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MR. ROGER B. POWELL, a member of last year's graduating class of Washington College, and prominent as a base ball pitcher, has gone into the newspaper business in Princes Anne, Somerset county. Mr. Powell is connected with the *Somerset Journal*. The TRANSCRIPT extends congratulations, and hopes Brother Powell will get as good curves on his editorial matter as he did on his base ball shoots.

THE DIAMOND STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, by the purchase this week of the Sinepuxent Telephone Company, of Worcester county, headquarters at Berlin, Md., have now control of all the lines on the peninsula except those of Princess Anne and Pocomoke City. The plant at the latter place is owned and operated by Dr. W. H. Walters, a brother of Miss Nellie Walters, who is so well-known in Chestertown.

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED that the friends of John D. Urie, Esq., will force his claims to the nomination for the office of State Comptroller on the Republican state ticket. Should the nomination come from the Eastern Shore, as anticipated by the local Republican leaders from Kent county, and should the fight between Mr. Urie and Mr. Eliason be renewed, some interesting developments might result.

THE EASTON STAR-DEMOCRAT on Saturday celebrated its one hundred and third anniversary. It is to be congratulated upon its arrival to a ripe old age. We hope that in the celebration of the event Brother Whitman did not paint the town of Easton red, even as he did the first page of his well-appointed sheet. The TRANSCRIPT hopes that the *Star-Democrat* will live to see another century go by, and that it may always be up to its present standard and on the side of sound Democracy.

GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT was generally felt that the proposed electric railway from Chestertown to Tolchester and Rock Hall did not materialize. Many professed to see untold pecuniary advantages in the project, which have all faded into thin air. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and both town and county have come out winners, the former to the extent of $1000 and the county $2,500. It is safe to say as many such propositions could be entertained during the year as choose to come along, if all ended with such results.

NOW THAT Dr. James A. Urie has become a benedict, and has retired from Kent to Baltimore, would it not be well for the county commissioners to appoint a health officer from Chestertown, who would them have supervision over both town and county. For some time Chestertown has been left to go as it pleases on the health question, both the health officer and commissioners contending that they had no jurisdiction over Chestertown. Dr. W. Frank Hines, who was for many years health officer, did not make any exception as to Chestown, but served with great satisfaction both town and county, in this capacity.

DEATH OF SAGASTA.

Death has removed from the scenes of this life Sagasta, the most conspicuous figure, diplomatically speaking, in Spain during the late war between that country and the United States. His was a varied career. He began his political life as a revolutionist, was compelled to flee his country, under penalty of death, in the reign of Queen Isabella, but returned under the administration of her successor, and at the time of his death was a staunch supporter of the crown. He was opposed to war with this country; because he recognized both the weakness of Spain and the strength of America. The Cuban troubles had exhausted the Spanish treasury and wasted her young soldiery. Sagasta seemed to see in the attitude of the States a disposition to oppress the weak; but the realization of his country's weakness, did not deter him from a resolution to fight for his country's honor even unto death. He was 76 years of age, and although having reached the alloted three score and ten, it is safe to say he would have lived out a greater length of years had he been permitted to see his beloved Spain clothed in all her pristine glory.

Croup.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptons of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by M. A. Toulson druggist, Chestertown Md.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

No doubt if our worthy town fathers had fifty-times the amount of the forfeit which was paid them by the "Baltimore and Chestertown Railroad Company," they could apply it very easily to the improvement of this quaint shire town of old Kent. Furthermore they would not lack for suggestions as to how the money should be spent. Inasmuch as they are likely (?) to act upon the advice of the early bird, The TRANSCRIPT takes this opportunity of getting in its little say as to some necessary improvements. Nothing contributes so materially to the comfort of the people as well-paved streets and side walks, especially during such slushes as we have been having. Nothing appeals so strongly to the visitor as clean streets and solid crossings. There are two or three places where footways are specially needed. One of these is at the junction of Spring, Maple and Washington avenues. A pedestrian when he reaches the brow of the hill at the foot of Maple ave., looks with despair at the pavement which runs so invitingly up Washington ave., and at the steps leading up to the level of the Misses Reed's residence. An extension of the pavement on Maple avenue to a point opposite the above mentioned step, and a crossing thereto, or a still further extension of pavement to the culvert and then a crossing seem to be a solution of the problem.

Another crossing is badly needed where the pavement ends on Washington ave., directly opposite the board walk extending up the college campus This place is badly washed already and should be repaired. Still another crossing could be well placed across High St., from a point opposite Wm. R. Maul's to the cement walk of the public square.

Or, if the town commissioners do not know what to do with the $1000 present from the "Baltimore and Chestertown Railroad Company," we would suggest that they hand it over to the Ladies' Town Improvement Association, as the improvements already made by the ladies justify us in asserting that no more practical or wiser distribution of this fund could be made than under their stewardship.

Doubtless we could find other places where dollars could be judiciously expended, but we forbear to press the matter. We hope our modesty will produce some effect, and that soon we shall see the material result of our suggestions.

THE PEANUT NUISANCE.

Under the above caption, one of our county exchanges publishes an article which contains some suggestions that every town would do well to heed. The occasion of the article was the annoyance experienced during a high-class entertainment, given by one of the churches, on account of the cracking of peanut hulls by some persons in the audience, who seemed to be unable to be entertained entirely through the medium of the brain, but had to call in the stomach to help out. This condition, we are sure, appeals to the Chestertown public. As it was stated in the article referred to, there seems to be a class of persons who do not feel at home in the town hall unless they have a bag of peanuts to help while away the time. It would be better, it seems to us, for such persons to leave the hall if the entertainment is not of such a character as to make them forget to eat That the habit of cracking peanuts does become, at times, a nuisance is well proven by the fact that the honorable judges of our circuit court have forbidden the practice in the court rooms, and instructed the baliffs to see that this order be carried out. It is one of the most distracting noises, and where mental concentration is necessary, or soulful enjoyment is concerned, the peanut should be forever ostracised.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

THE CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT,
Gentlemen:—Your answer to my inquiry properly places the direct responsibility for the condition of our fire apparatus, and the fire-plugs throughout the town. You say the plugs were examined about two weeks ago. Why was not each one of them flushed? I understand only a few were flushed, and not each one.

Our Town Fathers serve without pay, give considerable time and attention to town matters, and one can hardly help but feel that when the fire, which we expect to come, occurs, it will be unfair to throw the entire burden upon them if there should be improper apparatus or defective hose, etc.

The *citizens*, themselves, should assist the town commissioners and the town commissioners should heartily co-operate with the citizens. A volunteer fire company should be organized and regular inspection be made so that *the people* may know exactly what protection we have.

Why pay $2000 for an old school building which must be repaired at a cost of over $500 to be suitable, when a proper house could easily be built for $1200 where Col. Vannort has so generously allowed the old house to be located. Doubtless for a small sum he would sell a permanent site. TAX-PAYER.

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MUDD VS. McCOMAS.

It is very evident from recent developments that the Republican state leaders are not a united and happy family. It would appear from the following paragraph taken from the Baltimore *Evening News*, who is authority on Republican politics, that Congressman Mudd is after the political scalp of Senator McComas

"Among the most interesting recent political developments are the declarations of Congressman Sydney E. Mudd in reference to senator Louis E. McComas. Mr. Mudd's statements are taken to mean that he will not only endeavor to secure the election of anti-McComas members from the Southern Maryland counties to the next Legislature, but that, in the event of failure to nominate such candidates, he will connive at the election of Democrats. Mr. Mudd has been told that a bitter Republican primary contest in Southern Maryland means defeat at the general election, and he is alleged to have said that he would prefer such a result to the success of members who would vote for Mr. McComas to succeed himself as Senator."

In commenting upon the above, the Dorchester *Era*, the Republican organ of Dorchester county, under the heading of "Good if True," has the following to say:

"In a matter of this sort the republican manhood of Dorchester will stand with Congressman Mudd and render all aid in their power to rid the party of the influences now in control in this State. We believe the end of the road is in sight, and republican voters will insist upon a new deal. Many people are of the opinion that the leadership of Senator McComas and Mr. Goldsborough has been a failure, and think it would be well for the party if these two worthies were shorn of some of their power. Dorchester will do her part, and it may as well be stated in advance that no candidate for the next Legislature in this county favorable to the re-election of Senator McComas will receive any aid from the Independent Republicans. The Rubicon, as fas as these two men are concerned, has been crossed, and they may as well prepare for the inevitable.

THE STATE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

To be Held in Chestertown Jan. 28 and 29.

The State Farmers' Institute will be held in Chestertown, Wednesday, January 28th, from 1.30 to 10 P. M., and Thursday, January 29th, from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M, under the direction of Mr. Wm. L. Amoss. Every one is cordially invited to be present at as many of the meetings as possible. The admission is free to all. The ladies are invited to attend the afternoon and evening sessions particularly.

The following interesting program has been arranged, but is subject to change as conditions require:

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1.30.—"Importance of securing seed and keeping it through the winter to insure perfect growth of every germ." ..... S. H. Todd
"Science of cattle feeding,"—F. A. Converse.

EVENING SESSION.

8.00.—"Garden Vegetables and how to Cook Them." ..... Miss E. S. Jacobs

MORNING SESSION.

10.00.—"The Hog" ..... S. H. Todd
"Building up a Dairy Herd,"—F. A. Converse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1.30.—"Sheep Husbandry" ..... S. H. Todd
"Fertility, its Maintenance and Waste," ..... F. A Converse
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Sketches of some of the speakers:

S. H. TODD, WAKEMAN, OHIO.

Mr. Todd is the oldest son of a very successful farmer and stockraiser. While breeding hogs and sheep has been his principal business, he has had great success in all lines of farming. He has been an exhibitor at the principal fairs of the United States for the last twenty years; and has won laurels on sheep and hogs alone to the amount of $25,000 He has been accepted as an expert judge of stock at the fairs, is a contributor to the agricultural papers, and has been engaged in institute work in Ohio and other States for fifteen years. His practical and interesting talks are backed up by a successful career.

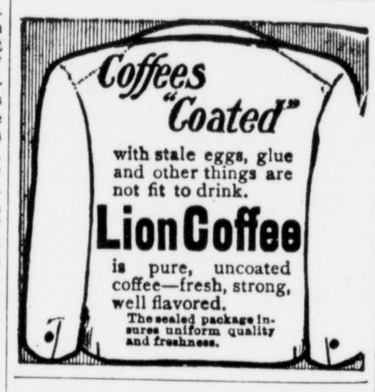
F. A. CONVERSE, WOODVILLE, N. Y.

Mr. Converse was born in 1862, and raised upon a dairy and stock farm. Upon the completion of his academic course, he took a course in agriculture at Cornell University and returned to his farm in Woodville, where he engaged in breeding Ayrshire cattle and Shetland ponies. For fourteen years he has been conductor of Farmers' Institutes in New York State, during which time he has frequently visited other States as speaker at Institutes, Dairy Committies and Live Stock Associations. He is a charter member of the New York State Breeders Association and one of its officers. He is one of the experts recommended by the association for judging cattle and horses. He was chosen as chief of the Agricultural, Dairy and Live Stock Departments at the Pan-American Exposition. He planned and carried out successfully the Model Dairy. This dairy was composed of 10 breeds, five cows each, which was the largest of the kind ever conducted in the world.

He is thoroughly conversant with agricultural conditions and needs, and a pleasant and forceful speaker.

PENINSULA FINANCES.

Comparative statements of financial conditions of the past year (1902) and 1901 show six more failures on the Maryland-Delaware Peninsula during 1902 than 1901. Despite this fact, liabilities were $8.949 less last year and assets an increase of $18,734. This refers to 14 counties—Cecil, Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico counties, Md.; Newcastle, Kent and Sussex counties, Del; Northampton and Accomac counties, Va. In this territory there are about 8,000 individuals, firms and corporations doing business. In the course of a year 1,077 new business houses were started, as compared with 3,000 for the previous year. There were more failures in the second quarter of this year than in any other equal period, 20 having been recorded, with liabilities of $67,739 and assets amounting to $30,850. The totals for the past year are: Maryland, 25 failures, liabilities $48,000, assets $24 800; Delaware, 25 failures, liabilities $181,589, assets $75,075. Virginia, 4 failures, liabilities $16,550, assets $12 200. Delaware had nine more failures in 1902 than in 1901, and the liabilities were $181,589, as compared with $45,000. Maryland had four less failures, with liabilities of $480,000, as compared with $133,238, and assets of $124,800, as compared with $42,941. Virginia had one more failure, with liabilities of $16,550, as compared with $8 750, and assets of $12,200, as compared with $3,800. The net losses for the whole district were $134 064 in 1902 and $161,747 in 1901.



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