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LOCAL MATTERS.

May Enlist.—Col. E. P. Stacy, superintendent of the Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad, sent out notices to all employees of the company yesterday, that should any of them desire to enlist under the President's call for volunteers of April 23rd, their places will be held open for them upon their return with an honorable discharge.

Supervisors Organize.—The recently appointed board of supervisors of Elections for Kent county, Messrs. Wm. T. Matthews, J. J. Blackiston and John Brice, qualified on Tuesday and shortly thereafter met and organized by electing Mr. Matthews president of the board, and Mr. Blackiston secretary. The board will meet again next Tuesday.

To-Day a Holiday.—As suggested by the TRANSCRIPT, and in response to a petition presented by the trustees of the Chestertown public school, the county school board has ordered that the public schools of Chestertown be closed today. This action was taken so that children and teachers might participate in the delightful program arranged by the carnival committee.

Queen Anne Court.—The May term of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne county convened on Monday with Chief Judge James A. Pearce and Associate Judge Martin on the bench. The removed Kent county case in which Joseph Wallace is charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, is set for to-day and a number of witnesses have been summoned. Sheriff Roe and Officer Kelley took Wallace to Centreville on Tuesday.

Electric Lights About May Tenth.—Messrs. Tracy & Wright state that they will be unable to turn on their electric lights this evening in honor of the children's May Carnival because of disappointment in receiving their engine. The big boiler is in place and was filled with water for the first time on Saturday. The bill of lading was received on Monday, and the only work remaining is the placing in position of the engine. This it is expected will be completed and light will be turned on in about ten days.

Christened with Water.—Over three hundred persons from Kent witnessed the launch of the pretty new steamer Susquehana, in Baltimore, on Saturday. Captain Ellason tendered his guests a delightful trip on the Tolchester steamer and provided a splendid collation for all who availed themselves of the Tolchester Company's invitation to witness the launch of the new steamer. The christening was done with pure, clear water from the Susquehana river instead of the time-honored bottle of champaigne.

War and Base Ball.—Who would ever have dreamed that a war with Spain would have interfered with a game of base ball on the Washington College campus? Such however, is the fact. The game scheduled by the college players on Saturday last with Baltimore City College was canceled because the visiting players could not return to the city the same night on their tug because of the blockade of the Patapsco river. The college team will certainly play the Maryland Agricultural College team on the college campus Saturday.

No Danger from Submarine Mines.—Some persons are deferring visits to Baltimore because of the submarine mines and torpedoes placed in the Patapsco river as a protection to the city against the attack of a foreign fleet. Mr. Joel R. Clements, agent of the Chester River Company, states that there is no possible danger to side-wheel steamers. Because of their comparatively light draught they are enabled to entirely avoid the protected channels and all danger. Then, too, every necessary precaution has been taken by the authorities to minimize risk to life or vessel property.

Horse Swindlers About.—Kent county farmers should keep a keen outlook for the army swindler. A swindler representing himself to be an agent of the government for the purchase of horses for the army is operating largely in Sussex county, and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The swindlers tells the farmers that he is employed by the government, and after looking at horses decides to buy several. The farmer is given a check much larger than the amount of the purchase and he returns the difference in cash. The swindler takes the horse and disappears and the farmer finds out that the check is fraudulent.

Commissions Received.—Clerk Dixon on Saturday received the commissions of the following civil officers for Kent county: Supervisors of Election—Wm. T. Matthews, John J. Blackiston and John Brice. Notary Public—Charles M. Lucas. School Commissioner—Joseph W. Harper. Justices of the Peace—First district, Nehemiah H. Clark, Millington; W. A. Whitaker, Galena; second district, William McDowell, Locust Grove; Theodore Jewell, Still Pond; third district, Daniel B. Neal, Worton, and Geo. E. Owens, Betterton; fourth district, Benj. N. S. Wilkins, John Wesley Wright, Chestertown; fifth district, John E. Beck, D. W. Crosby, Rock Hall; sixth district, Richard A. Smyth, Fairlee; seventh district, William B. Nourse, Pomona.

Hicks' May Weather.—Hicks, the weatherman, predicts that from 1st to 4th of May a warm wave will be experienced, with low barometer and numerous storms of rains, wind and thunder. Cool, fresh weather will set in behind the storms lasting two or three days. A storm period is central on the 12th, hence it will turn much warmer about that date, and during the 13th to 15th a very low barometer and storms of rain, wind and thunder will pass eastwardly over the country. Very cool nights, with possible frost in the north, will attend the high barometer that comes behind the storms. Reactionary changes to falling barometer, warmer and more storms are due about 18th to 20th. Rising barometer and cooler, westerly winds will always divide one period of disturbance from another, except in cases where numerous causes combine to bring on "long spells" of stormy weather. A storm period runs from about 23d to 26th. On the next to these dates there will be a return to the warmer weather, low barometer and storms. The 29th to 31st are also reactionary storm dates.

The Apple Problem.

The following answers have been received to the "apple problem" published last week:

79—No. of apples at first.
78—" remaining after 1 cast aside.
26—" A. took.
52—" remaining.
51—" " after 2nd cast aside.
17—" B. took.
34—" remaining.
33—" " after 3rd cast aside.
11—" C. took.
22—" remaining.
21—" " after 4th cast aside.
7—" each took at last.

26 plus 7 equals 33 Total received by A.
17 " 7 " 24 " " " B.
11 " 7 " 18 " " " C.
75 " " " all.
4 " number cast aside.
79 Total.

L. E. CORKRAN,
Centreville, Md.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

*†*Mr. Glenn, Kent's tallest citizen, who measures 6 feet 6 inches, had an amusing incident while in the court room last week. Mr. Glenn was listening to proceedings and stood head and shoulders above any one else. This fact led Bailiff Russell to suppose that some short man was violating the rules of the court room by standing on the seats, and Mr. Glenn was "called down." He was as much amused as any of those who witnessed the joke.

† A heavy bombardment was kept up on Monday night by Messrs. Louis and Rudolph Stam in honor of the victory at Manila. The young men took a small cannon across the river opposite Chestertown and fired a number of heavy charges.

† The Frick Company, Mr. Geo. W. Smith, agent, has sold to Mr. Walter F. Sparks one of the finest threshing rigs ever seen in Kent county. The outfit consists of a 36 inch cylinder thresher, band cutter, blow stacker and 17-horse power engine.

*†*The Crew-Reid damage case from Kent, set for trial at Centreville yesterday, was postponed because of the sickness of Miss Crew and her consequent inability to attend court.

† Mathia Ashley, Kent county, Md., Anna Conley, divorced, Philadelphia, Pa. Applicant, Nathaniel Ashley, Rock Hall, Kent county, Md.—*Sun.*

† Ex-Senator Westcott is one of a committee to prepare a plan of reorganization of the Home Telephone Company, Baltimore.

† Mr. George Perkins, a typo in the TRANSCRIPT office, was thrown from a horse on Sunday and suffered a painful injury to the right arm. The horse stumbled, throwing Mr. Perkins over his head.

† Ex-Sheriff Samuel Comegys has been appointed postmaster at Catlin, in Queen Anne, vice Charles W. Kibler, resigned.

† The *Enterprise* has been designated as the paper in Kent for the publication of the State laws. The paper is required to issue 3000 copies and will receive $600.

† The first Sunday papers ever sold in Crumpton were one hundred Americans on Sunday of last week. The New York Journal was added to the list last Sunday.

† The steamer Favorite is making Sunday trips to Queenstown, and Centreville has entered the Sunday paper list.

† Mr. James Walls has sold his trotting mare, Beltonia, to a Wilmington party for a handsome price—figures not given.

† Crumpton wants the Chester River Steamboat Company to build an elevator at that place.

† William H. Jackson, one of the largest peach growers of Wicomico county, has pulled out his extensive peach orchards, and will grow tomatoes and cantaloupes.

† The Centreville *Record* states that "bad whiskey" is responsible for most of the cases which will come before the present session of the Queen Anne court. The sooner the *people* realize that this is the case in every county of the State at every session of the courts, the better for the tax-burthened citizenship.

† The War Department desiring to place a powerful searchlight on Fort Carroll at once without waiting for one to be made, the Tolchester Company offered the one on the steamer Louise and it has been accepted and placed in position. Another light of the same power has been ordered for the Louise.

† Since the closing of the Patapsco by a blockade between dawn and dark several steamers have successfully run the blockade and stole into the harbor. The Emma Giles was stopped and forced to anchor near Seven-foot Knoll and go in the next morning. The steamer Favorite upon being stopped returned to Queenstown for the night.

† Mr. Walter W. Chapman, during a stroll in Queen Anne's on Sunday, found an old colored man busily engaged in plowing. When asked if he knew what day it was he quietly answered, "Saturday." He had gotten one day behind and said that he had been wondering why his pardner had not put in an appearance that morning. He at once "knocked off work."

† Zion Potts, one of the most prominent colored politicians of the first district, is dead.

† The schooner Carrie Wright, Capt. William Riggin, which was capsized and sunk off North West Point during the storm of Wednesday of last week, has been raised and is now in harbor at South East. The lumber, which has been recovered, belonged to Dr. J. L. Finley, of Church Hill.

† At a meeting of the trustees of the alms house, held yesterday, the board re-organized by electing Columbus A. Leary, president; Wm. Ford, Secretary, and Dr. C. W. Whaland, physician. The terms of office are for one year.

† The prices to the lecture of Rev. Sam Jones for next Tuesday evening, Stam's Hall, has been put at fifty cents for any portion of the hall. No extra charge for reserved seats. The subject of the lecture will be either Get There and Stay There or The Battle of Life and How to Win It. These are two of his most fascinating lectures and a crowded audience will doubtless welcome the lecturer.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

Silver Wedding Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simpers.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Simpers on Thursday evening celebrated their silver wedding most delightfully at their pretty home on Queen street. Just twenty-five years ago Mr. J. H. Simpers, then a leading young merchant of Chestertown, and Miss Mary A. H. Vannort, only daughter of Katharine and William Vannort, were married in the old Methodist Protestant Church, now used as a public school building. Miss Addie Burchinal now Mrs. Marion deK. Smith, was bride's maid, and Mr. E. W. F. Simpers was groomsman. Rev. R. Scott Norris officiated.

The years have sped happily and it was peculiarly appropriate that the occasion should be celebrated by a social reunion of old friendships. The parlors and reception room were beautifully banked with potted plants and cut flowers, while roses and lilies transformed the mantels into objects of floral beauty. Mr. and Mrs. Simpers were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort and Mrs. Mollie Farringer. Mrs. Simpers received in a handsome black brocade silk skirt with blue silk bodice; Mrs. Vannort in a beautiful silk grenadine and Mrs. Farringer in a brocade silk with silk waist. Mitchell Bell, who drove the bride and groom to the church at the time of the marriage, and waited on the table at the wedding dinner, ushered in the guests on Thursday evening.

Elegant refreshments were served. During the entire evening the house was literally packed by friends who called to extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple. The presents were numerous and many of them extremely handsome.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Bellfontaine *Examiner*, makes the following very complimentary reference to Dr. H. B. Simmons who has recently located with his wife and little boy, in Chestertown: Dr. H. B. Simmons has made arrangements to remove from Bellefontaine in about ten days to Chestertown, Maryland, where he will succeed one of that city's most prominent physicians, the late Dr. Cooper, and where a promising opening awaits him. Chestertown is not far from Mrs. Simmons' former home and the doctor does not feel that he is going among entire strangers. During his residence in Bellefontaine Dr. Simmons has built up a good practice and met with much success. He is a gentleman, a student and a man greatly devoted to his profession. In church and social circles Dr. Simmons and his estimable wife have been prominent and their departure from Bellefontaine will be very much regretted by our people. They will be missed, but to their new home will bear the good wishes of many warm friends.

Mr. Robert A. Wallis and sons, Robert S. and Edward C., of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. Wallis' mother, Mrs. M. J. Wallis.

Mr. Wm. R. Pippin left Chestertown on Monday to accept a desirable position in the gas department of Baltimore city.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Blake, Mrs. Hennick and Dr. John W. Lowe, of Baltimore, have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Twilley, High street.

STRAWBERRIES ARE SAFE.

Thursday's Snow Storm, However, Did Some Damage.

Great anxiety was felt by fruit growers during the heavy snow fall of Thursday. Not within recent years has so severe a snow storm visited this section so late in April. The thermometer registered well down in the thirties, and Mr. Purnell Jump states that he saw icicles hanging from the eves of his house on Thursday morning. Mr. Dewberry, in the heart of the strawberry section of Queen Anne, makes the same statement. It is estimated that four inches of snow fell in this section.

Referring to the strawberry outlook, Judge C. H. Jefferson says: "My late berries were not in bloom and consequently escaped injury. Some damage was done to the middle varieties which were then in blossom. Mr. George Snitcher: "The injury to strawberries, so far as I can find, was slight. Peaches are safe as yet." Mr. Thomas Jefferson: "Strawberries are alright, but I fear that damage was done to apples and pears." Mr. John Bell says that peaches are still safe. Miss Mollie Noland who had a number of fine tomato plants covered by the snow, reports that they escaped injury and are as fresh as when set out.

OBITUARY.

HENRY SPEAR.

Mr. Henry Spear, a respected citizen, died of consumption at his home, the "Mallalieu mansion," near Millington, on Sunday afternoon, aged fifty-four years. Mr. Spear had been in poor health for several years but not until about three weeks ago was he forced to his bed. All that the care of an affectionate family and the skill of the physician could do, were done for the patient, but were unavailing in staying the inroads of disease. He leaves a widow, who was before marriage, Miss Elizabeth Hazell, and five children, two of whom, Harry and Carlton, are grown. Marian and two daughters are minors. Carlton, who has been on a cattle ranch in the West with his uncle, reached home several days before the death of his father.

Mr. Spear was a high-toned and honorable gentleman, and an excellent citizen.

DR. C. W. C. JOHNSON.

Dr. C. W. C. Johnson died of general paresis at his home on High street, at an early hour on Sunday morning, aged 79 years. He was widely known and highly respected throughout the county, and came to Kent from Delaware as a young man in 1820. Highly educated, Dr. Johnson was for years one of the most efficient public school teachers in the county. In 1865 he came to Chestertown and in 1875 was appointed a justice of the peace, a position which he filled with conspicuous ability until two years ago. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Kate Ringgold, daughter of the late Josiah Ringgold, whose tender and untiring care of her late husband throughout his affliction was a model of self-sacrificing love and devotion. She has the sincere sympathy of many warm friends in her sad bereavement. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the late residence of the deceased, conducted by Rev. S. C. Roberts, D. D., assisted by Rev. C. T. Denroche. Interment at St. Paul's. The following acted as pall-bearers: T. J. Blackiston, James W. Chapman, Jonathan Hodgkins, Joseph Price, John D. Urie and L. B. Russell. A quartette, Mrs. Allen Harris, Miss Mary Beck, Dr. H. L. Dodd and Mr. Walter W. Chapman, sang several beautiful selections.

Levi Fiddis, Jr., formerly of Kent, died of paralysis, at his home in Baltimore on Wednesday of last week, aged 56 years. The remains were brought to Chestertown on Saturday and interred in Chester cemetery. He leaves two grown children. Funeral services at the grave were conducted by Rev. A. D. Melvin, president of the M. P. Conference, assisted by Rev. J. M. Gill, of Christ Church. The pall-bearers were, Messrs. Willard Melvin, J. W. Lambert, M. A. Toulson and C. S. Smith.

FROM ROCK HALL.

J. Pluvious was on a "rampage" during last week, and such weather, oh, my! Rain, hail, wind and snow. Talk about the blues, *we all had 'em* for several days. Lots of garden truck was lost, and some injury to fruit resulted. The prevailing rising prices all along the line, with *no money*, and *no work*, make the blues with many slow in receding, and "the end is not yet."

Supervisor G. L. Maslin with a corps of workmen is now engaged in putting the public road from Grey's Inn lane to Mr. W. I. Ashley's property in complete repair.

Messrs. B. J. Wilkins and J. B. Schwatka, are our most patriotic citizens, each displaying the American colors daily on their premises.

Mrs. J. M. Downey, is on the disabled list, with a very sore foot, the result of treading on a nail.

Mr. Wm. Ashley finding it imposible to obtain a living for his family by tonging for oysters, is now looking out for a farm with the intention of entering the agricultural ranks, so we learn. We wish him success. More of us would like to follow suit.

The Odd Fellows of this place are preparing for the celebration of the 7th anniversary of the institution of their lodge, on the 11th inst. The features of the programme will be a supper, and a literary and musical attachment. Members of other lodges are expected to participate.

On all sides, we hear the battle cry for today, on to Chestertown. Little folk and big folk, are "in it." May their joy be full to the brim.

The programme for the Kent and Queen Anne's Fair to be held at Tolchester having been distributed among numerous of our sportsmen, a careful perusal and study of the same is being had.

Rock Hall was wild on Monday afternoon over the American victory.

BAN JOUR.

COURT ADJOURNED

To Re-Convene on Monday, May 8th—Five Removed Cases and One New Trial.

TWO 18-YEAR SENTENCES.

After an unfinished session of two weeks the April term of the circuit court for Kent county adjourned on Saturday, to reconvene on Monday morning, May 8th.

At the evening session on Friday Judge Stump sentenced James Thompson and Lemuel Wright to eighteen years in the Maryland State penitentiary for the murder of William Hynson, at a festival held near Melitota in November. All of the parties were colored. William White, colored, was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary for stealing a robe and blanket from Mr. Samuel Vannort.

That the jury in the case of the State against Wright, colored, should have resulted in a hung jury, was a surprise to a great majority of those who heard the trial of the case. Wright was charged with the murder of William Newcomb at Simmond's store, in what is known as the "Big Woods," on November 4th, 1897. The evidence in the case, many thought, disclosed a clear case of murder in the first degree, with no extenuating circumstance except that the murderer was claimed to be drunk. The case was given to the jury at about 8 o'clock on Friday night, and it is stated the first ballot resulted in eleven for murder in the first degree and one for a verdict in the second degree. The jury stood thus deadlocked until about noon on Saturday when it was stated to Judge Stump that there was no likelihood of an agreement and the jury was discharged. This will result in a new trial. State's Attorney Urie at once took the required oath to the effect that he did not believe that he could secure a fair trial of the case in this county and the case will be removed to Talbot county for retrial.

Five Cases Removed.

Five cases were removed during the recent session of court from Kent to other counties for trial. The two damage cases of Mr. Alexander Crew and his daughter for $5 000 in each case against Dr. C. W. Reid, and the Wallace murder case will be carried to Queen Anne's. The damage case of Ramey against Col. William J. Vannort for $10,000, and the Wright murder case will be carried to Talbot.

About twenty-five criminal cases remain on the docket to be disposed of, consisting of local option cases, illegal dredging, etc. Samuel Wilson, charged with rape, is still at large.

The grand jury made the following report and were discharged on Thursday:

To the Hon. Circuit Court for Kent County:

The grand jury, after a protracted session, caused somewhat by the delay in procuring witnesses and by the endeavor thoroughly to sift all matters brought to their attention, beg leave to report that they have examined 131 witnesses, found 41 presentments and 39 true bills, and have visited the jail and found it in a cleanly condition. They respectfully suggest to the attention of the court and through them to the people of the county the growing necessity for the enlargement of the court room, the erection of rooms for witnesses and for the judges, and for a back stairway for the convenience of the court and the facility of bringing prisoners from the jail, and for sundry other reasons which will readily suggest themselves to the court, the members of the bar and to all persons having any business in the court room.

WM. S. WALKER, Foreman.

WILLARD TEMPLE.

Kent Will be Called Upon to Share in This Splendid Memorial to One of America's Noblest Women.

Fairlee W. C. T. U. met on Saturday, April 30th, at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Staats and held a very interesting meeting, the president, Mrs. E. A. Nicholson in the chair. Mrs. Staats was chosen as delegate to the county convention, to be held in Millington on June 2nd, Mrs. Legg alternate. Voted to raise two dollars for National work by ten cent contributions, deficiency, if any, to be paid by treasurer. Various letters were read and considered, among them the subject of raising money for the Woman's Temple as a fitting monument to our departed leader, Miss Willard. Voted to present the matter in the county papers, asking all friends of humanity and admirers of Miss Willard to assist us in raising a goodly sum for the purpose; also to present the subject to the county convention.

No monument erected to her memory could so fittingly exemplify her life work or commemorate her death as the Temple, to be dedicated "Willard Temple," so soon as the necessary funds to complete the payment of the debt can be secured.

The Rev. Wm. Burgess, of Illinois, says of it: "The very conception and erection of the Temple is the most magnificent monumental example of Christian courage and faith in America, if not in the world.

"1st. It expresses more true loyalty to our country than perhaps any other building in America. Every stone in its walls is cemented with prayers and self-sacrifice of the noble army of women workers—'For God, and Home, and Native Land.' It is entirely free from the elements of speculation for individual gain, and stands only for the spirit of this exalted motto.

"2d. It stands alone in all the United States, the one Temple voicing the sentiment and prayers of the organized women of America against the organized forces of lust and liquor.

"3d. No monument of metal or marble could be too costly to fitly memorialize the noble, self-sacrificing life of the gifted and inspired woman who 'being dead yet speaketh,' and no monument, though it cost millions, would express the indebtedness of the nation to Frances Willard. Would it not be an eternal disgrace to our country if history should record that we who build our churches by thousands, our costly palaces of art and literature by hundreds, and numerous temples of secret societies yet lacked the gallantry and loyalty to our mothers, wives and sisters to stand by them in this one supreme effort to secure for their great humanitarian cause a national home; and also lacked the good sense to perpetuate an object-lesson at once so striking and so valuable as the Willard Temple!"

PRESS SUP. OF FAIRLEE W. C. T. U.

New Advertisements.

You should not fail to hear Sam Jones next Tuesday night, in Stam's Hall. He is undoubtedly the most striking lecturer in America, or the World. "Get There and Stay There, or "The Battle of Life and How to Win it," will be his subject. All tickets are fifty cents. First come, first served.

Mr. Thos. G. Wroth, Chestertown's exclusive shoe merchant, has an advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT. Being an exclusive shoe merchant, Mr. Wroth very justly claims to be able to sell shoes cheaper than a merchant carrying a general line of merchandise, because he buys in larger quantities and in so doing gets large discounts which enable him to sell cheaper. He is an up-to-date shoe man, so when you need shoes you can find him under Stam's Hall.

Mr. Guy Turner, Lynchs Station, advertises "The Most Wonderful Remedy of the Age," in this issue. Mr. Turner has a combination of electricity and medicine, and gives testimonials and references as to its merits from some of the best and most reliable citizens of Kent county. Read his advertisement and see for yourself what he and some of those who have used his remedies say about them.

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL.

Everything in Readiness for the Great Occasion.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Teams are requested not to hitch on High street between 3 and 5 p. m. Please regard this notice.

Programme.

10.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Reception concert in Stam's Hall beginning at 10.30 A. M. This concert will include selections from Sousa's band, quartettes, solos, medleys, etc., on three graphophones and a music box. The instruments will be in charge of Profs. G. B. Twilley, J. P. Parrott and others. A pleasant feature will be the recording of a selection in the presence of the audience.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Band concert on the public square by Galena and Rock Hall bands.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The grand pageant will form on the court house green between 2 and 3 o'clock. Postmaster Jos. N. Wheatley will be the chief marshall and has selected as his aids Messrs. C. C. Hopper, J. R. Rollison, F. G. Usilton, Charles R. Twilley, J. S. Vandegrift, J. Wm. Howard, J. S. E. Pardee, Frank H. Simpers, Thos. W. Massey. The line of march will be *on the pavement* up one side of High street and down the other side to Front; from Front to Maple avenue; up Maple avenue to Queen; from Queen to High; up High to the court house, where the company will disband and each child be given a ticket which will entitle him to participate in the treat of ice cream and cake. A table will be erected in the rear of the *News* office, and young ladies will serve the children cream. Arrangements have been made to treat from 300 to 500, and it is hoped that there will be this number in the parade.

The judges will adjourn to the hall immediately after the parade and make up the list of awards and assign the prizes, which include drums, wagons, tricycles, books, hats, dress, shoes, coat, suit of clothes, etc., etc.

6.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

From 6.30 to 7.30 P. M. there will be a street piano concert on the square, so that music will be in the air all day.

Every merchant and every housekeeper is requested to decorate, if you only hang out an American flag. Put a bouquet on your children and wear one yourself, if it's but a fruit blossom.

The Night Entertainment.

Stam's Hall will be the centre of attraction at 7.30 P. M. There are so many entries in the declamation contest that this feature will begin at 7.30 o'clock sharp. The big chorus will be one of the grandest ever heard in town, and every American will be made to feel a thrill of patriotism as he listens to the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," under the baton of Mr. W. W. Chapman.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

County Commissioners met on Tuesday—Full board present.

Following accounts examined and allowed by the district commissioner, and ordered to be paid: John Bradley, keeper of Chester bridge, salary for April, $20.83; Lorenzo Dunn's account for 4th quarter's salary as janitor at court house, $37.50; same, for scrubbing pavement and cleaning yard, $1.

Following accounts examined and approved or allowed and ordered to be provided for by levy and certified: Wm. H. Cheffins, road work in 1st district, $51; Benj. F. Moffett, for do, $36; Robt. R. Hill, for drain pipe, 2d district, $99.06; Vincent Lee, account for road work in 3d district, $46.57; Alex. Hickman, for his proportion of damages to wheat on new road through Drayton land, $8.31; Jas. A. Hickman, for same, $2.90; John W. Wright, J. P., for fees in State cases in excess of fines reported, $16.30; Wm. A. Blakeney, repairing stove in jail, $3.38; S. Frank Smith, for supplies for jail in 1897, $57.32; same for drain tile in 1897, $149.40; Chapman & Lambert, for repairing hitching rod for court house yard in 1897, $4; John T. Coleman, per diem for witness on inquest of Wm. B. Shaw, $1; John A. Williams, for road work in 5th district, $16.85; Henry R. Thompson, for do, $22.73; Wm. Adkinson, for do, $41.95.

Upon application and recommendation the pension of Andrew Reed of 1st dist. for $15 was ordered to be continued. Wm. D. Burchinal, county treasurer, presented his official report for April as follows:

Balance in hand from last report		$6,062.93
County taxes collected		505.06
State taxes collected		53.18
Certificate to levy for payment of jurors for April term, '98		1,200.00
Total		$7,821.17
Disbursements on levies ordered, etc	$5,783.53	
State taxes deposited	53.18	
		$5,836.71
Balance in hand		$1,984.46

The report was examined and accepted by order endorsed thereon.

The applications under the law for the appointment of health officer and secretary of the Local Board of Health for Kent county were considered, and Dr. W. Frank Hines was elected my ballot and appointed by order of board, officer for the term of one year.

The applications for jail physician were considered and Dr. Harry L. Dodd, was elected by ballot and appointed by order of the board such physician for the term of one year.

The applications for janitor of the court house were considered and Otho M. Fogwell, Sr., was elected by ballot to such office and appointed for the term of one year.

Wm. D. Burchinal, County Treasurer, returned list of new and additional assessments for 1st district, which were examined and accepted by order endorsed thereon.

Mrs. Florence J. Robinson's letter relating to improvements at public landing on Still Pond river, was received and read and the clerk was directed to answer same.

The board was further engaged in noting transfers of personal property, and abatements, etc.

Literary Notes.

To the May number of the North American Review the Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., contributes an important paper, entitled "The Basis of an Anglo-American Understanding," wherein he discusses the commercial, political and moral advantages of an alliance between Great Britain and the United States.

In history-making times like these a truthful record of passing events becomes an imperative need. The daily newspaper is ephemeral and not easily preserved for reference. The American Monthly Review of Reviews has all the value of the newspaper, besides distinctive merits of its own. As an epitome of current history it is complete, compact, terse, impartial, absolutely reliable, and judiciously edited. As a piece of journalistic history-writing what could be more brilliant or fascinating than the May number of this publication, with its story of the Spanish-American warcrises? Merely as a souvenir of this past eventful month the Review has a certain unique fitness.

"Frances E. Willard, the best known woman of the century," is the title of the leading article of the May number of Demorest's Magazine. Miss Willard was probably the best-beloved as well as the "best-known" woman of the day; hence this most comprehensive and sympathetic biography, which is beautifully illustrated, will be of special interest to women all over the world.

The Scientific American Special Navy Supplement.—The great desire during the present crisis for accurate information concerning the United States Navy has led to the preparation of a short treatise on the Navy, which is published under the above title. Every effort has been made by the publishers to treat the subject in such a manner that it may be readily understood by the reader unversed in naval affairs, and at the same time render the publication a permanent book of reference.

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TIMS—TURNER—At the M. E. parsonage, April 27, 1898, by Rev. A. F. Prettyman, Jack Tims and Rosa Turner, both of Locust Grove, Kent county, Md.

RUST AND LEOPARD SPOT OF THE ASPARAGUS.

EDITORS OF THE TRANSCIPT, Dear Sirs:—In response to your inquiry of a few days ago about the diseases of asparagus, I take pleasure in submitting the following notes which may be of interest to you. Last fall I issued a bulletin from the Experiment Station (No. 50), in which I called attention to two dangerous diseases of the asparagus, stating that during my tour of inspection, I had observed these diseases in the counties of Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline and Kent on the Eastern Shore, and also in many counties in Western Maryland. Owing to their wide spread destruction, and the destructive nature of these pests, I agree with you, that it is eminently proper that the general public should be warned again of their deadly nature.

The asparagus rust is an apparently new disease, not having been known to the asparagus growers previous to 1896 It is quite commonly attributed to the States bordering the Atlantic North of Virginia, and the outbreak in Maryland of last year is the first upon record in this State. There seems to be little or no doubt but that the diseases have been present in the State for sometime past, but they have not been distributed over large areas. In Dorchester, Talbot and Kent counties, I observed another disease which was very prominent in all the asparagus fields I examined, but has not yet received a scientific name. In general appearance, this disease is very striking, and the characteristic spots resemble the coat of a leopard. I have therefore, proposed to call it the "Asparagus Leopard Spot" to distinguish it readily from the "Asparagus Rust." In certain fields in Kent I found still a third fungus upon asparagus which is a parasite upon the rust, or to express it more plainly is a parasite upon a parasite, and there is some hope that it may prove helpful to the asparagus growers in certain sections of the State. These disease first attack the terminal growth of the plants, then gradually work their way down the stems and stalks until they are killed.

The diseases are small plants themselves which send their microscopic rootlets into the tissues, robbing the plant of its vegetable life, and breaking down the calluler structure. They then break through the outer surface, and myriads and spores or seed are produced, which become detached, fall to the ground, or are carried by the winds, insects or other agencies from place to place, and thus the disease is spread. These diseases attack the wild as well as the cultivated asparagus, and usually appear as early as the middle of May, but their presence does not become conspicuous until about the middle of July, when it is not an uncommon thing to find fields of asparagus dead and brown. As a preventive, it would be wiso to keep fence corners and other places free from wild asparagus, and whenever a cluster shows, the brownish appearance should be cut down without delay. Many remedies have been suggested for this disease, but none have proved entirely practicable and successful. Certain varieties seem to resist this disease more than others. For instance, the Palmetto plants were not so severely injured in Rhode Island as the Conover's Colossal or Moore's Hybrid, even where they were grown in the same rows. It would therefore, appear that one should be careful in selecting varieties in planting new fields. Where the disease appears over large areas, it has been suggested that the plants should be mown and burned as soon as possible.

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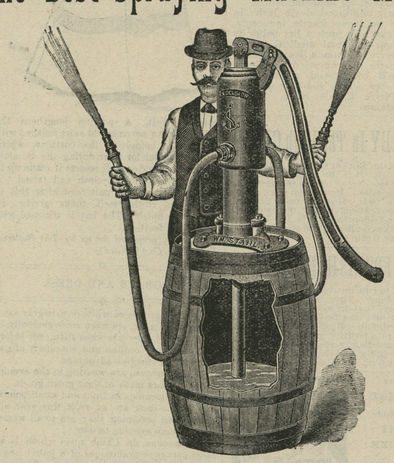

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