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LOCAL MATTERS.

Created a Sensation.—The steamer Corsica, Captain Van Dyke, master, came to Chestertown and as far up the river as Crumpton, on Monday for a cargo of grain. The news soon spread that she had a recruiting officer on board, and when the captain made his appearance on the street quite a ripple of excitement was occasioned.

Stone for Fortifications.—The large sea-going schooner, Alert, reached Chestertown, on Tuesday with a cargo of 92,000 feet of lumber for Mr. T. W. Eliason. The vessel is under charter with the United States Government and will go directly from Chestertown to Port Deposit for a load of stone to be used in the fortifications at Old Point and Norfolk.

Box Rents Increased.—Postmaster Joseph N. Wheatley last week received instructions from the Post-office Department that, commencing with April first, all lock-box rents shall be increased. The new schedule will be: Call-boxes, 25 cents per quarter; lock boxes, 35 cents per quarter and large lock-boxes, 50 cents per quarter. No reason is given for the increase in charges.

Early Corn Planters.—Though no one, so far as known, has planted corn, it is stated that Mr. W. H. Faulkner is to be the early bird of Kent, and weather permitting will plant within the next ten days. Messrs. Albert Story and John Smith, the early planters of Queen Anne, will be the early planters across the river, and will be ready as soon as the weather will permit.

Anxious for War.—Mr. Brown, who has been in Kent for some months buying stock, left for Key West last week, where, in the event of conflict between the United States and Spain, he proposes to set up a kind of outside commissary department and conduct an extensive business in supplying soldiers near the seat of war. Mr. Brown claims to have served three years in the Federal army during the late war, and is anxious for a repetition of war in this country.

Peninsular Fruit Outlook.—Wesley Webb, secretary of the Peninsula Horticultural Society, yesterday sent out the following official statement as to the Peninsula fruit outlook: "Reports from vice-presidents of the Peninsula Horticultural Society show that there is a uniform prospect of full crops of fruit and vegetables in all parts of the peninsula, except that the fruit buds are ten days or two weeks in advance of the season and hence in danger of injury by frosts.

He Knows Congosta.—Dr. Harry L. Dodd, of Chestertown, was a classmate of Congosta, second in command to Ex-Butcher Weyler and the present Spanish military ruler, Blanco, in Cuba. Congosta was then the Spanish representative at Philadelphia and took a course in medicine simply that he might add to his fund of information. Dr. Dodd was a class-mate of the distinguished Spaniard at the Philadelphia Medical College and represents him as being fine looking, of excessive mannerism, elegantly dressed and an ideal Spanish nabob.

Being Pushed to Completion.—The new residence of Mr. Joseph Edwards on the burned site of his old home is now being put under roof. The foundations for the large brick residence and store, 70x54 feet, of Mr. Thompson are being laid and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Mr. Thompson states that he will occupy the entire building as a residence and store. The residence will be in the rear while both the lower and upper floors front will be used for the display of his large stock of goods.

A Klondike Steamer.—Mr. John L. Lewis, of Fairlee, a nephew of Capt. G. C. and Capt. G. S. Lewis, with whom Messrs. Archie Bowers and Isaac Baker, of Kent, have started for the Klondike, has received a letter from Capt. Lewis giving the dimensions of their steamer. The vessel in which the gentlemen will commence their trip up the treacherous Ukon river is truly a novelty in vessel construction. She is being built at Seattle and is 227 feet long, 68 feet wide, has a carrying capacity of 800 passengers and loaded draws fourteen inches of water.

Horribly Burned.—A six-year-old child, daughter of Davis Wilmer, near Still Pond, was horribly burned last week. The mother had gone to Still Pond leaving the child at home with several older children. The unfortunate girl sat on the hearth of the stove, her clothing ignited and in an instant she was enveloped in flames. The children made an effort to extinguish the fire, but frenzied by pain and fear she rushed out of the door into the air and her clothes were literally burned from her body. Dr. J. W. Urie was summoned, and the child, though horribly burned, so far as we can learn survives her injuries.

A New Steamer.—After April fifteenth, the steamer B. S. Ford will be withdrawn from the route between Queenstown and Baltimore, and President Bosley, of the Queen Anne Railroad, has secured the fine twin-screw steamer, Favorite, to take her place. The Ford will be needed by the Chester River Company during the summer and this fact necessitated the new boat on the Queenstown-Baltimore route. It is stated that the Favorite was built about three years ago at Sparrow's Point for the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railway Company, and can make fifteen miles an hour, covering the distance from Baltimore to Queenstown in two hours. The steamer is allowed to carry 1,200 passengers comfortably. At the expiration of the charter contract for the steamer B. S. Ford—April 15th next—the boat will have run 38,400 miles without serious accident, and turned into the treasury of the Chester River Steamboat Company about $25,000. A good record for a river steamer.

Interesting Ejectment Suit.—Mr. I. Freeman Rasin, of Baltimore, who is the owner of one of the handsomest estates in Kent county, known as "Old Field Point," on Sassafras river, has recently brought an action of ejectment to the April term of court against Mrs. Alice A. Constable, Stevenson Constable and Horace B. Constable, the present owners of the farm, who take it under the will of Mrs. A. M. Hurtt. It seems the lines of division between the "Hurtt farm" and "Old Field Point" have been in dispute for over forty years past, Mr. Rasin claming that some three or four acres of his land was within the line of Mr. Hurtt, and some five or six acres of Mr. Hurtt's land were included in his field. Various efforts by the different owners of these estates have been made to adjust the difference, but all having failed the action of ejectment was finally instituted, and it is likely the line will now be definitely settled as the result of the suit. The trial will be heard at the October term of Court. Mr. Rasin is represented by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., and Mrs. Constable and her sons by Richard D. Hynson, Esq.

Some Fine Young Horses. — Mr. George W. Stevens was in Chestertown on Tuesday and stated that the training season, which will commence at Tolchester on May the first, will open with some of the finest young horses in the State in his stable for speed development. Among others will be George Rash's Wess, b. s., by Walker's Morrow, dam Irish Chief, record 2.44¼; bay m. Elvin, belonging to J. T. Vandenberg, Bridgeville, Del., record 2.23¼, by Oak, he by Great Oak. Linkwood Blossom, by Linkwood Chief, dam Blossom Belle, second dam by Almont, 3d dam by Membrino King, is Mr. Steven's successor to Victor B. Linkwood Blossom, it will be seen, is finely bred, and is as promising a young mare as will tread a local track this season. And there are others.

Col. Wallen Preparing for War.—Col. Samuel Wallen, ex-representative of Queen Anne county in the State Legislature and one of the most prominent democratic leaders and farmers in the seventh district of that county, is preparing for a tilt with Spain. Col. Wallen was in Chestertown on Saturday and stated to a representative of the TRANSCRIPT that he had tendered his services to the United States and was arranging his businesss so that he could leave for the seat of war at a moment's notice. He was then searching for books on military tactics and proposes to inform himself in the drill and other details of a soldier's work. He had some experience in a military company as a young man, and is above all, every inch an American. He has not yet heard from the authorities at Washington but is holding himself in readiness to go to the front.

A Delightful Chase.—A number of gentlemen and several ladies enjoyed a fox hunt in Broad Neck on Monday afternoon. Some of the huntsmen from Chestertown, though not frequenters of the chase, were very much at home in the saddle. The fox, which was started on the farm of Mr. T. W. Trew, gave a disappointment by going into an earth after a short run. The ladies who participated were: Mrs. George Brice, Mrs. Kershaw, of Baltimore; Mrs. Walter Strong and Miss Anna Trew. The gentlemen were: Messrs. John K. and John H. Aldridge, Theodore Rolling, of Philadelphia; Robert Shaw, of Baltimore; H. M. Brown, L. W. Wickes, W. W. Beck, Dr. W. F. Hines, J. G. Usilton, William Howard, George Brice and Kennard Aldridge. A number of the Broad Neck huntsmen were in the chase. The fine packs of hounds of Messrs. John Brice, Jr., T. W. Trew and Conlyn Beauchamp put up a splendid chase until reynard took to earth.

To be Made a Police Justice.—Mr. J. Henry Baker, attorney-at-law, 10 East Lexington street, named as one of the magistrates from among whom Governor Lowndes will select the police justices, went to Annapolis last week at the request of many of his friends, who desire his selection. Mr. Baker is 26 years old and has practiced in Baltimore several years. He is a son of Mr. James H. Baker, of Pomona, Kent county, several times a member of the House of Delegates for the Republican party. Mr. Baker, Sr., has been the only republican able to carry his district against the democrats in the past 25 years. He is a prominent fruit grower and land owner.

Mr. Baker, Jr., is a graduate of Dickinson College and studied law at the University of Maryland with Mr. Isador Rayner. He is a Mason and a member of Mt. Vernon-Place Methodist Church, being very active among the young people of the church in various kinds of religious work. He is a good speaker and of a conservative temperament. His friends say he is highly qualified for police magistrate and is one of the Governor's best nominations.

Death to the Scale.—A representative of the TRANSCRIPT several days ago asked Capt. R. S. Emory his opinion of the fruit prospects up to the present week. Captain Emory is an acknowledged authority and made the unequivocal statement that so far not the slightest damage has been done to fruit of any kind. His pear and peach orchards are loaded with live, healthy buds. When questioned relative to the results of the series of experiments carried on in his orchards for the destruction of the San Jose Scale last fall he spoke guardedly, stating that no official report would be made before next fall. An examination of the trees however, demonstrated two very important and interesting points. The first was that the Smith treatment of Kerosene Emulsion is a most costly failure, and secondly that up to the present time the treatment with Hydrocyanic Gas has given entirely satisfactory results. The trees were given the slightest possible treatment of Kerosene Emulsion and not a fruit bud which was touched escaped total destruction. The buds on a number of rows of the finest trees in his orchards are dead and fall off at the touch, only those remaining alive which escaped the blighting treatment. On the other hand, on every tree treated with the gas under the direction of Prof. Johnson, are myriads of live and bursting buds and the closest possible scrutiny with a microscope failed to disclose a single live scale. The official report on these experiments will be of vast importance to the entire fruit world and will be anxiously awaited.

DEATH OF SPENCER HARRIS.

Died at Circle City, Alaska, on December 20th, 1897.

Spencer Harris, well-known in Kent, died at Circle City, Alaska, on December 20th, 1897, forty-six years of age. The death of Mr. Harris was totally unknown to his family in Kent until Saturday, when a letter was received by Mrs. Harris from Rev. Jules L. Prevost, head of the Protestant Mission at Circle City. The letter simply stated the fact of the sudden death of Dr. Harris, which was rather sudden and was caused by liver disease. The letter was written January 8, and was sent out by the first messenger leaving Circle City. Mr. Harris leaves a daughter, Louise, aged sixteen, and a son, Spencer, aged thirteen. Each of the children received a letter from their father in the same mail in which Mrs. Harris received the announcement of her husband's death. The letters were written just prior to Mr. Harris' last illness, and while he spoke of not feeling well, they were not calculated to occasion serious apprehension under ordinary circumstances.

Mr. Harris was born near Rock Hall Kent county. He was married about eighteen years ago. Eight years ago he went to San Francisco. While in California he studied medicine, and in the spring of 1895 he went to Alaska, over the Chilkoot pass, locating at Circle City, where he engaged in the practice of his profession and also had a business connection with the Alaska Commercial Company, and the National Trading and Transfer Company. He has written a number of interesting letters describing the condition and life in Alaska. Dr. Harris was forty-five years of age. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Anna M. Chapman, of Baltimore, and Mrs. James L. Banning, of Wilmington, Del., and one brother, Mr. Allen Harris, of this county.

So popular was "Dr. Harris," in the little town that every store and business house in the place closed its doors, and every flag waved at half mast as an expression of the profound regret caused by his death. He was buried in Circle City.

Bulls on the Rampage.—A herd of Kent county bulls, shipped by Mr. Link and by Mr. J. Walter Skirven, created a tremendous excitement in Baltimore on Monday afternoon. As soon as they left the steamer Ford, in charge of Mr. Henry Eckert, they gave the first signs of the exciting sequel to their visit to the city. All went well on the trip through the town to the Calverton Stock Yards until they reached the corner of Camden and Hanover streets. By that time the animals had become thoroughly frightened at the unaccustomed sights and noises of the city, and bolted, running in all directions. A large crowd had gathered, and when the frightened animals started to run they went through the crowds, scattering men and boys to the right and left. Fortunately no one was injured. Finally the bulls were turned into a blind alley, where their driver attempted to quiet them. A part of the crowd followed into the alley and gathered so close around Mr. Eckert that he could hardly move. While he was thus surrounded some fellow in the crowd threw one of his arms around Mr. Eckert's neck and attempted to tear a diamond stud from his shirt. Mr. Eckert tore himself loose from the would-be robber and struck out wildly with a stick which he had in his hand. The stick struck Frederick Lohmeyer, a small boy, on the head, and he ran off and secured a patrolman and had Mr. Eckert arrested. Mr. Eckert was taken to the southern police station. To Justice Caulk Mr. Eckert told his troubles, and the magistrate dismissed the charge. Mr. Eckert gathered up his scattered herd and drove them safely to their destination.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† Mrs. William Copper, died of consumption, at the home of her brother, Amos B. Kelley, Chestertown, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, aged about 48 years. She leaves one daughter, Miss Mamie, who is grown.

† Mr. L. J. Smyth, brother of Examiner W. G. Smyth, has been appointed principal of Galena Academy to fill the place made vacant by the death of Prof. Thomas B. Long. Mr. Smyth has been teaching at Townsend, Del.

† The Chester River Steamboat Company is improving its Crumpton wharf property, and is contemplating the erection of a large wareroom and granary at Crumpton.

† A number of the fine farms carried on by the late William McKenney were rented last week. It is stated that as soon as it became known that these fine properties were to be rented, over fifty applicants registered for a farm.

† The first soft crabs of the season arrived in Baltimore on Friday. They came from Carter's Creek, Va. Some of the crabs were not larger than a ten-cent piece. Others were as large as a silver dollar. The crabs were sold to John R. Young, steward of the Atheneum Club, for $5 a dozen.

† Messrs. William Sparks and Charlton Kidd, of Fairlee, left Baltimore on Sunday morning, by train, for Fair Haven, sixty miles north of Seattle. Mr. Joseph Turner has charge of a large lumber plant at Fair Haven, and the gentlemen have gone on to work in Mr. Turner's extensive mills.

† Mr. Joseph Archbell, of Winston, N. C., spent several days of the past week at the home of Dr. S. C. Roberts. Mr. Archbell stated that the war spirit is at high water mark in the south and each evening white and colored troops in Winston are being drilled.

† Mr. R. Bergen has purchased for another party, at private sale, five shares of Second National Bank stock at $127.50 per share. The par value is $100.

† Prof. Wm. M. Watts has placed on exhibition several fine specimens of what is termed "Prehistoric Corn." The original seed of this corn is claimed to have been gotten from the compartively recently discovered homes of the ancient mound builders.

† Mr. H. M. Brown has purchased one of the finest road buggies in the splendid stock of fine carriages of Messrs. Chapman & Lambert.

† The ladies are preparing for a Y. Conference to be held in Worton Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 5th. A most enjoyable programme is being arranged to be closed with a lecture at night by that queen of temperance speakers, Mrs. Boole.

† As an evidence of what may be done with the necessary equipment, it may be stated that Miss Ella Emory already has over four hundred young chickens of this spring's hatch. Some of them are as large as partridges.

INSPECTED CENTREVILLE'S FIRE APPARATUS.

Chestertown's Firemen Delighted With Centreville's Fire Equipment.

The following members of the committee appointed last week to inspect the Good Will Fire Company's equipment, visited Centreville on Monday: Chief Amos B. Kelley, Charles S. Smith, Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., Walter U. Lusby and John Gruber. The gentlemen were given a most cordial welcome by Messrs. P. B. Hopper, John R. Cook, Dr. R. M. Price and other members of Centreville's finely equipped fire company. Mr. Kelley and the other visitors were delighted with what they saw and Mr. Smith says with much emphasis: "Centreville has all she needs in her fire company. She had ninety feet of water in her standpipe when we visited the town, which gave ample force for ordinary purposes. By shutting off her stand-pipe and starting her engine, which can be done in fifteen minutes she has force sufficient to throw a stream one hundred and five feet high. She has an outfit of coat, hat and boots for twenty of her forty men—in short, Centreville is splendidly fixed. Her extension fire-ladders, hose, and entire system is in every way satisfactory. An alarm was turned in for our benefit and her men are well drilled and their equipment certainly showed to great advantage." All of the visitors speak in the most enthusiastic terms of their reception and of the general equipment of the Good Will Fire Company.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening the enrollment of members was run up to sixty and there are still others who desire to join the Chestertown Fire Company's ranks.

Messrs. Robert N. Boston, Wm. R. Aldredge and Frank M. Miller were appointed a committee to make arrangements for permanent headquarters. Some are favorable to adding another story to the present house on Market Space and providing a suitable place for holding meetings, for the keeping of the firemen's outfits etc.

It is proposed in the near future to give a supper or some entertainment by which a nucleous of a firemen's fund may be started.

Kennedyville News.

Messrs. W. A. Pote & Co. are enlarging and otherwise improving their store room. The work is being done by Messrs. Stavely & Bowers.

Rev. Jesse Shreeve preached his farewell sermon on Sunday and he and his wife will leave this week to pay a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Stevens, near Edesville.

In the absence of a pastor, services at the M. P. Church will be conducted on Sunday morning next by Mr. W. J. Hurlock. The Christian Endeavor Society will take charge in the evening.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the M. P. Church on Friday (to-morrow) evening. All invited. HUGO.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Miss Emma Burchinal, of New York, has been visiting at the home of her cousin, Capt. Wm. D. Burchinal, on Front St.

Miss Emma Beck is visiting friends in Baltimore city.

Mrs. C. J. Reiche gave an ice cream sociable to her Sunday school class at her home last night. The proceeds will be included in the contribution of the class to the missionary fund.

A charming social innovation has been introduced among the members of the faculty of Washington College. The new feature is entirely of a social nature and consists of the weekly reception of the faculty by some member of that body. Misses Hobbs and Stewart, at Normal Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Reid, and Prof. and Mrs. Micou have entertained, and following the Easter holiday Prof. and Mrs. J. S. W. Jones will entertain their friends of the faculty.

Miss Bettie Goodwin, of Governor's Island, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker.

Mrs. Patterson, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. M. Brown.

Mrs. George E. Noland and her sister, Miss Ida Bramble, are spending the week at Annapolis, guests of Representative Noland.

Miss Lottie Hines, of Baltimore, has accepted a position in the millinery department of Mrs. R. Bergen.

Miss Bertha Johnson, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Minnie Peregoy.

Miss Cora Hynson is substituting for Miss Power at Millington.

Mrs. George B. McWhorter is visiting relatives and friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Josephine Thompson will conduct the kindergarten formerly taught by Miss Cora Hynson.

Miss Mamie Hatcherson, of near Rock Hall, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hatcherson.

Miss Nellie Grise is the guest of friends in Georgetown, Del.

Miss Ada Skirven is visiting friends in Howard county.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch N. Roland have been visiting relatives and friends in Cecil county.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Maslin are visiting the latter's brother at Church Hill.

Mrs. Charles M. Canley, of Baltimore, is visiting her sisters, the Misses Jewell, of Worton.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. CAROLINE B. JACOBS.

Death came to set thee free,
And in eternal peace thy sufferings end.

When death takes from us those with whom we have "held sweet intercourse" there instinctively rises before us the manner of the life that has just passed and its influence upon those with whom it came in contact, and when both have been for good it is but fitting to offer a tribute to its worth. To those who knew Mrs. Caroline B. Jacobs few words are needed to recall scenes of a brave, courageous submission through months of suffering and weariness to which quick death would have been a summons to ease and rest. Yet while pain struck with heavy hand the tender flesh and left sharp marks, it could not hurt the gentle spirit that shone thro' loving eyes and spoke in cheerful words. To be with her was to be with one that "walked with God," one whose feet never lagged though the path was dim and hard—content if it but led upward. In her faith and trustfulness she was a living example of the triumph of the spirit over the flesh, and when God's voice called at sunset it was her's to pass from the clouds of a departing earthly day to the rising beauties of a Heavenly.

To those who mourn the mother there is the great blessing of remembering her as one set apart to show the martyr spirit. Four years she endured without a murmur what to many of olden time would have been worse than a scourge or fire, but glad in the love and devotion of her children she bore all with no complaint, and quietly as she had lived, passed from earth to heaven. What more can human effort do? What more be given to children than such a memory? What more to friends than an example like this.

B. C. J.

FROM ROCK HALL.

Bon Jour Takes a Hand in a General Discussion of Current Affairs.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday evening, 23rd inst, in this vicinity, the contracting parties being Miss Annie G. Crouch, a charming young lady and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Crouch, of Pine Neck, and Mr. Samuel D. Sewell, of south Rock Hall. Rev. Mr. McCaslin officiated. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell drove to the residence of the groom's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Geo. T. Sewell, where relatives and friends paid due respect to the happy couple. They will reside with Capt. Sewell for the present. Both bride and groom are very popular, and have the best wishes of the entire community.

That "Anti-Marriage Bill" introduced by Delegate Halbert, is giving much concern to some of our young people. They seem to think of all the foul attempts at legislation by the present Legislature, that Halbert bill is *the most foolish*. Should it become a law, it will be found convenient to go outside of "My Maryland" to wed.

This section of our county has been most unfortunate in its death rate during the past twelve months. We deeply regret to announce the death of an interesting son of Capt. and Mrs. F. V. Scott, of Skinner's Neck. The little fellow died on Friday, aged about 11 years. He met with an accident some time ago by a fall from a loft, and it seems he had not thoroughly recovered when other ailments succeeding, his demise was thereby hastened. The parents have the sincere sympathy of the whole neighborhood in their sad bereavement.

Our people as a rule, note with pleasure the joint resolution of Congressman Barber, looking to the further improvement of our harbor and the cut-off channel. One of our highly esteemed fellow-citizens says, "Well, they better appropriate money to dig out the whole d—— place and be done with it."

Patriotic Capt. Hatcherson went to Baltimore last Saturday week and offered his services to "Uncle Sam" in case of a brush with Spain, but upon examination, his age proved a bar, so we are informed.

Mr. Fowler, of Jersey City, who suffered a fracture of his right wrist some weeks ago, and was placed in the care of the Odd Fellows Lodge here, has sufficiently recoved to be enabled to resume work. He is a waterman.

The weather of the past week was very unfavorable for operations on the oyster bars.

We hear that George T. Whaland, of this place, is desirous of selling off his real and personal estate and enlisting in the navy.

Capt. Wm. T. George, an old "vet" of the civil war, thinks our village should muster up a home guard for the defense of our water front in case a Spanish fleet should slip by Hampton roads and reach this section of the bay.

Mr. William Stevens, we learn, has determined to stake off five acres of the barren bottom in Huntingfield creek for oyster culture.

For several years a sand bar has been forming across the mouth of Huntingfield Creek, which threatens to close up the thoroughfare entirely within the next two years. To prevent this Capt. Dick Johnson has cut a canal across the bar, which he hopes will be deepened and widened by the currents, so that our egress and ingress will not be cut off.

BON JOUR.

THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

The Laymen Win—An Appeal for Suffering Cuba—President McKinley Endorsed.

KENT'S LIST OF MINISTERS.

The thirtieth annual session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference convened in the Methodist Church at Lewes, Del., on Wednesday morning of last week Bishop Newnam presiding.

One hundred and twenty-seven members and 11 candidates for membership responded to the first roll-call. A. S. Mowbray was elected secretary, and named W. A. Wise, Z. H. Webster and J. D. Rigg as his assistants.

C. A. Grise was elected treasurer, and named Alfred G. Cox, J. A. Brewington, W. B. Copper, E. S. Mace, F. C. MacSorley, J. M. Lindale, Julius Dodd, H. C. Turner and Aloycius Green as his assistants.

Standing committees were also promptly named.

EASTON DISTRICT REPORT.

Presiding Elder Corkran's report of his work on the Easton District was one of the most satisfactory and interesting reports made. Dr. Cockran reported that the 37 charges on the Easton district have been under the pastoral supervision of 34 conference members and three supplies. Every charge has taken a step forward. One pastor, the Rev. Newton McQuay, died during the year. The financial conditions have been slightly relieved. The district has not taken a long leap forward in its material interest, but has made creditable advances at every point. With Dr. Corkran, it has been a year of planning and systematizing, rather than a year of execution, and he believes that "the nets are ready to cast upon the right side of the ship." While no great enterprise in building and improving church property has been launched, several enterprises are crystalizing, and in more than a score of cases improvements have been made.

The proposition of equal ministerial and lay representation was approved by a vote of 137 for and 5 against.

IN BEHALF OF STRUGGLING CUBA.

The following, submitted by R. W. Todd, L. E. Barrett, V. S. Collins, T. E. Martindale and S. M. Morgan, was unanimously adopted.

"At its session in March, 1896, the Wilmington Conference declared its sympathy with the Cuban patriots in their struggle for freedom from a tyrannical power, and our purpose to appeal to the God of battles in their behalf. In the two years that have intervened, the war as prosecuted by Spain has been marked by atrocities unknown to modern warfare and at which civilization shudders. Pending the report of the court of investigation, we withhold any expression as to the destruction of the battleship Maine and the killing and maiming of a multitude of brave Americans who then and there met a fate so terrible.

"But we reaffirm our conviction that the right is on the side of oppressed and bleeding Cuba, and we still pray that right may be vindicated. We admire and commend the deliberation and patience of His Excellency, William McKinley, the dignified Christian President of our republic, and we here-by express our entire approval of his wise and humane conduct amid all the threatening complications involving the relations of our country and the Spanish kingdom, and declare our unqualified confidence in his wisdom and patriotism to meet the future exigencies, assuring him of our loyal support, meanwhile prayerfully uniting with him in the earnest hope that an honorable adjustment of these complications may be effected, the horrors of war averted and the right made to triumph in the victories of the kingdom of "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

After the adoption of the communication, "America" was sung.

Treasurer Grise made his report on Friday and gave the following interesting figures for Easton district: Missionary Society, $4,816; Church Extension Society, $381; Sunday-school Union, $94; Tract Society, $91; Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, $298; public educational collection, $441; children's fund, $206; American Bible Society; $127; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $569; Woman's Home Missionary Society, $63; domestic missions, $263; Conference Education Society, $33, Methodist Episcopal Hospital, $53; conference claimants $1,299; episcopal fund, $321; total, $9.045.

Having pushed business the work of the session was ready for the adjournment on Monday night.

Revs. R. Watt and C. S. Baker were appointed presiding elders for Wilmington and Dover districts.

Rev. J. W. Easley had been slated for Pocomoke City, and it is stated that that charge will not accept W. T. Valliant.

Bishop Newman's final announcement was that Y. S. Collins had been appointed principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy. Principal Gooding having resigned to accept the presidency of another educational institution.

The transfer of Frank Fletcher to the Troy, N. Y. Conference, in exchange for a minister named Parker, will probably be adjusted at a meeting of the Board of Bishops next month.

Dr. Baker, the new presiding elder of Dover district, was prominently mentioned for the Salisbury district presiding eldership a year ago.

The excursion from Queenstown to Lewes, announced to be given by the Queen Anne Railroad Company on Sunday, was annulled in deference to the wishes of the conference.

The concluding work was the reading of the announcements.

EASTON DISTRICT.

W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder.
Bayside—(Supply) A. L. Gray.
Cecilton—J. A. Arters.
Centreville—E. C. Atkins.
Cheswold and Bethel—Edwin Gardner.
Chestertown—C. A. Grise.
Church Hill—J. H. Geoghegan.
Clayton—O. W. De Venish.
Cardova—J. M. Eitchell.
Crumpton—J. W. Prettyman.
Easton—R. H. Adams.
Galena—A. P. Prettyman.
Golts—(Supply) Irwin B. Taylor.
Greensboro'—Aloycius Green.
Hillsboro'—F. F. Carpenter.
Ingleside—Omer Jones.
Kent Island—S. P. Shipman.
Kenton—Robert Roe.
Marydel—M. D. Nutter.
Middletown—L. L. Wood.
Millington—D. E. Waddell.
Odessa—W. O. Hurst.
Oxford—T. B. Cooper.
Piney Neck—(Supply) J. B. Merritt.
Pomona—T. R. Van Dyke.
Queenstown—W. O. Bennett.
Rock Hall—J. P. Outten.
Royal Oak—James Carroll.
St. Michaels—G. W. Burke.
Smyrna—C. A. Hill.
Smyrna Circuit—L. W. Layfield.
Still Pond—E. P. Roberts.
Sudlersville—J. M. Lindale.
Talbot Circuit—J. W. Talley.
Tilghman's Island—W. W. Chairs.
Townsend—Albert Chandler.
Trappe—Frank Fletcher.
Tunis Mills—W. E. Wright.
Wye and Starr—(Supply) C. K. Morris.
Worton—George L. Ellis.

The location of some of the ministers well-known in Kent are:

R. Irving Watkins, at New Castle; W. P. Compton, Port Deposit; W. R. Mowbray, Zion, Md.; Alfred Smith, Wesley (Dover); F. E. McKinsey, Elliott's Island; T. C. Smoot, Felton; J. D. Kemp, Magnolia; R. K. Stephenson, Seaford and Bladesville; G. W. Bounds, Deal's Island; E. H. Nelson, Nanticoke; R. W. Todd, agent of Maryland Bible Society.

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.

THE DAY SELECTED.

May the 5th to be Made Memorable by the Children's Carnival.

COMMITTEES NAMED.

May the fifth has been selected as the gala day for the children of Kent and Queen Anne Counties,—it is the day determined upon for the great parade and contest for prizes. The prettiest, the largest, the fattest, the leanest, etc., *ad infinitum* will enter the lists in friendly rivalry. The members of the "steering" committee were named for the first time in the TRANSCRIPT of last week, and since then it has been determined to offer prizes in the following contests:

1—Fattest Baby in parade.
2—Prettiest Baby.
3—Most attractive pair of twins.
4—Prettiest decorated baby coach.
5—Prettiest doll baby coach.
6—Handsomest dressed doll.
7—Most comically dressed boy.
8—Most comically dressed girl.
9—Best impersonation—boy.
10—Best impersonation—girl.
11—Best drummer boy.
12—Best Musician.
13—Best soldier boy.
14—Best decorated wagon.
15—Best decorated bicycle or tricycle.
16—Child coming longest distance.
17—Best decorated private home.
18—Best decorated store or office.

AT NIGHT.

19—Best declaimer—boy.
20—Best declaimer—girl.
21—Best soloist—boy.
22—Best soloist—girl.
23—Best pianist.

The contests have been divided into seven divisions and placed under the superintendence of the following:

Nos. 1 to 6—Mrs. Fannie Jones, Queen street.
Nos. 6 to 11—Mrs. Avis Vannort, Maple avenue.
Nos. 11 to 14—Fred. G. Usilton.
Nos. 14 to 19—Charles S. Smith.
Nos. 19 and 20—Miss Nettie E. Gooding, Watts' House, Chestertown.
Nos. 21 and 22—Miss Anna G. Lambert, Queen street.
No. 23—Miss Olivia Wilkins, Front street.

Children wishing to enter will send their names to the person in charge of the department in which they desire to contest.

The Galena cornet band will make their first public appearance, and will discourse an abundance of sweet music.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

County Commissioners met on Tuesday—Full board present.

The following accounts were examined and allowed and ordered to be passed: Jas. W. Sparks, for material and repairing court house fence, $2; Samuel O. Crouch, for painting door and frame of Chester bridge toll-house, $1; Sarah A. Rollison, witness, certified in registration case, 38c.

The following accounts were examined and allowed or approved, and ordered to be provided for by levy in 1898 and certified: John Briscoe, for shells in first district, $3.45; Thomas Nicholson, for road work in first district, $18.90; D. J. McCauley, for road work in first district, $18.20; Samuel Mallalieu, late constable, for fees in State cases, $17.90; Comegys and Cooper, for road work in second district, $15.45; Minner and Rollison, for do in second district, $32; Wm. H. Krusen, for coffins for indigents, $8; John S. Stoffer, for taxes paid on erroneous assessment, $4.68; Locust Grove Creamery, for do, $10.78; Wm. B. Plummer, for road work in third district, $14.85; R. Murray Smyth, for do in third district, $26.80; Fleming & Co., for 3000 bushels shells, $75: Wm. Ford, for keeping account of shells, $3; 5. Herbert Lusby, for road work and hauling shells in fourth district, $45.35; Wm. T. Sutton & Son, for plumbing in court house, jail, etc., $8.55; B. N. S. Wilkins, justice peace, for fees in State cases, $54.90; J. W. Wright, justice peace, fees in do, $12.45; sundry certificates in State cases before justice of peace, $2.64; George Stevens, for road work in fifth district, $5.77; Wm. T. Davis, on recommendation of sundry freeholders was granted a pension of $20; John Cunningham, do, $20.

Upon application, an order was passed granting Fletcher Devenish, of first district, use of Kent county's free bed in the Maryland General Hospital; upon application of John A. Stoffer, a reduction was granted of twenty-four cattle assessed in error. Upon application, Wm. L. Turner obtained transfer of personal property to purchasers; also, Benjamin S. Davis obtained do. Locust Grove Creamery, upon application of T. J. Shallcross, sec'y, obtained a reduction upon assessment. Upon application, Edward Robinson obtained a transfer of his household goods from the district to Chestertown.

A resolution was passed not to make any change in the road from the Hanson farm to Muddy Creek.

Geo. W. Hatcherson made a written report for shells sold, $2.50, and paid same into the hands of the board. Frank B. Jester's recommendation for position of Keeper of Standards of Weights and Measures was filed. R. D. Hynson, counsel, was by request before the board for consultation.

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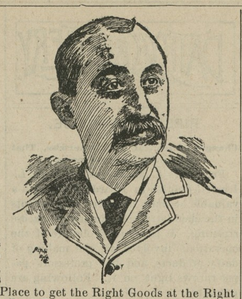

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