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LOCAL MATTERS.

Series of Lectures Closed.—The series of lectures by Father Valentine, at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Rock Hall, has closed. The attendance was very large, and as was the case in Chestertown, all who heard the speaker were simply delighted. The question box was one of the most instructive and pleasant features of the lectures of each day.

Employees Are Beaming'—The about fifty employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Kent county are radiant with smiles. The Pennsylvania management has inaugurated a raise of wages of all employees in its service who receive less than $200 per month. Thus it will be seen that there is ample justification for the jubilation of the about fifty men employed by this great railway system in Kent county.

To Put in Glass-Front.—Mr. M. A. Toulson has contracted with Mr. William R. Pippin to put in a French plate-glass front in the Wickes building on High street, recently purchased by Mr. Toulson from Lewin W. Wickes, Esq. The panes in each window will be 6 x 4 feet, and of fine quality of glass. Mr. Kramer, of Rock Hall, has been looking at the property with a view to renting it for mercantile purposes.

A Handsome Outfit.—One of the handsomest automobiles yet seen in Chestertown, was that which was in town on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs Fox, of Sheffield, Mass; Miss Bessie Valliant, of Plainfield, N. J., and Miss Nellie Valliant, of Church Hill, were occupants of the auto. After enjoying a spin around town the party returned to Church Hill but came back at night and witnessed the entertainment at Stam's Hall.

A Car Famine.—At points along the line of the local railroad complaint is general of a car famine. One party stated on Tuesday that out of orders for about 80 grain and other cars scarcely one can be gotten. As a matter of course this is a great inconvenience and source of loss to farmers and others who have grain and other produce to ship to market. A congestion of traffic at some of the great centres of traffic is responsible for existing conditions.

Property Sold Well.—A large crowd of bidders attended the sale of Mr. William McKee on Thursday. Farming implements sold fairly well, but it was when the live stock department was reached that the finest prices were obtained. The handsome stallion, Maryland Russell, was bought by Mr. Leon Brown for $255, a grey mare was sold to James McGugan for $195, a colt sold for $65, a 5-year old Belton mare brought $105. Cows sold for from $31 to $50.25. Stock sheep sold for $3.60, and two sows brought $20 and $21 respectively.

Travelling Libraries.-The Travelling Library of the State of Maryland, authorized by the Act of the last legislature, will be ready for distribution about the 1st of December. Any town or village in the State is entitled to have one upon application. In order to secure a library, it is desirable that an early order be sent, as the number of librares is limited. A uniform charge of fifty cents is necessary towards expense of transportation. Address "State Travelling Library Commission, care Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md."

Tied up by Fog.—A fog which could almost be "cut with a knife" greatly impeded navigation on the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries on Friday of last week. The Emma Ford was forced to make the entire trip from the Lazaretto light in Baltimore harbor to her Chesterton wharf under one bell, arriving at Chestertown at 10 o'clock. The Betertown steamers did not arrive at their wharf until the next day. The steamer Queen Anne went aground near Fort Carroll. Other steamers had unpleasant experiences and were tied up at their wharves.

Mr. Hepburn Honored.—The diocese of Virginia is divided into five convocations—the Piedmont, the Valley, the Albemarl, the Rappahannock Valley and the Richmond City. The last is the largest, and is composed of the leading clergy of the diocese. It is purely a voluntary organization and has upwards of twenty members. At its fall meeting held last week in Ware Church, Gloucester county, there were eleven clergy present. The Rev. S. S. Hepburn was unanimously proclaimed its presiding officer for the ensuing year. This convocation was organized in St. James Church, Richmond, in May, 1882, with four members, Revs. P. M. Boyden, B. M. Randolph, Green Shackleford and S. S. Hepburn. It has grown into the largest and strongest organization of the kind in the diocese. The present presiding officer has missed but one of its forty-two meetings held in twenty-one years. More of its meetings have been held in his parish than anywhere else. Mr. Hepburn is a brother of Mr. Edward W. Hepburn, owns a valuable farm in Kent, and spends a portion of each summer on his Kent property.

A Beautiful Memorial.—Mrs. Rowland Watts, the only daughter of the late Mrs. Thomas R. Hubbard, has sent to Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, a unique, appropriate and beautiful gift in memory of her mother, who loved her church and who stood as a pillar of strength in this community. The memorial is a walnut Hymn Tablet five feet high, two feet wide and ornamented with a cross at top, and a silver plate at bottom inscribed "To the Glory of God and in Memory of My Precious Mother, Josephine M. Hubbard, by her daughter, Anna Hubbard Watts, 1902."

December Term of Court.— It has been decided by the court that only the two damage cases removed from Cecil county will be heard at the special December term of Court which will commence on Monday, December 1. The $100,000 damage case of McKenzie against the Jacob Tome Institute promises to be a battle of the legal giants of the Easton Shore. Prof. McKenzie, the plaintiff, will be represented by Harrison W. Vickers, as local counsel, Albert Constable and Ex-Senator John S. Wirt. The defense will be represented by Richard D. Hynson, as local counsel, and ex-Senator Austin L. Crothers and L. Marshall Haines, of the Elkton bar, and ex-Attorney-General John P. Poe, of Baltimore.

Wants to Meet The Farmers.—Mr. W. L. Amoss, State director of Farmers' Institutes sends out the following general invitation to the farmers of Kent county: All patrons of the Farmers' institute, desiring to be heard, are invited to meet the director at the office of the County Commissioners, in Chestertown, on Wednesday, November 26th, 1902, at 11 o'clock. At this conference will be discussed the place to hold the next institute, number of sessions, the program, a correspondent for the institute, and all other matters needing adjustment, that the State money appropriated to the farmers through this department of the Maryland Agricultural College may accomplish the purpose of its advocates, to make the farmer and his family prosperous and happy.

Strongly Commended.—A teacher of many years experience and from another county of the State, was in Chestertown recently and inspected the new Chestertown public school building. She was simply delighted with the general arrangement of the recitation rooms. Their airiness and brightness were particularly commented upon and her verdict was that Chestertown has one of the most up-to-date and attractive school buildings that she had ever visited. Referring to the list of text books in use the visitor declared that it would be difficult to improve upon the selections made in any respect They were, she thought, far in advance of some other counties with whose text books she was familiar. These expressions of commendation from a teacher of wide experience and conceded ability, are indeed gratifying.

Still Pond Farmer's Club.—The members of the Still Pond Farmers' Club, one of the most representative and up to-date organizations of farmers in the State, continue to combine pleasure with practical benefits in their meetings. The club was pleasantly entertained last week by Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Shafter, at their Kennedyville home. A number of interesting questions were discussed by the members and a splendid dinner came as the usual delightful incident of these meetings. Among those present were: Rev. and Mrs. R S. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. A. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jarrell, Capt. and Mrs. D. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. T. Redmile, Mr. and Mrs. L. Redmile, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. D. W. Hill, Mrs. George Sutton, Misses Elizabeth Pennington, Susie Sutton, Anna Pennington. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mr. R. R. Hill, on December 31st.

Ducking on the Flats—The first weeks shooting on the Susquehanna Flats was almost a total failure so far as quality was concerned. The first day, Monday of last week, was decidedly the best, when a heavy fog covered the Flats until nearly noon. Wednesday the fog was so dense that many boats did not set out at all, and Friday a dead calm prevailed all day. The market is bare, with prices as follows: Canvasbacks, $3; redheads, $2.25; blackheads, 65 cts.; and ruddles, $1 to $1.25—just about double the price on canvasbacks and redheads of former years. There are plenty of ducks, but the weather prevents them from darting, hence no game of any consequence is killed by those who shoot for market. The sportsmen are having some shooting, but they do not kill 50 per cent. of those shot at, and as a result the ducks become frightened and are inclined to fly high or avoid the shallow water entirely, and either go by or light in deep water, where they have a clear field. Dr. R. M. Price, of Centreville, State Fire Marshall, enjoyed a day's sport on the Chesapeake Flats gunning after wild ducks with C. L. Cole, of Perryville, with whom he had arranged for a bushwacking outfit. Dr. Price proved himself to be a very good shot, and while in company with one of the best shots on the Flats, who could kill ducks when the doctor failed, the outing was successful in every way. Fifty-ducks were bagged—3 canvasbacks, 13 redheads, 7 blackheads, and the balance ruddles.

An Interesting Old Paper.—Hope H. Barroll, Esq., has found among his papers an old letter of more than ordinary interest. Nearly a century ago Luther Martin was a prominent practitioner at the Maryland bar, and frequently had cases before the Kent county court. The old letter which Mr. Barroll found was addressed to Henry Tilghman, Esq., Rock Hall, Kent county. It was sealed with the wax commonly used at that time, and set forth under the date of February 17, 1824, that,—"The afflicted situation of the venerable Luther Martin" was such as to call forth the sympathy of his brethern of the Baltimore bar. An appeal was then made to the bar throughout the State in behalf of the venerable and afflicted lawyer. Though the amount of contribution is not stated, it is known that the Kent county bar contributed handsomely to the Luther Martin fund.

Steamboating 50 Years Ago.—The following interesting item is taken from the *Cecil Whig's* items of "50 years ago," and gives an idea of the tremendous strides made in the matter of local transportation and freighting facilities in fifty years: "A new steamboat built by R. H. Thomas, will be launched on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., at Port Herman, in this county, on the Elk river, a few miles below Chesapeake City. It is a small boat built on the hoop principle which combines great strength with light draft. Its size is 87 feet long, 21 feet wide; it will draw 1½ to 2 feet of water, and is intended to run to Elkton, North East, Port Deposit, Head of Sassafras, Head of Bohemia, Chester River and other tributaries of the Chesapeake, as an auxiliary boat, connecting with the Philadelphia and Baltimore boats at Port Herman, a new town on the Elk. This boat will need no wharf and running up one shore and down the other, will give the farmers residing along the creeks, a cash market at their doors. It will land and receive freight and passengers at almost any point along our river shores and will be of great use to the people generally. The public are invited to attend the launching of the boat, which will take place at high water on the day named."

LITTLE LOCALS.

† Wild-geese have commenced to dot the wheat fields in the vicinity of Black Station and along the bay shore.

† So far as can be learned the continued warm days have not resulted in any serious appearance of the fly in wheat.

† Scarcely more than half of the Kent county corn crop has been husked and housed. But little if any of it is in first-class condition for shipping.

† The gunning season in Queen Anne opened on Saturday last with plenty of game.

† Master Wethered Barroll and a young friend bagged 26 rabbits in one day last week.

† The Worton Station people are wishing that the Chestertown depot would be built—they are to have the present Chestertown building after it has been remodeled.

† Several Worton Station young ladies have been assisting in the finishing-up work at the Lynch's cannery. They went up by train in the morning and returned at night.

† Increased warehouse room is being provided by the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Massey.

† Next Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day.

† Mr. Charles T. Stratton, of Pomona, has been granted a pension of $8.00

† Prof. Mattoon, of Easton, will address the Kent county Teachers' Association on "The Educational Value of Drawing."

† Mr. William H. Stewart, who, as was stated in last week's TRANSCRIPT, is ill in a hospital in Birmingham, is under the care of the Knights of Pythias, of which order he is an active member.

† Bands of Gypsies in handsome wagons are making their appearance in Kent.

† Mr. Walter Sparks, of Fairlee, has purchased a corn-husker—the first ever brought to Kent.

† The Kent County Teachers' Asso-Association will meet in Chestertown on Wednesday, next. School will not open until the Monday following Thanksgiving day.

† On account of an outbreak of diphtheria the Galena public school has been closed.

† "Doggie" Trenchard played football with the Md. Athletic Club on Saturday but his team went down before the brilliant play of the Baltimore Medical College.

† Little Willie Davis, who was so seriously injured by the kick of a horse on Friday of last week, is convalescing.

† Mr. Alday Clements paid to the tomato growers in the vicinity of Crumpton about $5,000 during the canning season.

† The Worton and Lynch's canneries packed about 35,000 cases during the season just closed.

† The removed case of A. S. Groves against Mrs. Lydia C. Shaw will come up for trial at Easton on Tuesday next,

† The public school at Melitota, Miss Susie Johnson, teacher, has been closed because of the appearance of scarlet fever in the vicinity.

† A large number of Kent county keiffer pears are yet to be shipped to market.

† The interesting account of the entertainment of the Kent Card Club by Mrs. Stephen Hyland Ford, at Ford's Landing, Cecil county, published in the TRANSCRIPT last week, was copied in the Cecil county *News*.

† A Kansas man has a row of corn 25 miles long. How many ears has he 14¾ inches long? That's the question.

† A government engineer has been making investigations in Queenstown harbor with a view to improvements. The estimate calls for a straight channel two hundred feet wide and eight feet deep at medium tide.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. Rice's House Took Fire, The Flames Extinguished and Broke out Three Hours Later and Destroyed the Dwelling.

A singular and what came near proving a fatal fire occurred on Sunday evening, when the dwelling of Mr. John F. Rice, on the Flatlands farm of Mr. Jere Miller, was totally destroyed.

Fire first broke out in a closet about 6 o'clock. This was soon discovered by Mr. Gale and another gentleman who were passing, the alarm was given and the small fire was soon extinguished. The origin of the fire was a mystery as there had been no fire in the closet or in that immediate section of the house.

The excitement had entirely subsided and the family was preparing to retire at about 9 o'clock, when the building was again discovered in flames, the fire having such headway as to render it impossible to do anything more than for the family to escape. One trunk and a few trifling articles were gotten from the burning building. Mrs. Rice was confined to her bed, and all exit from the doomed house was cut off and it was found necessary to take her from an upstair window on her bed. The origin of the fire is purely speculative.

The building was insured for $800 in the Phenix of Hartford Company, represented by Mr. H. L. Boyd. The contents were insured for $400 in the Continental company represented by Mr. James G. Beck.

OBITUARY.

BENJAMIN D. REED.

Mr. Benjamin D. Reed, an old and highly respected citizen of Chestertown, died at his home on Spring avenue, at 6 o'clock on Sunday evening, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. Bright's Disease was the direct cause of death. Until several weeks ago Mr. Reed was in apparently good spirits and as usual had a smile and cheerful word for his friends. But few men enjoyed more generally well-preserved faculties than he. Until a few weeks before being confined to his bed he was equal to a six or eight miles walk and spent much of his time busy at light occupation. Chestertown had no better citizen.

The deceased was born near Dover, Del., April 7th, 1828, and moved to Chestertown about 15 years ago. He leaves a widow and four children, viz: Horace W., chief engineer on the Kent Railroad; Daniel, of Washington, D. C., and Misses Cora and Hattie Reed. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Revs. E. P. Roberts and D. L. Greenfield. The M. E. Church choir sang "Abide with Me" and "Sometime We Will Understand." Interment at Chester cemetery. Undertaker J. E. Ferguson had charge of funeral arrangements.

MATRIMONIAL.

Mr. J. Henry Baker Takes Unto Himself a Bride.

Miss Louise Willie Tull, daughter of the late Dr. J. Emory Tull and of Mrs. Robert H. Jones, of Upper Fairmount, Somerset county, Maryland, was married at noon, Thursday, November 20th, to Mr. J. Henry Baker, the well-known Baltimore attorney, and a son of Senator James H. Baker, of Kent county.

The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Ralph T. Coursey, at the bride's home, which was prettily decorated with palms and potted plants. The solemnization of the marriage took place in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties only, with the exception of Mr. Clarence A. Tucker, of Baltimore, a former partner of the groom, who accompanied him.

The bride wore a light brown broadcloth suit with a beaver picture hat of the same shade and carried a bunch of bride roses. The groom wore the conventional black frock coat.

A wedding breakfast was served at 10 o'clock. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for Old Point Comfort, Virginia, where a portion of their honeymoon will be spent. Upon their return to Baltimore they will go direct to their newly furnished home at 2008 Park avenue and will be "at home" to their friends after December eleventh.

Quite a number of very handsome presents were received. The wedding was a quiet one, no invitations being issued, simply announcements sent.

HUNTSMEN AND HOUNDS.

Rare Sport Chasing Sly Reynard in Kent and Queen Anne Counties.

Mr. W. Irving Walker gave an enjoyable fox hunt on Wednesday in hono of his brother, Mr. Howard Walker, of Long Island; Messrs. Haines and Shepard, of New York, and Mr. Cotton, of Philadelphia. A picked pack from the best kennels in Queen Anne were putf in the field and it was not long before a fox was started on Mr. Walker's Round Top estate. For nearly two hours sly reynard led the hounds a merry chase. Then the hounds were called off. The huntsmen were treated to many sights of the wily game. Three times the fox came out in full sight of the huntsmen with the pack in full cry scarcely one-hundred and fifty yards from the tip of his tail.

After the chase Mr. Walker's guests and several other friends were entertained at a delightfully old-fashioned oyster roast followed by an elegant dinner of Eastern Shore delicacies.

Dr. G. Allen Jarman, M. Wilbur Thomas, David Kendall and M. A. Toulson from Kent were on the chase.

The hunters were out and the pack on a hot trail by 6.30 o'clock on Thursday morning.

The annual Kent county hunt, by the members of the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club, commenced yesterday. On Thursday evening Dr. Samuel T. Earle, Jr., Dr. Frank Keathing, George W. Ewing, W. Irvine Cross, Frank A. Bonsell and G. A. Gardiner, with their attendants, George Keyes, George Hanna, James Burrows and Frank Hughes, arrived in Chestertown by way of Tolchester. Mr. Bonsall is master of hounds and has in his pack 28 of the finest dogs to be found in Maryland kennels. Ten thoroughbred mounts were brought, all of them being considered among the finest hunters in stables of fine horses.

Mr. George Brice is master of hounds for the Kent county pack of 24 of the pick dogs of Kent and Queen Anne.

At 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning the visiting hunters and their hosts left Chestertown for Queen Anne, the territory selected for the first day's run.

CHURCH NOTES.

A combination service, intended to be an observance of the World's Temperance Sunday and of Western Maryland College Endowment Day, will be held at Wesley Chapel next Sunday, the chief features of which will be a Temperance sermon by the pastor and the lifting of the college assessment.

Thanksgiving services will be held to-morrow (Sunday) 10.30 A. M., at Westminster Presbyterian Church and at Grace Presbyterian Church at 3 P. M. and at Worton Presbyterian Church at 7 P. M.

Rev. W. C. Starr preached two fine sermons in Emmanuel P. E. Church on Sunday last in the absence of the rector, Dr. H. B. Martin. Dr. Martin will occupy his pulpit to-morrow morning and evening.

Dr. C. A. Grise, pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, Easton, and for several years pastor of the Chestertown M. E. Church, on Sunday last preached on "Can Men Forgive Sin," taking for a text Mark 2, 7: "Who can forgive but God alone."

He stated at the outset that he had no idea of steering up controversy, but to calmly inquire into what the Bible and church history had to say on the subject.

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Thomas S. Dodd, Late Sheriff,
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Sarah A. Hurtt's Heirs.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, Md.

THE report of the sale of the real estate of Sarah A. Hurtt for taxes, made by Thomas S. Dodd, late sheriff, as sheriff of Kent county, collecting taxes and reported by him in the above case, and the proceedings having been read and considered, and the same appearing to have been regular, and the provisions of law in relation thereto to have been complied with; it is thereupon, this 23d day of October, 1902, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, ordered that all persons interested in the said real estate of Sarah A. Hurtt sold by said Thomas S. Dodd, sheriff, for taxes and reported as aforesaid, be and they are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before the 24th day of December, 1902, why said sale shall not be ratified and confirmed, provided a copy of this order be inserted in the Kent News and the Chestertown Transcript, respectively, two newspapers printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 24th day of November, 1902.

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