in the form of twin Irish potatoes. The potatoes weigh 31 ounces and represent two strikingly well-formed children joined at the sides as were the Siamese Twins. The heads, arms, and bodies present an unusually good representation of twin babies. "The earthly twins," as Mr. Bennett aptly terms the product of his potato patch, have been seen by a number of persons. Mr. Henry Brown has gathered a pair of beautiful apples from his orchard which are as perfect Siamese Twins as are Mr. Bennett's potatoes.

Sales of Personalty.—Auctioneer Greenwood sold on Wednesday for Lewin W. Wickes, attorney, the personalty of Mr. B. Frank Morris, in Quaker Neck. The attendance was good and excellent prices prevailed. Horses brought from $50 to $116, cows from $27 to $46, yearling colts from $50 to $75. Farming implements brought fair prices. The sale of the personalty of Mr. W. J. Leaverton, near Fairlee, took place on Wednesday. Horses sold for from $30 to $121, cows from $21 to $40 50, hogs at 6¾ cts. per pound. One sow brought $20. Farming implements brought fair prices. The sale of fine dairy cattle of Mr. W. H. Wallis, near Kennedyville, was postponed to a future date, because of the small attendance.

Manufacturer Wants to Come.—Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard has received a communication from a manufacturer of crash, toweling, woolen goods, etc., asking what inducements Chestertown can offer for the location of a plant here. The writer is a business man of large experience and while several peninsula towns are trying to secure the location of the mill, he has reasons for preferring to come to Chestertown. From 75 to 100 boys and girls would be employed at first with the prospects of a large increase when the enterprise has become fully established. This is a rare opportunity, and with anything like proper effort on the part of the citizens of Chestertown, it is believed that this enterprise can be secured and can but bring with it incalculable financial benefits.

Spesutia Boathouse Burns.—The boathouse on Spesutia Island was destroyed by fire Monday evening, the origin of which is unknown. As the building contained a number of loaded shells and other ammunition, no attempt was made to save any of its contents. The property lost included a ducking skiff, a large rowboat and a valuable seine, all of which belonged to a New York club, of which Mr. George Gould is a member. The boathouse was a pretty little structure on the first or upper island, on which a handsome clubhouse stands, and which was formerly owned by the late C. W. Middleton. This shore has for many years been the headquarters of New York and Philadelphia sportsmen, the hospitality of whom has upon various occasions been enjoyed by ex-President Grover Cleveland and many other distinguished men.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† The county commissioners will not be in session on Tuesday next.

† Henry Worrell, of Chestertown, has been granted a pension of $8.

† W. S. Stradley has been appointed a constable for the first district.

† The public schools will open on September 8.

† Late corn is not beyond the possibilities of damage by a late drought.

† A prominent Chestertown merchant declares that in a long experience he has never known so great an abundance of fruits and vegetables.

† The pavements and crossings on Maple avenue have been put in thorough repair.

† The Chestertown crab supply is decidedly better.

† A scarcity of peach baskets has resulted in some inconvenience to local fruit shippers. With a daily output of 10,000 per day, Messrs. Crane, Hynson & Valliant cannot meet the demands.

† Chestertonians have been regaling themselves on delicious cantaloupes at ten cents per peach basket.

† The iron fence around the court house yard has been painted by Mr. J. W. Sappington.

† The oyster tonging season will open on Monday, September the first.

† Two circuses will delight the parents of children by showing in Chestertown during September.

† John H. Greenwood, auctioneer, on Tuesday sold at public sale for R. D. Hynson, trustee, the Middleton house and lot near Fairlee. Mr. Thomas J. Bowers was the purchaser at $301.

† Mr. O. W. Beale, formerly of Rock Hall, has opened a photograph gallery at York, Pa.

† Louis Dreka, Jr., of Sassafras, while feeding a cider press had several fingers badly crushed.

† The will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce was probated in the Orphans' Court on Tuesday and Dr. J. Horton Kelley and John M. Comegys were appointed to appraise the estate.

† Mr. John E. Morris, who has been quite sick with what was feared was appendicitis, was decidedly improved at last advices.

† Misses Cora and Hattie Reed will leave next week for New York and Atlantic city. The ladies will combine pleasure with business and return with the newest ideas in fall and winter millinery from the two greatest of eastern fashion centres.

† Dr. C. P. Gilpin returned home for two days this week to meet his friend, Mr. Cobb, of the mountains of Virginia. Mr. Cobb, accompanied by his three sons, is the guest of Mr. Thomas D. France, High street. They have been enjoying the fishing from Chester bridge,

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Lizzie Colton has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason.

Mr. Sollers and Mr. Joseph Wickes, of Baltimore, spent several days this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewin W. Wickes, Front street.

Misses Emma and Lillie Haddaway are visiting friends in and near Baltimore.

Mr. William T. Wright, who is conducting an extensive mercantile business on Solomon's Island, is spending some time at his home, near Chestertown.

Charles T. Westcott, Esq, and James W. Chapman, Jr., Esq., have been in town several days this week.

Judge Edwin S. Valliant and family are registered at Atlantic City.

Mrs. T. E. Hayes and Miss Beulah, returned from Ocean City on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Welch Crew returned on Tuesday from a carriage trip through Queen Anne and Caroline counties. Centreville, Denton, Hillsboro and other places were visited on their trip.

Misses Julia and Daisy Nicholson are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Morris.

Miss Nellie Nicholson, of Chestertown, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Morris.

Hope H. Barroll, Esqr., and family, left for Atlantic City yesterday morning.

Miss Josephine Chapman, of Philadelphia, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Araminta Burk, High street.

Mrs. Emily Usilton, of Wilmington, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Thomas H. Turner, of Conway Springs, Kansas, sister of the late Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, and Mrs. Rowland Watts, of Westminster, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard, Washington ave.

Mrs. Emma Kennard and Miss Mary Kennard, of Baltimore, are visiting at the Front street home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Aldridge.

Miss Aldridge, of Baltimore, is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Melvin, at the College.

Miss Mary Burchinal left yesterday for several weeks in New York.

Mr. M. deK. Smith and family left for Atlantic City this morning.

Miss Hope Wickes has returned from a protracted visit to friends in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Mink, Mr. and Mrs. Van Schuyler, and Miss Van Schuyler, of Philadelphia, are sojourning at Ratcliffe.

Dr. W. Frank Hines attended a meeting of the Taberculosis Commission held in Baltimore yesterday.

The mountains of Pennsylvania having failed to agree with Mrs. Richard Hynson, she and Mrs. Rogers, Miss Carrie Hynson and Miss Mary Rogers have gone to Atlantic City. Mrs. R. D. Hynson joined them at the seashore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Emory, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Comegys, near Blacks.

Miss Ada Barnett is visiting Miss Neta Russell at Frederica, Del.

Mr. Benj. F. Perkins, of Philadelphia, is a guest at the home of H. W. Vickers, Esq.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stayler, of Baltimore, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Twilley.

Mrs. A. Reese Crew and son Harold, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Hodgkin, Queen street.

Miss Eva Clayton, of Baltimore, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Nettie Russell, High street.

Mr. Fred G. Usilton and sister, Miss Clara, are spending the week at Ocean Grove and Asbury Park.

Mr. Dan Reed, of Washington, D. C., is spending a short vacation with his parents on Spring avenue.

Mr. James W. Lambert, Miss Nannie Taylor, and Miss Ethel Bacchus are at Ocean Grove for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. William Broseker and little son William, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. James T. Ford, of Edesville.

Mrs. Harry Vickers, of Baltimore, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Lambert, at the Voshell House.

Mr. Burton R. Evans is quite ill with typhoid fever at the home of his father, Col. John H. Evans, Rolph's wharf.

Mrs. J. Frank Davis and Miss Anna Killiam, of Wilmington, Del., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Russell, Spring avenue.

Mrs. G. Hines Thomas and children are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brice, Washington Avenue. Mr. Thomas spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. R. Bergen has returned from the millinery openings and has now in stock a line of ready-to-wear hats for early fall.

Mrs. James T. Ford, of Edesville, Kent county, has returned home from Dorchester county, after a pleasant three weeks visit.

Miss Bessie Coleman, of Magnolia, Del., and Miss Grace Sunfield, of Easton, have been visiting Miss Pearl Ahern, Millington.

Miss Louise Toulson, of Worton, and Miss Lula Benton, of Millington, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Hoyle, Mill street.

Mr. James Shuster, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Russell several days this week.

Messrs. J. K. Aldridge, W. R. Aldridge, Harry Nicols and Capt. Thomas Storks returned from their delightful cruise on the Chesapeake on Monday.

Misses Josephine Milnor and Helen Richardson, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney P. Townhsend, High street.

Rev. Thomas B. Gardiner, of New York, is visiting in the county,

Mrs. Henry Pimes, of Baltimore, is visiting a. the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Levine.

Miss Sadie Kramer, of Rock Hall, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Levine, Maple avenue.

Mr. Edgar Ford, of Wilmington, Del. is a guest at the home of Mrs. A. P Matthews, Cross street.

Mr. Eben F. Perkins, teller in the Second National Bank, is spending his annual vacation at the seashore.

Mr. H. B. Geddes, State Councilor, Jr. O. U. A. M. has been in town paying an official visit to Chestertown Council 117.

Capt. James H. Thompson is visiting at the home of his son, Mr. W. C. A. Thompson. Capt. Thompson is nearly 89 years old and still quite active.

Mrs. Hallie Gooding has left the seashore and is visiting Virginia friends.

Rev. Albert Ware and Miss Lillie Ware left England for home last Sunday on a slow steamer that the greatest possible benefit of a steady ship and the ocean voyage might be gotten. Mr. Ware will fill his pulpit on Sunday of next week, August 30.

Mr. Harry Jefferson left yesterday to attend the funeral of his grandmother in Delaware.

Mr. Charles S. Smith and family, with their guests, have returned from their pleasant ten days cruise on the Chesapeake, on the schooner Agnes. The trip was without unpleasant incident and all return browned and delighted with the outing.

Miss Bertha Hynson. is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crew.

Mr. L. Harris Crew has returned from a protracted visit to friends in Boston and on Rhode Island. Mr. Crew visited Narraganset Pier, Newport and many of the most charming cities of New England. Clambakes and other entertainments peculiar to Old New England were given by Mr. Crew's friends in his honor. He was delighted with the trip.

OAT CROP FAILURES.

Farmers Unable to Assign a Cause for Present Conditions.

Seventy cent oats have caused the older farmers to look back with envy to the old days of big oat yields of a quarter century ago. The local glory of the oat has passed, it is feared by many, never to return.

When asked his opinion as to the causes of the persistent failure of Kent county oat crops, Mr. William Morris promptly stated that he did not know. Mr. Morris was one of the most successful and representative of Kent's agriculturists when large oat yields were a rule rather than an exception, as at present. One year he seeded fifty bushels of oats and threshed out between 1500 and 1800 bushels, and they were not put in well either. He says that the oat was as sure a crop in the old days as were wheat and corn. Unless changed soil and climatic conditions are responsible he does not know the causes.

One gentleman who had manured his ground, put in the seed well, with a fair season, barely made his seed.

One of the most extensive real estate owners in the county, says he scarcely averages one hundred bushels of oats from his numerous farms, but is unable to assign a cause.

Mr. J. Welch Crew takes a more encouraging view. He holds that if oats are properly put in they are as sure a crop as at any former period. He says that they are carelessly seeded, trampled down and given no show for even fair crops. Treat oats as you treat wheat and corn, and they are as sure for a crop as either of the favorite staples, is Mr. Crew's position.

Mr. Philip Myers says that a radical change in our seasons is the responsible cause.

Special reports on apples and peaches, from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Maryland and Delaware Section, show that both crops are disappointing, considering the section as a whole. Early apples have been plentiful in places, but the winter crop has no promise that is at all satisfactory, except on the shore line of Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties on the west, and in upper and lower Delaware and throughout the limited districts in the extreme southeast, to the east of the bay. Elsewhere fair yields are promised in a few places, but generally one-fourth to one-half an average crop is all that is expected. Throughout the entire mountain belt the peach crop is pronounced to be practically a failure, and elsewhere west of the bay a very poor crop is the report, except in parts of Anne Arundel, near the water, where some good yields are indicated. East of the bay the prospect is generally fair to good as to quantity, the good yields being expected from the counties of the extreme southeast, but the outlook as to quality is not so satisfactory, as considerable rotting has resulted from very wet weather. In much of Delaware the season, which is now half over, has been disappointing to most growers. Pears have rather suddenly been brought to notice as an abundant crop, being reported plentiful and generally of good quality in nearly all of the interior, southern and eastern counties.

WITH THE HORSEMEN.

Easton Fair Opened Under the Most Favorable Auspices.

Tuesday, the first day of the Talbot County Fair Association, opened under the most auspicious conditions. The weather and track were fine and the attendance exceeded that of the first day of any previous meet.

The exhibits of poultry and live stock were larger than any exhibition heretofore given there, the fancy high-bred stock attracting the attention of visitors from all parts of Maryland and adjoining States.

In the 2 40 class, trotting, three in five heats; purse $250, Mr. C. H. B. Massey's Adversity was distanced. Time, 2 26½, 2 26¼, 2 26½. James Archibald's George Russell came in third in the 2.27 class, pacing, three in five heats; purse $250. Time, 2 24¼, 2 25, 2 29. W. C. Palmatory's George Russell, of Church Hill, won the closest to 4 minutes, best two out of three; purse $50. Time 3 58, 3.57, 3.52. Russell came in 1, 2, 1.

James Merrick's Melodious Chimes, (from Sudlersville), won the 2 25 class; purse $200, in three straight heats, on Wednesday. Time, 2 26¼, 2 27, 2 27¼.

George Jones' Reddie Russell gathered second money in 1,3,7 4 order with E. B. Emory's Don Couzine, first, in the free-for-all trot and 2.17 pace; Purse $300. W. C. Palmatory's Happy John came in seventh. Time 2 18½, 2.17¾, 2 17½, 2 20½

E. Johnson's Happy Spring, of Millington, won second in the 2 40 trot and 2.45 pace; Purse 200. W. F. Harriott's Wanda took first. Time, 2.26½ 2.26½, 2.27½

Johnson's Happy Spring, of Millington, won the 2.40 trot and 2.45 pace; purse $200, at Easton on Thursday.

DIED.

Mrs. Catherine Meredith died at the home of her grandson, Mr. Samuel D. Latham, Chestertown, last Friday, aged 83 years. Funeral was held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. P. Roberts, interment at old Worton cemetery. Undertaker J. E. Ferguson had charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. George Greenwood, a former resident of Kent county, died at Arbutus, Baltimore county, last Friday, aged 75 years. The deceased was a member of Company C, Second Regiment, Eastern Shore, Maryland Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. H. Whitely, died Sunday, aged about two months. Funeral was held Tuesday.

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