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LOCAL MATTERS.

Shooting Crows.—The crow figured in a new role yesterday at Chesterville. A big shooting match had been arranged and instead of clay-pigeons live crows were used, and some fine sport was enjoyed. The crow is a strong, vigorous flyer and affords fine shooting when thrown from the trap. Over a hundred birds were caught in their roosting place in a branch near Chesterville and used yesterday. A bright light is used at night, which so bewilders the crows that they are caught without difficulty by hand.

Schofield Again.—Sheriff Bedford Roe received the following telegram on Tuesday afternoon:

"Do you want a colored man named William Schofield; charge, rape on a white woman in your city about a year ago? Answer at once with particulars.
R. J. LINDEN,
Supt. Police, Phila."

The sheriff replied by telegram that "Samuel" Schofield was wanted, and yesterday mailed full particulars of the supposed assailant of Mrs. William Godwin on the morning of February 19th, 1897.

Sale of Fine Mules.—One of the finest lots of young Kentucky mules ever seen in Chestertown, were offered for sale by Joe Kindig, of York, Pa., on Tuesday. The mules, twenty-three in number, were young and of fine size. Some of the purchasers were: John Clendaniel two pairs, Pearley Moffett one pair, Robert Moffett one pair, William E. DeFord one pair, William R. Clough one pair. A gentleman from Sudlersville bought several pairs. Prices ranged from $137 to $159.

At Clay-Pigeons.—Chestertown and Lynch's sportsmen tested their skill in a match at clay-pigeons, on the suburbs of Chestertown, on Friday afternoon. The work done at the opening of the shoot was scarcely up to the standard, but as the contest progressed Stavely, of the Lynch's men, forged to the front and did some good work, carrying off three of the six turkeys offered as prizes. It was evidently an off day with most of the gunners. A. N. Stavely won the honors of the occasion by carrying off three turkeys for the Lynch's club, Lurty, also of Lynch's, got one, H. Cannon saved one to Chestertown, and the sixth was won by William Duyer, for Chestertown.

Supt. Quantz Transferred.—Supt. Frederick Quantz, who has been in charge of the American Strawboard Mill at Chestertown since 1893, left on Tuesday for Winchester, Virginia, to which place he has been transferred to reopen and manage a plant there which has been closed for some years. He will still have supervision of the Chestertown plant which will be in charge of Mr. William T. Matthews. Mr. Quantz is a master of his profession and under his management results have been entirely satisfactory, not only to the Strawboard Company but to the patrons of the Chestertown mill. He has many friends in the county who will regret to learn of his transfer from Chestertown. The change, however, is a promotion for both Mr. Quantz and Mr. Matthews.

$10,000 Damage Suit.—Col. Wm. J. Vannort finds himself the defendant in a $10,000 damage suit as the sequel to a transaction in walnut logs. In October Mr. Woodford A. Ramey purchased walnut timber from Col. Vannort, the price having been agreed upon. The timber was loaded on board vessel and $10 left with Mr. Kilbourn, at Lankford, for Col. Vannort, who claimed $40. Upon reaching Baltimore Mr. Ramey was arrested and brought to Chestertown and lodged in jail but was subsequently released on bail. At the trial before Justice Wilkins, according to the measurements of expert timber measurers, a difference of one dollar was made in Col. Vannort's favor, which Ramey offered to pay, and was released by the magistrate. Mr. Ramey has brought suit for damages for imprisonment, cost of delay and inconvenience in unloading cargo, etc., and Messrs. Vickers and Barroll will push the case. Colonel Vannort has employed R. D. Hynson, Esq., to defend his suit.

Remedy for Hog Cholera.—Kent county and the country at large will hail with delight the announcement that a cure has been discovered for hog cholera. The chief of the bureau of animal industry, Dr. D. E. Salmon, has submitted to Secretary Wilson a report upon experiments in the treatment of hogs for hog cholera with anti-toxine serum. This serum is made upon the same principle as the anti-toxine of diphtheria. It was first tested upon small animals in the laboratory and, being found efficacious, was last fall tested in Page county, Iowa, on several herds of swine, containing altogether 278 animals. Leaving out one herd, from which definite returns as to cause of death could not be obtained, only 39 died out of 244 animals treated, of which 86 were sick. Consequently 82.8 per cent. of the animals in these herds were saved. Of untreated herds kept under observation during the period referred to about 85 per cent. of the animals died. Dr. Salmon believes that, with experience, a better quality of serum can be prepared, and he has no doubt that this percentage can be maintained hereafter. Referring to this report, Secretary Wilson said the cost of the serum now is but 10 cents per head of animals treated, only one dose being required, and doubtless in course of time this light cost may be still further reduced.

"STAM'S HALL" SOLD.

Purchased by a Chestertown Syndicate.

It has been reported for some weeks that Mr. Colin F. Stam, whose ill-health has been heretofore noted in the TRANSCRIPT, had arranged for the sale of his property, Stam's Hall, in the business centre of Chestertown to certain parties in town, but as Mr. Stam received an advance over the offer made, an amicable arrangement was affected by Mr. Stam paying a small sum and the sale was released. Several gentlemen of the town became interested in the matter, and immediately formed a Stock Company, of which the directors are Theodore E. Hayes, Thos. G. Wroth, Hope H. Barroll, R. Harrison Collins and Harrison W. Vickers. J. Guion Roberts, of New York, represented Mr. Stam in the business arrangements, and the deal was finally consummated on Monday, and a deed for Stam's Hall was made to the corporation which is called "The Colin F. Stam Hall Company of Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland." This hall property is one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in Kent county, Maryland. It is located on the south east corner of High and Court streets, is occupied by Mr. Stam as a drug store, by Thomas G. Wroth, who conducts a large shoe business, and by several societies and individuals who hold rooms therein. The price paid was $12,500. There will be no change of tenants, but it is announced that the corporation will probably rent the hall to one or more private individuals if proper terms and arrangements can be made, so that only first-class companies will be allowed to exhibit therein.

An Outrage.—Some of the most valuable dogs of Chestertown have been killed by an unknown poisoner. Three pieces of meat, supposed to contain poison, were found in the streets between the Voshell House corner and the head of town one morning last week. The greatest consternation prevails among owners of valuable dogs. Mr. Wm. E. Moody, afraid to leave his dog at home, leads it by a string from his home to his place of business and back each night and morning. W. C. A. Thompson's fine bird dog was poisoned in its kennel in the back yard of Mr. Dan. Cox. Mr. John L. Shuster's dog was poisoned in his yard. Mr. James Hart may be seen daily leading his canine attendant with a heavy twine string tied around its body. While there are worthless dogs by the score in Chestertown, it is an unwarranted outrage to indulge in this promiscuous slaughter of dogs which are in no way a nuisance and are valuable to their owners.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

† The Baltimore *American* last week announced that an Elkton man had a goose which had laid seventeen eggs. Mr. J. Z. Clark, of Lynch's, laughs at the idea of only seventeen eggs at this date, and says that he has a goose which has laid over forty. Now, where is there a goose which is goose enough to outgoose Mr. Clark's goose?

† The members of the board of county commissioners were handsomely entertained at dinner on Tuesday by Commissioner George W. Hatcherson. Clerk to the board T. Waters Russell and others were numbered with the guests.

† The board of town commissioners have contracted for three vessel loads of oyster shells for shelling the streets of the town. Capts. Joseph W. Thompson, J. T. Brice and B. F. Fleming will each deliver a vessel load.

† Mr. Joseph Guest has purchased of Mr. S. Hicks the lot adjoining the former's house on Cross street, and Miss Ella Wilkins has purchased of Mr. Hicks a lot on Court street extended, upon which she will erect a double tenement.

† So far as known the electric light projectors have not "struck a snag." Hope H. Barroll, Esq., counsel for the gentlemen backing the movement, stated yesterday that he had, in response to a telegraphic request, forwarded by Tuesday's mail the by-laws, and that the business is being pushed ahead.

† Upon motion of Eben F. Perkins, Esq., James W. Chapman, Esq., of the Baltimore bar, was admitted to the practice of law in the Kent county courts, on Tuesday.

† The Rock Hall cannery is an assured enterprise for the coming season, and Mr. B. H. Coburn has purchased the lot adjoining the coal yard of Mr. Frank E. Stevens as a site for the buildings.

† Mr. James Sinton was partially paralized while catching eels in Eastern Neck Island narrows on last Wednesday.

† James T. Ringgold, Esq., well known in Kent because of his active defence in the Adventist cases several years ago, died at his home in Baltimore on Monday. Death was due to heart disease aggravated by overindulgence in strong drink.

† The Crescent Social Club entertained a number of friends at a musicale on Tuesday evening. Mr. Twilley's graphophone with a number of new and beautiful airs, gave pleasant entertainment to the guests.

† Mr. John S. Vandegrift is negotiating with Joe Gans, the world-renowned pugilist, to give a sparring exhibition in Chestertown. No reply has as yet been received.

† The directors of the Second National Bank were sworn in on Tuesday. Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, of Centreville, one of the Charter members of the board was present at Tuesday's meeting.

† Messrs. Walter T. Morris and Robert F. Moffett, who supply the citizens of Chestertown with as fine milk as can be found in the State, say that they consider that proper legislation in regard to tuberculosis in dairy cattle is a highly important matter. Both gentlemen say that while there is no tuberculosis in this section proper precautions should be taken to prevent its appearance here.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Edward M. Noble, principal of Kenton Public School, has received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Ohio. Dr. Noble, who is a son of Clement Noble, Esq., of Denton, also holds the degree of A. B. from Washington College, where he was graduated with distinguished honors in 1896.

One of the most beautiful of the series of photographic art studies in the December Cosmopolitan, is by Rev. Geo. C. Sutton. The subject is "Gathering Snowballs." One of the two ladies shown gathering the beautiful blossoms is Mrs. Sutton. Dr. Sutton was for several years rector at Shrewsbury.

Henry W. Catlin, Esq., after being confined to his bed for about ten days, was able to be at his office on Tuesday.

Mr. Howard Turner is enjoying a visit to his uncle, Dr. William Turner, in Texas.

Mrs. J. Gale Usilton is visiting at her old home in Texas.

Judge James A. Pearce and Mrs. Pearce were guests at the dinner given by Governor Lowndes last week to the judges of the Court of Appeals.

Miss Carrie Reiche is spending several days with friends and relatives in the Monumental City.

Miss May Fallowfield is the guest of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Fallowfield, at Templeville.

Misses Maud Pippin and Mary Robinson were guests on Sunday of Capt. and Mrs. Jonathan Anthony, High street,

Mr. Richard E. Vandegrift, of East Neck Island, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ella Allston, Betterton.

Miss Anna G. Lambert has returned from a plensant visit at the home of her brother, Mr. Edward Lambert, of Easton.

Mrs. Roland Grace, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. William T. Matthews, on Cross street.

Misses Lizzie and Mamie Baker, daughters of Hon. J. H. Baker, of Pomona, are visiting friends in Centreville.

Mrs. Shinn, of Wilmington, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Sappington, on High street. Mrs. Shinn has also been enjoying a pleasant stay with Mrs. Wm. D. Shinn, near town.

Miss Ida Bramble, of Tolchester, has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Twilley.

Mr. George E. Owens won the clock, and Capt. Harvey Brice, the handsome piano lamp, offered as prizes by Messrs. Crew & Owens, the Betterton merchants.

Mr. George E. Lambert has accepted a position with McCaddin & Co., and will soon visit his Kent county friends on business bent. Mr. Lambert was formerly the proprietor of the Chesapeake House, Rock Hall.

Capt. W. C. Eliason, president of the Tolchester Company, made the TRANSCRIPT a pleasant call last week. Capt. Eliason has arranged for an unusual number of attractions for Tolchester during the approaching season.

Mr. Maxwell Starkey, of Still Pond, has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. R. J. Goodhand, at Sudlersville.

IN CHURCH CIRCLES.

THE NORTHERN CONVOCATION.

The Northern Convocation of the Diocese of Easton, meets in Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, on next Monday evening, January 24th, at 7.30 o'clock. On that evening, after evening prayer the subject of discussion will be: "The Christian in the Family, in the Church, in the community," by Revs. William Schouler, C. T. Denroche and Samuel Edson.

Tuesday, January 25th, 10.30 A. M.—The Conversion of St. Paul, Admistration of the Holy Communion, sermon by the Dean, Rev. Giles B. Cooke.

7.30 P. M.—Subject of discussion—"Conversion, its True Meaning, as Exemplified in the Case of St. Paul." Speakers, Rev. Messrs. Wm. Schouler, Thomas Duncan and Alex. M. Rich. Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary at 3.30 P. M., at which meeting the presidents of the auxiliary in the Diocese of Easton and of Virginia will be present and address the meeting.

Wednesday, January 26th, 10.30 A. M. Sermon by the Rev. C T. Denroche. 3.30 P. M., Business meeting of Convocation at the rectory. 7.30 P. M., subject, "Missions," speakers, Rev. Messrs. Albert Ware, Henry D. Page, Missionary to Japan, Alex. M. Rich, and the Bishop of the Diocese. The public is cordially invited to attend. Seats free.

The fine address of Miss Anna G. Lambert—"Music in the League and Church," read before the Epworth League Convention, has been published in the *Peninsula Methodist*. The article was published at the time of the convention in the Delaware papers.

Dr. C. A. Grise, pastor of the Chestertown M. E. Church, writing to the *Peninsula Methodist* of last week says: "Chestertown can beat the conference for taking religious papers. About 75 *Peninsula Methodists*, 12 *Christian Advocates* and enough miscellaneous papers to make up 100. The result is, our people are informed on, and converse intelligently about Methodism."

Rev. Alfred Smith, pastor of Wesley Church, Dover, made the following statement in a recent sermon, relative to the capital of Delaware: "During my ministry, which has covered a period of twenty years, six of which were spent in the presiding elder's office, I have never seen a place where there is so much worldliness as there is in the town of Dover." This statement was made in a sweeping condemnation of church members becoming members of clubs in which card-playing and pool are prominent features. The club members are, of course, on the warpath.

Wesley Chapel M. P. Sabbath School has elected officers as follows: Superintendent, Marion Miller; assistants, Milton Maslin and Miss Ida Wood; secretary, James Satterfield; treasurer, Charles Satterfield; librarian, Elwood Burgess; assistant, Chas. Satterfield; organist, Miss Anna Leary; Miss Minnie Glenn, assistant.

Kennedyville M. P. Sabbath School elected officers last Sunday as follows: Superintendent, W. T. Hague; assistant, W. E. Sanders; secretary, Mrs. W. E. Sanders; assistant, Miss Katie Weer; treasurer, Miss M. E. Lane; librarians, Norman Faulkner and Harry Redmile; organists, Miss Maggie Seney and Miss Annie Shafer.

New officers of Salem Meth. Episcopal Sabbath School are as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. L. J. Legg; assistant, W. B. Barnes; secretary, Miss Carrie I. Smith; treasurer, Miss Zadie Lee; librarian, Charles Kidd; organists, Miss Maud Hasson and Miss Minnie A. Hudson; chorister, Mrs. J. C. Staats.

JUDGE PEARCE PRESIDED.

The January, non-jury term of the Kent county circuit court convened on Monday, Chief Judge James A. Pearce presiding. This was the first time Judge Pearce had ever appeared upon the bench in his own county, and the first time that he had ever presided alone on the bench in any county of the circuit. Cryer Greenwood called court at a few minutes past ten, and just as the hands of the court house clock indicated eleven the session was officially adjourned. So smoothly did the machinery of the court run and so nicely was the business adjusted that the session is recorded as having been the shortest ever known in the county. Eben F. Perkins, Esq., the Nestor of the Kent county bar, said: "I have been practicing law for a number of years, but this is the shortest term of court I have ever known." No business of especial interest was before the court, and the proceedings consisted in calling the dockets, entering up judgments and some routine business. The members of the bar congratulated Judge Pearce upon his first appearance upon the bench in his home county.

Clerk Dixon was at his desk, and was schooled, so far as the small amount of business would allow, into the mysteries of an actual term of court, by Deputy Frank H. Greenwood. Mr. Dixon smiled and said: "That was easy. Now, we will wait for the big term."

Sheriff Bedford Roe was at his desk and looked perfectly at home. An enthusiastic democrat present said: "Now, with all due respect to our friend Wm. A. Crew, don't you think Sheriff Roe looks better there than the Bettertonian would have looked?" Of course we thought so. Deputy Charles L. Gill put in his appearance at intervals whenever needed to assist in the dispatch of business.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

County commissioners' court, Tuesday, January 18th, 1898.—Full board present. The following claims were examined and allowed by the district commissioners respectively, and ordered to be provided and certified for levy in 1898: Thos. A. Godwin, per diem on inquest on body of Wm. Newcomb, $1; Geo. H. Brinsfield, per diem as door-keeper at second district polls, $3; William B. Coleman, cementing jail floor, $1; James A. Casey, late sheriff, fees on inquest on body of Wm. Hynson, etc.; $6.20; Thomas F. Newcomb, per diem as door-keeper at second district polls, $3; Wm. E. Riley, colored, certified witness attendance before justice of peace, 66c.; Geo. L. Maslin, per diem as deputy sheriff at fifth district polls in 1895, $4; Araminta Burk, upon application had her pension renewed for 1898, for $15; Thomas Barroll and Pere Hamilton, colored, had their pensions renewed for 1898, for $10 each; upon application, Louisa Blackiston was granted a pension of $15; upon application of the commissioners of Millington, an order was passed authorizing them to purchase 5,000 bushels of shells for the public roads in and around said town.

An order was passed directing to have an advertisement inserted in the TRANSCRIPT and *Kent News*, for all persons having claims against the county to present the same itemized and under oath at an early date.

R. D. Hynson, attorney for the board, was called in for consultation during the day's session. In the matter of the claim of Jeremiah Peacock for fence damages, a resolution was passed declining to pay said claim in as much as the examiners on said road in 1891 did not allow certain parties damages, including the heirs of John W. Ireland, which farm has since been purchased by the said Jeremiah Peacock.

HAPPY BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

Cupid Still Holds Undisputed Sway in Kent.

ALLEN—LAYMAN.

Mr. James E. Allen and Mrs. Laura B. Layman, were married on Wednesday evening, by Dr. J. B. Merritt, at the Fairlee M. E. parsonage. The bride was handsomely gowned in brown broadcloth. Miss Maggie Silvester and Mr. Herbert Pennington were present at the ceremony. Mr. Allen, who is the popular watchman at the depot, stole a complete march on his friends, and not until the following day was it generally known. A large number of boys serenaded the happy couple with horns and all manner of noise-making arrangements several nights ago. Mr. Allen escaped the visitors as he was at his post of duty at the depot when they arrived.

ROLAND—SPICER.

Mr. and Mrs. George Z. Roland returned to Chestertown on Thursday afternoon. The Emma Ford had all of her flags flying in honor of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. William T. Matthews tendered Mr. and Mrs. Roland a splendid supper on Thursday evening. Among those present were: Misses Florence and Edith Spicer, Mr. A. C. Spicer, Mrs. E. F. Kirwan, Mrs. Roland, Grace and son Ledley, of Baltimore; Rev. J. M. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch N. Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Roland, Miss Lillie Crow, Miss Florence Green, Will Gale, John and Enoch Roland.

REDMILE—MCKNETT.

Mr. Harry Spencer Redmile and Miss Mary Hynson McKnett, were married at 6.30 o'clock, yesterday evening, in Kennedyville M. P. Church. An enjoyable reception was held at the home of the groom, near Lynch's, from 7.30 until 10 o'clock.

SUTTON—WELCH.

Shrewsbury Protestant Episcopal Church was the scene of a pretty wedding at 6.30 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The contracting parties were Mr. John Carville Sutton and Miss Katharine P. Welch, Rev. Samuel Edson officiated. The bride entered the church on the arm of Mrs. S. E. Sutton, and preceded by the ushers, Messrs. William Crow, William Janvier, Wilson Sutton, Edward Pennington, and the maid of honor, Miss Susie Edson, approached the altar, where she was met by the bride-groom and his best man, Mr. Philip G. Wilmer. The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of castor cloth and carried a large bouquet of bride roses. The bride's maid wore a beautiful dress of white organdie over pink, and carried a basket of bride roses. Miss Mary Janvier presided at the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton have gone on an extendid bridal trip to Baltimore, Washington, D. C., and northern cities.

OBITUARY.

JOSEPH P. IRELAND.

Mr. Joseph P. Ireland, one of the most highly esteemed and successful young business men of Galena, was cut down in promising young manhood, at his mothers' home, on Monday morning. For a year past he had been in poor health and about ten days ago wrote to Chestertown friends that he was anticipating a trip to Baltimore for special treatment. In spite of the inroads of disease he would not give up and was confined to his bed only five or six days in his last sickness. He was unmarried and would have been twenty-five years of age on his next birthday. Mr. Ireland had had charge of the successful drug business of his mother for some years. He was an active member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the members of Galena Council attended his funeral yesterday afternoon, in a body.

LUND.

Mr. James W. Chapman received notice yesterday of the death of his youngest sister, Mrs. Eliza Lund, of Wilmington, Del. Mrs. Lund was sixty-five years old.

MR. GEORGE HEPBRON.

Mr. George Hepbron, brother of Mr. William T. Hepbron, died at his home in Wilmington last week. The remains were brought to Kent and interred in Still Pond cemetery on Monday.

IN MEMORIAM.

Harry L. Chew, our only and beloved son, has gone to his peaceful and everlasting rest. Now there remains nothing of him to us but fond parental inscriptions to his memory. Harry was for several years a favorite and successful merchant in Chestertown. Health failing him, he closed his business there and started to seek restoration in a more southern climate. Stopping in Washington, he became fond of the city and concluded to remain and establish himself in business once more. His choice proved a success, and, for a time, his health improved. Improved health was followed with increased energies to succeed until his health failed again, from which he never recovered. Although he had left Chestertown he did not lose his fondness for the place and the friendships he had there formed, and on occasions when he spoke to us his fond mother of his probable early death, he repeatedly expressed his wish to be interred in Chestertown; giving, also, full particulars as to the manner of his interment. His sister, Mrs. Clara Benton, visited him a short time before his death, and to her he repeated the oft-expressed requests. Harry was a sad day to us when Harry was intered so far from home with not a sufficient notice of his death and burial to enable us to attend his funeral. We rejoice, however, to know that while his body lies so far away, his soul is in the care of the Father of us all, reconciled and saved.
HIS PARENTS.

FROM WORTON.

Mrs. Crowding and daughter, Miss Ida, are on a visit to friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mollie Ashley is the guest of friends in this place.

Miss Margie Cooper spent part of last week with Miss Ida Crowding near this village.

Miss Blanche Duyer has been visiting Mrs. Venable and Miss Ella French, near Chestertown.

A very quiet home wedding was solemnized near Worton, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. R. A. Smith, on Wednesday evening of last week at 7.30 o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss Sadie Smith, and Mr. James Hickman a thrifty farmer near Still Pond creek. The parlor was beautifully decorated, the principal feature being an arch of holly and evergreen, under which they were married by the Rev. J. B. Merritt. The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Lobengrin's wedding march, skillfully rendered by Miss Susie E. Matthews, of near Chestertown, and were preceded by the ushers, Mr. J. Harvey Thomas, of Delaware, cousin of the bride and Mr. John Hickman, brother of the groom. After the ceremony the guests wereinvited into the dining room, were a sumptuous supper awaited them. They received many beautiful and useful presents. This is the second wedding in the bride's family within three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilpin were given a party at their new home near this village, on Thursday evening. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity, notwithstanding the inclement weather which prevailed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Music was furnished by the "Marine" band, and several piano selections were rendered by Miss Ida Crowding. Refreshments were served in abundance at eleven o'clock, after which all departed to their numerous homes, declaring that they had spent a pleasant evening.
MADGE.

HORTICULTURISTS IN SESSION.

Agriculturists Awakening to Their Interests Along All Lines.

KENT ABLY REPRESENTED.

The eleventh annual session of the Peninsula Horticultural Society, closed at Snow Hill on Friday evening, after one of the most interesting meetings since its organization. Each of these annual sessions plainly shows that the organization is daily becoming an absolute necessity. New fruits, new insects and new diseases are constantly being brought into our country from foreign lands, thereby endangering one of the greatest industries we have. It was plainly shown that our imperfect inspection laws had been of great advantage to the great interest of the State, and it was shown indirectly that a better law would beof far greater advantage.

On Thursday morning, Mr. James S. Harris, of Still Pond, read a paper on "Fruits in General." Mr. Harris said that our Peninsula produced as extensive a list of fruits as any other section of equal area east of the Rocky Mountains. He claims that a farmer is apt to succeed best with that kind of fruit in which he took the most interest. Strawberries, he said, are receiving more attention now than ever before, and that the decline of the peach in the upper part of the Peninsula is very marked. He recommended the planting of best native winter apples, such as have been a success, instead of northern varieties. Among other varieties recommended by him, is the York Imperial, which he says has proven worthy of extensive planting.

On Thursday evening, Captain R. S. Emory, of Chestertown, had one of the most thorough papers red before the association. "He told of his experience with San Jose Scale; an insect we don't know in Worcester, and we pray we will never make the acquaintance of, as Captain Emory has made us an everlasting enemy of the scale. He said it was the worst, most harmful insect ever discovered, and its ravages on fruit trees was terrible," says the Snow Hill *Messenger*.

He had tried whale oil soap with good success, but had made up his mind from actual experiments that the best remedy for the scale was the spreading of a tent over the tree and fumigating it with hydrosyanic gas. He said this was the only thing that would reach the cracks and crivices of the tree and kill the greatest enemy of fruit trees yet found.

The Captain was loudly applauded throughout his address, and at its close was personally congratulated by the president and officers of the association, as well as by the scientific gentlemen present, plainly showing the interest taken in this important subject.

Prof. Johnson was called on by a gentleman from an adjoining county to inspect some trees, after hearing Captain Emory's talk, which he did, and found the trees covered with the scale, and in a dead and dying condition. He brought back with him specimens of large and small limbs, which caused a perfect stampede in the convention.

The meeting in Baltimore should be attended by every fruit-grower in the State. Specimens of the insect and many other diseases will be exhibited and explained. Fruit-growers, it will pay you big to attend.

Delegates were appointed to the convention to be held in Baltimore on next Wednesday to perfect a law to be presented to the Legislature now in session, and it is to be hoped that every one interested in fruit culture will, if possible, be present. The State experiment Station has done wonders, considering the small amount of funds at its command. A lack of means has enabled it only to locate and call the attention of fruit growers to the presence of that dreaded enemy, the scale, without being able to assist in stamping it out. If funds can not be procured for an industry of such vast importance the Station is useless and had better be closed. All these facts were ably discussed and unanimously concurred in. *Now* or *never* is the time for our fruit growers to *act*.

Kent county was most ably represented at the meeting, a fact which was appreciated, as was shown at the annual election of officers, when Capt. R. S. Emory was elected vice president, and Mr. James S. Harris vice president for Kent. Capt. Emory is also chairman of the Legislative Committe and will make the strongest possible presentation at Annapolis, of the need for intelligent, aggressive legislation in behalf of the great fruit interests of the county. Mr. Edward W. Emory joined the Association and is delighted with his trip to Snow Hill.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Chestertown May Yet be a Railroad Centre of no Mean Importance.

The move for an electric road from Elkton to the Sassafras river recently referred to in the TRANSCRIPT, is still being agitated in Cecil county and the Legislature will be asked to give the Cherry Hill, Elkton and Chesapeake Electric Railroad Company, recently incorporated the $58,000 which now stands in the name of the Elkton, Middletown and Massey Railroad Company, which has never been built, except for a distance of a half mile from the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad tracks to the Elk river. It is stated that if the first named company is successful in getting the money, which will go a long ways toward building their power plant, they will at once take the necessary steps to secure the right of way for their road from the Pennsylvania state line to the Sassafras River, and it is thought that other corporations will be formed to extend the road northward to Oxford, Pa., and southward to Chestertown, Md. It is now expected that the last half mile of track on the Queen Anne Railroad will have been completed and trains will be running through from Queenstown to Lewes, its ocean terminus, by February 1st. The next move on the part of the Queen Anne Company should be to send out a line northward to Chestertown via Church Hill. With the possibilities of an electric road connecting Chestertown with Tolchester and Rock Hall, several of the most fertile sections of the Eastern Shore would open their granaries to the new facilities for transportation.

The extension of the Queen Anne Railroad from Denton to Federalsburg to connect with the Cambridge and Seaford Railroad is now being agitated. The distance from Denton to Federalsburg is sixteen miles, and the construction of the road would place Cambridge and Federalsburg into close touch with Baltimore city, and the road would pass through a fertile section of Caroline county, which does not enjoy railroad accommodations.

Because of unexpected obstructions, Contractor Steel has abandoned the drive well at the depot, Chestertown, and will dig a well for the water supply of the B. & D. B. R. R. The windmill is already in place and Mr. Steel will make quick work of the matter when weather conditions become favorable.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield *News*, bearing date of April 3, 1895. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

OTHER OPINIONS.

Prominent Sportsmen Discuss the Subject of Game Legislation.

The subject of Game Legistion, a discussion of which was opened by the TRANSCRIPT two weeks ago, has awakened widespread interest in every section of the county.

Mr. A. N. Stavely, of Lynch's says: "In my opinion the most satisfactory arrangement of the law would be to let the partridge and rabbit law commence on November the fifteenth and extend until the fifteenth of January. The fifteen days later in November will give young birds a chance and the late date to close will allow the farmer boys to get a chance without breaking the law. Let the woodcock season open July the first and the birds will close it by leaving."

Mr. Ray Bowers endorsed the dates as fixed by Mr. Stavely, as also did Mr. Romie Toulson.

Mr. W. H. Cacy, Massey's—We need a stringent law and need it badly. Game is slaughtered in some sections of our county before the season opens. Delaware market gunners locate near the Kent county line each season, bring ice boxes, and hundreds of woodcock and partridges are killed by men hired to violate the law. Make the fine $200 and imprisonment and a few arrests will stop this business. The woodcock and partridge law should be the same. The only woodcock shooting in the county worth speaking of is near Golt's Station, and it is ruined by market gunners from another State. It should be stopped.

Mr. William Wallace, Kennedyville—Game should be protected. Let us advertise more largely and let the fines be increased, and we can at least restrict the slaughter of our birds to a great extent.

GAME LAW CHANGES.

The Massamore game bill to be presented to the Legislature has been changed from the original draft as published in the TRANSCRIPT in the following particulars: One of the clauses in the original bill that was strenuously objected to was the prohibition of woodcock shooting in summer. The committee, in deference to that opposition, changed the bill so that woodcock shooting should be allowed all over the State except in Garrett county throughout the month of July. This change, President Penniman thought, would satisfy the public demand for summer woodcock shooting, as July is the best month for the sport, the woodcock hiding to a large extent and disappearing in August and September. Thus there will be two seasons for woodcock shooting, July and the regular bird-shooting season after November 1. The reason Garrett county is excepted is to protect the young phaesants, which would be shot with the woodcock if shooting were allowed in Garrett.

In the clause protecting song and insectivorous birds an exception was made in the case of blackbirds. It is made allowable to kill blackbirds at any time and anywhere, the reason being that they are destructive to corn and vegetables in certain counties. This was a suggestion of a correspondent.

The date when shooting plover is allowable is changed from September 1 to August 15. This was the desire of the sportsmen in Frederick and neighboring counties. Several new clauses were added to the game bill. One of these prohibits shooting with any kind of gun at night, meant principally, of course, to stop killing ducks at night on the Susquehanna flats.

The following changes in the sizes of fish, which are permitted to be caught, were made by the committee: Rainbow trout changed from 8 to 6 inches in length; white perch, 7½ to 7 inches; yellow perch, 9 to 8 inches; pike, 15 to 12 inches; rock and taylor, 11 to 10 inches; black bass, 12 to 10 inches.

President Penniman said he thought in many cases these sizes were really smaller than they ought to be. He said that if anybody thought them too large he should actually measure a fish and he would be surprised what a little fish a six or seven inch fish was.

DANCE AT EDESVILLE.

One of the Most Pleasant Social Affairs of the Season.

The dance given by the young men to their lady friends, in Edesville hall on Friday evening, was a most charming affair, and despite miserable roads was well attended. Prof. W. Eugene Willson and Prof. Ayres furnished delightful music, and except the pleasant interruption at midnight, when salads, sandwiches and coffee were partaken of, the dance went merrily on until the morning hours. Among others present we noted: Misses Laura and Celeno Jessop, Anna, Mamie, Lulu and Edna Strong, Violet Beck, Louise Price, Katie Parsons, Anna Gilespie, Mary Camp, Anna Willson Blanche Wickes, Sallie and Isabel Beck, Edna Ringgold, Lucy Hines, Nannie and Bettie Wallis, May Morgan, May Sutton, Mrs. Dr. T. B. Willson, Mrs. DeCorse, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Bartus Hatcherson, Mr. and Mas. T. W. Crew, Mr. and Mrs. John Brice, Messrs. Geo. and Wm. Camp, Nottey and Bennet Willson, Charles Jessop, Horace and Scott Beck, Tom and Harry Wallis, Page and Elwood Strong, John B. Parrott, Dr. W. O. Selby, H. B. Constable, Joseph Brice, Thomas Massey, Ambrose Carroll, William Knight, S. H. and J. T. Greenwood.

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