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LOCAL MATTERS.

Court House Improvements.—Contractor Robert N. Boston is busy making necessary improvements in the vault of the clerk's office. For years past great inconvenience has been experienced because of inadequate provision for the large record books and valuable papers which are kept in the vault. To meet this demand cases capable of accommodating ninety of the largest record books have been put in; a swinging shelf for the old records which are seldom used but are far too valuable to be destroyed, has been placed overhead, and other minor changes are being made. Mr. Boston has also put in ample book cases in the commissioners' office.

Kent's Position of Honor.—Kent's position in the eight lower peninsula counties is one of marked honor. She stands second in the list of assessible property, fifth in area in square miles, and second in the lowness of her tax-rate. The following is the interesting schedule.

	Asses. value of property.	County Tax levy.	Area sq. mi.
Caroline	4,430,862	1.07	315
Dorchester	6,249,199	1.07½	610
Kent	7,776,221	.92	315
Queen Anne	7,350,708	1.00	352
Somerset	4,074,600	1.14	365
Wicomico	4,398,876	.86½	369
Worcester	4,881,490	1.00	475
Talbot	8,598,534	.97½	285

The Sassafras Greatly Beautified.—A representative of the TRANSCRIPT, while in Baltimore Tuesday morning called to see Capt. Cundiff, Supt. of the Sassafras River Steamboat Company, and found the captain comfortably seated in one of the handsome and comfortable new chairs in the upper saloon of the "Sassafras," the Queen of the Sassafras River and the upper bay steamers. Capt. Cundiff is justly proud of his fine steamer, which he has just had put in fine condition. A beautiful new velvet carpet has been placed on the floor and a row of finely upholstered chairs in leather has been placed on either side of the saloon, together with a number of other comfortable chairs. The popular little steamer looks as bright in her new coat of paint, carpet and furniture as a rose in full bloom. She will start her regular trips on Saturday.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† William Numsen last week contracted for about one hundred acres of tomatoes for his Chestertown cannery, at $6 per ton. Mr. John Lamotte will probably have charge of the cannery again this year.

† Mrs. M. A. Skirven some time ago fell on the icy street in Baltimore and sustained a severe sprain of the wrist. Though the bone was not broken the injury was painful and the unfortunate lady is still unable to use her hand.

† Mr. A. M. Culp has commenced the erection of a pretty cottage residence on his lot on Washington avenue adjoining the home of Mr. T. G. Wroth.

† Archer W. Biggs came very near being seriously injured last week while hauling wood. His horses became frightened and ran over his leg.

† The M. P. Church Aid Society of Sassafras are building a hall to hold their meetings in, on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith. The hall will be a very fine building when completed. It is 24 by 40 feet.

† Judge Pearce wrote two of the opinions handed down by the Court of Appeals last week.

† The building occupied as an office by Beck, Walker & Brown, is being torn down and will be replaced by a handsome two-story building. The same firm will occupy the new office but during repairs have moved into the office of Mr. H. L. Boyd, next door.

† Ex-deputy Sheriff R. A. Smyth, who has been quite sick for several months at his home near Fairlee, left on Monday for a hospital in Baltimore, for treatment.

*†*A watch was offered by Janes A. M. E. Church, as a prize to the one collecting the largest sum of money to be devoted to church expenses. The returns were made on Sunday and amounted to $107.17. Sarah Dunn received the watch having collected $21.10.

† Contractor William R. Pippin has commenced two small dwellings 24x22 feet for Miss Ella Wilkins on the lot recently purchased on Court street extended.

† Frederick Nichols, possibly the oldest colored citizen of Chestertown, was buried this week, aged 86 years.

† The building for the electric light plant has been raised and is now ready for the roof.

† An opossum invaded a Chestertown lady's hen-house in the centre of the town last week. She bravely sallied forth in the darkness, caught the offender by the tail and switched him out of the yard. He returned on Monday night, when the young lady went out and made the capture.

† Supt. Stacey has made arrangements to run an excursion to Chestertown on the occasion of the great Washington College — Harvard University base-ball game.

† The Kent and Queen Anne's boards of county commissioners met in joint session in Chestertown on Friday. Mr. George Dever, was made president.

† The dam of the Still Pond mill broke last week, and the bridge with a twenty-four feet span across the public road was swept away. Travel is interrupted but a new bridge will be put in place as soon as possible.

† Mr. Joseph H. Weer has been appointed postmaster at Kennedyville vice Mrs. Charles L. Gill.

† Little Mattie Maslin, who was bitten by the mad dog at Rock Hall, is well and has returned to her home. Two rabbits innoculated from the head of the dog which attacked the child died of rabies.

† The steamer Sassafras will resume her regular trips on Saturday next, February 19th. The steamer has been re-carpeted and otherwise beautified.

† The celebrated Guy Minstrels, with many new features are booked for Stam's Hall on the evening of Feb. 25th.

† The Carnival of Nations, one of the most delightful events of the kind ever presented in Stams Hall, will commence this evening. Beautiful booths are already in place and a scene of fairyland beauty will be presented each evening. The programme includes A Hit or Miss entertainment, this, Thursday evening; A Children's Jubilee, to-morrow, Friday evening; A grand supper, Saturday evening. Admission Thursday and Friday evenings, 10 cents; children five cents. Articles will be on sale at the different booths, and these booths will be decorated in keeping with the countries they represent. The carnival is given by the members of Christ M. P. Church.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Miss Beaston, of Delaware, Miss J. Pauline Dushane and Miss Winifred Price, of Cecil, three charming young ladies who made many friends during their stay in Kent, have returned to their respective homes after a very pleasant visit to Mrs. H. Carmen Price, of Still Pond.

Mrs. H. M. Brown and a party of friends visited Washington last week and made an inspection of the New Congressional Library building. All were delighted. This is the finest library building in the world.

Father McSweeney made his first visit to the "Ancient City on the Severn" last week and found it far from uninteresting. In the Novitiate House there he found the room occupied by General Washington and many other historical relics.

Mr. John N. Dodd is now in Baltimore taking a special course in anatomy and embalming. He has before taken two special courses in his profession, and is now informing himself upon the very latest developments in his extended field of labor.

A delightful Valentines Party was given by Mr. and Mas. William Morris on Monday evening. Hearts bearing appropriate quotations and cut in parts were provided for the guests, and partners were selected in the matching of the pieces. Miss Blanche Smyth and Mr. Clarence Crew won the first prize, a beautiful valentine, and Mr. George Perkins, the booby prize. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

Mr. Frank Blyman, an official of the B. & D. B. R. R., met with a painful accident at Clayton yesterday. Mr. Blyman was engaged in coupling and had one hand badly mashed.

A pleasant dance was given by the young men of Galena in the Galena town hall last night.

Dr. James Barber, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of H. W. Vickers, Esq.

Miss Cecelia Clements, of Queen Anne is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boyd.

Miss Eva Armstrong is visiting her friends at the Armstrong House.

Capt. John P. Walmsley, of Fredericktown, Md., has been visiting his daughter, Mr. J. C. Davis at Pomona.

Mr. Charles S. York, Jr., of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Mr. Jacob F. Thompson.

Misses Nora Hendrix and Nellie Saunders, of Baltimore have been guests of Mrs. James Dunbracco.

A number of friends from Kent attended the wedding of Rev. J. Frank Bryan, pastor of Bethany M. P. Church, Baltimore, and Miss Katie Colbert, of Baltimore, on Wednesday of last week. Rev. A. D. Melvin, president of the Maryland Conference officiated. Those present from Kent were: Mr. R. M. Bryan and family, Mr. Joshua Bryan and family, Mr. Alfred Bryan and family, Mr. John Bryan and family, Mrs. Wm. Bryan, Mrs. Mary E. Watts and family, Miss Anna Bryan, Mr. Benjamin A. Bryan, Mr. F. H. Bryan, Mr. R. M. Bryan, Jr. Mr. Bryan is the son of Mr. Rich. M. Bryan, of Lankford, and a nephew of Mrs. M. E. Watts, Chestertown.

Prof. J. A. Greenwood, of Rock Hall, celebrated his fifty-second birthday most delightfully on Thursday. Among those present to partake of the splendid birthday supper prepared by Mrs. Greenwood were: Rev. J. P. Outten and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Arthur and Mr. Joseph Kendall and family.

Presiding Elder Corkran will preach at Rock Hall M. E. Church, on next Sunday morning at 10.30. Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday evening.

Miss Ella Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Alexander, of Rock Hall, was married to Mr. Mitchell Kramer, a popular young business man of Baltimore, on Tuesday evening.

The bride wore a gown of white satin, trimmed with pearls and covered with a veil of white tulle. She held a large bouquet of carnations and lilies of the valley. The ushers were Messrs. Aaron Catzen, Simon Wilenzig, Nathan Epstein, Henry Farbman, Isador Farbman, Chas. Abramson, Samuel Waxman and Gilbert Coblens. A supper followed the marriage, after which Mr. and Mrs. Kramer left for a trip North. On their return they will live at 891 West Lombard street.

Some of the young gentlemen will give a dance in Stam's Hall on the evening of Washington's birthday, Feb. 22nd. The invitation committee is Messrs. J. C. Cannon, Edward Boston, M. Elwood Baker and E. H. Roland.

FRUIT MEN MEET.

Kent Fruit Growers Head the List in the Great Fight Against the San Jose Scale.

The committee appointed by the Peninsula Horticultural Association during its season on January 26th and 27th, and who prepared a bill asking for State aid in combatting the San Jose Scale, met in Annapolis on Thursday. The committee, consisting of Capt. R. S. Emory, chairman; E. A. Pry of Washington county, Samnel Vannort of Kent, James Baird of Baltimore and Prof. W. G. Johnson, were given a hearing by the Legislature in joint session. Senator Westcott introduced the members of the committee severally. Captain Emory made the opening statement, taking the practical side of the question. The statement was in truth a revelation to the State's lawmakers, and held their undivided attention. The serious character of the situation and the vast fruit interests involved were dealt with in detail; and the importance of prompt aid from the State in blotting out the trouble fully emphasized as it could only be done by a man who had given his subject the most profound attention and intelligent study.

Mr. Pry, of Western Maryland, drew a dismal picture of the destruction done in the great peach orchards of the extreme western counties by the Scale and Yellows.

Mr. Samuel Vannort treated it from the general standpoint of the agriculturist, stating that since each and every farmer is a fruit grower to a greater or less extent, and since all classes of our people are directly interested in the development of the farm and orchard, all sections of the State and each individual citizen are interested in guarding the great fruit interests from threatened destruction.

Mr. Bond referred to the thousands of dollars invested in canning plants in Baltimore city; the vast number of people directly and indirectly benefitted as laborers, and declared that the measure was one in which the city was scarcely less interested than are the counties.

Prof. Johnson's stereoptican pictures of the Scale in its various stages was remarkably complete and perfect in detail. The insect was thrown on the canvass as large as a full-grown turtle and its peculiarities of structure, etc., fully explained.

There is now but little if any doubt that the $10,000 asked for from the State to combat the troubles specified in the bill will be passed with but few dissenting votes. No party lines should be drawn in this matter. The whole people are interested. It is regretted that every word of Capt. Emory's strong presentation of this subject to the Legislature cannot be given here. It filled the demands of the occasion in every respect, as did also the plain, practical farmer-like talk of Mr. Vannort.

OBITUARY.

EDWIN LESTER COVINGTON..

The remains of Edwin Lester Covington, son of Mr. Geo. W. Covington, of Still Pond, who died at the home of his uncle, Mr. James H. Covington, Arringdale, Va., the 15th inst., will be brought to Still Pond this, Thursday, by train, and funeral services be held in the M. E. Church at 12 o'clock noon.

EDSON.—Died at Shrewsbury on Sunday, Feb. 13th, 1898, Mary Miranda Burr, the wife of the Rev. Samuel Edson, aged fifty-three years and six months. *Memento Domine Miserere Nobis.*

For more than thirty-two years Mrs. Edson has lived the true and faithful wife of the present rector of Shrewsbury Parish, and the wise and loving mother of her children, five of whom survive her.

Sweetness, gentleness and the grace of a true woman have been the marked features of her character, and while skillful and diligent in the work of "looking to the ways of her own household," with an energetic spirit and a generous consideration for the comfort of all without respect of person, "none knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise." She was for her husband in his personal and official responsibilities ever a prudent counselor and helpmeet, the type and example of the minister's wife.

It is no slight testimony in this regard, that though her life among us in Shrewsbury has been but for the period of about two years, her stricken husband has been comforted and supported through her long and weary sickness by the universal tribute in word and deed of the sympathy of this entire community.

S. E.

HORACE MILLER BECK.

The death on Friday morning of Horace Miller Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beck, cast a gloom of sadness over a wide circle of friends. Mr. Beck would have been twenty years of age on Friday of this week. About two weeks ago he complained of feeling badly and gave up his studies at Washington College and remained at home. Pneumonia rapidly developed and on Friday death came to the sufferer's relief. Always bright and happy in disposition, and uniformly considerate of others, he was one of the most popular students at the college and a fayorite with his classmates. One of his teachers said: "His was the happiest disposition I ever knew. His laugh was contagious and no one could enjoy a laugh more than he."

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's at noon on Sunday. The church was so full that scarcely standing room could be had. Rev. C. T. Denroche conducted the services. The pall-bearers were: W. W. Beck, C. A. Jessop, J. Page Gale, H. B. Constable, T. S. Wallis, Frank Skirven. His classmates, L. A. Davis, M. P. Flounders, Gordon Nicholson, J. S. E. Pardee, W. M. Sherwood, M. deK. Smith, Jr., and J. M. White served as honorary pallbearers, and preceded the coffin into the church, separated and took position on either side during the services. The scene was one of the most impressive ever seen in the historic and beautiful old church. On the coffin was a handsome floral '98 formed of white roses, significant of the graduating class of which Mr. Beck was a member, and presented by his classmates at the college. The coffin was covered with many other beautiful floral tributes. Members of the college faculty also attended in a body, attesting the high esteem in which he was held by those who were in a position to know the many beauties of character of the dead boy.

His old teacher at the public school approached the writer on Monday and said: "You can't say too much about Horace. His was a noble, beautiful character." Undertaker John N. Dodd was funeral director.

The death of Mr. Beck was the third which had taken place on the same farm in less than one week. In last week's issue the death of Miss Elizabeth Scott at Mr. Beck's was announced, and on the day before her death a colored man died.

MRS. JEFFERSON JOINER.

Mrs. Sophia Joiner, wife of Mr. T. Jefferson Joiner, formerly of Chestertown, died of Bright's disease on Sunday, after a short illness, at her home in Philadelphia, aged fifty-three years. Her remains were brought to Chestertown on Tuesday and interred in Chester cemetery. Funeral services were held at the home of her sister, Mrs. George H. Cannan. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. S. F. Smith, J. H. Howard, Milton Baker, Lewin S. Fowler and Harry Rickey, Rev. J. M. Gill officiating. The deceased leaves a husband and three children, viz: Miss Maggie, Earl and Frank, who have the sympathy of the entire community.

MILLINGTON MATTERS.

The M. E. Sunday school held its missionary anniversary last Sunday evening. A very pretty programme in the interest of missionary work was prepared and well rendered. The choir also sang very pretty selections. The collection for the year did not come up to what it was last year.

The ladies of the P. E. Church held a box-social at the home of Mrs. Emma Cochran last Thursday evening for the benefit of their church. The boxes sold well and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Geo. W. Warner has ordered of the Guiser Manufacturing Co., Waynesboro, Pa., through their agent, Mr. G. M. Wingard, of Easton, a new traction engine for Mr. Tilghman Shafer, of Kennedyville.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. J. C. Vansant, near town, on Saturday afternoon, and was nicely entertained by Mrs. Vansant.

Mrs. J. Thomas Smith, of near town, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. H. Price, of Philadelphia.

Mr. J. P. Ahern and son were in Middletown, Del., on Friday.

Mr. Isaac Sinex and son Harry, of Blackiston, Del., were in town on Friday.

Mrs. M. O. Cacy is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Etta Rash, of Templeville, spent Sunday with Miss May Green.

Miss Mary Walters, of Galena, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Duling.

Miss Mary V. Barnes has returned home after spending several weeks with relatives and friends in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Mr. Frank Tolson, of Wilmington, a fireman on the Delaware Railroad, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tolson.

Mr. James Orem is again able to resume his duties at J. E. Higman's mill after being confined to his home for several weeks.

Mrs. A. E. Crane is visiting her son, John A. Crane, of Philadelphia.

Mr. John McWhorter spent several days of last week with his daughter, Mrs. N. M. Jeter, of Sassafras.

Dr. F. A. Walls, our new postmaster, spent Sunday with friends in Wilmington.

Thomas Sozinsky left last Friday morning for Annapolis to attend St. John's College. Thomas is a bright boy, and no doubt will make his mark in the world. Some time ago he designed and built a boat to be propelled by means of his bicycle. Miss Vic Power accompanied him to Annapolis.

Mr. S. Kliwansky has opened a furniture store in the room of the Millington Building and Loan Association, formerly occupied by R. W. Moffett & Co. C.

IN CHURCH CIRCLES.

Presiding Elder Corkran Writes of Some of the Churches in Kent.

In Saturday's issue of the *Peninsula Methodist*, Presiding Elder Corkran made the following reference to some of the churches in Kent:

"Millington has many very delightful people who love the church and show that love by their works, but she has too large a number of members who contribute nothing to the support of the church. The spiritual state of the church was improved by the recent revival efforts. The faithful few at Holden's stand by the stuff. Brother Carroll is doing his best for Crumpton, but there are conditions in the church that must be changed before a large measure of prosperity can come to Crumpton. Double Creek holds on her way. Galena is running on a higher salary this year, but she is much nearer up than she was at this period last year, and I found on my last visit a much better spiritual tone in the home church than heretofore. Unfortunately some of the Locust Grove brethren get the blues, as I think without cause. This charge lacks Sunday School and Epworth League enthusiasm."

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

in the Diocese of Wilmington,

I.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on the 23rd of February.

1.—All the faithful who have completed their 21st year, unless exempt by dispensation or some other legitimate cause, are bound to observe the Fast of Lent.

2.—They are to make one meal only a day, except on Sundays.

3.—The meal permitted on Fast Days is not to be taken till about noon.

4.—A small refreshment, commonly called collation, is permitted in the evening.

5.—The following persons are exempt from the obligations of fasting: Persons under 21 years of age, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and those who, through weakness, cannot fast, without great prejudice to their health.

6.—The faithful are reminded that, besides the obligation of fasting imposed by the Church, this holy season of Lent should be, in an especial manner, a time of earnest prayer, of sorrow for sin, of seclusion from the world and its amusements, and of generous alms giving.

II.

By virtue of an Indult to the United States, dated May 25th, 1897, the following special dispensations are granted:

1.—The use of flesh meat is permitted at all meals on Sundays, and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of the second and last Saturdays of Lent. But flesh meat and fish are not to be used at the same meal during Lent, even on Sundays.

2.—The use of butter, cheese, milk and eggs is permitted every day in Lent.

3.—It is allowed to take in the morning some warm liquid, as tea, coffee, or thin chocolate, made with water, and with this liquid a mouthful of bread.

4.—Those for whom the hour of noon may be an inconvenient time for dinner, may invert the order and take their collation in the morning, and their dinner in the evening.

5.—The use of hog's lard, or dripping, instead of butter, is authorized in preparing permitted food.

6.—Persons exempt from the obligation of fasting are free to take meat more than once on those days when its use is granted by dispensation.

III.

The Paschal time extends from the first Sunday of Lent till Trinity Sunday, during which time all Catholics who have attained the proper age are bound to receive worthily the Holy Communion. The holy season of Lent is a very proper time also for children to make their first confession, which they ought to do generally at about the age of 7 years. Parents should see to this. By order of

J. J. MONAGHAN,
Bishop of Wilmington.

OYSTER PROPAGATION.

What Think Our Oystermen of This "Patent Oyster Bed" Idea.

Prof. Olis T. Mason, of the National Museum, Washington, D. C., has received from the inventor, D. H. Hibbert, of Delaware county, Pennsylvania, a description of his patent oyster bed and method of propagating the bivalves therein. Accompanying the description of his invention is a letter. Mr. Hibbert states in this that it is generally known that within at least five years all the marketable oysters will become extinct. This condition, he claims, is practically the case on the public lands, though there are at this time in Delaware Bay 240,000.

This condition has been caused, Mr. Hibbert says, principally by improper dredging. The oystermen in dredging have taken up the beds also. The oyster having no shell to which to attach itself gets into the mud and is consequently smothered. Mr. Hibbert states that he has interviewed oystermen at different times relative to his invention. While they agree with him as to its merits they are too poor to contribute the required amount to put the invention in operation.

The inventor states that the information contained in his pamphlet took 12 years to collect from practical sources. The prime oyster, Mr. Hibbert says, gives out in 15 days about 750,000 spawns in this latitude. Of this number 12 are estimated to live to become prime oysters, which figures, he claims, are generally admitted by oystermen. By his method Mr. Hibbert claims he can save at least 600,000. He also calculates that by this plan a profit of $120,000 an acre every other year can be realized, and claims that this calculation can easily be proved.

MOST OF THE SPAT LOST.

Mr. Hibbert says when an oyster spawns the spawn or spat rises to the surface of the water, where it floats for a period of about five days. At the end of this time the future individual oyster commences to make shell and at the same time forms a number of tentacles, by which it moses in the water, striving to find a place to attach itself. Between the fifth and ninth days it has made so much shell that it is unable to overcome the gravitation by the aid of these tentacles, which form outside of the valve end or hinge of the oyster. If on the ninth day it has not succeeded in finding and attaching itself to some object free from sediment it has made so much shell that it sinks to the bottom and is in danger of being smothered in the ocze or sediment, which generally exists there.

Under prevalent conditions of oyster planting, Mr. Hibbert says, the spat unattached which has not been eaten by fish or other marine animals may be carried away 50 miles in the course of a few days and lost to the grower. If at the time the spat is floating on the surface of the water or during periods between the first and fifth days and before the fifth day a cold rain should fall the spat would be killed. To this cause alone Mr. Hibbert attributes the annual loss of about 90 per cent. of the spat of the oyster. He declares it is a well-known fact that during the seasons which have been especially dry the oyster yield has been enormously large and vice versa.

The object of Mr. Hibbert's invention is to largely increase the productive capacity of any particular area of coast land, to provide safeguards for the protection of the oyster from the rapacity of destructive marine life and to render suitable for propagating purposes hundreds of miles of coast line which are now, owing to the peculiar situation and conditions, unfit for that purpose.

PHILOMATHEANS CELEBRATE.

An Enjoyable Evening With the Members of a Progressive Literary Society.

The Philomathean Literary Society of Washington College celebrated its annual banquet in Normal Hall on Saturday evening. The ladies of the Pieria Literary Society, the faculty and their wives, and several other friends were present. The occasion was one of the most pleasant within the history of this aggressive, up-to-date organization of young men. The parlors of Normal Hall were brilliantly lighted and daintily festooned with evergreens. The guests, who commenced to arrive about eight o'clock, were given a most cordial welcome by the following reception committee: Misses Amye Russell, Lydia E. Whitworth and Ellora Paradis, and Messrs. J. Hall Anderson, P. T. White and J. M. White.

The earlier part of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse; Miss Jesse Jones rendered several beautiful selections on the piano, and Miss Amye Russell gave a pathetic recitation which delighted those present.

About ten o'clock Mr. Anderson, president of the Philomathean Society, invited all to the refreshment room, where creams, (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and peach) cake, confections and fruits were partaken of. At the close of this portion of the programme, Toastmaster J. H. Anderson, after a speech of welcome, delivered with a warmth and earnestness which, if any doubts before existed as to the fullness and sincerity of the welcome, put all such misgivings at rest, called upon Mr. W. C. Poole to respond to the toast, The young ladies. Mr. Poole of course, disclaimed any especial qualifications along the line of talking to the ladies, but gave evidence of being able to say very pretty things to these very pretty creatures upon short notice. Dr. Hall, in response to the toast, College Societies, dwelt upon the value of this necessary adjunct to the regular curriculum of the modern college. Miss Hobbs responded to the toast, The Young Men, and treated the boys most charmingly. Without overdrawing the subject, she clearly set a magnificent standard to be reached by the members of the Philomathean Society. The *gentle-man* was drawn in colors which should prove an inspiration to each and every young man who was so fortunate as to hear this dainty response to so practical a subject as The Young Men.

Mr. Coursey eloquently referred to the varied pleasures of college life, emphasizing the department of athletics. Prof. E. J. Clarke, who has of late shown a profound interest in the pretty little two-months-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. W. Jones, was completely stumped when called upon to respond to, The College Baby. The professor can talk *to* most delightfully but when called upon to talk *about* the college baby he is scarcely half a success. However, many others might have done worse. C. C. Hopper was called upon to give a living example of the amount of assurance which may be acquired by protracted endeavor in the line of responding to toasts and speaking on public occasions, and was no less a failure than was "Clarke on Babies." It was nearly twelve o'clock and he plead limitation and satisfied himself by putting in a bid for an invitation to the "next banquet." Dr. Reid, at the close of the banquet paid a beautiful tribute to Mr. Horace Beck, a student of the college who died at his father's home on Friday.

The guests dispersed about twelve o'clock wishing many returns of the delightful occasion and long life to the Philomathean Literary Society of Washington College.

Those present were: Misses M. Reese, E. Reese, Susie B. Culp, E. Blades, M. R. Stephens, Ida G. Deene, Olive Handy, E. Maslin, B. Hearne, Jesse Jones, M. M. Davis, Olive Beauchamp, Amye Russell, L. E. Whitworth, Ellora Paradis, C. Thompson, A. Strong, V. Richardson, Maud Hickman; Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Reid, and Mr. Anderson and daughter, Prof. and Mrs. J. S. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFeely, Miss Caroline Hobbs, Dr. A. S Hall, Prof. J. R. Micou, Prof. E. J. Clarke and Messrs. J. Townsend, N. Sheppard, W. C. Poole, T. H. Anderson, H. U. Clogg, S. C. Coursey, P. T. White and J. M. White, J. Harrison, — Dickinson, A. T. McDorman and N. L. Vandom.

DAVID GARRICK.

A Delightful Entertainment by Washington College Talent in Behalf of the Athletic Association.

The dramatic entertainment, David Garrick, given at Stam's Hall, on Tuesday evening, by a number of the lady and gentlemen students of Washington College, with Prof. E. J. Clarke and Miss Grace Whaland in the leading roles, if not one of the strongest plays ever undertaken by local talent, was one of the most admirably presented. The programme opened with music by Prof. McHenry, of Baltimore, after which Miss Amye Russell gave a monologue, "Abbie's Accounts," and portrayed in an extremely natural way the perplexities which so often beset the bride-wife in keeping straight the family cash accounts. As a matter of course, errors crept into her arithmetic, but let that pass, for there was more cash where that came from.

Prof. Clarke as David Garrick, many thought surpassed any of his previous efforts on the stage. The ranting, extreme climaxes of the amateur were entirely absent. His acting in the second scene would have done credit to the professional stage.

Miss Whaland as the leading lady, interpreted her part with a calm dignity and seriousness which gave strength and beauty to the role. Her distress at the drunken revelry of the one she loved was totally relieved of the frantic ravings of girlish sentimentalism—in short, a strong part was strongly taken. Mr. Goldsborough shared the first honors of the evening with Prof. Clarke and Miss Whaland. His acting was marked by unusual ease and naturalness, and from the first rise of the curtain to the close of the last scene the strength of his interpretation and acting was maintained. Miss Culp and Miss France and Messrs. Sparks, Coursey and Burris as the country friends of the wealthy Simon Ingot, impersonated by Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Massey, the servant, took their parts extremely well. Mr. Rollison, as the rival of David Garrick for the hand of Ada Ingot, added much to the pleasure of his audience.

The music furnished by Prof. McHenry was a delightful feature of the evening and the performer was frequently encored to the echo.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericktown, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

FROM ROCK HALL.

Previous to the inauguration of Mr. McKinley we were told by numerous G. O. P. leaders that the vacillating course of the former administration regarding Cuba would not be tolerated by the McKinley regeme. Nearly one year has elapsed since the present administration has been in the "saddle," and the Cuban question is the same, except that "Uncle Sam" has received greater insults. It now looks that should hostilities ensue between "Uncle Sam" and Spain, or any other foreign power, the old fellow would be pretty well flogged before his backbone would be sufficiently stiffened to get a "move on." While "Tom" Reed is holding up Cuba for political scheming the patience of *true patriotism* is getting very nervous. "All is well that ends well," so let us hope for the best, at the same time exhibit as much alertness along all lines as Depuy de Lome did in getting in his work and escaping the just deserts that should be meted out to him.

The ice embargo along our water front was removed on Sunday, and on Monday the oystermen turned out en masse for the oyster bars with a buoyancy born of gratefulness, notwithstanding the fact that a stiff breeze confronted them. The fishermen succeeded in getting out several days earlier by having their boats over at Swan Point where there was less ice to contend with.

James and Dixie Downey while drifting their nets on the bar on Wednesday, had the misfortune to lose their nets by the ice cutting off the buoys, but Capt. Henry Urie caught them on Thursday drifting over the same route, but quite a long distance from where the nets were lost. They were returned to the losers, who were exceedingly greatful to receive them.

Capt. Thos. Elburn made efforts on Friday and Saturday to make the run to Baltimore in his vessel loaded with oysters, but was compelled to return on account of ice. Capt. G. T. Sewell was more successful. He boarded his vessel on Saturday morning, weighed anchor, hoisted sails, then got out on the ice, and catching hold of the bowsprit rigging, bravely led his vessel through the ice in Huntingfield creek and across the bar to the open water, reaching Baltimore in time to dispose of his oysters and return home by noon Sunday.

Some of our oyster buyer have been at the city for weeks and are still unable to dispose of their oysters at a profit.

The police schooner A. B. Smith was caught at Annapolis during the late freeze and was towed up to Swan Point on Wednesday night by Capt. Bull of the steamer Gov. Thomas. While lying in the "Ancient City," a member of the crew of the Smith, who had been taking in the incidents of the town, became confused through the oratorical eloquence of the legislators, or otherwise, and on repairing to the vessel missed the schooner and entered the captain's cabin of the Gov. Thomas, where Capt. Bull was sound asleep. Realizing that a mistake had been made, the puzzled sailor stood beside the couch of the captain in a dilema. Capt. Bull awoke, and seeing the intruder demanded who he was and what he was doing there. The reply came, "I belong aboard the Anna B. Smith and am lost, but for God sake captain keep this to yourself, or Capt. Stevens and the other members of the crew will tease me to death." He then departed for his own ship, which he reached O. K. But Capt. Bull, who is a jolly old pilot, one of the old-time "salts" who are always ready to give or take a joke, was not equal to keeping the secret, so when morning came he boarded the Smith and said, "I tell you, Captain Frank, one of your men came near being shot last night." "Ah, how's that?" queried the Swan Point ranger. Then Capt. Bull related the incident of the night, and poor *** has had a rough plank to walk ever since. Capt. Stevens and crew speak in the highest praise of Capt. Bull as a man of sociability and business management of the position he holds.

Mr. Geo. Colyer had quite an unpleasant experience on Thursday last. He has a small boat with runners on the bottom for the purpose of running over the ice when on a shooting expidition for wild fowl. On the day mentioned he had been paddling the boat between two bodies of ice, the gun barrels, which had become filled with water, lying over the stern. On reaching the ice the boat was pulled upon it, then seating himself in the boat he waited the approach of a bunch of ducks. When near enough to shoot he picked up the gun, not knowing the barrels were full of water, blazed away with both barrels, and the result was that George was knocked out of the boat by the rebound, and so near the edge of the ice that only by the desperate digging of his finger nails into the ice did he save himself from rolling into the water.

Mr. George A. Schoone, who went to New Port News some weeks ago, writes home that board there is very high, and he proposes to try ranching methods until his family can move down for the spring and summer, which will be within a month.

The mild weather of the past ten days has brought on a run of herring, and "small bone bacon" is now a luxury on the fisherman's table.

One of our local leaders of the G. O. P. has declared that he can no longer endure the traitorous *Baltimore American* and henceforth will bask in the light of *The Sun* for *fidelity* and *truth* of republicanism, Alas! "how have the mighty fallen."

Messrs. Editors, rejoice with us, for we have been assured that big Frank Stevens, will succeed himself as *skipper* of the Anna B. Smith, and our oysters will be jealously protected for two years more. Hip, Hip, Hurrah!

It is pleasing to note the favorable comments, Messrs. Editors, regarding your recent addition of "Religious Thought," "Farm and Garden" and "Dairy and Creamery" departments in the TRANSCRIPT. Our people appreciate a good thing when they see it.

Opinions differ with regard to the entertainments given in Downey's Hall during the past week. Having no use for such things, we cannot give our own opinion.

BON JOUR.

FAIRLEE ITEMS.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—We are truly thankful to state that the roads and side walks in our village have dried up sufficiently to permit us to venture out once more without fear of being stuck in the mud. The public roads have been pronounced by many as being in worse condition this winter than they have for many years. The question is asked why are the roads so bad? Because there has been so many blockheads at work on them. They are worked too much, from early spring to late in the fall, which gives them no time to get packed.

Our fourth quarterly Conference was held here in Salem M. E. Church on last Saturday afternoon, and was well attended. Presiding Elder Corkran preached a grand sermon to a good congregation on Sunday, both at Salem and the Union Churches.

The question now arises will we have brother Merritt back with us? That is a question we cannot answer yet, but time will tell. If the sentiments of the congregation have anything to do with his returning, we think we can safely say he will return to us again; we hope so at least.

Mr. S. G. Lee is doing very well under the treatment of Drs. Hines and Maxwell, and if he continues to improve, will be able to return to his home in about ten days or two weeks.

Mr. Thos. Dowling continues to grow weaker all the time; his case is very serious. He has been a great sufferer for over a year.

Miss Zadie M. Lee is on an extended visit with friends and relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kendall, on Monday evening last, the occasion being a mite social.

Mr. Morris Bramble has added one more thresher to his lot of machinery.

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