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LOCAL MATTERS.

A Glorious Fourth.—Tolchester is preparing to break all Fourth of July records on Monday. Eloquence, music, fun and pleasure. So say Capt. Eliason and Supt. Noland, and Wm. A. Potts, the amusement King, seconds the motion.

Heavy Crab Shipments.—The present soft crab season has been one of the most abundant in many years. Mr. W. D. Crosby shipped 660 dozen in one week, 220 dozen in one day, and up to Thursday of last week had shipped over 2000 dozen this season.

Another Quick Payment—Mr. Harry L. Boyd, agent for the Phœnix Fire Insurance Company, on Tuesday, just seven days after the fire, paid Mr. Benjamin Coburn, of Rock Hall, $367.80 for the loss of his barn. The matter was adjusted, and it would be difficult to conceive of a more prompt payment than in this case.

Potts Won.—The case of Benedict against William A. Potts, manager of amusements at Tolchester Beach, was decided and the decision handed down by Chief Judge McSherry on Tuesday. The judgment of the lower court was affirmed, the appellate court holding that there was not sufficient evidence to show that Potts had been guilty of negligence.

Seriously Injured.—The first serious harvest accident reported occured in the harvest field of Mrs. William T. Miller, near Rock Hall, on Monday. Mrs. Miller's eight-year-old son was in the field when the horses attached to the reaper became frightened and started off. The little fellow was caught in the knives and his legs nearly amputated before he could be released from his perilous position.

Want a Postoffice.—The citizens of Piney Neck are insisting upon having their postoffice reestablished. The present mail arrangement subjects them to untold inconvenience. A prominent citizen said several days ago: "We have over 480 persons over six years of age in the territory reached by the office; there are nearly fifty daily papers sold there and the crying demand is for postoffice facilities."

Still Victorious.—The Galena base ball club scored another victory last Saturday over the Betterton club by a score of 10 to 3. The Betterton club had two players from Princeton, who were considered fast, but they found out better before the game ended. Galena Club will play the champions of Delaware, the Townsend Club, next Friday, July 1st. Townsend, of Washington College, will pitch for the visitors.

Another Mad Dog.—Front street was thrown into a state of excitement on Sunday afternoon by the appearance of a mad dog. Bob, the colored trick bicycle rider, gave the alarm and in a few minutes the streets were alive with gentlemen armed with pistols of various sizes and patterns. Dr. W. F. Hines, L. W. Wickes, Col. W. J. Vannort, Eben F. Perkins and others, all heavily armed took part in the assault. The dog finally took refuge in Col. Vannort's cellar where he was killed.

The Fourth at Betterton.—Patriotic Betterton is arranging for a gala day on Monday, July the Fourth. The programme includeds a game of base ball with the Galena champions in the morning at 10 o'clock, an oration, and sailing races in the afternoon, fireworks and a dance at night. The Galena band will discourse its sweetest music at the ball game, during the afternoon festivities, and at night. Arrangements will be made to take care of the teams of visitors, and a beautiful grove conviently located will be used in which lunches may be partaken of in real picnic fashion.

May She be a Winner!—Mr. A. J. Hynson is now the possessor of a young fillie that is bred in the purple. She is by Advance, 2,22¾, one of the best sons of Onward, he by George Wilkes. The fillie's dam is Klondike by Red Wilkes, he as shown by the records, the best son of George Wilkes, whose family far surpasses all others for fast performers. The fillie's second dam is by Nutwood, 2.18, third dam by Cuyler and fourth dam by Woodford's Mambrino, all of which have a national reputation as sires of fast performers. It will be noticed that this fillie is an inbred Wilkes and close up through two of the very best sons of George Wilkes, Red Wilkes and Onward. Mr. Hynson has named it Silk Slippers and rightly thinks that she has a license to show the boys the way to the wire.

Banks Will Sell Stamps.—Messrs. W. B. Copper, cashier of Second National Bank; H. Rickey, of the Chestertown National, and W. F. Russell, of the Savings Bank, state that they have ordered a full supply of revenue tax stamps which they will have on sale to meet the general demand. For the benefit of the public it may be stated that receipted bills or other receipts for money will not require a tax stamp. Each bank check or draft must have a 2-cent stamp and each telegraphic dispatch a 1-cent stamp. For each telephone message for which the companies charge 15 cents or more, the tax will be 1 cent. Among the certificates which are taxable are those attached to marriage licenses, such as are issued in Maryland. There are two certificates attached to each license, one to be returned by the clergyman to the court issuing the lincense and the other to be given to the persons married. On such certificate the tax is 10 cents. There is a tax of 10 cents on all certificates required by law but not specified in the war revenue bill. This will embrace certificates of court records and procedure. Collector Parlett has been officially notified from Washington that he will be provided with 1-cent postage stamps, with the letters "I. R." printed on them, for use as internal revenue stamps until revenue stamps can be supplied. The law provides that a person using an adhesive tax stamp shall write or stamp upon it the initials of his name and the date upon which it is used, so that it may not be used again. "Any person who fraudulently makes use of such stamp without so effectually cancelling it is liable to a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $500, or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or to both fine and imprisonment."

MATRIMONIAL.

The marriage of Mr. M. E. Newsome and Miss Amanda C. Copper, at the bride's home, at Worton, at 7 o'clock on Wednesday of last week, though extremely quiet, was impressive in its solemnity. The ceremony was performed by Dr. C. A. Grise of Chestertown M. E. Church, in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was handsomely gowned in cream Henrietta, satin trimmings, and carried a bunch of lilies. Miss Copper is one of the most popular of Worton's young ladies, while Mr. Newsome is one of the most popular and widely known of the young business men of Chestertown. Mr. and Mrs. Newsome took steamer on Thursday morning for Baltimore, Washington and other points.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† Latest advices from Georgia point to an abundant peach crop.

† Col. Wm. J. Vannot was named by the recent convention of republican clubs, as one of the delegates at large to the national convention which meets in Omaha in July.

† President George Warfield and Dr. S. E. Ford were in town Wednesday, looking after their wharf property, which has been very elegantly repaired by Contractor W. J. Sparks. The granary is in better condition than it has been for years, and under the very polite and efficient agent at this point, Mr. John E. Hendrix, farmers should have no cause for complaint.—Crumpton correspondent of the *Record*.

† The stockholders of Crumpton Cemetery have held a meeting and organized by the election of the following officers: President, L. C. McGinnes; secretary, John E. Hendix; treasurer, J. P. Hartley; directors, R. M. Legar, Sam'l Chaires, Wm. C. Robinson, Geo. E. Harrison and E. A. Hemmelwright.

† R. D. Hynson, Esq., assignee, sold yesterday the finely located farm near Millington of Mr. Charles O. Cacy, to Mrs. Carolene Hynson at $29 per acre.

† Mr. Wm. E. Cacy, of Millington, was married yesterday at Tappan, N. Y., to a young lady of that city.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Kate Green, clerk in the store of Mr. Charles S. Smith, left on Monday for a trip to New York.

Mr. Norman Massey, civil engineer, of New York, is visiting at his home in Chestertown.

Mr. Ephiram Bacon, of Baltimore, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Stella Kenley, of Baltimore, spent part of last week with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shuster, of Baltimore, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John L. Shuster, this week.

Miss Alice Fenhagen, of Baltimore, is the guest of the Misses Steuart on Queen street.

Mr. William H. Thomas, of Philadelphia, was in Chestertown Monday and Tuesday on business and paid the TRANSCRIPT a pleasant call. Mr. Thomas was formerly from Millington but is now prominently connected with the business interests of Philadelphia.

Miss May Barroll, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll.

Paying Teller Walter W. Chapman, of the Chestertown National Bank, is touring through the west, and incidentally visiting a number of western friends.

Miss Maud Kemp is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas S. Bordley.

Prof. and Mrs. Roland Watts, of Western Maryland College, are guests of Mrs. Watts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, High street.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Trax, of Talbot county, spent their "honeymoon" at Betterton last week.

PLEASANT DANCES.

Social Pleasures in Spite of Hot Weather.

On last Monday evening the ladies of the "Fifth," tendered to their friends a very pleasant dance, given at the home of Mr. Robert Wickes, in the new barn which has been recently completed. The floor was in exceptionally fine condition and the room was artistically decorated with Japanese lanterns, flags and bunting. The fine prospect overlooking the river, the moonlight, together with the genial hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wickes, tended to make the whole affair exceedingly pleasant. Refreshments were served about 12 o'clock, and about 2 30 the company dispersed, having expressed themselves as being very favorable towards "dancing in that barn."

Delightful music was rendered by Iula, the harpest, of Baltimore. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wickes, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. DeCorse, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hatcherson, Dr. and Mrs. Walter O Selby, Mr. and Mrs. Wikins, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Strong, Mrs. T. B. Willson, Mrs. Thomas Trew, Mrs. John Brice, Mrs. Wilfred Willson, Jack Ruth and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Willson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Willson, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood. The Misses Diggs, of Baltimore; Miss Nina Roberts, of Baltimore; Misses Louise Price, Elva Friel, Katherine Parsons, Anna and Julia Willson, Anna, Edna and Julia Strong, Alice and Bessie Willson, May Sutton, Armoline Ringgold, Fannie Wilkins, Minnie Wickes, Messrs. Charley, Notley, Bennett and John Willson, Geo. and Will Camp, Capt. Wm. Taylor, Lewin Skirven, Page and Elwood Strong, Charley Jessop, Thomas Wallis, Prof. Eugene Willson, Fred Holmes and Elmer Wooll.

The young men of Chestertown gave to their lady friends and visitors, a very pleasant dance in Stam's Hall on Monday evening last. Music was furnished by Weber, of Baltimore, and was very fine. Among those present were noticed as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Walker, Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Gooding, Mr. and Mrs. George Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Walker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Hiram M. Brown, Misses Nelie Walker, Annette Sudler, Arline Constable, Helen Carter, Amye Shaw, Charlotte Smart, Nannie and Annie Brice, Sallie and Isabel Beck, Minnie Massey, Alexine Solomon, Nellie Trapnell, Beulah Hayes, Lucile Rasin, Katherine Constable, Emma Beck. Messrs. Tom Massey, Henry Deaver, Robt. Shaw, Lewin Wickes, Arthur Bradley, William W. Beck, Claude F. Parks, Joseph Brice, Frank Hines, S. H. Greenwood, Atlee Tracy, Ambrose Carroll, Horace Constable, James J. Archer, Tom Perkins, Harry Rickey, Eben F. Perkins, Jr., Frank Simpers, Carl Westcott, Cecil Adkinson and Mr. Ellicott.

GOVERNMENT SEED TESTING.

At the request of a prominent agriculturist, who is himself a seed-tester, the following is given place in this issue:

"The Act of Congress making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, under the heading 'Botanical Investigations and Experiments, Division of Botany,' contains the following clause:

"The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to purchase samples of seed in open market, test same, and when found not up to standard he may, at his discretion, publish the results of these tests, together with the names of the seedsmen by whom the seeds were sold.

"The purchase of seeds for the tests authorized under this act will begin July 1, 1898. It will be the aim of the Department of Agriculture in carrying out this law to put a stop to the sale of seed so poor as to make probable a positive injury and loss to the purchaser, thus giving protection on the one hand to the farmer and gardener and on the other hand to the honorable seedsman and seed dealer.

"Further information, including a table of the standards of purity and germination and a list of the most injurious seeds likely to occur in commercial seed, may be obtained from the Department upon application."

MRS. OLIVIA RAND SHEWELL.

Death in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., of a Lady Widely Known in Kent County.

Mrs. Olivia Rand Shewell, died at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Thursday. The funeral service took place at the Crematory Chapel, in Loudon Park, Baltimore, Rev. H. F. Kloman, assistant rector of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment was made in the family lot in the cemetery. The Grand Army of the Republic furnished the pall-bearers.

Mrs. Shewell was one of the leading actresses of the country and was better known to the public under her stage name, Olivia Rand. For several years she was the leading soubrette at the Boston Theater. About eighteen years ago she made quite a hit in Baltimore, playing at Ford's Opera House and the Holiday Street Theatre under the management of the late John T. Ford. She was the daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Rand and was born in Baltimore nearly fifty years ago. Mrs. Shewell is survived by her husband, Lynn R. Shewell, to whom she was married about sixteen years ago, and one sister, Rosa Rand, who was Joseph Jefferson's leading lady in "Rip Van Winkle." Mr. Shewell was a popular actor in Boston and elsewhere and managed Maggie Mitchell's company. He wrote the play "Shadows of a Great City." Mrs. Shewell retired from the stage when she was married. She was for years a great sufferer from rheumatism. About a year ago a cancer developed, which was the primary cause of her death.

Mr. Shewell owns a handsome property near Rock Hall, where he and his wife spent some years and formed many warm friendships.

A TRIBUTE OF LOVE.

We regret very much indeed, the cause of the omission of the usual services in St. Paul's church on Sunday, the 26th, which was that the rector had a melancholy duty to perform in the burial of Mrs. L. R. Shewell, an old and loved resident of Kent county, and an earnest member of St. Paul's. Mrs. Shewell died in Mount Vernon, N. Y. on Thursday, the 23rd of June. Her remains were brought to Baltimore on Saturday the 25th, and interred in London Park Cemetery, near to her mother, in the family burial lot, at 4 P. M. of the same day. Mrs. Shewell was a woman "whom to know, was to love." Her many friends in Kent county sincerely mourn her death and console themselves only in the fact that her decease was truly a happy release from intolerable and excruciating suffering in the last course of her illness. We respectfully tender to Mr. Shewell, and to all involved in this sad bereavement our most tender sympathy. Mr. Shewell was a splendid type of citizenship in our county. His friends here, of which he has a host, all feel with him. We pray that the Holy God, and Father of us all, will sustain him in his broken-heartedness, and in His own good time reunite him to his loved one gone before to the joys of Paradise.

CHRIS T. DENROCHE.

THE NEW SUSQUEHANNA.

Made Her First Trip up the Bay and Susquehanna on Tuesday.

Tuesday was "Catholic day" at Tolchester, and was the banner day so far this season. Some Catholics from Kent joined their friends at the Beach and enjoyed the day.

At 3.15, as graceful as a swan and as gay and beautiful as a bride, the new steamer Susquehanna, of the Havre de Grace line made her first trip from Baltimore to Tolchester. The new route covers a distance of sixty miles and three trips will be made weekly. The remaining days will be given over to the excursion business. The steamer cost $55,000 to build and is guaranteed to make 15½ miles an hour. She is 165 feet long 40 feet beam, and will draw five feet of water forward and seven feet aft. After Tuesday she will leave Tolchester wharf twice daily. Hardly a more beautiful or picturesque trip can be imagined. After leaving Tolchester wharf, the graceful new steamer will point her nose straight north along the eastern shore. Passing east of picturesque Pool's Island with its light house and beautiful peach orchards, the steamer will run north until she strikes the mouth of Sassafras river.

Close within the mouth of the river nestles the little village and wharf of Betterton, the famous perch fishing grounds of the upper Chesapeake. The waters of the Sassafras and surrounding bay are literally alive with perch and all kinds of game fish. From Betterton the steamer bends for the mouth of the Susquehanna, barely visible across the bay to the northwest. Her swift propeller bears her past Spesutia Island, from whose shores hundreds of canvas-backs are slaughtered yearly and where the "ducking pirates" several years ago made such a determined stand against the State authorities.

Right out of the river, apparently, rises a clump of buildings. As the steamer nears it, it is seen to be the fishing battery of the U. S. government. In tanks and vats in the battery are hatched millions of tiny shad used to propagate the surrounding and outside waters. Havre de Grace looms up on the southern bank of the broad river shortly after the steamer passes the propagating station.

The steamer touches a short time at the wharf then steams onward to Port Deposit, which nestles at the foot of tall cliffs, four miles up the river. The draw of the Pennsylvania railroad bridge swings open and the steamer passes through. There is another bridge, the B. & O. trestle, and the Susquehanna, steamer and river, both pass under its lofty structure. The hills on each side are mountainous, particularly on the north side, where they rise into the smooth top peak of Mt. Ararat.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

County Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 28th—Four members present, Usilton being sick.

The following accounts were examined and allowed by the respective district commissioners and ordered to be provided for by levy in 1898:

Jos. E. Boyd, constable 1st district, $12.50; Wm. J. Clark, road work, 1st district, $44.47; Gove Everett, road work, 1st dist., $101.46; C. E. Faulkner, road work, 1st dist., $142.75; Willard S. King, road work, 1st dist., $20.00; Wm. B. Maslin, road work, 1st dist., $87.53; Thos. Nickerson, road work, 1st dist., $39.48; Elias F. Lockwood, court fees in State cases, 1st dist., $5.40; Abner Allston, acct. for road work, 2nd dist., $70.42; Edw. Bradley, do., $48.40; J. Romie Byron, do., $32.25; Geo. L. Crisfield, do', $27.00; Edw. W. Ford, road work and mending scraper, 2nd dist., $30.80; Harry R. Gary, road work, 2nd dist., $83.50; John W. Holden, do., $17.87; Chas. King, do., seventy-four dollars and twenty-five cents; W. King, $158.39; John McKee, do., $22; A. T. McGuire, do., $36.25; Jas. Johnston, do.; $9.75; Wm. T. Lane, do., $32.80; Jas. P. Milner and Wm. H. Roilison, do., $70.40; Jas. McKee, do., $129.97; Jas. H. Robinson, do., $25.37; Thos. J. Shallcross, do., $25.70; Thos J. Shallcross, acct. for coffin for indigent, 2nd dist., $4.00; Turner & Son, acct. for road work and bridge lumber, $156.96; R. Thompson, 3000 bricks, 2nd dist., $18.54; Wm. S. Walker, road work, in 2nd dist., $6.50; Henry Greenwood, road work in 3rd dist., $42.23; Geo. W. Long, road work in 2nd dist, $37.80; Horace Skeggs, acct. for road work in 3rd dist., $8.75; Geo. Venerable, do., $24.80; Wm. A. Burke, wit. in Sate case, certificate by J. P., $1.33; W. W. Beck, atty., fees in cases assigned by court, 4th dist., $221.06; Wm. D. Burchinal, county treasurer, acct for bank discount on acct. passed June 21st, $7.28; R. Bergen, blankets for jail, $18.00; Alexander H. Crew, road work, 5th dist., $22.88; R. D. Hynson, atty., acct. for appearance in trial in State cases assigned by court, $436.64; Bedford Roe, sheriff, account for fees in State cases, certified by J. P., $140.90; M. deK. Smith, atty., fees in State cases assigned by court, $303.32; Wm. M. Slay, attorney, fees in assigned cases by court, $25.00; Lewin W. Wickes, fees in State cases assigned by court, $65.00; Wm. E. Beck, assignee of several witness certificates, $1.32; Wm. Carter, road work in 5th dist, $44.00; Jacob Downey for minor sons witness certificates by J. P., $1.32; Abram E. Gale, road work, 5th dist., $3.30; John W. Grant, same, $9.30; Isaac Simms, same, $29.20; Richard A. Smyth, constable, fees in State cases, 6th dist., $5.50.

The Board was further engaged in passing transfer accounts.

PULPIT AND PEW.

The Chestertown M. E. Sunday school will hold its annual picnic, place not yet decided upon, on Thursday, July 14.

Mr. Uric Lee Gordy, of the graduating class of '94 of Washington College, has become a candidate for the ministry of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware.

Rev. W. W. Chaires, stationed at Crumpton for several years, has created a decided stir in the public school circles of Talbot. Mr. Chaires claims that the system of calisthenics taught in some of the public schools of the county have a tendency to create a love for dancing and enjoyments which he considers vicious. The school trustees, some of the patrons of the schools, and others fail to agree with the reverend gentleman and a warm battle of words is being waged through the press. Mr. Chaires, it is stated, has never even witnessed the calisthenic drill of which he so bitterly complains.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. Mr. Schouler at the last annual convention of the Diocese of Easton, held at Centreville, and was adopted by a rising vote. The Bishop made an appropriate and feeling response:

Resolved—That in view of the completion since the last annual convention of ten years of faithful and laborious service among us by our beloved and honored Bishop, we, the clergy and lay delegates, in convention assembled, for ourselves and for the people whom we represent, desire to place on record our thankful acknowlegment to the Giver of all good for the maintenance for these many years of the sacred bonds which have bound in one, the Bishop and his Diocesan flock, and to express the hope that a lengthened period of united service may be vouchsafed us in the years to come; holding, as we do, in appreciative remembrance the constant, earnest heed for the welfare of the Diocese; the large heartedness; and the vigor of administration that have been blessed of God to the welfare of the Diocese in the past decade of its history.

Dr. Corkran, in his last report, deals thus interestingly with his Kent county churches:

"The new arrangement of the Pomona Charge whereby Salem is added, is the best arrangement that can be for the present, and all parties are making the best of it. Salem will be, after awhile, an independent charge, but the time for that is not yet.

"The quarterly conference at Bond Chapel was very satisfactory in spirit and reports. Salem had a fine report on finances, and Bond did well. Brother Vandyke is the man for the place and occasion, and he is highly appreciated. The salary was fixed at $700 with perfect unanimity and it will be more in the payment than in the estimate. The character of the people and the force of the pastor guarantee a successful year.

"Brother Merritt is taking hold of Piney Neck, and it is taking hold of him. The notable feature of the work here is that the Mite Society was obligated to pay for the parsonage and to rebuild the same and have it in shape for occupancy by the fall, and Brother Merritt intends to have it deeded to a board of lady trustees. On the occasion of my visit the last dollar of debt against the church was raised. Soon Piney Neck will be a full fledged charge, and Brother Merritt's larger experience in church work will hasten that end.

"Rock Hall did well last year, indeed, in ministerial support it was the best year of her existence; she starts out this year at a better rate than she did last year. I still have the conviction that Rock Hall is destined to be one of the good charges of the conference.

"A very gratifying condition of affairs was found at Worton. The people are pleased with the arrangement of the charge, and very much delighted with the pastor, while Bro. Ellis has taken hold of the work with a zeal and skill which is common to the Drew boys. The experience of this Conference with Drew men is exceedingly gratifying.

"The change at Union from an afternoon to a morning appointment has been made without friction and every department of the church is improving. Morgnec is delighted to be associated with a charge which assures them raegular pastoral oversight.

"The experiment is opening up Chestertown as a splendid success. We have a good Sunday school and an interested congregation. Our return has been hailed with great delight by the faithful few who never surrendered to what seemed to have been the inevitable for the time when organic union between our church and the M. E. Church, South, shall have become a fact; (which is to be devoutly prayed for) then and not till then shall we be ready to consider a proposition to close up again at any point on the Easton District.

FROM CHESTERVILLE.

The Work of the Lightning—Interesting General Notes.

During a severe thunder storm last Saturday afternoon lightning struck a tree at Mr. J. W. Jarman's, killing several ducks at the foot of the tree. Immediately following the flash came several balls, apparently of fire, which exploded with a stunning report. Mrs. Jarman, who was standing nearby sensibly felt the concussion. Her son Charley says his hat was knocked off and himself turned around. Mr. Pearly Moffett had a shock of wheat set on fire and consumed. Verily, says the Wizzard Edison, electricity is a fluid about which little is known. A copious shower came with the storm.

The Rev. J. E. Wilson preached from Exodus 25 chapter, 2nd verse, and in his earnest appeal for aid to further divine interests, he would have no gifts that were not given for lofty and holy purposes. The motives which prompt the gift must be the means of its worth.

The members and friends of the church design making some new and handsome improvements.

Children's Day will be observed next Sunday evening. Those who have the preparation of the children are thoroughly competent, and the event, no doubt, will be a success.

The Chesterville and Mill Branch schools held a joint picnic Wednesday, the 29th, in Mr. Alday Clement's woods, near here.

Mrs. Jas. Bennett, of Still Pond, has been seriously ill at her father's, Mr. E. Cooper, but is now restored.

Mrs. W. J. Clark is in a low state of health.

Mr. Elmer S. Jarman's little boy, Harry, is quite sick.

Mr. Raymond Du Hadway, of Milton, Del., is on a visit to Mr. C. G. Carey. Raymond is a son of Rev. Mr. Du Hadway, a well-known Methodist minister.

If Spain is a nation of second or third rate power, why is it that this nation is putting in such a war footing? Why marshall so many men and munitions of war? It would seem as if all Europe were combined to attack us. The toiling millions will have this vast debt to pay. That the Maine disaster should be avenged is natural, that we should extend aid to the poor Cuban is creditable to a christian nation, but we had hoped this affair would have been amicably settled before now.

It is not known who invented the plough. A man who has done more good for the world than all the warriors that have "watered it with tears and fertilized it with blood." "'Tis a queer world my masters."

OCCASIONAL.

C. P. S. COMMENCEMENT.

A Pleasant Programme by the Graduating Class, in Stam's Hall.

The annual Commencement exercises of the Chestertown Public School were held in Stam's Hall last night. The hall was packed with friends of the graduates.

The following was the interesting programme as presented:

Piano solo, Miss Rose Frazier; Prayer, Rev. C. A. Grise; Essay, "Sowing and Reaping," May Crow; Essay, "Perseverance," Mary Alberta Lamb; Essay, "Labor is Life," Florence Hope Pennell; Essay, "Looking Out on Life," Mary Morgan Knight; Music, "The Barnyard Medley," Messrs. Arthur and Warren Hurlock, Dave Ford and James Shuster; Essay, "A Definite Aim Necessary to Success," Barbara Anthony; Essay, "Ambition," Bessie Wheatley; Essay, "A Contented Mind," Clare Mayhelle Cannan; Essay, "The End—The Beginning," Katherine Lord Shuster; Solo, "Whispers," Miss Carrie Sappington; Address to graduates and presentation of certificates, Dr. J. W. Chapman; music, piano, mandolins and guitar, Misses Lambert and Usilton, Messrs. Usilton and Perkins; presentation of prizes, Prof. T. H. Topping; music, selected, Miss Frazier; benediction.

WORK OF THE PUPILS.

The following marks represent the work done by the pupils:

GRADUATES.

May Crow, Katie Shuster, Barbara Anthony, Mary Knight, Bessie Wheatley, Hope Pennell, May Cannan, Mary Lamb.

PROMOTED FROM THE SEVENTH.

Helen Wilkins, Nora Boston, Pearl Hendrickson, Edith Harley, Thos. Dyott.

PROMOTED FROM THE 2-6.

Ethel Coleman, May Jones, Mabel Toulson, Maud Wilkins, Burtie Burchinal, Annie Hines, Charlie Hines, Addie Hurlock, Lillian Greenwood, Mary Fleming, Charlie Kibler, Henry Brown.

On Trial—Roland Parks.

PROMOTED FROM THE 1-6.

Nellie Jones, Louise Carroll, Mary Sappington, Burchinal Brown, Edith Frazier, Duke Brown, Hubard Ringgold, Polk Bramble.

On Trial—Anna Sappington, Elsie Fallowfield, Ned Westcott, Charlie Dodd, Frank Duyer, Anna Bryan, Tony Bell.

PROMOTED TO 1-6 GRADE.

Wilbur Hirons, Emma Roe, Sadie Gardner, Hannah Bell, Clara Thompson, Susie Dunbracco, Charlie Wheatley, Willie Wheatley, Willie Maslin, Adelaide Howard, Emma France, Mary Whaland, Harry Coleman.

On Trial—Gaylord Hurlock, Garrett Bradley, Maude Pennell, James Bartley.

PROMOTED TO 2-5 GRADE.

Henry Beck, Earle Duyer, Maud Kelley, Leonard Needles, John Benjamen, Lillian Matthews, Sam Jones, Clyde Maslin, Earle Latham, Marcie Kirby.

On Trial—Lizzie Davis, Ruby Pennell, Bordley Sappington, Will Greenwood, Joseph Burchinal, Ernest Barnes.

PROMOTED FROM 4TH TO 5TH GRADE.

Anna Harris, Houston Toulson, Blackiston Wroth, Maude Duyer, Dovie Connelly, Tom Dixon, Jessie Matthews, Daisy Barnes, Edith Fallowfield, Anna Wroth, Eva Beauchamp, John Barnes, Thomas Kibler, Aaron Winer, Eunice Elliott, Mildred Hyland, Nettie Sutton, Kemp Bordley, Leon Boston, Laura Lambert, John Armstrong, Paul Wilkins, Linnie Chilcutt, Willie Burk, Maxwell Blakeney.

On trial—Frank Greenwood, Clifton Rawleigh.

PROMOTED TO 4TH GRADE.

Robert Gill, Fred Hirons, Merritt Brown, Roland Matthews, Rose Duyer, Frank Beck, Raymond Moody, Wethered Barroll, Lizzie Deputy, Eunice Lambert, Paul Jones, Harry Rust, Bob Bramble, Eva Storke, Louise Brown, Howard Dyott, Mary Hines, William McFeely, Daisy Knotts.

On trial—Mollie Ringgold, Murrell Dunbracco, Carl Roland, Clifford Brice, Hyland Copper, Norman Nelson, Nellie McWhorter, Eva Hurlock, Llewellyn Boyd.

THIRD GRADE.

Carrie Wright, Merle Elburn, Merle Dadds, Olive Pennell, Raymond Wilkins, Jessie Latham, Herman Blackway, Emma Harris, Eva Gardner, Clara Sappington, Roy Duyer, Bessie Johnson, Calvin Brice.

PROMOTED FROM 2ND TO THIRD GRADE.

Florence Beck, Mary Davis, Inez Russell, Isabelle Lambert, Frank Robinson, Nellie Grise, Ethel Ringgold, Lillie Smith, Dave Connelly, Bernard Boyd, Simon Westcott, Ethel Price, Lucy Taylor.

PROMOTED FROM 1ST TO 2ND GRADE.

Carl Bordley, Preston Jones, Gilbert Jarman, Mary Miller, Harold Matthews, Charlie Johnson, Maud Worden, Lottie Norris, Susie Frazier, Edna Roland, Dora Hodgkins, Mamie Layman, Edith Dunbracco, Nettie Elburn, Edna Edwards, Anna Calder, Walter Copper, Robert Bradley, Dora Sheats, Graham Nelson, Joe Lewis, Wilmer Coleman, Freddie Norris, Frank Lambert, Joe Westcott, Ida Jones.

COMMENCEMENT AT ROCK HALL.

A Pleasant Programme—The Records of Busy Pupils.

Last Tuesday was Commencement Day at the Rock Hall Public School, and the town turned out in full force to see the graduates receive their diplomas. Since this was the first Commencement that the school has ever had, quite a little enthusiasm was manifested in preparing for it and in carrying out the exercises. Prizes had been offered for best scholarship in each grade and a keen competition took place among the pupils for first place.

The preliminary exercises were held in Downey's Hall at 2.30 Tuesday afternoon. The principal, Prof. Greenwood, spoke a few words of commendation to the students in opening, and then read the reports of the pupils' standing in their classes. This was followed by a musical drill by one of the primary classes which had been trained under the competent leadership of Miss Barwick. Several pleasing recitations were given by other scholars. The exercises were interspersed with singing by the older pupils. The exercises passed off in excellent manner, and reflected great credit upon the instructors. All went away well pleased with this part of the programme.

All were assembled again at eight o'clock in the evening at the same place. The class had very appropriately chosen the national tricolor for their class colors, and the hall was plentifully and tastefully draped in the Red White and Blue. The students of the principal's room spent several days in decorating blackboards with crayon pictures. These boards were placed on the walls of the hall and were open for inspection. The work of Miss Anna Leary was especially noticeable for its artistic showing. The graduates, Misses Nettie Hersch and Julia Middleton, and the 1st, 2nd 7th grades were on the platform. The exercises opened with the reading of essays by the graduates who performed their parts in excellent style. An address was then made to the graduates by Mr. J. M. Arthur, who afterward presented them with their certificates of graduation. The diplomas themselves had not arrived as the necessary signatures can not be obtained until Saturday next. Recitations, dialogues and acted characters were presented for the enjoyment of the audience, and then followed the awarding of the prizes, the successful contestants having been announced in the afternoon. They were presented by the Rev. Mr. Outten and Mr. Arthur, and were as follows:

Graduates prize, Miss Nettie Hersch; 2nd-7th prize, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, hunting case silver watch; 1st prize 1st-7th, Miss Annie Leary; 2nd prize 1st-7th, Miss Susie Leary; $2½ gold-piece; 1st prize 1st-6th, Willis Durding, gold pen, pearl handle; 2nd prize, 1st-6th, Jessie Arthur, volume of poems; 1st-5th prize, Pearl Downey; 2nd-5th, Alice Biggs; 2nd-4th, Emma Joiner; 1st-4th, Ulric Stevens; 2nd-3rd, Carrie Blackiston; 1st-3rd, Edna Judefind; 2nd-2nd, Carroll Elburn; 1st-2nd, Ora Whaland; 4th-1st, Annie May Ayres and Bessie Wheat; 3rd-1st, Katie Urie; 2nd-1st, James Kendall; 1st-1st, True Durding.

The Rev. Mr. Outten gave a stirring address on "patriotism." His words came very appropriately just at this time and were warmly welcomed. The exercises then closed with the benediction.

RECORD OF THE PUPILS.

Eighth Grade—Nettie Hersch, 84.8; Julia Middleton, 75.5.

Second-Seventh—Arthur Greenwood, 89.9.

Seventh—Susie Leary, 85; Anna Leary, 89; Margie Rich, 79; Oneida Maslin, 75.

Second-Sixth—Beatrice Maslin, 88; Ada Middleton, 80.; Essie Smith, 77.

First-Sixth—Jessie Arthur, 78. Willis Durding, 85; Bertha Jones, 78; Hallie Middleton, 78; Elsie Coburn, 78; Ethel Boyer, 59; Daisy Sandford, 62; Della Jones, 57; Clara Coleman, 54.

First-Fifth—Pearl Downey, 89; Mabel Webb, 81; Delma Middleton, 72.

Second-Fifth—Helen Rich, 76; John Drear, 67; Ruby Sumers, 68; Mary Boyer, 63; Katie Akers, 74; Ethel Taylor, 80; Edith Blackiston, 71; Clara Rodney, 81; Alice Biggs, 86; Ida Hynson, 80; George Coleman, 56; Lillian Smith, 82.

Second-Fourth—Melvin Warner, 65; Bertie Sewell, 86; Emma Joiner, 87; Geo. Wilson, 43; Fred Davis, 85; Clifton Coleman, 82; Pearl Stevens, 76; Mattie Webb, 76; Nora Jones, 84; Russell Sewell, 72; Iva Coleman, 84; May Sandford, 81; Raymond Hersch, 80; Edna Downey, 81; Elsie Warner, 67; Susie Casey, 79; Marise Durding, 77; Rena Downey, 79.

First-Fourth—Willie Sandford, 78; Howard Davis, 76; Ulric Stevens, 91; Albert Winchester, 73; Irvin Ashley, 87; Ruby Middleton, 71; Hilda Coleman, 70; Claudie Smith, 60; Myrtle Durding, 63; Edna Durding, 77.

Second-Third—Levi Downey, 60; Eddie Urie, 66; Carrie Blackiston, 87; Katie Rodney, 74; Annie Jacobs, 53; Clara Downley, 85; Julia Coleman, 73.

First-Third—Edna Judefind, 95; Rubin Rodney, 90; Earl Jones, 51; Geo. Ayres, 56; Martin Cannan, 60; Olive Warner, 83; Nannie Satterfield, 90; Frank Jacobs, 71; Cora Middleton, 76; Harry Rich, 88; Mollie Andrews, 92; Mary Willis, 92; Norman Warren, 45.

Second-Second—Maud Middleton, 92; Lois Leary, 94; Ida Sewell, 89; Rollen Ashley, 93; Erdman Ayres, 88; Newton Downey, 82; Clarence Coleman, 81; Carroll Elburn, 95; Olin Stevens, 90; Curtis Kelley, 70; Ruth Durding, 91; Clara Biggs, 84; Herbert Elburn, 92; Marise Dowling, 73; Willie Shreck, 78; Annie Shreck, 89; Samuel Rollison, 72.

First-Second—Ora Whaland, 90; Ethel Coleman, 81; Ruth Warren, 82; Jessie Copper, 59.

Fourth-First—Effie Besowsky, 94; Daisy Besowsky, 84; Beatrice Lehman, 90; Annie May Ayres, 95; Ira Elburn, 89; Myrtle Judefind, 91; Ruth Ayres, 93; Bessie Wheat, 95; Lena Wright, 89; Irena Coleman, 87; Ella Parks, 87; Marguerite Hersch, 92; Willie Blackiston, 83; Melvin Middleton, 87; Bernard, Wilson, 76.

Third-First—Mary Davis, 77; Katie Urie, 87; Lillian Warner, 84; Mary Kendall, 85; Edith Stevens, 84; Maggie Jones, 77; Robert Diehl, 86; Sterling Downey, 82; Jack Satterfield, 88; Julia Jones, 81.

Second-First—Ida Kendall, 79; Helen Jankowski, 83; Anna Rich, 81; Idella Middleton, 71; Julia Crouch, 71; James Kendall, 89; Charlie Downey, —; Simpers Cole