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LOCAL MATTERS.

Who Caught "Dick" Robinson?—The notorious "Dick" Robinson, who escaped from the late officer Amos B. Kelley, was captured by Deputy Sheriff Gill, assisted by Officer Cooper, on Tuesday night, in Morgnec. Two bench warrants and a writ from a justice has been against Robinson since last fall. Robinson believes in the efficacy of the "conjuring root," and thought that he was never to be caught.

Not Dr. Alfred Stille.—The announcement in Saturday's papers of the death of Dr. Charles J. Stille, at Atlantic City, caused some to think that a mistake had been made in the name and that the Dr. Stille referred to was the husband of Mrs. Alfred Stille, nee Miss Katharine Blackiston. The many friends of Mrs. Alfred Stille will be glad to learn that Dr. Alfred Stille is enjoying good health. It was his brother who died.

Lieut. Morris K. Barroll.—First Lieut. Morris K. Barroll is in command of the now famous Utah Artillery. The fighters from Utah have won immortal honors by their conspicious bravery along the fighting line in the Philippines, and this is no slight compliment to the dashing young officer from Kent, whose splendid work at Iloilo, where he was wounded in the arm, and later on the island of Luzon, has called forth the warmest praise from Gen. Miller and other superior officers.

Mr. Leary Paralyzed.—It will be learned with regret that Mr. George E. Leary, of Grey's Inn, was stricken with partial paralysis on Wednesday night of last week. Mr. Leary had been reading until ten o'clock at night without making any complaint of feeling in any way unwell. When he arose to go upstairs to bed, he took the lamp, as was his custom, but Mrs. Leary noticed that he walked unsteadily. He then asked her to take the light and went to his room, and upon reaching his bed fell helpless across it. The left leg and arm are affected. Mr. Leary is of the extensive firm of Geo. E. Leary & Son, and is one of the most widely-known business men in the county.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† Some first-rate rock fishing was enjoyed on Chester bridge last week.

† The Numsen Chestertown cannery opened for work on Tuesday morning. They will pack the product from 150 acres of tomatoes.

†*†Mr. A. H. Jester, on Saturday finished the work of posting Kent, Cecil and Queen Anne counties for the Kent and Queen Anne fair.

*†*Capt. James McCullough will bring an excursion to Chestertown to-morrow from Port Deposit and Havre de Grace, on the steamer Susquehanna.

*†*Mr. Thomas Davis, of near Hanesville, has a valuable young colt suffering with the lockjaw. No cause for the trouble can be discovered.

† A wagon loaded with two tons of ice passed over a Centreville boy's knee last week. A sprain was the only result. Good knees are those in Centreville.

† By an arrangement with Washington county an exchange has been effected whereby Cecil county gets an additional scholarship at Washington College.

† Chestertown has been selected as the meeting place for the fifth annual camp of Patriotic Order Sons of America in 1900. Prof. C. Hervey Pardee, well known in Kent, is president of the State organization.

† Brakeman W. F. Blyman made a narrow escape from painful injuries at Clayton on Friday. Mr. Blyman was at work about his train, and was caught between two cars but escaped with only a severe squeeze.

*†*A big excursion from points along the Queen Anne's Railroad will be run to the Kent and Queen Anne county fair at Tolchester, on Friday, August 25th., which will be "Queen Anne's Day." The Giles will bring the visitors from Queenstown to Tolchester.

*†*The steamers Susquehanna and Easton, which are both built on the same model and are almost identically the same size, had a trial of speed Wednesday night of last week, when the Easton is reported to have won. There's money that the Easton cannot beat the "pride of the upper-Chesapeake."

† Mr. Alexander Erskine, Jr., and a representative of the TRANSCRIPT, enjoyed a day's fishing on the Betterton fishing grounds on Thursday. Some fine fish were caught. Mr. Howard Turner was unable to join the party and in consequence, an eel fishing match between Messrs. Erskine and Turner was postponed. Capt. W. A. Crew had the party in charge.

CHURCH NOTES.

The *Denton Journal* says: "Notwithstanding the threatening weather, it is estimated that at least 3,000 persons visited the camp ground near Sudlersville Sunday. The preachers of the day were Rev. Mr. Sidell, of Templeville; Rev. Mr. Sunfield, of Chestertown, and Dr. Waddell, of Millington. The sermons were excellent and were listened to by large and appreciative audiences. Miss Anna Lambert, organist of the Chestertown M. E. Church, has charge of the singing and makes a most able leader. The extra music Sunday consisted of a solo by Miss May Fallowfield, of Chestertown; a duet by Miss Lambert and Mr. Weist, of Philadelphia, and a quartette by Miss Fallowfield and Messrs. Weist, Paynter and Chance. A large choir composed of some fine voices assists at each service. The quartet of the M. P. Church, Chestertown, will be present tomorrow."

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams and family, of Easton, have been spending some time at Queenstown.

Sixty-two conversions blessed the labors at Wye camp this year.

Rev. John A. Arters, of Fairlee, occupied the pulpit of the Middletown M. E. Church, Sunday of last week.

Rev. C. S. York, of Baltimore, preached to large congregations at Laurel, Del., two Sunday's ago, and was booked to preach at Melson's camp last Sunday.

Rev. K. M. Bull has been given a vacation by the sessions of Grace and Worton Presbyterian Churches, of which he is the pastor. He will not preach for three Sundays.

The Mite Society of Grace Presbyterian Church, Kennedyville, held its last meeting at the home of Mr. H. L. Davies. The exercises were interesting, and consisted of Scripture reading, prayer, songs, recitations by George Medders and Bessie Wilson; an essay by Mr. Davies and selections by the graphophone. Ice cream and cake refreshed about fifty-five guests. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Webb's home.

OBITUARY

BENJAMIN G. MERRITT.

Mr. Benjamin G. Merritt, formerly of this county, and an elder brother of Rev. J. B. Merritt and Mr. S. A. Merritt, died at Spring Grove, Catonsville, Baltimore county, Aug. 9th, aged 74 years. Two sisters also survive him, Miss A. K. Merritt, of Newark, Del., and Miss C. R. Merritt, of this county. Mr. Merritt in early life was an energetic and successful farmer near Locust Grove. From a child he was thoughtful and studious, always of temperate habits and unblemished moral character. He was the son of Benjamin Merritt and Eliza J. Black. Up to the hour of his death his health was good and the news of his sudden departure was a great shock to his friends. The remains were brought over to Betterton and from thense, conveyed by Undertaker Krusen, of Still Pond, to Shrewsbury P.E.Church where they were interred in the old family grave lot. The services were conducted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Edson.

ANDREW B. JUMP.

Andrew B. Jump, an old and highly respected citizen of the county, died at Battershell Hill, Thursday, August 10th, aged 89 years. The deceased, though enfeebled by age, was only seriously sick for one week. The interment took place at Wesley Chapel on Saturday morning, Rev. C. K. McCaslin officiating The bearers were: T. W. Skirven, G. W. Skirven, C. A. Leary, J. P. Nicholson, James Bell and Richard Bryan. He leaves two children, Mr. P. Jump, and Mrs. J. Thomas Coleman, of Still Pond.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

A delightful dance was given in honor of Miss Mary Jane McFeely, of Baltimore, by Mrs. Dr. Dudley, on Thursday evening. The home was beautifully illuminated and refreshments were served. Those present from Chestertown were: Messrs. Samuel Greenwood, Frank B. Hines, Ambrose Carroll, Arthur Bradley and John Toulson.

President C. W. Reid, of Washington College, is visiting the counties of the Eastern Shore in the interest of the college.

Miss Lillie V. Willis, of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Carroll.

Miss Olevia Wilkins, of Chestertown, and Miss Gladys Morrison, of Baltimore, are guests of Miss Julia Willson, near Edesville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bailey Myers chaperoned a jolly party from Betterton on Monday. The visitors came down in a large covered wagon. Soon after their arrival in town a heavy rain commenced. Bubbling over with fun and determined to have a good time, two ladies were appointed a committee to order ice cream and purchase watermelons. The feast was enjoyed on the Voshell House porch in real picnic style. Those composing the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Miss Avira Vailey, Mrs. Charles Vailey, Miss Agnes Cavanaugh, Mrs. William H. Moore and daughter, and Miss Maggie Street, of Baltimore.

Miss Jennie Hollins, of Baltimore; Misses Eichelberger, of York, Pa., and Miss Ethel Milby, niece of Mrs. Wm. R. Pippin, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pippin at the Armstrong House.

Mr. Henry Deaver, of the Second National Bank, is spending his vacation at Atlantic City.

Miss Mary Hurtt left yesterday to join a party of friends at Charmian, Pa.

Mr. Charles Watkins Rolph is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J. Hall, Chestertown.

Miss Rosa Rasin, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Copper, Washington Avenue.

Miss Laura Thomas is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Perkins, Jr., Philadelphia.

Rev. John S. Bowers, pastor of St. Johns Independent Methodist Church, Baltimore, with seven members of his church building committee, visited Chestertown yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the handsome Methodist Protestant church. It is the intention of Rev. Mr. Bowers' congregation to build a handsome new structure in north Baltimore, perhaps on the plan of this fine building, which is said to be the handsomest church in the Maryland Conference.

W. B. Usilton, Senior editor of the *News*, Mrs. A. M. Bowers, Misses Clara Usilton, Marian Lusby, Clare Vannort, and Messrs. James W. Chapman, Jr., and Thomas D. Bowers, leave this morning for a two weeks stay at Atlantic City. The party will have rooms at the Elberon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard and family left yesterday morning for a month's stay at Rehoboth, Del.

Mrs. Richard D. Hynson and family will leave town to-morrow for a several weeks stay at Atlantic City. Mrs. Harry Rickey and son, Harry, leave on Monday for the same resort.

Mrs. J. T. Twilley is visiting relatives in Denton.

Mrs. Annie Taylor, of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister on Mill street.

Dr. W. S. Twilley returned last Thursday to his home in Colorado.

Mr. Dixie Thomas is visiting Mr. James T. Dixon, on Queen street.

Mr. Mill Davis, of Wilmington, Del., has been visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brice are at the "Arlington," Ocean Grove, N. J.

Miss Emma Gill, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Bradley.

Miss Katie Smith spent several days in Baltimore the past week with friends.

Miss Eva Clayton, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Nettie Russell, High St.

Miss Anna DeFord, of Baltimore, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Kate DeFord.

Mrs. John Smith, of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Justice W. H Lambert.

Mrs. Nettie Henley, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Wm. J. Elliott, High street.

Mrs. E. E. Graham and son, Eugene, are guests of Mr. S. Melvin, of Morgnec.

Miss Minnie Jones, of Cecilton, spent last week with Mrs. George D. Lofland.

Miss Grace Gibson, of Centreville, is visiting the Misses Anthony, High street.

Misses Lottie and Amye Russell and Miss Lillie Fowler are visiting at Harpers Ferry.

Miss Tillie Sanner, of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. F. Parks, High St.

Miss Lizzie Sappington, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sappington.

Rev. J. D. Kemp and wife are guests of their daughter, Mrs. T. S. Bordley, Spring Ave.

Mrs. Amos, widow of the late Sheriff Amos, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fleming.

Mrs. Lizzie Copper, of Chicago, is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. S. A. Copper on High street.

Miss Clara and Mr. William Green, of Baltimore, are guests at the home of Capt. and Mrs. J. Anthony.

Mrs. Lizzie Smith and husband, of New York, is visiting at her father's, Mrs. Geo. Quelet, Cannon street.

Mr. Gleason and daughter, of Illinois, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. J. W. Corey, near Melitota.

Mr. John Murphy, of Pennsylvania spent last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Green, Maple Ave.

Mrs. Richard Hynson, Miss Carrie, Mrs. Rodgers and daughter, Miss Mary, are at Jordan's Sulphur Springs.

Rev. E. C. MacNichol and wife, of Cambridge, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trew, near Pomona.

Miss Florence Davis and Mr. William Walsh, of Washington D. C., are guests of Miss Florence Green, Maple Ave.

Miss Mary Carter, youngest daughter of Mr. Fred Carter, of Newport News, is visiting Miss Fannie Smith.

Mrs. James Walmsley and Miss Daisye Munck, of Baltimore, have been visiting Mrs. Charles Smith, of near Greys Inn, Rock Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vanetta, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greenwood, Cannon St.

Mrs. Campbell, Miss Thompson and Mr. Frank Turner, of Wicomico county, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Henderson Crosby on Tolchester farm.

Mr. James W. Lambert, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Bacchus, and grandchildren, Ethel and James, are at the "Arlington" Ocean Grove.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stockton, Mrs. Charles Martinett and Mr. Fred Martinett, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Leary, Queen St. Mr. Fred Martinett is only 13 years old but tips the scales at 183 pounds.

Carl, the eighteen months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashley, of Rock Hall, fell from the second story window, a distance of thirteen feet, early Monday morning. Dr. Selby was sent for and after a careful examination reported no bones broken, but the little fellow is pretty well shaken up by the fall.

Miss Alice Downey, of Rock Hall, has been visiting Miss Lula Hatcherson, near Fairlee.

Mr. Garnett Wickham, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. Peter Hatcherson, near Fairlee.

Miss Edna Beck, of Queen Anne has been visiting Miss Lula Hatcherson.

NEWS OF THE DIAMOND.

Townsend, the Washington College base-ball pitcher, presided in what the Dorchester *Standard* declares to have been "The greatest game of base-ball ever played on the Peninsula," on Tuesday of last week. The contest was between Cambridge and Seaford. The game was won by Cambridge by a score of one to two. Townsend, for Seaford, gave but one man bases on balls, while Brooks, for Cambridge gave three. Townsend struck out 6 and Brooks 4.

There was sorrow at Betterton on Friday. A large crowd saw the Betertonians overwhelmingly crushed by the Kennedyville players. The latter players were on their mettle and put up a strong game, while the bayside players were away off in their work. Kennedy and Ryland carried off the honors for Kennedyville, and Owens carried them off for Betterton. Kennedy's running catch was the feature of the game.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Betterton.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	—4
Kennedyville....	0	3	2	5	0	6	2	2	x	—20

Mr. and Mrs. Crossley, and Master Crossley, have returned to their home in New York after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Crossley's mother, Mrs. A. A. Crossley, near Lynchs.

FROM WORTON.

Miss Luella Kastendike, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in and around Worton.

Miss Josie Porter, of near Worton Manor Beach has been the guest of Miss Nellie Ivens, of Kennard's Point.

Mrs. Kiker returned on Monday from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Philadelphia. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Lillie Caffrey.

Miss Bessie Ivens has been the guest of Mrs. Nellie Ivens, of Worton Point.

Mrs. M. E. Newsome, of Chestertown, spent several days of last week with her mother in this village.

Our cannery opened on Tuesday with a full force. The peelers arrived Monday well equipped for their task.

The young ladies of Worton Presbyterian Sunday school anticipate holding a lawn fete on the church green in the near future. The date has not yet been fully decided upon.

The picnic held at Worton Manor Beach on last Wednesday, under the auspicies of the Sunday School of this place, was a decided success. The day was fine, a large crowd present, and everything passed off with mirth and enjoyment. Cream and cake were served in abundance at about four o'clock. At 5.30 P. M. the Sassafras arrived, and the jovial Captain Tarbutton volunteered of give the picnicers a sail up Worton creek as far as Buck Neck and back, which all enjoyed. Everybody expressed themselves as never having had a better time and hoped for many more such picnics.

Master Parkes Rasin, of Melitota, is visiting his cousin, Master Barney Cooper, near here.

Rev. K. M. Bull has been granted a vacation of three weeks by his congregation. We regret very much that his two little girls are but slowly convalescing.

Quite a large crowd of our young folk participated in the moonlight and searchlight excursion from Betterton to Havre de Grace and Port Deposit on last Monday night, and enjoyed themselves very much.

Miss Maggie Anderson, of Wilmington, is the guest of the Misses Cooper near here. MADGE.

FROM CLIFF CITY.

Cliff City is commencing to show some activity. The tongers are getting their boats in order for the oyster season, though the prospects for oysters above Piney Point are poor, both in quality and quantity. There is no preceptable increase on the bars below Piney, but there is a slight increase on the whole. The season promises to be unfavorable and unprofitable.

The shipments of fruit from Cliff wharf continues fair, considering the season. From 100 to 150 packages of peaches are shipped daily, and about half as many pears, with a prospective increase in pears.

Mr. Henry Brown, who will have about 1000 packages of peaches this season, is the heaviest shipper of that fruit.

Crabs are scarce and low in price, bringing in Baltimore from 75c to $1.25 a barrel.

Church matters at Mobray are progressing favorably. The Epworth League is increasing in membership and interest; the Sunday school is in excellent condition and the church attendance good.

On last Wednesday night the following recently elected officers were installed in regular league form by the retiring president, John D. Carter: Rev. T. R. Cannon, pres., Robert Goodman, 1st vice pres.; Ida Kirby, 2nd vice pres.; Lillian Hadaway, 3rd vice pres.; Bertie Hadaway, 4th vice pres.; Emma Woodmender, secy.; Maggie Stratton, treas.

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Miss Smith's Reception.

Little Miss Smith gave a charming reception to her numerous friends from 6 to 9 P. M., at the residence of her parents, corner High and Cross streets. The beautiful home was ablaze with electric lights, and the mellow glow emitted therefrom, together with the merry ring of the juvenile voices as the little callers flitted in and out the spacious parlors made the scene a veritable fairyland. Miss Ida Orem Smith is a charming little maiden and received her guests with that grace and eclat which is characteristic of a person of older years. Nor was she lacking in skill to provide pleasant entertainment for her little guests. The hours allotted to the reception were delightfully spent in games and plays, Miss Smith leading and conducting the merry-making. An elegant banquet was served at 8 30. Miss Smith presided at one end of the table and little Miss Rebecca Aldridge, the defeated candidate for the unveiling honors, sat at her right. The handsomest ornament of the banquet table was a fountain cake, made and designed by Mr. Smith's baker. When the little guests had been seated Misses Smith and Aldridge, with their dainty forks, penetrated the fountain cake and the ceremonies began. The collation consisted of delicate fruits, ices, confectionery and finely flavored cake fresh from Mr. Smith's popular bakery. A pleasant feature of the occasion occurred toward the close; when the guests were engaged in their leave-takings, Mr. Smith let go three large balloons, which, as they soared away to the far away clouds, told the outside world that this had been a great day in Miss Ida Orem Smith's life, and a memorable one for Chestertown.

A PLEASANT REMINISCENCE.

The ceremony of Tuesday recalls a somewhat similar occasion. The place was precisely the same, and the actors in Tuesday's drama, were some of them participants. Many years ago, in the days of tournaments and May queens, three charming children, Nannie Bordley, Mary Burchinal and Ida Jewell were made contestants for the honor of being crowned Queen of Love and Beauty by the successful knight at a tournament. The exercise was held in the old hall where now stands the beautiful fountain. The contest waged high, but at the final count it was found that Miss Nannie Bordley received 1200 votes and Miss Mary Burchinal 600. Harrison W. Vickers, the same silver-tongued orator who delivered the presentation address on Tuesday, was the orator on that occasion and in his own characteristic way presented the successful candidate to Sir Knight for the coronation. How true it is, that history repeats itself.

The Work Begun.

In the issue of the TRANSCRIPT of July 14th, 1898, under the caption—"Town Improvement," the following significant statement was made relative to the first step taken in the splendid work which so happily culminated on Tuesday evening, "An enthusiastic meeting was held in Stam's Hall yesterday morning, having in view the organization of a Ladies' Town Improvement Society. A large number of representative ladies were present, others sent their regrets, and a general feeling of interest was manifested by all those present and many who were unable to attend."

At this meeting committees were appointed to canvass the town and the matter was gotten into practical shape. Among others present at this meeting were: Mrs. James Brice, Mrs. J. R. Clements, Mrs. B. F. Fleming, Mrs. C. R. Twilley, Mrs. M. C. Ringgold, Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Mrs. Burchinal, Mrs. John Brice, Miss Maggie Plummer, Miss Laura Thomas, Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mrs. C. C. Hopper and others.

So it will be seen that scarcely more than one year ago the idea of beautifying and improving "Old Kent Square" first assumed practical form in the minds of the ladies.

The old square which had become so closely identified with the town, had become unsightly. The picturesque old market house in which vegetables, beef and other provisions had been sold for the use of the citizens; the old armory in which Kent's prosperous military organization, the old Kent Guards with Eben F. Perkins, Esq., as captain; Gen'l John Bordley and Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., and others as officers, had crumbled into disuse, having outlived the day of their usefulness. Old Kent Square, it will be seen, held a position of peculiar nearness to the public heart and it was but natural that the ladies should first of all turn their attention to its ornamentation and improvement. The soldiers had drilled there; many and many a time had the old muskets of the company been stacked on almost the exact spot where to day stands the beautiful fountain sending up its refreshing spray. There is, then, a sacredness in the very name.

At a meeting on the following Friday, in Stam's Hall, Mr. James Brice, by request of the ladies, presented the object of the meeting in an extremely felicitous speech, and in his capacity as a town commissioner placed the square at the disposal of the ladies to be improved and beautified as they might deem best. Mr. C. L. Dodd, another member of the board, gave his fullest encouragement to the enterprise. William W. Beck, Esq., acting for the ladies, called for expressions of opinion and short speeches of endorsement were made by Messrs. M. A. Toulson, C. C. Hopper, F. G. Usilton, Dr. S. C. Roberts, Samuel Vannort, W. F. Russell, C. S. Smith, R. Bergen, T. D. Bowers, P. T. McFeely, Judge James A. Pearce and Hope H. Barroll.

The gentlemen were then dismissed and the Ladies Improvement Association of Chestertown, was formally organized by the election of the following officers and appointment of committees:

President—Mrs. Thos. W. Eliason.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Geo. B. McWhorter, Mrs. James Brice, Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort, Mrs. E. F. Perkins.

Secretaries—Miss Clare Vannort, Mrs. Geo. Brice.

Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. F. Russell.

Executive committee—Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mrs. Samuel Vannort, Mrs. Joel R. Clements, Mrs. Wm. S. Walker, Mrs. Wm. R. Aldridge, Mrs. M. Hall, Mrs. W. F. Hines, Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Mrs. John N Dodd, Mrs. M. deK. Smith, Mrs. Jas. Bradley, Mrs. Hiram M. Brown, Mrs. James Brice, Mrs. John Brice, Miss Annie Lambert, Mrs. H. K. Shaw, Mrs. John Shuster, Mrs. Charles T. Westcott, Mrs. H. M. Thomas, Mr. M. A. Bowers, Mrs. J. H. Simpers, Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, Mrs. H. L. Boyd, Mrs. James. T. Dixon, Mrs. Jos. Emerson, Mrs. H. Rickey, Mrs. S. M. Usilton, Mrs. J. A. Catlin, Miss Gertie Lusby, Mrs. A. B. Kelley, Mrs. S. Muslin.

Collectors—Mrs. Wilbur Eliason, Mrs. C. C. Hopper, Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, Mrs. John Brice, Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort, Mrs. John Burchinal, Mrs. Jas. T. Dixon, Mrs. H. L. Boyd, Mrs. C. R. Twilley, Mrs. J. D. Bacchus, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Mrs. Wm. R. Aldridge, Mrs. George Brice, Mrs. H. M. Brown, Mrs. John D. Urie, Mrs. L. Bates Russell, Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Mrs. Horace Reed, Misses Maggie Plummer, Sussie B. Culp, Mamie Carroll, Emma Davis, Nelie Walker, Mamie Thompson, Marian Lusby, Clara Usilton.

Advisory Committee—J. K. Aldridge, Eben F. Perkins, Wilbur Eliason, T. R. Hubbard, Lewin W. Wickes.

Committee on Improvements—Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Mrs. Jervis Spencer, Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, Mrs. H. K. Shaw.

The meeting was large and enthusiastic, and in spite of hot weather and dust, within twenty-four hours the ladies had done much of the work of canvassing the town. It is gratifying to state that the response by the citizens had been prompt and liberal. A sufficient sum was already in hand to warrant the statement that the beautifying of the long-neglected and unimproved square in the centre of town was to become a spot of beauty and comfort.

It was not convenient for Mrs. Eliason to serve as president and she afterwards resigned, when Mrs Hope H. Barroll was unanimously elected president.

Miss Clare Vannort was elected treasurer of the sprinkler fund, and still has a handsome sum on deposit to be used for that purpose. Not one cent of this sprinkler fund has ever been touched.

Eben F. Perkins, Esq., prepared for the Improvement Society handsome drawings of the square to be used in outlining the character of the changes to be made, and the first sod was turned by Mr. Edward Robinson, who on Monday, August 15th, commenced to plow the square for the purpose of grading and seeding grass.

On September 20th the square had been graded to some extent, grass seed sown and the work was well under way. Mrs. Barroll, Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and the other ladies continued indefatigable in their labors, and on October 14th, a charming tea and musicale was arranged to take place on the beautiful lawn surrounding the home of Hope H. Barroll, Esq, overlooking the Chester.

The ladies, limitless in their resources, to further the ends which they so ardently hoped for, adopted still another means to swell the square fund. Tiny bags were sent to hundreds of friends accompanied by the following self-explanatory card.

Town Improvement Banquet.

To make a park for Chestertown
We send this little bag around.
Pray, slip a penny its folds between
For every year your life has seen,
And send it back (or bring) to the tea,
On Friday next, at half-past three,
Where charming music will glad your heart,
And dainties will play their usual part,
For all the townspeople will gather there
In interest of our Old Kent Square.

The following characteristic response was made by that sturdy Kennedyville smithy, John Medders:

'Tis with sincere regret that I am not able
To meet the townspeople at your "groaning" tea table,
But you will find enclosed in the cute little sack,
A penny for every year of our lives counting back;
My wife and myself and two merry boys,
Who love flowers better than they ever loved toys.
And I hope that never will horse shod by me
Put his foot on the grass or his teeth on a tree
Of your town improvement.

The work of improvement, stopped by the winter weather, recommenced with the first buds of spring, and the TRANSCRIPT, always in profound sympathy with this and every movement looking to the beautifying or improvement of Chestertown, published the following, on March 20th:

"The public squares in the center of town, which were graded and seeded in grass last fall, are green as a leek with a fresh, heavy sod, and have been further beautified by the setting out of a number of handsome Norway Maple shade trees. To increase public interest in the work, each class of the Chestertown public school was requested to name one of the trees, each minister was accorded the same privilege, and the work of planting took place on Saturday and Monday. Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Mrs. W. J. Vannort, Mrs. H. B. Simmons, Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Mrs. James Brice, Mrs. J. T. Twilley, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, Mrs. Thomas S. Bordley, Miss N. E. Gooding, Miss Hope Wickes, Miss Mamie Carroll, a number of the public school children, a representative of the TRANSCRIPT, and others, participated in the work. Mr. R. G. Nicholson furnished the trees and supervised the work of setting out.

The following is the list of names given the trees: By first grade, Eben F. Perkins; second grade, George Dewey; third grade, Colin F. Stam; fourth grade, Richard Pearson Hobson; fifth grade, Nellie E Walters; first-sixth, The Maine; second sixth, J. Lawrence Smyth; seventh, Thomas H. Topping; eighth, Mrs. Hope H. Barroll; Dr. S. C. Roberts, Bishop Phillips Brooks; Father McSweeny, Father G. A. Bradford, first resident priest of Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown; Chestertown W. C. T. U., Frances Willard; C. L. I. A., Mamie Wethered; Mrs. C. C. Hopper, Charles Wilson Peale, America's first great portrait painter, born in Chestertown; the Improvement Association, James Brice.

Suppers and festivals were held to replenish the improvement fund, with most encouraging results. Responses to the little birthday bags continued to come to Mrs. Barroll late into the spring. The following replies are interesting because of their originality:

How came you to send this bag to me,
With quest of age, which you may see
I'll not be apt to freely name,
As doubtful age conceals the same;
Of pennies asked the bag will not hold,
Instead thereof find one of gold.
Very truly yours,
(Judge) W. R. MARTIN.

My dear ladies fair.—With motive good, on town improvement bent,
For each natal day of wife and self, you ask of us one cent;
So I put my wife at sweet sixteen, and self at eighty-four,
And send, in your sack, one hundred cents, from out our little store;
Please be assured we wish success to Chestertown's improvement,
And praise your zeal in carrying out so laudable a movement;
Hurrah for you, and for your work, well may you ever fare,
Each time you try to beautify your town, and Old Kent Square.
(Rev.) CHRIS. T. DENROCHE.

Some sixty pennies more or less,
This baglet doth unfold:
It represents the years I've seen—
Politely, so I am told.
Ah! would that for each vanished year,
I might enclose a hundred here!
But be it more, or be it less,
May every penny bring,
For every blade of grass that grows,
A thousand more to spring;
May tree tops lift their grateful shade,
And shrubs their fragrance shed,
In beauty that shall never fade;
With every spring re-made,
And so, with hearty love I bear,
My tribute to "our Old Kent Square."
(Mrs.) CHARLOTTE LENOX CRISFIELD.

As the work of improvement progressed and new developments continued to take place, Mr. Walter T. Pippin contributed not a little to the work of the ladies by furnishing a highly valuable design for walks, etc. At this point Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard, though always deeply interested in the changes taking place, came forward and suggested the idea of the beautiful cement walks which are conspicious features of the square as now improved and ornamented.

Without detracting one iota from the unlimited credit due to Mrs. Barroll, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Vannort, Mrs. Toulson, Mrs. Boyd, and the long list of other devoted women, it must be said that the work of Mr. Hubbard was of incalculable value to the ladies. It was never too hot, too dry or too wet for him to devote hours of each day to a personal supervision of the work of grading, laying the walks or arranging for the fountain. His time, talent and means were lavishly given in promoting the changes under way.

It was through the kindness of Dr. C. A. Grise, of Wilmington, that the handsome fountain unveiled on Tuesday, was brought to the notice of the ladies, and on Wednesday, June 15th, a committee consisting of Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Mrs. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard and F. G. Usilton, purchased the handsome $1,200 fountain which now adorns the square.

The story of the interesting contest for the honor of unveiling the fountain, is too fresh in the minds of the readers of the TRANSCRIPT to need retelling.

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Report of the Condition —OF THE— Kent County Savings Bank

Of Chestertown, Maryland at the close of business, June 30th, 1899.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts.....		$161,764 13
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		76 87
Furniture and fixtures.....		800 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned.....		3,525 45
Due from National Banks.....		12,490 59
Checks and other cash items.		5 00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents.....		44 8
Specie.....	$6,671 80	
Legal-tender notes.....	325 00	7,096 80
Total		$185,803 32

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	$20,000 00
Undivided profits, less taxes, and expenses paid.....	7,832 32
Individual deposits subject to check	33,136 17
Time deposits.....	224,669 83
Certified checks.....	265 00
Total.....	$185,803 32

State of Maryland, Kent county, S. S.:

I, WM. F. RUSSELL cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WM. F. RUSSELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of July, 1899.

GEO. C. ATKINSON, N. P.

CORRECT—Attest:
JOHN D. URIE,
W FRANK HINES,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
Directors.

Auditing committee's Report:

We, the undersigned, committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Kent County Savings Bank, beg to submit the following report: The above statement of the Cashier, after a careful and exhaustive examination of the books of the bank, we believe to be correct, and does agree therewith. We have examined and counted the securities of the bank and find them correct.

THOMAS S. BORDLEY,
J. S. BRADLEY,
W. A. WHITAKER,
Auditing Committee.

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Reference.—Mr. P. A. M. Brooks, Joseph B. Hossinger.

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THE FAIR! THE FAIR!

Kent and Queen Anne County Fair, —AT— Tolchester Beach, Md.

AUGUST 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th,

The time is nearly here, have you made or raised something. Get ready, this is going to be the BIG FAIR OF THE EASTERN SHORE. Notice the liberal premium list reserved for Kent and Queen Anne. Send postal for a Fair Book. It tells all about it.

BRASS BANDS

Galena and Prof. Webbers' on the grounds all day.

Special arrangements made with Sassafras River Co., one ticket during fair for boat and grounds. Nothing cheap but the price. COME.

All the books of entry will be closed *at four P. M. on Monday, August 21st*, and no article or animal will be received after that time, except by special permission.

Exhibitors competing for premiums will be entitled to purchase an exhibitor's ticket during Fair. This ticket must be bought at time of making *entries*. Price 75 cents.

The Society will take every precaution for the safe keeping of exhibits, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur.

PROGRAM OF RACES —AT THE—

Kent and Queen Anne's Fair this Year has been Arranged as follows, subject to change:

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND.

NUMBER. CLASS.	PURSE.
1.—2.45 Class—Trotting.....	$100.00
2.—3 Year Old Class—Trot or Pace.....	75.00
3.—2.24 Class—Trotting and Pacing.....	150.00

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23RD.

4.—2.30 Class—Trotting.....	$100.00
5.—3.30 Class—Trot or Pace, Kent and Queen Anne's horses only, Bikes barred.....	75.00
6.—2.20 Class—Trot or Pace.....	200.00

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH.

7.—2.25 Class—Trotting.....	$200.00
8.—2.32 Class—Trot or Pace.....	100.00
9—Free for all, Pace or Trot	300.00
10.—Grand Running Race, Kent and Queen Anne's horses only, (by request) Half-mile dash.....	30.00

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH.

11.—2.19 Class—Trotting.....	$150.00