

The Transcript.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

Mr. Perkins Will.—The will of the late Eben F. Perkins, was filed for probate in the Orphans Court on Tuesday. Mr. Perkins left his entire estate, real, personal and mixed, to his widow, and named her as executrix. Letters were granted on Tuesday.

A Prolific Cow.—Mr. J. B. Price, of near Locust Grove, has a cow which in two years and ten months gave birth to and raised five calves. The twins were a male and female, or what are known as Free Martins. It is claimed (and it is a fact) that free martins will not have offspring. Mr. Price will "experiment" along this line. This holds good only in the case of calves. Judge F. H. Harper has an ewe which last year raised three lambs which he sold at the top of the market price.

Their First Game.—The first game of base ball on the Washington College diamond this season will take place on Saturday next, April 12, between the College team and the Oxfords, of Baltimore. Efforts are being made to secure Catcher Zearfoss for the college. The Baltimore team has played fine ball so far this season. Samuel Townsend, the college's new pitcher, arrived on Thursday and may make his first appearance in this game, or it is possible that Burris, Zearfoss' old partner, may pitch.

Burke's Fate.—The final fate of Lloyd Burke, the assailant of little Helen Tarman, is attracting wide-spread interest in both Kent and Queen Anne counties. Burke himself is evidently more than hopeful that he will escape with a life sentence which will eventually be cut short by a pardon. A Transcript representative, while in Centerville on Tuesday, was told by a gentleman who claimed to know whereof he spoke, that the condemned man will not be hung but will be given a life sentence. Public opinion is divided as to what would be the most practical justice to be meted out to the prisoner.

Accident to the Queen Anne.—The fine steamer Queen Anne, of the Queen Anne Railroad, made a narrow and thrilling escape from being wrecked during the gale of Monday night. With a heavy sea running and the wind blowing with cyclonic severity, some portion of the steamer's machinery broke while she was in the bay. She at once swung round into the trough of the sea and lay helplessly at the mercy of the storm. The waves flooded her engine room, her anchors failed to hold, and the situation was alarming. When almost on the Man O' War Shoals two tugs went to the Queen Anne's assistance and towed her to Baltimore on Tuesday morning.

Oratorical Contest.—The two committees of judges for the Oratorical Contest to be held on Friday, April 25, are now complete. The committee on thought and composition are Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, of the Pratt Library, Baltimore; Dr. C. Ernest Smith, Rector of St. Michaels and All Angels Church, Baltimore; and Judge James Alfred Pearce. The committee on delivery will be Hon. G. M. Upshur, Baltimore; Rev. Mr. Turner, of Washington, D. C.; and Dr. M. Bates Stephens, State Superintendent of public schools. These contests are occasions of intense interest, and no one should fail to be in attendance. Mr. Horace W. Nicholson, of Chestertown will represent Washington College as orator; Mr. Emmett S. Hitch, of Seaford, Delaware, as alternate.

Seventeen-Year Locusts.—State Entomologist Quaintance includes Kent and Queen Anne in the list of counties to be visited by the seventeen-year locusts this spring. It is of importance to fruit growers to know that, according to Prof. Quaintance, the severity of the brood over any given territory will naturally be variable, and nothing definite can be stated on this point. The insects are likely to be most numerous in forest groves, particularly of white oak or other woods where the natural conditions have been but little disturbed. High and well-drained situations, where the soil is a rich sandy loam, seem also to be favorite localities. Fruit trees planted the past fall or the present spring on land that has been but recently cleared, will very probably be severely injured. The sluggish habits of the adult tend rather to concentration than to dissemination, and the insects do not ordinarily move far from the point of their emergence. Injury from the cicada punctures on such favorite trees as oak, hickory and apple is likely to be quite noteworthy. Young apple and other orchards more or less surrounded by woods, or on recent clearings, are likely to suffer worse. The punctures in such trees so weaken the twigs that they may be broken off, and in those that remain the after-effect may be quite serious from the warty and knobby-like wounds, which as long as they remain open, are a source for the entrance of various injurious fungi and in decay.

New Company Organized.—The Canning and Mercantile Company of Kent county, which has succeeded to the business of the Isaac Robinson Company, has organized under its charter of incorporation with Mr. Isaac Robinson as president, Mr. Samuel H. Pippin vice-president, Mr. George E. Silver treasurer, and Mr. D. J. Wood, secretary, with head office in Chestertown, at which point Mr. Wood will be in charge. Mr. Pippin will conduct the Still Pond branch. The company starts out under good auspices and Kent county extends it a cordial welcome. We understand it is meeting with success in contracting for tomatoes but still has room for a few acres. Those who have been holding back will do well now to contract before the list closes. Mr. J. Lawrence Ady is the general outside representative of the company at this point. Mr. Jos. S. Clark will assist Mr. Pippin at Still Pond while Mr. J. W. Moore will continue his connection at this end.

LITTLE LOCALS.

*The acreage planted in potatoes in Kent will be unusually large this year.

*The commissioner's of Chestertown have decided to pave the east side of Calvert street, from Mill to Kent; and Cannon street, on the west side, from Mill to Mrs. S. M. Usilton's lane.

*Arthur Alston has been appointed Keeper of Standards of Weights and Measures.

*John Seney, living on the farm of Mr. Wall's, near Still Pond, accidentally shot himself in the leg on Saturday.

*Engineer C. S. York, made a survey of the streets of Denton for water works this week. It is hoped that the town will be supplied with water before the close of the coming summer. A stand pipe will be used.

*A big three mast lumber-laden schooner arrived in the Chestertown harbor on Sunday.

*County-Treasurer Albert Story, of Queen Anne, on the 31st of March had alfalfa six inches high. So much pleased is he with the experiment that he will greatly increase his acreage this April.

*Unusually high tides prevailed during the recent western gales.

*Contractors W. S. and A. M. Culp are building the two double houses for Mr. Joel R. Clements, on Scott street.

*State Entomologist Quaintance was in Chestertown on Thursday examining spraying experiments in the orchards of Capt. R. S. Emory. He was highly gratified with what he found.

*Mr. Dennis J. Wood, who will conduct the Chestertown business of the new Canning and Mercantile Company of Kent county, has assumed charge of his post. He is one of the incorporators.

*Twenty shares of stock of the Citizens National Bank of Havre de Grace, belonging to the late Judge Frederick Stamp, have been sold to Mr. Joseph Coudon for \$2,000.

*Chester river is fairly teeming with fine rock fish.

*That veteran horseman, J. B. Pennington, will train at Tolchester this spring and summer.

*A prominent gentleman, and one who should know whereof he speaks, offered to bet heavy odds that the railroad will be extended to Chester river this spring and the depot brought near the business centre of town.

*The Second National Bank of Chestertown has purchased an arithmometer, or adding machine. With this wonderful contrivance thousands of figures may be added or multiplied as fast as it is possible to set them down.

*The oyster's vacation is almost here. The open season is on its last leg.

*As a result of a "hitch" somewhere the advertising for bids for a draw for Chester bridge will all have to be done over again, entailing some delay in the completion of the needed improvement.

*Contractor William R. Pippin has commenced work on the fine "glass front" improvement of Mr. R. F. Parks.

*Messrs. Columbus A. Leary and Jesse R. Copper, have been succeeded in the board of Alms House trustees by Mr. John McGugan, of the second district, and Mr. Abe Casey of the fifth.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Howard Fowler spent the Easter holiday in town, the guest of his parents. Mrs. W. H. Stewart and Miss Ethel Stewart, on Saturday returned to their handsome country home, White Hall, after having spent the winter in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Culp, and little daughter, of Baltimore, spent last week guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Culp, Washington avenue.

Mrs. James A. Pearce on Monday delighted a few of her little friends by giving them an Easter egg hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Slay spent last week the guests of friends in Camden, Del.

Mr. George C. Perkins, of Philadelphia, is spending a week the guest of friends in Chestertown.

Miss E. B. Wickes and Miss Ethel Coleman spent part of last week in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and children, of Lewes, Del., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Bordley, during the past week.

Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, principal of Easton Primary School, spent his Easter holiday in town.

Misses Edith Frazier, Iris Anthony and Anna Sappington spent the Easter holiday in Baltimore.

Mr. Milbourn Davis, of Wilmington, spent the Easter holiday with his mother, on Mill street.

Col William J. Vannort will preside and act as toastmaster at the annual banquet of the Union Veterans of Maryland, to be held at the Eatow House, Baltimore, on Wednesday next. Col Vannort, as president, will extend the address of welcome. Toasts will be responded to by United States Senators, Congressmen and noted officers of the Civil War.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bottomley, of Millington, spent Sunday the guests of the Misses Stuart, Queen street.

Miss May Cannon, cashier in Mr. C. S. Smith's store, enjoyed a week's vacation, visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Grice, daughter of Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Grice, of Easton, has been the guest of Miss Mabel Toulson the past week.

Mrs. Carrie Wallis, of Washington, D. C., spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sappington. Mrs. Wallis has a very desirable position in Washington.

Messrs. Eldridge and Holt Eliason are guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Eliason.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese A. Crew, and son, Harold, of Wilmington, have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Crew's mother, Mrs. J. Hodzkin, Queen street.

Miss Julia Davis, daughter of ex-sheriff John C. Davis, returned home from Baltimore last Tuesday on account of ill health.

Mrs. Sallie Stratner and son, Fred, of Wilmington, are guests at the home of Mrs. A. P. Matthews. Mr. Fred Stratner, who was so unfortunate as to lose both arms, has provided himself with artificial arms and hands.

Miss Breslow, of Clayton-on-the-Hudson, New York, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. M. Usilton.

Mr. Ellis Morrison, of Arkansas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. R. Micon, at the College. Mrs. Micon had not seen her brother for eighteen years and knew nothing of his visit until he walked into her home on Tuesday evening.

The County Card Club gave Mrs. Alexander Kennedy a delightful surprise on Friday night. The guests began to arrive at about 8 o'clock taking their host entirely by surprise. Cards and social intercourse, followed by refreshments, constituted the evening's pleasures.

Miss Belle Emory is the guest of the Misses Mary and Julia Burchinal.

Mr. F. H. Russell, the new superintendent of the Chestertown Electric Light plant, has brought his wife to town and will establish himself in a pleasant home.

Mr. Harrison Vickers is substituting for Miss Hoover as teacher in the public school at St. Paul's Church. Miss Hoover is quite sick at her home in Baltimore.

Mr. Samuel Greenwood attended the pleasant Easter German given by the young men of Cambridge on Monday. An orchestra of fifteen pieces furnished, what Mr. Greenwood declares to have been as fine music as he ever danced to. It was the most elaborate social affair given in Cambridge in many years.

Misses Sophie and Bertie Beck, Susie Sutton; Messrs. J. Page Strong, Samuel Greenwood, Ambrose Carroll, Earle Nicholson, Bert Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. McCauley, Samuel Hurlock and Raymond Walbert, of Kent, attended the Easter dance at Middletown, Del., on Tuesday night. Six pieces of Albert's orchestra, from Philadelphia, furnished fine music.

Miss Mamey Rayner, of Baltimore, is visiting Col. and Mrs. W. J. Vannort, Front street.

Miss Minnie Massey on Thursday afternoon entertained a number of little friends in honor of her nephew, Master Herman Massey, of Massey, Md. Games followed by refreshments were enjoyed.

Miss Kitty Morgan, of Leonardtown, St. Mary's county, is the guest of the Misses Willson, at Edesville.

CHURCH NOTES.

Interesting Services in Some of the Churches To-morrow.

Because of the absence of the pastor of the Chestertown M. E. Church, Rev. E. P. Roberts, the Easter services and exercises by the Sunday school were postponed until tomorrow, when the programme will be elaborate and pleasantly varied. The pastor will preach in the morning, taking as his theme, The Resurrection.

The special music will be: Anthem,—"Hail Glorious Morn"; Giff; anthem,—"Angel, Roll the Rock Away"—Mrs. Adams. Sopranos,—Anna Lambert, organist; Bertie Burchinal, Hallie Toulson, Laura Thomas, Annie Bryan, Marietta Loud, Sue Lambert. Altos,—Fannie Stuart, Mabel Toulson, Ethel Coleman, Mary Brown. Tenors,—A. S. Hall, leader; J. Wilber Thomas, Cordray Loud, T. S. Bordley, J. F. Thompson. Basses,—Walter Sparks, Walter Bennett, R. H. K. Gill, Mr. Hitch.

Evening Program. Opening Chorus—"Morn of Life".....School Responsive Reading.....School Chant—"I Am the Resurrection".....School Prayer.....Pastor Passover Song.....Elizabeth Brown Easter Greeting.....Elizabeth Brown An Exercise—"Easter Day".....Four small children. Easter Carol.....Primary Department Song—"Wake, Sweetest Strain".....School

Recitation—"He Shall Rise.... Ethel Ringgold An Exercise—"Cross Bearers.... By five boys Solo and chorus—"Beautiful Story of Easter" Song—"The Mighty Victor".....School An Exercise—"Do You Hear?".....by four girls Responsive Reading by male and female voices Song—"The Morning is Breaking".....School Recitation—"He is Risen".....Daisy Barnes Remarks relative to offering. Song—"Praise Him".....School Benediction.....Pastor

AT ST. JAMES.

St. James M. P. Sunday school will have an "Easter Concert Exercise" Sunday morning, April sixth, at 10.30 o'clock, held in the interest of Home Missions. A special collection will be taken for this cause.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Revs John M. Gill and J. B. Jones have been asked to fill Dr. D. L. Greenfield's pulpit in Christ Church to-morrow, one for the morning and the other for the evening service. It is not known positively whether or not both gentlemen can come, but Mr. Gill is fully expected to come. The Conference will supply ministers for a number of pulpits within a convenient distance of Centerville to-morrow.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Dr. Alfred Smith, was sadly afflicted during the absence of Dr. Smith at conference. She was summoned to the bedside of her father, Mr. Samuel Bratt, at Oxford, and arrived only a few hours before her father's death. Dr. Smith was also summoned but did not arrive until several hours after the end came.

"Saul's Conversion will be the subject at Grace Presbyterian Church at 3 P.M. to-morrow, and at Worton Presbyterian Church at 7.30 P.M.

Sunday School at Grace at 2.00 P. M., and at Worton at 10.00 A. M.

BROSIOUS SMEDLEY'S HENS.

Envious of Kent County Records Brosius Writes a Dissertation.

The Transcript has challenged, and continues to challenge the world, in a laying contest with Kent county hens. The records of the henneries of "a Chestertown lady" Mrs. Gove Everett, Mrs. James Bramble and others, have gotten across the line into Delaware and a flush of jealousy animates Brother Brosius' cheek and he rushes into print, challenging the whole of Pennsylvania and any where else.

Brosius Smedley writes:—"In your issue of 14th inst. was noticed a little dissertation in egg culture, by Mrs. Joseph Bentley, of Wagon town, Pa., stating that her 60 hens produced 90 dozens of eggs in January, and 25 dozens in February. Tell Mrs. Bentley she has no reason to be discouraged. Her hens show considerable evidence of thrift, and we congratulate her on her industrious flock. But down here in Delaware, in the land of the 'Blue Hen's Chickens,' we have them singing to much livelier music. Our 23 hens laid 16 dozens of eggs in January, 15 dozens in February, and 20 dozens in the first 24 days of this month. This does not include several eggs which got broken during the still hours of the night; although perfect eggs, the hens in their enthusiasm and devotion to duty, were evidently dreaming of their mission in life and imagined they were on their nests. But without lamenting over what 'might have been,' the unbroken record still remains a pretty substantial one for lumber and coal yard stock.

Very sincerely, Brosius Smedley."

ATLANTIC CITY FIRE-SWEEP.

Atlantic City was visited by a conflagration Thursday which destroyed \$750,000 worth of property. The fire started either in the Marlton Hotel or in Brady's bathhouse. The following property was destroyed:

The Luray and its annex, the Norwood; Stratford, New Holland, Berkeley, Bran Mawr, Stickney, Eward, Rio Grande, Academy Hotel and Academy of Music, Windsor and Marlton.

Among the stores and other places of business burned were Keeler's drug store, Freisinger's art store, Brady's bathhouse, John's drug store, Nabass and Kazars Oriental goods store, Haines, the florist; Shimamura's Japanese and China Hop Hing's Chinese novelty shops, Flett's art store, Partridge & Richardson's dry goods store; the Woman's Exchange, Quinn's hair dressing establishment and Moyer's jewelry store.

Young's Ocean Pier blazed fiercely, the marine Hall in the centre being entirely destroyed and the fire cutting the big pier in two sections.

The fire, occurred in the "extra hazardous" district, where insurance rates are very high and little insurance was carried. There is only \$10,000 insurance on the Academy of Music and Academy hotel, where the loss is \$125,000.

Hundreds of Baltimoreans were at Atlantic City spending Easter week, and many were guests at the hotels that were burned, which were in the midst of the "Baltimore colony."

A dog overturned a lamp and started the fire.

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