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LOCAL MATTERS.

A Fine Record.—Prof. A. B. Burris captained the Laurel base ball team during the past summer and is reported as having pitched some fine ball. His team won the championship of the peninsula and captured four straight games from the strong Cambridge team. His record has been a series of brilliant successes during the season just closed.

Secured Foreign Labor—Superintendent Snodgrass on Tuesday secured twenty-five Poles from the city to work in the Chestertown cannery of Isaac Robinson. Mr. Snodgrass made every effort to use only local labor but found it a costly experiment. It should not be forgotten next winter that with more than two hundred men, women and children idle in Chestertown a local factory was forced, in spite of strenuous efforts to do the contrary, to import foreign labor.

A Pleasant Outing—Messrs. Wm. R. Aldridge, John H. Aldridge and Capt. Thomas Storkes, who two weeks ago left Chestertown on Mr. J. K. Aldridge's yacht, the Hesperus, for a cruise on the upper Chesapeake, returned on Sunday afternoon. Mr. J. K. Aldridge left the party at Betterton on Saturday and drove to Chestertown. They enjoyed fishing at Betterton, visited Elkton and other points, and feasted on rail birds killed on the Cecil county marshes. Because of the absence of high tides the shooting was not what was hoped for.

A Queer Epitaph.—Judge James A. Pearce, during his visit to New London, Connecticut during the past summer, visited an old grave yard and copied the following interesting epitaph on Captain Richard Lord, deceased, May 17-1692:

The bright star of our Cavallrie lyes here
Unto the State a Counsellor full deare,
And to the truth a friend of sweete content,
To Hartford Towne a silver ornament.
Who can deny to poore he was releefe,
And in composing paroxysmes was chiefe.
To marchantes as a patterne he might stand
Adventuring dangers new by sea and land.

The spelling and capitalizing are just as they appear upon the old gravestone.

Profitable Orchards.—Mr. Wood, on Eastern Neck Island, is the most fortunate peach grower of the few fortunate ones in Kent county. Up to last Saturday he had shipped between ten and eleven thousand baskets of fruit, which, it is stated, netted him eighty cents per basket. Report has it that he still has about two thousand baskets to ship. Mr. Robert Wikes it is stated has shipped between five and six thousand baskets. Possibly neither of the Kent countians can beat the single tree record of Robert Haddaway, of Talbot county, who from one tree gathered twenty-six baskets of fine fruit which netted him ninety cents a basket.

What Does this Mean?—Sunday a colored excursion from Chestertown visited Smyrna to attend the camp meeting which has been in progress for a week or more at Bethel Church, in "whopping." Good order was preserved throughout the day, and many of the visitors from Maryland afforded the colored people much amusement by their peculiar dress and antiquated style. The five carloads of excursionists left in the early evening for their homes, much pleased with their visit here.—*Smyrna Call.* The idea that Smyrna colored folks should be amused at the dress of their Chestertown visitors is truly amusing.

Fine Wharf Property Sold.—M. deK. Smith, attorney named in mortgage, sold on Tuesday to Jeff D. Bacchus and Fred G. Usilton, the fine wharf property of the late Capt. Wm. D. Burchinal, for $4,150. The property has a frontage on Chester river of 415 feet and a depth of 270 feet ten inches, with a driveway of 13 feet 10 inches. The improvements consist of two large warehouses and an office. President George Warfield of the Chester River Steamboat Co. bid on the property up to $4,100. The property is elligibly situated and the price paid is considered cheap by many business men of Chestertown.

Bids for Dredging.—Bids were opened in Wilmington on Monday for $27,500 worth of dredging in Broad Creek and Nanticoke River, in Delaware, and Choptank, Chester, Manokin, Pocomoke and Warwick Rivers, in Maryland. The figures were as follows: Baltimore Dredging Co., of Baltimore, 12 4-10 cents per cubic yard, place measurement; to begin work on October 15th next, and finish December 1st, 1900. River and Harbor Improvement Co., of Camden, N. J., 14½ cents; to commence December 1st next, and finish January 1st, 1901. American Dredging Co., of Philadelphia, 15½ cents; to begin October 15th and finish November 1st, 1900.

Its Hundred and Eighteenth Session.—Washington College commenced its hundred and eighteenth session on Tuesday under most auspicious circumstances. Students began to arrive on Tuesday morning and are still coming in. President C. W. Reid states the full capacity of the college will be called into requisition in accommodating the large number of students. This will be the case particularly in the Normal department, the outlook being for a large number of young ladies from every section of the Eastern Shore independent of the State students. No changes were made in the faculty for this year and all of the teachers are back and ready for work.

Tramps Robbed the House.—Three white tramps who have been working for Mr. George Rash on the Crowding farm, near Worton Station, are suspected of robbing Mr. Rash's residence on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Rash left home in the morning leaving the house securely locked. Upon their return they found that the house had been entered by having the window forced and that the rooms had been generally ransacked and left in a state of confusion. Bureaus were opened and a general overhauling was made in the different rooms by the thieves. An investigation disclosed that a small sum of money, some jewelry and other articles had been taken. The articles taken were principally trinkets and bridal presents given Mrs. Rash at the time of her marriage several months ago. The three tramps had disappeared and the officers were at once put on the track, and the police authorities of Baltimore telegraphed to look out for them, and on Monday they were arrested as they were about to leave the steamer Kitty Knight and lodged in prison. Officer John A. Duyer, of Worton, went to Baltimore Tuesday morning and brought them to Chestertown via Buck Neck that evening, and turned them over to Sheriff Roe. When seen by a TRANSCRIPT representative they gave their names as Weaver Kirtley, Dorsey Steine and Lee Jackson, and stated that they were from McKeesport, Pa., that they left there about two weeks ago to take a trip, arriving in Baltimore about the middle of last week and were sent to Kent on Friday last by Mr. Richard S. Usilton to work for Mr. William Shinn, but Mr. Shinn was not at the boat to meet them and on Saturday morning they walked out to Mr. Rashe's and applied for wook. Mr. Rash hired them and put them to cutting off corn. They were given a hearing before Justice Wilkins yesterday afternoon, plead guilty to the charge and were held for the action of the grand jury.

CHURCH NOTES.

Dr. Tag's Itinerary.

Rev. Dr. F. T. Tagg, editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, who was appointed the agent of the twentieth century fund at the last session of the Maryland Conference, when the movement was inaugurated for the purpose of raising $20,000 with which to build a publishing house in Baltimore city, began an itinerary on Sunday to last two months. During this time Dr. Tagg will visit over half of the conference, and will speak daily. The itinerary includes the following charges: Harford, Deer Creek, Susquehanna, Cecil, Clayton, Kennedyville, St. James, Chesapeake, Crumpton, Queen Annes, Kent Island, and on through the Eastern Shore, Delaware and Virginia.

Pentecostal revival services will be held in the Chesterton M. E. Church, beginning September 24th. The program will be as follows:

September
Sunday, 24th, at 10.30 A.M. Revival Meditation
7.30 P. M. Revivals Hindered.
Monday, 25th, " " Dr. S. C. Roberts.
Tuesday, 26th, " " Rev. J. G. Cannan.
Wednesday, 27th, " " Rev. J. T. Richardson.
Thursday, 28th, " " Ep. League Rally, Address by Pastor.
Friday, 29th, " " Rev. S. P. Shipman.
October
Sunday, 1st, Church and Sunday school Home Coming.
Monday, 2nd, 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. M. Gill.
Tuesday, 3rd, " " Rev. Clarence Jones.
Wednesday, 4th, " " Rev. E. P. Roberts.
Thursday, 5th, " " Rev. J. M. Arters.
Friday, 6th, " Bread Breaking Service

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† Dr. T. B. Willson has a cherry tree in full bloom.

† Judge James A. Pearce left for Elkton court on Monday.

† Mr. Crow, 94 years of age, is ill at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. John Bell.

† Why should not Kent have a trial of the rural free-delivery of mails? Let's ask for it.

† Kent county had decided frost on Friday morning. So say the early birds who were out in time to see it.

† The number of spindles in the old Mallalieu Mills, near Millington, is to be greatly increased. The enterprise is a success.

† Miss Alice Dreka, at the public school at Sassafras, was seriously injured by being struck in the eye by a base-ball last week.

† The rain fall of yesterday afternoon and last night as shown by the government register of M. deK. Smith, was 2 20/100.

† Elijah Strickline, colored, is having erected on College avenue, the finest residence owned by a colored citizen in Chestertown.

† Rock Hall citizens are now considering an organization for protection against fire. Such an organization is a good thing to have.

† Mr. Earle Fisher, of Denton, a student of Washington College several years ago, has enlisted for three years in the United States cavalry, and is off for South Dakota.

† Mr. George S. Biddle picked tomatoes from his patch thirty-eight of which filled a peach basket to overflowing. It was presented to William M. Slay, Esq.

† Blackiston, at one time a student of Washington College, and a brilliant base-ballist, is now postmaster on the battle ship Indiana. He has been in the navy for several years.

† The expert has reported on the improvements to the draw of Chester bridge. He estimates that it will require $200 to repair the draw, and was contracted with to do the work for $199.

† The Chestertown Chapter of the Epworth League has selected as delegates to the District Convention which meets in this town in October, Miss Ella Simmons, Miss Anna Burchinal and Mr. Owen Crow.

† A Sassafras farmer last week was awakened by a noise in the chicken yard. Supposing it to be caused by a dog, fired and killed it, upon investigation he found that he had killed a hog weighing 150 pounds.

† Fully five hundred persons attended the elegant supper given by the ladies of St. Paul's P. E. church on Thursday evening. The ladies surpassed all previous efforts in the sumptuousness of the feast.

† John Laska and Cornelius Hicks were arrested and lodged in jail by constable Legg, of Rock Hall, charged with assaulting Mr. L. Greenspon on Tuesday of last week in his store. The trouble arose over a watch.

† Margaret Jarman, the little five-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. Allen Jarman, while crossing the road in front of her parents home on Monday evening, was run into by the team of some unknown person and painfully injured

† The Queen Anne Railroad Company has secured a five years lease of the old Bay Ridge wharf on Light street. The company's new twin-screw steamer, Queen Anne, is nearing completion, and they anticipate the building of another fine boat.

† Florence O. DuHamel has been granted an absolute divorce from Wm. DuHamel, to whom she was married October 9, 1899, in Philadelphia, and who abandoned her in April, 1895, while they were residing at Millington, Kent county. They have no children.

† Misses Lillian E. Maslin and Mary E. Coburn, both of Rock Hall, are the only representatives from Kent in the State Normal School. Why should Kent county girls go to the State Normal at all? Washington College offers equal if not greater advantages.

† It is claimed that a glut of colored oystermen turn up in the fifth district each season, purchase licenses and of course are registed and become voters. While Rock Hall tongers have no objection to bona fide citizens sharing the benefits of the oyster beds with them, they do object to marauders coming in.

† Mrs. Mary A. Downey, who died at Rock Hall recently in the eighty-sixth year of her age, has fifty-one living descendants. She was the mother of James M. Downey, a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, and Charles an elder in the Seventh-Day Adventist church at Rock Hall.

† The supper given by the ladies of St. Johns Catholic church, Rock Hall, on Saturday night, was an unqualified success. It is estimated that six hundred persons were in attendance. The gross amount taken in was about $300. The menu was elaborate and every thing was perfectly cooked and in the greatest abundance.

OBITUARY.

DANIEL SMITH.

Daniel Smith, an old resident of Chestertown, died at his home on High street, on Monday morning, after an illness of nearly three months with kidney trouble. He was seventy-one years of age on Sunday last. Mr Smith was a shoemaker by trade, and for many years had worked in Chestertown. He was a brother of Mrs. Annie Kelley, of Chestertown, and of Mrs. Edward J. Plummer, of Baltimore. Two sons, Hubert and Wilson, of Baltimore, survive him. Interment was made in Chester cemetery yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. J. M. Gill officiating. The pall-bearers were: Capt. J. H. Thompson, Messrs. Geo. C. Atkinson, T. Waters Russell, Daniel Cox, Jas. W. Chapman and E. N. Roland.

GEORGE H. CANNAN.

Mr. George H. Cannan, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Chestertown, died at his home on Cannon street, Monday evening, of jaundice, aged 63 years. The deceased had been in ill-health for several years. Mr. Cannan was down town on Friday, and stated to a representative of the TRANSCRIPT that he felt better than for some time, but was taken with chills on Saturday and compelled to go to bed, rapidly growing weaker until the end came. He leaves a widow and six children, viz: Geo. H., Jr., John C., Foster, Gussie, Bessie and May.

Mr. Cannon was born in Queen Anne county and learned carpentering with a Wm. Hollingsworth at Wye Mills; he came to Kent county after the late war and worked with the late M. H. Stuart for some years. Later he became a contractor and builder in which business he continued until his death. He was married in 1870. Mr. Cannan was very found of music and was one of the organizers of the Old Kent Cornet Band under the leadership of the late John H. Redue.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. M. Mill and Dr. S. C. Roberts; interment at Chester cemetery. The bearers will be Geo. H., Jr., John C. and Foster Cannan, sons of the deceased; John A. Cannan, a brother, Wm. A. Wheatley and James W. Chapmam.

WILLIAM W. COLEMAN.

Mr. Wm. W. Coleman, a highly respected citizen of the fifth district, died very suddenly at his home near Rock Hall, last Thursday evening, of heart disease, aged 71 years. The deceased had been in apparently good health; he had eaten a hearty supper and was at work on a canoe when the death messenger made his sudden call. He leaves a widow and eight children, five boys and three girls, all grown. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the church of the Seventh Day Adventists, conducted by Elder W. H. Herrel. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. Henry Beck, Henry Bullen, James Taylor, Charles Downey, John Judefind and Nicholas Drear.

JAMES FOWLER.

Mr. James Fowler died at his home, Flatland, last Thursday, after a lingering illness, aged 72 years. The deceased was a brother of Mr. Lewin S. Fowler, Chestertown, and leaves a widow and seven children, four boys and three girls. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. B. Merritt, interment in Union cemetery. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Purnell Jefferson, W. J. Tarbutton, Franklin Crew, Harry Cooper, Benjamin Davis and Daniel Jewell.

BIG FIRE AT ROCK HALL.

Three Residences, a Hall and a Store Destroyed on Friday Morning.

NOBLE WORK BY CITIZENS.

Rock Hall, the pretty Kent county village on the shore of the Chesapeake bay, was visited by the first big fire of its history on Friday morning. The first intimation the slumbering people had of impending danger was an explosion which shook every building in the place. Windows rattled, and, says Mr. Benjamin Durding: the pitcher in the basin in my bedroom made a noise as if some one had struck against it roughly. While all were wondering what had taken place three distinct cries of fire rang out on the air, and in less than five minutes nearly every man in the place was rushing to the Knights of Pythias hall near the centre of the village, where the fire had been located.

Just at 3 o'clock Mr. Lee Durding, who lived in one of the neatest homes in a village where neat and pretty homes abound, arose to prepare for a day's work on the oyster bars when he noticed the reflection of a light on his window. His wife, who was also awake noticed the reflection and remarked that some one was passing with a lantern. Mr. Durding had already discovered that the store of Louis Greenspon in the K. of P. hall was in flames. He, with remarkable self-possession turned to his wife and said:—"Don't be frightened; get the children and some things together and go up to mother's and make yourself comfortable, Greenspon's store is on fire and our home cannot escape. I will do the very best I can." In another moment a terrific explosion occurred and the building was in a full blaze.

A number of sturdy, willing men had arrived, and buckets were collected from every quarter of the town, and the great fight with the fire commenced. It was perfectly calm, and with adequate ladders it is generally thought that the home of Mr. Durding could have been saved, but it was impossible with buckets to overcome the effect of the intense heat on the end of the building and it was soon in flames. Some of the furniture and a portion of the family's clothing were removed to a point of safety, and though the furniture was badly broken, it was saved. Unfortunately, the winter clothing which hung in an upper room, was forgotten and lost. Mr. George W. Parks, who was conspicuous by his daring and splendid work, made a narrow escape from a horrible death. He was in an upper room when a portion of the roof fell in, and was forced to use a bucket of water which he had carried, in putting out the burning embers which fairly smothered him. Next the Durding house stands the comfortable home of Mr. David Ayres. Knocking off the cap of the chimney Mr. Parks took his position on the top, and while the noble efforts of the bucket brigade furnished water he kept wet blankets and pieces of carpet as a protection to the building, and saved the houses in the lower section of the town. Fortunately, a slight breeze, which had sprung up set the blaze and the intense heat directly from adjoining buildings. A house in the rear of the hall owned by the Knights of Pythias, and occupied by Capt. Thomas F. Brannock, fell in the track of the flames and was destroyed, though some of the contents of the house were saved. The house across the lane belonging to A. Alexander, and occupied by George Apsley, in spite of the splendid efforts of the firemen, was totally consumed, though the furniture was saved. The fire was gotten under control about 4.30 o'clock. Had the wind set from the north or south a great number of pretty homes and several stores would have been reduced to ashes.

Mr. Greenspon, who kept the store under the hall, was absent from home, having been in Baltimore for two days attending the Yom Kippur festival of his church. The store had been locked and bolted for two days and a night. What caused the terrific explosion he does not know since there was no gun powder in the store and only about two gallons of coal oil in a tank. So great was the force of the explosion that the heavy iron bolts and straps with which the doors and windows were fastened, were bent like ribbons. Some think that the explosion resulted from a barrel of cottolene which was in the store.

Several parties who passed the store at about ten o'clock on Thursday night noticed a light under the door but supposing that the proprietor had returned, made no investigation whatever. The origin of the fire continues a mystery. While the fire was at its height the wells gave evidence of failing and the gravest fears were felt that a great portion of the town was doomed. The furniture in all of the houses in the immediate vicinity of the fire was removed to places of safety.

The hall above the Greenspon store was used as a meeting place by the Knights of Pythias, Junior Order American Mechanics, the Orientals, Independent Order Odd Fellows and the Daughters of America. The Junior Order books were fortunately not in the hall and were consequently saved. The paraphernalia of all the orders was burned. The regalia of the Knights was insured. Their loss was $200. The loss of the Odd Fellows was $200, and the Daughters of America $100. The ladies of the last named order had a meeting on Thursday night and completed all arrangements to attend the funeral of Miss Ella V. Joiner, a member of the order, on Friday afternoon.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

The Knights carried $1200 insurance on their hall, in the Kent Mutual. They also owned the house occupied by Mr. Brannock but carried no insurance on it. The Odd Fellows carried $150 insurance on their regalias in the Norwich Union, represented by James G. Beck.

Mr. Greenspon took stock only a few days before the fire, and valued his stock at $2,700. He carried insurance on his stock in the Kent Mutual for $1,500.

Mr. Durding's house was insured through the agency of Harry L. Boyd for $700, and his furniture for $200.

Mr. Alexander's house, occupied by Mr. Ayres, was insured in the Kent Mutual for $267.

A handsome sabre, presented to the Knights of Pythias by Mr. L. R. Shewell, and used by that gentleman on the stage in many of his greatest triumphs as an actor, was taken from the ruins a warped and misshapen thing.

The TRANSCRIPT's representative reached the scene of Rock Hall's great misfortune early Friday morning, and was the only representative of the press present.

FROM GALENA.

Mrs. L. C. Hayes, who has been so ill, has sufficiently recovered to go on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Petticord, in Baltimore.

Mrs. R. A. Wilson has been quite sick, but was somewhat better yesterday.

Mr. Smith, of Calvert county, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hicks.

Mr. Charles Layman is giving the Galena school building a fall suit of paint. He has just finished painting the residences of William T. Hicks, and Mrs. Emory, at Georgetown.

The Mechanics are still at work on the prospective tournament for October.

Messrs. John Brice and John Blackiston were up last week and rented the Galena band hall for the purposes of registration and election.

Rev. A. P. Prettyman has as his guest, his sister.

Tomato growers are shipping their stock to George Numsen and Son, Baltimore. It is reported that the price has dropped from eleven to eight cents per basket.

Mr. Frank P. Cochran is not only done cutting corn but had a man husking his new crop on Monday.

Mr. Cochran is just completing a large granary, has remodeled his stable, built shedding and had a large amount of other building done.

Rev. A. P. Prettymen has built a large shed, and has otherwise improved his property. Mr. C. J. Scott is also among the gentlemen who are aiding the Galena building boom.

We have had two prominent musicians in our midst. The organist of Dr. Talmage's church was in town, and Mrs. Thorne, a niece of Mrs. Peacock, is a charming performer on the piano, and delighted all those who heard her.

SIMON.

October Registration.

Tuesday, October 3, 1899; Tuesday, October 10, 1899, and one day for revision only—Tuesday, October 17, 1899. The registration office will be open from 8 A. M. to 7 P. M.

THE GREAT success of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the treatment of bowel complaints has made it standard over the greater part of the civilized world. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll left yesterday for a trip to New York, Boston via Falls River, and Rye Beach, Massachusetts. They will be absent about ten days. J. Leeds Barroll, Mr. Barroll's brother, is at Rye Beach.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. Sunfield is convalescent from her attack of typhoid fever. Dr. Hines, her attending physician, paid her his last visit yesterday.

Mrs. Celeno Newman has returned from a visit to Delaware Water Gap. She is delighted with the picturesque beauty of the place, and says that its wild grandeur must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Mrs. Wm. Coulter, of Baltimore, is the guest of her mother on Mill street.

Miss Annie Duling, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Biddle, near town.

Miss Boston, of Delaware, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Price, Still Pond.

Mrs. Valk and Miss Valk, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Walker.

Mr. Philip Travers, purser on the steamer Louise, spent last week in Chestertown.

Miss Maud Lyons, an attractive young lady of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Mary Elliott.

Mr. Harry Willis, an employe of Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia, has been visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Elder Albaugh and daughter, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mrs. J. S. Vandegrift on Cross street.

Miss Nellie West, of Swanton, Garrett county, has been awarded a scholarship at Washington College.

Miss Augusta Aldridge was given a delightful surprise by her many friends last Tuesday evening at her home on Main street.

Mr. James Blackiston, of Rock Hall, who has been quite ill, was on Thursday of last week carried to the Baltimore Hospital for treatment.

It is reported that the health of Mrs. Dodd, wife of Rev. Julius Dodd, a former pastor of the Chestertown M. E. church, has greatly improved since leaving Chestertown.

Prof. C. W. Prettyman, son of the Rev. C. W. Prettyman, D. D. of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, has been elected to the chair of French in Dickinson College.

Mrs. James E. Crew, of Quincey, Ill., and Mrs. Arthur Larrison, of Hannibal, Mo., wife and daughter of Mr. Crew, an old resident of Kent, are visiting relatives and friends in Kent.

Ex-police officer A. B. Frazier, visited his family here last week.

Mrs. Georgetta Cooper is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Etta Gillespie will attend Normal Hall from Cecil county.

Mrs. W. A. Melvin and infant daughter, are guests at the home of Mrs. Melvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peregoy.

Mrs. Nickerson and daughters, of Morgnec, will remove to Chestertown next month and occupy the Kemp home on Washington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, left on Tuesday afternoon for Boston and other northern points of interest. They will be absent about a week.

Mr. Jonathan K. Crew, of Sparrow's Point, is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. Jesse R. Copper, in Kent. Mr. Crew has been in the employ of the great steel works for 19 years.

Miss Hallie Toulson, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Toulson, was the recipient of a handsome gold watch on Friday last, the occasion of her eighteenth birthday. It was a present from her grandfather, Gen'l. John Bordley, who personally presented the gift with a few well chosen words of love and affection.

JOHNSTOWN FLOOD RECALLED.

The Chesapeake Bay Covered With Logs and Debris.

A New York "subscriber" to the TRANSCRIPT, asks a series of questions relative to the location of Johnstown, the point of greatest loss and destruction resulting from the great Johnstown flood of May 31st, 1889.

Johnstown is situated in Cambria county, Pa., at the junction of Stony creek and the Conemaugh river, on the western slope of the Alleghany mountains, seventy eight miles east of Pittsburg. The population of the town was about 25,000, over 6,000 of whom were employed at the Cambria Iron Works. The disaster was largely due to the breaking of the dam of Conemaugh lake and reservoir, the property of a number of wealthy gentlemen of Pittsburg, who constituted a corporation called the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club. This sheet of water was in the mountains 200 to 300 feet above the level of Johnstown, was three miles in length, from one to one and a quarter wide, and in some places one hundred feet deep. The dam was from 700 to 1000 feet wide, 90 feet in thickness at the base, with a height of 110 feet and a breadth of over 20 feet at the top.

The lake had been swollen by continuous rains. The immense volume of water swept down a v-shaped valley and joined Conemaugh creek and finally into the Susquehanna river, thence into the Chesapeake bay. The breaking of an immense boom on stony creek added to the work of destruction of the flood.

A dispatch from Havre de Grace, under date of June 3rd, says: Looking southward for miles from Havre de Grace, the mouth of the Susquehanna, and far out into the bay the water is thickly covered with floating logs. By careful count 12,000 logs swept past Havre de Grace every hour. The piles of cut timber, door frames, sashes, shingles are *not* counted, and it is estimated that over 70,000,000 feet of cut and uncut timber have passed Havre de Grace since yesterday morning. This represented the vast lumber interests of Williamsport, Conowing and minor points on the Susquehanna.

It was estimated that one million logs, equaling one hundred and fifty million feet, were swept into the Chesapeake bay, accompanied by an amount of sawed lumber in various forms, which it would be impossible to estimate. One-third of this amount was held within a line drawn from Swan Point to Love Point; one-third was driven near or in the mouth of the Choptank river; the balance scattered as far down as Point Lookout.

It was estimated that the salvage of twenty five cents on each log would reach $300,000. One lumberman calculated that it would take seven ordinary sawmills two years, employing seventy hands, to cut the acummulated logs on the Kent and Queen Anne shores.

MATRIMONIAL.

Early Fall Weddings Solemnized in the County.

ROBINSON—SMITH.

A quiet and impressive wedding was solemnized in the Betterton M. E. Church on Tuesday evening. The contracting parties were Mr. Harry Robinson, a successful young farmer of Morgnec, and Miss Katie Smith, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Owens, of Betterton. The bride wore a pretty gown of white Henrietta. The happy young couple will reside in Morgnec.

MEEKS—O'MEARA.

A quiet but very pretty wedding occurred at the parsonage of the M. E. Church, Pomona, at high noon on Thursday, Sept. 14. Mr. Lawrence Meeks, of Philadelphia, and Miss Katie K. O'Meara, of Pomona, were united in marriage by Rev J. R. Cannon, pastor of Bond M. E. Church. The bride and groom, accompanied by a few friends, left immediatly for Prices station and thence to Philadelphia where they will make their home. We join their many friends here in wishing for them a long life of wedded happiness.

A WITNESS.

SIMMS—JONES.

The wedding of Wm. Edward Simms, of near Fairlee, and Miss Blanche Stella Jones, of Baltimore, was solemnized at Worton Station, Wednesday evening last Rev. J. D. Merritt, D. D., officiating.

CHESTERVILLE NOTES.

Mr. J. W. Mann and wife have returned to their home in Newark, Del., after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Kent. Johnnie will ever have a vivid recollection of his fearful struggle in the blizzard of last February. He came near perishing. A section boss living along the railroad heard his cries and pulled him out more dead than alive. He was on his way from his place of business to his home, one mile distant, and was overcome.

Mr. Geo. M. Stevenson, of Smyrna, is visiting his father-in-law, Mr. John Stephenson. He reports his mother-in-law, Mrs. Cosden, as greatly improved.

Our projected creamery seems to have "died a borning." The originators here seemed to think that they couldn't procure a sufficient quantity of milk to begin with, which we believe is 4,000 lbs. We know nothing concerning it, but can say that a fair share of good sense, strict integrity and a vigorous push are a combine in which people trust. The farmers around this place and the excellent breed of stock will compare favorably with any in the county, and we can't see why it should not have been a success. The young man who studies to be a doctor does not stop to learn how many patients he may have. The student at law how many clints may engage his services, but goes ahead and awaits further developments.

Mr. C. G. Carey has been elected an officer of the Epworth League.

Mr. Harry Curbell's infant son is quite sick. Dr. Sheppard is attending him.

OCCASIONAL.

IT WAS A "SHARK SUCKER.'

Peculiar Fish Caught by Mr. James H. Gale Near Tolchester.

Mr. James H. Gale, of Tolchester Beach, Md., recently submitted to the Baltimore *Sun* a queer-looking fish for identification. It was caught near Tolchester.

The specimen was about 16 inches long and had a skin like an eel's seemingly entirely devoid of scales. The body was elongated, tapering behind; the lower jaw was longer than the upper, with the head decidedly flattened. Above the head was quite a long oval disk, presenting from the middle of both sides oblique transverse cartelaginous plates, arranged like the slats of a Venetian blind.

On the middle of the under surface were spine-like projections connected by short bands with the skull and vertabræ. The thin upper margin was beset with fine teeth. By means of this apparatus, partly suctorial and partly prehensile by the hooks, these fishes attach themselves to rocks, ships, and the bodies of other fishes, especially to sharks. They are thus when fastened to ships or fishes transported where food is abundant, and often from the tropics to temperate regions. They do not feed on the fish to which they attach themselves, but on small fish and floating animals.

Mr. George M. Bowers, United States Fish Commissioner, says of the specimen, which was forwarded to him:

"It is the species commonly known as 'shark sucker,' 'sucking fish' and 'remora' (*Echeneis naucrates*). It ranges from Cape Cod southward to the tropics, and is not uncommon on our coast and in the Chesapeake bay. The peculiar structure on the upper side of the head, suggesting the sole of a rubber shoe, is a modification of the dorsal fin, by means of which the sucker attaches itself to sharks or other large fishes, apparently causing them no inconvenience, and feeding on the remnants of the shark's meals. There are a number of other species found on our coast, but this is by far the commonest and best known."

October Registration.

Tuesday, October 3, 1899; Tuesday, October 10, 1899, and one day for revision only—Tuesday, October 17, 1899. The registration office will be open from 8 A. M. to 7 P. M.

New Advertisements.

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In pursuance of an Act of Assembly, passed at the January Session, 1890, chapter 203, the undersigned, Treasurer of Kent Co., hereby gives notice that for the purpose of receiving the

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

in said county, for the year 1899, he will sit in the several Election Districts as follows:

MONDAY, Sept. 18th.....Millington
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20th.....Galena
THURSDAY, Sept. 21st.....Kennedyville
FRIDAY, Sept. 22nd.....Still Pond
MONDAY, Sept. 25th.....Betterton
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 27th.....Worton
THURSDAY, Sept. 28th.....Fairlee
FRIDAY, Sept. 29th.....Rock Hall

☞ Between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. At all other times will be at the Treasurer's office in Chestertown.

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