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LOCAL MATTERS.

Rock Hall Escapes a Fire.—Rock Hall made a narrow escape from fire at an early hour on Friday morning. Some one thoughtlessly threw a lighted cigar stump in a box cuspidore in the oyster saloon of Mr. Michael Raymond. The counter caught, and but for the timely appearance of Mr. Wm. Copper a serious early morning fire would have occurred.

Sheriff Roe's Straw Burned.—The straw from a two thousand bushel crop of wheat was entirely destroyed by fire just before noon on Monday. Mr. Elias Othoson was burning brush on his farm when the flames spread into the neighboring stubble field of Sheriff Roe and consumed his stackyard. Mr. Allston made a desperate fight to check the flames, but without success.

Off for the Klondike.—Mr. Archie Bowers, brother of Mr. Ellwood Bowers, of Lynchs, is preparing for the start to the Klondike gold fields on next Monday. Mr. Bowers will take the train for Seattle and will thence start for the frozen gold country, reaching the Chilkoot Pass at the most favorable season for a successful trip. So far as known no other Kent countians are contemplating a trip to the Klondike.

In War-Stricken Cuba.—Mr. Walter Barnes, of Fairlee, has visited all of the Cuban ports now most prominently referred to in news dispatches from the stricken island. He made but one trip to the island after the breaking out of the present rebellion on the part of the Cubans about three years ago, and was forbidden, with other sailors to visit an interior town. Mr. Barnes describes the people as semi-civilized, and gives an interesting description of harbors, towns and local peculiarities.

Steamer Ericsson Raised.—The steamer Ericsson, of the Ericsson Line, which was sunk February 16 near Wilmington, Del., has been raised and towed to Philadelphia, where her cargo is being discharged. The steamer will be hauled upon a marine railway and a survey made to determine the extent of her injuries and what repairs are necessary. It is expected that the necessary repairs can be completed in a short time, and the steamer will then resume her regular place on the Philadelphia and Baltimore route.

Scott's Point Improvements.—Messrs. Crane, Trenchard Brothers have commenced great improvements at their Scott's Point mill. A two story addition of 30x48 feet will be made to the building, a new veneering machine and other new pieces of machinery will be put in, and as soon as possible a large storeage building 40x100 feet will be erected. Increased capacity will be given their saw mill, and by or about the first of April the finest milling plant of the kind ever in operation in Chestertown will be running on full time.

Ladies and Athletics.—The ladies of Washington College have determined to attend to their physical as well as mental development. The *Collegian* says: "The ladies of W. C. have organized an athletic club, Miss Woodall is the president, Miss France is secretary and treasurer, and Misses Whaland and Maslin captains of the basket ball teams. The association should prove a great benefit to the ladies in an athletic way, and it will doubtless soon cover all divisions of athletics. A basket-ball court will be prepared in front of Normall Hall."

W.C.T.U. to Meet in Chestertown.—A meeting of the State executive committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in Baltimore on Wednesday morning at Memorial Building. A large representation was present from Harford, Montgomery, Kent, Talbot and other counties. An invitation was accepted from the Kent County Union inviting the State Union to hold its annual meeting next September in Chestertown. Services principally for W. C. T. U. members and in memory of Miss Willard, were held in the building in the afternoon.

Hurled From a Scaffold.—Contractor A. M. Culp, and one of his workmen, Mr. Walter Rawleigh, fell from a scaffold a distance of over thirty feet on Monday, and received painful, and it is feared in Mr. Culp's case, rather serious injuries. They were at work on Mr. Culp's new cottage on Washington avenue, when a scaffold gave way on which they were standing, and they were precipitated to the ground. Mr. Culp struck a trestle and was painfully injured. Mr. Rawleigh fell directly on his head, and made a hole in the soft soil fully three inches deep. Fortunately for both gentlemen their fall was broken by striking a lower scaffold and the ground was soft.

The Potts-Benedict Case.—The Kent county case of William H. Benedict against William A. Potts removed from Kent to Caroline, thence to Queen Anne and appealed, has been by mutual consent of the attorneys postponed to the April term of the Court of Appeals and is first on the appeal docket. The case was taken from the jury at the original trial in Kent and also at the trial in Queen Anne. James A. Pearce and Hope H. Barroll, Esqs., represented Potts, and H. W. Vickers and Albert Constable, Esqs., Benedict. Judge Pearce has withdrawn from the case and Mr. Potts will be represented by Mr. Barroll alone.

April Jurors.—His Honor Judge James A. Pearce has drawn the following jurors to serve at the April term of the circuit court for Kent county:

2. William T. Crow,	1. Frank P. Cockran,
2. John Medders,	7. George Beck,
Wm. Thomas of Wm.	5. James A. Casey,
6. Harry C. Willis,	4. J. Walter Skirven,
W. H. Hadaway,	4. Wm. D. Burchinal,
2. John McGugan,	2. William H. Bowers,
1. Wm. E. Jarrell,	2. Garrett Foxwell,
3. Jacob B. Crowding,	2. William Janvier
2. George W. Atwell,	1. William T. Hicks,
1. J. F. M. Woodall,	2. Charles S. Hill,
7. Alfred C. Loud,	1. William H. Spry,
4. Jeff. D. Bacchus,	2. Dennis J. Nowland,
4. John K. Aldridge,	5. Chas. C. Wood,
6. Thos. W. Skirven,	James T. Matthews,
4. Robert K. Pippin,	4. John H. Simpers,
3. James G. Harris,	2. Elsworth Bowers,
1. Theodore Dempsey,	4. H. Clay Lusby,
4. Theodore E. Hayes,	5. John Dickinson,
James H. Ruth,	2. Joseph W. Harper,
2. John W. Boggs,	D. James Hall,
Frank E. Stevens,	3. Wm. D. Pennington,
T. Romie Strong,	2. J. H. Clendaniel,
4. Wm. S. Walker,	2. Wm. G. Rasin,
2. Jesse R. Copper,	2. Wm. A. Kennedy.

A Suggestive Reminder.—In these piping times of wars and rumors of wars, the following old paper can but prove of interest to those who remember the harrowing times of the Civil War. The time-worn paper was addressed to Joseph Guest, Church Hill, and reads as follows: "You are hereby notified that you have been Drafted into the Militia Forces of the United States, in the State of Maryland, under the Act of Congress, of July 1862, in Queen Anne county, as part of the Quato of said County; and you are further notified to appear on Monday the 15th day of Dec. 1862, at Easton in said said County, to be there provided with transportation to Camp Hicks the place of Rendezvous for Drafted Militia of said county.

S. E. DYOTT.

Commissioner to superintend the Enrollment and Draft of the Militia for Q. Ann's county.

Dec. 9th 1862.

A Prompt Adjustment.—On Wednesday last, during the absence of Mr. Peter Clare and his family from their home at Smithsville, the house caught fire from some unknown cause and was destroyed with nearly all of its contents. Messrs. Johnson, Smith and others, who early discovered the fire, succeeded in saving some articles, but beds, meat, clothing, etc., were destroyed. The building, furniture and a barn were insured for $1200 in the Norwich Union Company, represented by Mr. James G. Beck. The adjuster was in the county on Monday, and after deducting $200 for property saved, ordered that Mr. Clare be promptly paid $1000 on his loss.

Thieving Galore.—Mr. Josiah Massey, the abundance of whose well-tilled farm has for years held out unusual inducements to thieves, had his hennery raided on Tuesday night. Capt. Pheffer, who had been to Chestertown, was returning to his vessel in Morgan's creek and in passing near Mr. Massey's hen-house noticed that some one was busily engaged in catching chickens. It was comparatively early in the night and the captain supposed that it was some of the family, but when he asked who was there the thief made a hasty retreat, leaving a number of chickens behind. Capt. Pheffer had his pistol in his hand but did not shoot the thief. Contractor R. K. Pippin had a valuable lot of lumber stolen which he left at the new house of Mrs. Bacon in Worton.

Rock Hall Cooperative Company.—The business men of Rock Hall who some time ago put in motion the canning enterprise which promises handsome returns to the entire community, are enlarging the scope of the good work. At a meeting last week The Rock Hall Cooperative Company was duly incorporated with a capital stock of $5.000. The board of directors, composed of Messrs. George E. Leary, Jeff D. Ayres, J. T. Arthur and several others, is representative of the business life of Rock Hall, and is a guarantee of the care and business methods to be exercised in the management of the company. Mr. James E. Beck is secretary. The object in view is the advancement of the general business interests of the town. The first building to be erected is for general canning purposes and will be used by Mr. Arthur, of Harford county, who will operate an extensive canning business there during the coming season. The farmers are contracting for growing tomatoes at $6 per ton.

Local Boats for Transport Duty.—In the event of war with Spain many of the finer steamers of Baltimore and other ports would be called into service to perform duty in transporting soldiers and munitions of war to the front. A full list of available steamers sailing out of Baltimore harbor has been secured and published, and in the list the Chester River Company is credited with the Emma Ford, B. S. Ford and Gratitude; the Tolchester Company with the Louise and Emma Giles, and the Ericsson Line with the Ericsson and A. Groves. The companies have all been communicated with and report their vessels in order for immediate service. Engineer Benner of the Emma Ford, knows what it means to transport in time of war, having done service in this line during the sixties. He says that on such occasions necessity knows no law and there is no set limit to the carrying capacity of the boat in service. His steamer carried troops on one occasion when she was so loaded that the men were marched on board, were ordered to stack arms and forced to stand without moving a step during the entire trip.

All His Bones Were out of Joint.—One of the most remarkable exhibitions possibly ever seen in Chestertown, was given by Prof. Fitzgerald, before a few gentlemen at the office of Dr. W. Frank Hines on Thursday evening. There was scarcely a muscle of the complex organism of the body which was not under the most perfect control, while he could at will dislocate every joint of his body or limbs. He could at will cut off circulation to any particular portion of the body. To the laymen present the exhibition was possibly less marvelous than to Drs. Hines and Dodd, who from experience appreciate the extreme difficulty of reducing the dislocations as presented at will by the living wonder, Any set of muscles could be brought out with such prominence as to render their being grasped and located with all of their attachments perfectly easy. Even the nerves in some instances were brought prominently to the surface. Prof. Fitzgerald during the evening, commencing at his toes threw them out of place, then the ankle, next the knee and finally the hip or thigh. This was repeated on the other side of the body, and it would be difficult to imagine a more completely disjointed or broken up individual. To say the least of it, the exhibition was as interesting as it was marvelous.

New Advertisements.

Mrs. R. Bergen will return to-day from a second tour of inspection of spring fashions in the large cities. Mrs. Bergen has laid in a magnificent stock of goods and announces her formal spring opening on Friday and Saturday, March 18th and 19th. Mr. Bergen, too, has a beautiful line in his department.

Miss Hattie Reed has, after her annual inspection of the latest and most beautiful creations in the realm of fashion, laid in a superb stock of spring and summer millinery. All of the newest shades,—blood orange, burnt orange, bluetts and nasturtiums are to be found in her stock.

R. F. Parks is preparing to display one of the most elaborate and beautiful lines of spring and summer goods which he has ever offered. Novelties in style and color will appear on his heavily stocked shelves and at prices to defy successful competition. Mr. Parks is a hustler along all lines of business.

Westcott & Dodd have surpassed all previous efforts in the beauty and elaborateness of their spring and summer stock. No department has been forgotten or neglected. A faint idea of the beauty of their stock may be gotten from the picture presented by their beautifully trimmed windows. Their splendid stock is now to be seen, and should be inspected.

The TRANSCRIPT's adds continue to do the work. Joseph Guest states that he has already, in addition to his woven wire fences, sold enough material to make twenty-five miles of fencing, or a continuous line of impregnable wire fence which would reach further than from Chestertown to Tolchester and return.

Mr. John Z. Clark, of Lynch's advertises in this issue a lot of locust posts for sale.

Kennedyville News.

The meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the M. P. Church on Friday evening last was of unusual interest. Choice selections of music were rendered by the choir and a tribute to the late Francis E. Wiliard was given by the president. The crowning feature of the evening was the lecture on "The Good Old Times" by Rev. E. S. Hagen, of York, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Meredith and Mrs. Jennie Haggerty are visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Emma Jarrell and Mrs. Minta Weer are visiting friends at Templeville.

HUGO.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† Some hitch occurred on Monday in the delivery of the last cargo of shells for the streets of Chestertown. Mr. B. F. Fleming, the contractor for the delivery of the shells insisted that they be measured in an ordinary grain measure while the town commissioners very properly contended for measurement in the iron tub provided by law for the measurement of oysters.

† The three literary societies of Washington College have appointed committees to confer in reference to a joint debate between them, each side of the question to be debated by a representative from each society. Miss Susie Belle Culp and Miss Grace Whaland, have been elected by the Pieria Society, as its debaters in the proposed contest.

† The uniforms decided upon to be worn by the Washington College baseball team this season, will be light gray pants, black and maroon stockings, caps and jerseys.

† Eugene Berriman, the little colored boy who was so painfully shot in the face on Tuesday of last week, after great suffering, died on Sunday morning.

† The recent Chestertown fire has given a new impetus to fire insurance. One agent has booked over $16,000 since the big blaze.

† Mr. James L. Shuster, of Centreville, formerly of Kent Co., is suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Shuster is a brother of Mr. John L. Shuster, of Chestertown, and has many friends in this county.

† A gentleman of Chestertown is so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of war that he may be seen each day at target practice on the suburbs of town.

† Mr. John Brice, who loves a joke and is one of the most successful jokers in the county, cast a bomb into the camp of a lot of colored pensioners several days ago, by announcing that the war was about on, that Uncle Sam is calling for recruits and that he was a recruiting officer. He further stated that all pensioners were being drafted first and would be rushed to the front at once. This announcement was like the opening of Pandora's box, and every lusty yeteran was seized with disease and decrepitude on the spot.

† The oyster dredging season closed on Tuesday. The season, say the dredgers and packers, has been a failure. Oyster tonging will close the middle of April.

† Mr. Wm. H. Ford has been appointed postmaster at Golts, and Mrs. Mary Noland postmistress at Tolchester Beach.

† Mr. H. S. Barnett, the Chestertown brick manufacturer, has contracted with Mr. B. Thompson for the delivery of 100,000 bricks to be used in Mr. Thompson's new house.

† The new building of Mr. Joseph Edwards was raised on Tuesday. Work is also progressing on the large new building of Mr. Thompson.

† Hay shad were finding sale yesterday at 80 cents a pair.

† Where is the steed which can throw dust in the eyes of these wheelmen? Messrs. Harry T. Hoyle and Philip Miller spent Sunday with Mr. Hoyle's parents, in Smyrna. They left early Sunday morning on their wheels, and made the run of thirty miles in about two hours and forty minutes.

Mr. W. E. Elburn, Whaland's mill, exhibited a curiosity at the TRANSCRIPT office this week in the form of a mole. The troublesome little burrower had a long, rat-like tail, and its nose was in the shape of a star of many points. Mr. Elburn states that he had seen and caught many moles, but the one caught several days ago was an entire novelty.

† April 15th has been designated as Arbor Day by the Governor.

FRUIT STILL SAFE.

Authorities Say That the Buds Are Still in Prime Condition.

Mr. James S. Harris was in Chestertown on Tuesday, and was in no way depressed by the warm, pleasant days which have so far prevailed during March. Mr. Harris stated that fruit buds are in splendid condition. "The rise of temperature has been so very gradual," said Mr. Harris, "that buds have not been advanced to an extent to render their condition anything but highly satisfactory, and up to this date the outlook is excellent. There are an abundance of buds."

As bearing out his views, Mr. Harris gave the following interesting record of temperature since the first of the month:

March 1	33°
March 2	34°
March 3	36°
March 4	36°
March 5	38°
March 6	40°
March 7	42°
March 8	44°
March 9	47°
March 10	52°
March 11	54°
March 12	64°
March 13	60°
March 14	51°

Mr. Harris stated that the outlook for Kiefer and Duchess pears is very encouraging. The number of buds indicate an enormous crop of both varieties. The outlook for Bartletts is less encouraging, the crop promising less than half.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

County Commissioners met on Tuesday—Full board present.

Account of Joseph R. Usilton, for for office attendance and outside supervision, $125, was allowed and ordered to be paid. The following accounts were examined and allowed or approved and ordered to be provided for by levy in 1898: Thos. A. Jacobs, certified per diem as judge of Orphans' court, $100; Wm. C. Faulkner, for balance of account for keeping body of M. D. Borst, $5.20; Wm. H. Roulson, for damage to wagon and harness on road in 2nd district, $3.50; Wm. S. Walker, account for road work in 2nd district, $11; Benj. F. Davis, account for same in 3rd district, $16.49; John W. Wright, J. P., for fees in State cases, excess of fees collected, $11.95: Geo. W. Dill, constable, account for fees in State cases, certified by J. P., $7.25; R. Kimble, witness in State cases 33c; Thos. S. Dodd, for same, 33c; Jas. S. Bradley, for supplies for jail 1896 and 1897, $60.50; Wilbur Eliason, for road work in 4th district, $16.54; Wm. T. Carter, for shells in 5th district, $1.28; Geo. W. Bramble, J. P., for viewing body of Jas. Herbert, no inquest, $5; same, for fees in State cases, $7.90; Harvey W. Dickinson, for taxes paid on erroneous assessment, $1.12; Wm. and Sarah Sweetman on recommendation obtained for continuance of pension of $40; John Duling upon recommendation was appointed constable of Kent county, in and for the first election district in the place of S. Mallalieu, whose term has expired; Geo. R. Rouse, coroner, returned in the inquision taken on the body of Martin D. Borst, a traveling salesman, which was approved and a balance and cost to be provided for by levy in 1898; Upon application, Anna and Rebecca Smith, colored, were continued for $15 for levy in 1898; Harvey W. Dickinson, application for transfer of personal property, was ordered to be made; Benj. Durding, petition for transfer was ordered to be made; Wm. E. Keyser, application for reduction of personal securities, etc., was ordered to be made.

Orphans' Court—All judges present. Letters of administration upon the personal estate of Samuel C. Porter were granted to William J. Porter and Chas. H. Smith and James O. Hanison were appointed to appraise said estate.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Dr. A. S. Hall, of Washington College has joined the bicycle ranks and is practicing on a new wheel.

Mrs. M. Clendaniel and three children, of near Middletown, Del., spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Watts, at the Watts House.

Mr. Wm. E. DeFord has been quite sick at his home for four weeks past, but is convalescent.

Dr. William Houston, who inflicted a painful wound on his foot with an axe last week, is able to be on the street.

Miss Beulah Hayes is the guest of Philadelphia friends.

Miss Anna G. Lambert has accepted the local agency of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. This is one of the finest companies in the country, and Mr. Fell is to be congratulated upon his selection of a representative in this county.

Mrs. George D. Lofland has returned from a visit to friends in Cecil.

Miss M. Julia and Miss May Thompson spent a portion of last week in Kent.

Rev. J. D. Kemp and Miss Maud Kemp are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Bordley.

Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason spent last week in the city, where Mrs. Eliason's sister, Mrs. Glasscock, has been quite sick.

J. Henry Baker, Esq., of Baltimore, visited his father, Mr. James H. Baker, last week.

Miss Amelia Breck and Miss Ripley have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rickey, on Maple Ave.

Mrs. Annie Taylor and daughter, Eunice, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lambert on Mill street.

Misses Maud Pippin and Mary Robinson, of Queen Anne's, spent Sunday in town, the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Jonathan Anthony.

Mrs. Washington Hudgins, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. William H. Blakeney, of Cannon street.

Miss Oneata Maslin, of Rock Hall, returned home Sunday after a very pleasant visit at Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Twilley's on High street.

Mr. De Coursey Ruth, an expert machinest of Baltimore, is visiting relatives in Kent.

Mrs. Straughn and daughter, Irene, of Centreville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bordley.

Mrs. William Carter, of Fredrick, is the guest of Mrs. Robert Kimble, on High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lev. Doraine, of Chesapeake City, spent the latter part of last week in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kimble.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

One of the most entertaining and successful missionary anniversaries ever held in Chestertown, was the one held in the M. E. Church last Sunday night. The pulpit and platform had been most elaborately decorated with pot and blooming plants, put there by a committee of great taste of whom Mr. J. R. Clements and Misses Nannie Bordley and Bessie Stuart were leading spirits. Long before the hour to begin the exercises, the church was filled with people, and large crowds were turned away for want of room. When the infant room scholars had marched in under the leadership of Misses Idel Baker and May Fallowfield, their superintendents, the exercises began. The following programme was fully carried out:

PART I.

Organ Voluntary ..... Miss Lambert
Opening Exercises ..... Primary Department
Singing, No. 158 ..... School
Prayer ..... Mr. J. H. Hudson
Duet and Chorus ..... No. 60
Address ..... Mr. J. M. White
Singing, No. 62 ..... School
Class Offering.
Singing, No. 84 ..... School
Recitation—"Missionary Hen," ... Preston Jones
Solo—"For Jesus," ..... Mary Miller

PART II.

Recitation ..... Freddie Hirons
Congregational Offering.
Singing, No. 82 ..... School
Report of Classes.
Presentation of Banner ..... Mr. Harry Anthony
Singing, No. 156 ..... School
Emblem Exercises ..... Thirteen Girls
Address ..... Lt. C. A. Grise
Doxology.
Benediction.

ORCHESTRA:

Mr. R. Snowden Thomas ..... Director
Miss Anna G. Lambert ..... Organist
Mr. Jacob F. Thompson, Mr. L. Bates Russell ..... Cornetists
Mr. D. P. Jones ..... Trombone
Mr. Edward W. Ringgold ..... Flute

USHERS:

Mr. Owen Crow, Mr. Harry Taylor, Mr. Frank McWhorter, Mr. George Perkins.

Everybody acquitted themselves splendidly, and evidenced thorough training. Great credit is due Misses Baker and Fallowfield for training the intermediate class to so well render their part. An altar was built inside the chancel, representing the altar in the old Jewish Temple, on which the classes were expected to lay their offering, as the name of the class was called by the secretary. Inside the chancel, sat Marion deK. Smith, Jr., Harry Antony, Miss Julia Burchinal, and Miss Annie Cosden, the officers of the Sunday School Missionary Society, who aided by the efficient superintendent, W. B. Copper, saw that every detail of the programme was carried out. The music, which was a special feature of the evening, was under the direction of the Sunday school orchestra, lead by R. Snowden Thomas. The collection for the night was $78, making a total raised by the school during the year, for Missions $173, about $43 more than last year. R. Snowden Thomas's class having raised the most money was awarded the banner. The pastor had also offered a Bible to the class which should excell, which was, by him presented to the same class.

The officers of the Society are as follows: Mr. M. deK. Smith, Jr., President; Miss Anna Cosden, Vice-president; Mr. Harry Anthony, Secretary; Miss Julia Burchinal, Treasurer.

FROM WORTON.

Mrs. Charles Carter and two children, of Lynch's, have been visiting Mrs. John W. Carter, of Worton.

Miss Lulu Newcomb, of Fairlee, has been the guest of friends in Worton.

Miss Minnie Copper has returned home, after a pleasant visit to Misses Maud and Addie Parsons, of Edesville.

Mr. Wm. D. Carter and daughter, Miss Nan, spent part of last week with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Stevens have purchased new wheels, and can be seen of evenings taking a brief run.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Evans, of Cecil county, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Evans' sister, Mrs. John A. Duyer.

Mr. Charles Boyles paid a flying trip to Baltimore this week.

Mumps are still very bad in this neighborhood. Those who are suffering with them are: Misses Blanch Duyer, Minnie Dilihunt, Mary and Maggie Wallis, Mary and Bessie Cooper and Bessie Nichols, Messrs. Isaac Duyer, Lester Carter, George and Ralph Williams, John Duyer, and Thomas Rouse.

One of the biggest shooting matches of the season took place in Worton on last Thursday afternoon. Every part of the county was represented but Chestertown, and the turkeys were equally divided, two going down the county for Mr. Walter Strong and Mr. Sterling Jones, Lynch's, four; Mr. Robert Carter 2, Roby Toulson 1, and Jesse Morris 1. Worton two, Harry Nichols one and Thos. Gale one.

MADGE.

OBITUARY.

DR. THOMAS H. COOPER.

The sudden death of Dr. Thomas H. Cooper at his home on High street, on Thursday, came as a surprise to the entire community, and was a cause for sincere regret. The doctor was attending to his professional duties on Monday and on Monday night spent some time at the home of Capt. Cecil Atkinson at Bel Rio Farm, and laughingly bantered him relative to the speed of his horses. On Tuesday and Wednesday he was confined to his room, and though he spent an extremely uncomfortable night on Wednesday, his servant states that he sat up and read the TRANSCRIPT on Thursday morning. He was suddenly taken ill and about ten o'clock sent for Doctor Frank Hodgskin. He asked that his pulse be felt, directed that he get medicine and warm water. Dr. Hodgskin left the room to follow instructions and returning in a short time found the sick man alarmingly ill, and at once summoned Dr. C. W. Whaland. The patient realized his condition and said to Mr. John Bell, Mr. M. A. Toulson and several other friends present, that he must die. To Dr. Whaland he said that everything looked black and asked if it was not a dark day, and with the words, "Is this death?" trembling on his lips, the next moment he was dead.

Dr. Cooper came to Chestertown in 1882 from Queenstown and built up a large and lucrative practice. He was held in high esteem by those among whom he practiced and his hold upon his patients was of a most remarkable character.

He was a bachelor, and was born on a farm at Whiteleysburg, Caroline county, in 1850. His admiration and love for his mother was a passion as strong in sturdy manhood as it was beautiful at the threshold of death, and almost his last thoughts and last words were of her.

The remains were taken to Caroline county on Saturday morning and interred in Mt. Olivet M. P. Church cemetery.

MRS JOSEPH NOLAND.

Mrs. Joseph Noland, died at the home of her husband on Friday morning aged 38 years. Mrs. Noland had long been a sufferer from consumption and bore her affliction with christian resignation.

MISS ELIZABETH CREW.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crew, wife of Mr. A. P. Crew, formerly of Kent county, and daughter of the late Josiah Jump, of Denton, Caroline county, Md., died Feb. 28th, after a lingering illness, in Baltimore. Many remember her with love and esteem, having met her at various times when she visited her sister-in-law, Miss Ida C. Crew, between whom there was a degree of devotion and congeniality seldom seen. She was a woman of superior judgment and nobility of character, a consistent Christian, a tender and faithful wife and mother. She leaves a husband and one child, Preston, to mourn her loss, also a mother, Mrs. M. H. Melvin, and one sister, Mrs. S. E. Downes. Her remains were taken to Denton for interment, where many friends showed their appreciation of one long beloved by them.

FAIRLEE ITEMS.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—We agree with our brother correspondent, West End, when he says we have much to be thankful for, as there is very little sickness, less idleness and no drunkenness; everybody seems to be driving at something, as is always the case when weather will permit. The farmers around are taking advantage of the good weather and pushing their spring work along rapidly. Wheat is looking fine. Some of the best fields of wheat we have seen are those of Mr. Reed on the Wm. E. Keyser farm, J. P. Nicholson and Purnell Jump.

Extra preparations are being made for the Missionary anniversary, which is to be held in Salem M. E. Church next Sunday evening. It will be a rare treat to all who witness the event. Everybody welcome.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. will turn out in full force and enter the church in a body next Sabbath morning, when our beloved pastor, Rev. J. B. Merritt, will have something to say in our behalf.

The Mite Social was held at the home of Mrs. G. E. Noland, on last Friday night, and was largely attended and everybody had a good time in general. The tables were filled with good things to eat, and while we didn't have ice cream to burn we certainly had a great deal of it to eat.

Thieves entered the chicken house of Mr. Wm. E. Klien on last Friday night, and carried away about 30 fine chickens. They were tracked quite a distance the following morning, but no other investigation was made. They thought, perhaps, it was useless, as chicken thieves had such a walkover during last spring's court.

Messrs. L. J. & W. T. Keyser have accepted the agency for the new Buck-Eye harvesting reaper and mower and the Buck-Eye Randall harrow. The machines are the latest improved, and will be the first of the kind used in the county.

Mrs. Lydia Hepbron and children, of Baltimore, are visiting their parental home at the parsonage.

Professor L. J. Smyth, wife and daughter, of Townsend, Del., visited their sisters, the Misses Carrie I. and Minnie Smyth, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Lee are recuperating in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hudson are on a protracted visit with friends in Middletown, Del.

Messrs. Edward Draper and Joe Shriver, of Middletown, visited friends in our village last Sunday.

Miss Bessie Miller has been the guest of Miss Annie Copper near town.

Mr. S. D. Leaverton has been spoken of as magistrate of this town. Mr. Leaverton, we think, would be a very good man for the place, if such an office has to exist in our town at all.

Mr. A. M. Kendall has purchased of Sloan Bros. the large hall in Castletown, and will convert same into two dwellings.

Capt. Ben Nicholson had a slight stroke of paralysis one day last week but is improving.

Mr. Ivanhoe Willis states that he has a sheep which had four lambs, all living and doing well. Who can beat it?

EAST END.

Mr. L. W. Nichols, East New Market, Md., states; "We could not say too much in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. About three years ago one of our children had an attack of croup and we were afraid we would loose him. Seeing Chamberlains Cough Remedy advertised, we decided to give it a trial. It gave almost instant relief and we believe it saved the child's life. Since then we have never been without a bottle of this remedy in the house and we recommend it to everyone as being an honest Cough Remedy." For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

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Chestertown to Have One of the Most Efficient Fire Companies in the State—New Fire Apparatus Purchased.

As a result of the recent fire, Chestertown is soon to have one of the most up-to-date and effective fire companies in the State. As stated in last week's TRANSCRIPT, the movement has been inaugurated with a will. The following officers have been elected: President, J. K. Aldridge; vice-presidents, C. S. Smith and W. U. Lusby; secretary and treasurer, Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., assistant secretary and treasurer, Tom Massey.

At a meeting in Stam's Hall on Tuesday night, by-laws and a constitution were decided upon, and among other interesting matters was the report of the committee appointed to solicit aid from local representatives of the fire insurance companies. Without an exception the companies expressed their gratification at the move for better protection against loss by fire, but were unable to extend any material aid.

The subject of selecting a chief is a matter exciting much interest now, and Messrs. Amos. B. Kelley, Robert N. Boston, Charles S. Smith and several others are being consided in this connection. This will be disposed of at a meeting to be held on Friday evening of next week.

The town commissioners are taking an aggressive stand in the matter of protection from fire. At a meeting on Tuesday night three hundred feet of new hose were purchased, and one hundred and twenty galvanized iron buckets had been subsequently purchased and placed in the engine house for use. It has also been decided to buy twelve chemical extinguishers and three extension fire ladders. With this equipment in the hands of fifty active, well-trained citizen firemen, Chestertown will enjoy the distinction of having one of, if not the finest fire department of any town of similar size in the State.

The following citizens are members of the volunteer company of fire fighters:

J. K. Aldridge,	W. C. Sutton,
J. D. Welch,	W. B. Usilton, Jr.,
F. E. Duyer,	Wm. R. Pippin,
R. N. Boston,	Arthur A. Hurlock,
J. M. Toulson,	W. H. McFeely,
J. A. Bradley,	G. H. Cannan, Jr.,
Joe. Brice,	M. E. Baker,
Wm. T. Duyer,	John P. Gruber,
J. W. Howard,	Amos B. Kelley,
S. O. Crouch,	Atlee H. Tracy,
Harry Hoyle,	Frank M. Miller,
Walter U. Lusby,	Philip M. Miller,
Edward Boston,	Tom Massey,
W. F. Malin,	Chas. S. Smith,
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