Kent News.

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Democratic Primaries.

Pursuant to a call of Chairman Wm. S. Walker of the Democratic County Executive Committee, the committee met in the court house at ten o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, May 5, 1891, with the following members from the respective districts present:

First District—C. J. Scott, substitute for J. Fletcher Wilson; C. O. Cacy, Isaac Gibbs, Thos. E. Roe, Noble E. Pennington.

Second Dist.—Dennis J. Nowland, W. J. Hurlock.

Third Dist.—R. C. Smyth, Dr. John H. Hessey, J. Raymond Bowers, Geo W. Rodenhiser, John H. Ivens.

Fourth Dist.—W. S. Walker, Hope H. Barroll, J. M. J. Byron, C. F. Stam.

Fifth Dist.—R. Sterling Jones, substitute for Earle R. Strong; Edgar H. Strong, Geo. E. Leary, Harry S. Francis, Morgan Brown.

It was ordered by the committee upon motion of Colin F. Stam:

"That the Democratic voters of each district meet on Saturday, June 6, at two o'clock P. M. at their respective polling places and select as they may deem proper, either by appointment of their chairman, or in such other way as the meeting may designate, fifteen discreet and unpledged men to represent their district in county convention to be held at Chestertown on the following Tuesday, June 9, at eleven o'clock A. M., for the purpose of selecting and nominating for the suffrages of the people one candidate for the Senate, two candidates for the House of Delegates, one candidate for the Clerk of the Circuit Court, one candidate for Register of Wills, one candidate for State's Attorney, one candidate for Sheriff, three candidates for Judges of the Orphans' Court, five candidates for County Commissioners, and one candidate for County Surveyor, and also to elect a County Executive Committee for the term of four years, and until their successors shall be elected, provided the convention shall deem it advisable to continue said committee.

"We would also recommend that the convention give the chairman of the present committee authority to call the new committee together for the purpose of organization and the transaction of any business coming within their authority."

H. H. BARROLL, Secretary.

Local Talent on the Stage.

The entertainment given in Stam's Hall Tuesday evening by the Y. W. C. T. U. was a grand success. The audience, however, was not as large as it might have been, about 135 being present. The program opened with a farce entitled "The Matrimonial Advertisement," in which Miss Minnie Smyth, of Fairlee, brought down the house by her inimitable acting, while Miss Fannie Simpers, Miss Anna May Downey, Wm. Stewart and Paul Graham sustained their parts well. This was followed by a well-rendered quartette "Away the Bowl" by Misses Julia Thompson, Marian Lusby; Mr. W. W. Chapman and Dr. H. L. Dodd. In response to encore they sang "Sweet and Low."

The event of the evening was the comedy "The only young man in town." This play was well acted and reflected great credit upon the participants. Prof. E. J. Clarke took the leading role of the only young man in town. The story of the play is that of a city gentleman who goes to a country village to spend the summer. It happens that he's the only young man in the town. He is invited out to tea and meets five young ladies, the elite of the town. They nearly talk him to death and it is impossible for him to get a word in edgeways. He prepares to go home and they all scramble for their wraps so as to be ready to go home first. It takes two or three to put his overcoat on and finally the young widow walks off with him leaving the others in the lurch. He had to return after each one separately and by the time he reached his boarding house he was "but the shadow of his former self." He vowed to his hostess that he would rather live in the desert of Sahara, be eaten by mosquitoes, etc., than to be caught in that village another day. He made up his mind to eschew the society of the fair sex forever. Miss Julia Thompson as the literary lady played her role perfectly; Miss Sue Lambert as the coquettish lady made a hit by her winning ways; Miss Minnie Maslin as the young widow carried Mr. Brown off triumphantly, and as usual got ahead of the young ladies because the widow had the experience; Miss Grace Greenwood and Miss Anna Stewart also acquitted themselves well; Miss Maggie Anderson and Miss Fannie Simpers were perfectly at ease in their parts and seemed to have caught the spirit of the play.

"Call John" was rendered by the quartette Misses Thompson and Lusby, Messrs. Dodd and Chapman. This is a difficult piece of music but a pretty one and being the first time it has been sung in public was greeted with hearty applause. The quartette certainly deserve credit for its excellent rendition. They also sang "I'm Gwine Back to Dixie," with solo by Miss Thompson in a very charming manner. Prof. J. Harmon furnished the piano music. The program closed with two silhouettes illustrating the work of the "Y." The entertainment was not as much a financial success as it was desired.

College Notes.

The entertainment to be given by the college students for the benefit of the Athletic Association will take place on the 15th next. Rehearsals every day are now being held, and the public can anticipate an evening of mirth. We hope a good audience will be present. The object of the entertainment ought to insure a full attendance.

Dr. J. H. Willey will deliver the annual address before the Mount Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, June 22d.

W. Tingle Dickerson, Esq., of the class of '76, a member of the Worcester county bar, will deliver the oration before the Alumni Association, on the 23d of June.

The executive committee are making strenuous efforts to make the re-union this year surpass all previous occasions.

The declamation contest this year promises to fully sustain the reputation of the college in this particular.

The base ball club plays at Rock Hall to-day.

Full Dress Affair.

Last Friday night for the second time in its history, Washington College Hall was the scene of a delightful dance. The same handsome decorations which were so much admired at the reception given one week previous by Dr. and Mrs. Reid, added considerable to the beauty of the large and classic hall. The ceiling was filled to its utmost capacity with beautiful hanging lamps, and the floor could not have been improved in the least. It was announced to be full dress, yet while this was not strictly adhered to, most of the ladies were in evening costume, which contributed greatly to the merry scenes. Prof. Eugene Wilson's orchestra furnished the best music of the series. It will probably be the last dance until the comencement hop. The committee of arrangements were Messrs. George Brice, C. C. Perkins and R. F. Duer. Among those present were:

Miss Houston, of Pocomoke city; Misses Hallie and Mary Beck, Eunice and Sallie Gemmill, Nannie and Daisy Brice, Sue, Fannie and Jennie Wilkins, Julia and Belle Emory, Mamie, Anna and Enda Strong, Mary and Hallie Ireland, Emma Gilpin, Belle Aldridge, Hope Wickes, Laura Jessop, Millie Comegys, Mary Hurtt, Bell France, Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Messrs. C. R. and George Adkinson, of Philadelphia; Prof. E. J. Clarke, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Messrs. R. D. Hynson, C. W. Perkins, Harry Catlin, R. F. Duer, Wm. Brown, E. F. Perkins, Sam'l Beck, Geo. Brice, F. Houston, Page Strong, H. C. and A. Constable, Robert J. Emory, Tommy Perkins, C. C. Perkins and F. W. Carter.

THE Smyrna Board of Trade have decided to advertise the town in the New York World, for which they will pay $300. Easton and Elkton did the same.

PEACHES STILL SAFE.

Late Observation In Kent—Reports from Other Sections.

The past two weeks have given us some trying weather on the young peach and in fact all other fruit, but we have no reason to believe the prospect for a good crop has been seriously marred. The frosts of last week were followed by others on Sunday and Monday night of this—that of Monday night being the heaviest of all. The lowest point reached during the time named by the NEWS office thermometer was on Tuesday night when it stood at 39° at 10 o'clock. On Wednesday morning early it was 41° and did not get above 49° during the day and there were frequent snow squalls. But for clouds and high wind the frosts would have been fearful on Tuesday and Wednesday night. In our last issue we gave quite a number of personal views on the outlook; a few more this week will not be out of place.

Numbers of orchards have been examined this week to determine the effect of this last severe weather, and the general verdict is that the crop is yet safe.

Commissioner Groves, who is one of the largest growers in the county, says the prospect was never better for a crop. He thinks it will not be possible to determine the effect of the late frosts until after the seed begins to form. The "June drop" will tell the tale.

Mr. Joseph R. Usilton, in Worton, has made careful examinations of his orchards and thinks his crop will be short. The injury by frosts is very preceptible, and this opinion is shared by his neighbors in regard to all their orchards.

Dr. S. Beck has made a careful examination of his orchards. He says the effect of the last cold snap cannot be determined for some time yet, and he anticipates a tremendous "June fall." The purple and brown appearance of the young peach indicates injury to some extent. His Smock and Reeves are most shy. Strong and vigorous trees may bring out the young fruit all right, but feeble trees will likely fail of a crop.

Mr. John Brice showed us this week a twig from his cherry trees on his farm at Lankford and it was as full as it could possibly be. They were the white mountain variety.

Mr. Chas. H. Hurlock says he has plenty of peaches on his trees and thinks the prospect good for a big crop.

Mr. Samuel Burgess, at Edesville, says: There are many killed but plenty left.

Mr. Dennis J. Nowland, in the middle section of the county, is of the opinion that there are yet plenty on the trees.

Mr. J. R. Bennett, Kennedyville, also says he never had a better prospect, and thinks there has been no serious injury yet. But he has known the crop to be killed by heavy frosts late in May.

Mr. J. Frisby Newcomb showed us on Wednesday twigs of several varietes cut from his orchard near town. They were as full as they could well be and if one-fifth of them remain he will have a big crop. Mr. Newcomb cannot see that any harm has been done his fruit; neither yellow nor white. He thinks the leaves have protected them from frosts.

Mr. Abe Crawford thinks the peaches have been hurt some, but has a good prospect yet.

Mr. Wm. Carter, of Worton Station, says he has an abundance so far. The recent weather has been very trying on them but owing to their advanced stage and thick foliage they have escaped harm.

Mr. J. W. Crowding reports his orchard hurt to some extent. There are 1500 of his trees that are seriously hurt. He says his Duchess pears are also hurt bad by the frosts.

Mr. Crew, of Betterton, says his Duchess pears are nearly all gone. His other varieties promise a good crop.

Hope H. Barroll, Esq., says he was very much scared Tuesday and would have taken $50 for his crop of peaches but the wind kept the frost away and he still has a good prospect. He says this weather is very trying on the nerves of those who have so much depending on fruit. He reports his Duchess pears hurt to some extent.

Mr. Thomas Gale, Worton, thinks the crop prospect yet good, and a large general yield will be the result if no further harm occurs.

Mr. J. W. Skirven says his peaches have been hurt to some extent but thinks he has a good prospect.

Mr. J. E. Newcomb, of the lower district, thinks his crop has been seriously injured by the late frosts.

Dr. J. Horton Kelley, of Locust Grove, says the prospect in his neighborhood is for a good crop, although the frost has hurt some of the buds. This he thinks was necessary as there were too many for the trees to hold before the frost.

Mr. Cully, of Quaker Neck, says there are more peaches on one of his trees than four trees could hold if they were to stay on. He says the frost has done good in that it thinned the peaches out a little.

Mr. Charles Long lives on Mr. Thomas Gale's farm and has had sixteen years experience in peach culture. During this time he has never overestimated his crop. He says if what are on his trees will stick he will have one-half a crop.

Dr. Ford, who has some very fine orchards in Queen Anne's, says the frost has done some damage but the prospect for a big crop is excellent.

Mr. S. Vannort, Chestertown, an intelligent and close observer, and one of our extensive fruit growers says:

At your request I give you my opinion of the peach prospect as far as I have examined but, sometimes I think after hearing from others I may err in my judgment. I have examined no orchards but my own therefore I can only speak for them. Thursday I went through three of my orchards and upon examining the four year old found that there was not one variety in it that had as many peaches as the trees could bear and in the old one I found only two varieties with enough upon them, and those were Troth's and Heath, and in the other I found only two varieties with a sufficent quanity and those were Troth's and Red Rareripe. I don't believe the others will average much more than half a crop.

A special from Lankford, dated May 6, 1891, says: There was *Ice* here this morning. It was in a trough that runs water from the pump, to the horse-trough.

Mr. Albert Groves showed us Thursday a twig about two inches long which was taken from Mr. Frank Lamb's orchard in Quaker Neck. The twig had *nine* big healthy peaches on it. The tip ends of the leaves had been touched by the frost, but the fruit looked perfect being protected by the leaves which hung over them.

We heard of a lady in Virginia who owned an orchard of apricots and in order to save them from frosts has a watch kept up all night and fires burning in various places about the orchard. She tried this last year and while her neighbors were wailing about the scarcity of fruit she was getting immense prices.

Mr. Lucas Aldridge says he examined his trees this week and finds the yellow fruit hurt, but other kinds are yet abundant.

Mr. S. G. Lee says the prospect for a big crop of peaches is good. The cold weather was good for them if it did not retard their growth.

Reports from Elsewhere.

The hopes of WICOMICO orchardists and truckers were blasted by a killing frost. The strawberry yield is reduced to one-half. The peaches are nearly all killed, while pears, apples, cherries and other fruits have suffered greatly.

Until Tuesday night, when the frost and chilling weather came, the strawberry crop of CAROLINE county promised to be unusually large. The night was calm and clear and exceptionally cold. On Wednesday morning it was found that the strawberries had been greatly damaged, as well as other fruits and early vegetables. There is still a lingering hope that the peaches have not been seriously injured, as they were considered to be beyond frosts. The leaves of the trees afford great protection, and as the live young peaches were getting to have some size, it was thought nothing less than a big freeze would seriously injure them.

Ice formed in DORCHESTER county and there was a light covering of frost on the ground, but the impression, or rather the hope, is that the peaches are far enough advanced to withstand the shock. Although the temperature was as low if not lower, Wednesday night than the night before, the breeze continued, and it was hoped that the blighting effect of the frost would be counteracted by it. The fall of peaches prior to the present cold snap has been large, and the opinion is expressed that there will in no event be more than half a crop in Dorchester county.

It is generally believed that all the early truck and fruits are very much injured in SOMERSET. Peaches in that county have also suffered very much.

Great fear is expressed in TALBOT as there was snow and ice Wednesday morning. The same fears are expressed in CECIL.

A dispatch from Western Maryland says: Some of the peach-growers in the neighborhood of Edgemont built fires in their orchards to protect their fruit. The neighborhood of Oakland, Garrett county, was visited by a genuine winter storm Tuesday night. The mercury fell to 26° which is 6° below the freezing point, and snow fell to a considerable depth. The foliage, which was well advanced, is frozen stiff and seems to be dead. The weather was also severely cold in Allegany county, as it had been for a few days previously. Great fears were entertained by all the farmers for the safety of the fruit.

Reports from Delaware.

A Middletown special to the Morning News says the general opinion is that peaches have not been injured. Snow has fallen, but it is thought that the heavy foliage will afford protection for the young peaches.

A Georgetown special says peaches, apples, strawberries and vegetables were greatly damaged by frost. There was only one fourth of a crop of peaches before the cold wave and some growers now think it has been killed. Others hope that the fruit was too far advanced to be injured.

A Lewes special says that what few peaches were alive before the cold snap are now probably seriously injured. The extent of the damage cannot be ascertained for a few days. The growers do not expect to raise enough of the fruit for home use.

A dispatch from Dover says strawberries and peaches have probably escaped injury.

Hope Dead with the Peaches.

Milford News.

Sussex county and lower Kent is in sackcloth and ashes over the loss of the peach crop. The destruction of the buds is not complete, but so general in the section named that the crop cannot be over one-fourth. People unacquainted with the facts, and especially those living in the cities, say that this is the customary "peach scare," and that there will be a plenty of the favorite fruit. The general outlook for peaches on the balance of the Peninsula is good, so far as reported, but in the section named the buds are upon the ground and not on the trees. It has not been many years—less than ten—since farmers knew whether their peaches were killed in spring or not—at least, whether they had enough for a crop. But recently the Peninsula farmer has given the peach a great deal of thought and observation, with the result that he knows more about this uncertain fruit.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

Live Items from the Metropolis—A Challenge for Dr. Beck's Club—Improvements, etc.

A jolly party embarked on board the swift little steamer Gratitude Thursday of last week from here to attend the oyster mass meeting in Baltimore, all bent on a determination to do their level best to prevent the lease of the bottoms of the bay and tributaries. D. was disposed to do his whole duty. He obtained a place on the stage and several gentleman in the audience concluded to call him for a speech but noise and shortness of time prevented them. About midnight the great meeting adjourned, when the delegation sought their boarding places, and after an hour's discussion on the situation they retired. Next morning inquiry mas made for several gentlemen who had not turned up. On the return trip everyone endeavored to make as much enjoyment as possible. The discussion of the oyster question was indulged in to some extent, every effort being made to prevent the Col. and L. getting together, but in an unguarded moment the Col. walked in when an animated discussion was entered into, which seemed to mar the pleasure hitherto enjoyed. The Col.'s views do not seem to meet with approval from our oystermen, who are ready and willing to give as well as take; they think the State should receive some direct revenue from the oyster industry. After landing at the wharf here, all hurriedly started for their homes. L. did not get far before he returned to the wharf, but whether it was to have another word with the Col. or he had forgot something we could not tell.

The Odd Fellows, who went to Baltimore on the same trip the oyster delegation did, also had an eventful time. On landing at Light street wharf, it is said that B. went into a junk shop to buy a letter stamp; later it was reported that S. was seen sitting on the sidewalk winding his celebrated clock, with an eye on Gail & Ax's tower obtaining the correct time. Taking dinner at the custom house dining room, S. tried to create the impression on guests that R. was a glutton, by piling the empties near R.'s plate, but S. did not get them out of his own circle, so the effort did not succeed. Then B. who had been served with a delicious cup of coffee, plunged his spoon into the salt service, supposing it to be sugar. He was told it was salt, but not being satisfied with this statement, he withdrew the spoon and tasted the salt to be convinced of his mistake. After dinner all proceeded up Gay street until within a few doors of Odd Fellow's Hall, when they observed a black goat in a large window eating hay and drinking beer, the boy's being so much impressed with the idea of riding a goat in the course of a few hours, stopped and wondered if that was the Odd Fellows' goat, concluding if it was, there would be no difficulty in mastering him, but on that idea, they were disappointed for they soon found the goat of odd fellowship to be mighty indeed. However, all returned home on Friday safe and sound, but the effects of the ordeal through which they passed were plainly visible to the eyes of their neighbors. They have since made all necessary arrangements to try the metal of others next week at their institution.

The excitement in this section on last Saturday, caused by the murder among tramps, has abated and everybody feels truly thankful that the trouble was not of our own people, who as a whole, are law-abiding, honest and thrifty as their general surroundings will testify.

General improvements being the order of the day, we find Mr. Joseph Downey finishing the Hall above his store room to meet the demands of the public for a commodious place in which to hold entertainments, &c. Mr. John Hogan is also improving his fine property by erecting an addition thereto; Mr. W. T. Harrison is adding an upper story to his building, which is a decided improvement, and Mr. G. W. L. Colyer is adding a very handsome porch to his dwelling, which is the right improvement in the right place. Jack Allen the boatman is putting a new dress on his dwelling recently purchased from Mr. Wm. Hudson. Thus it is seen that thrift and taste prevails, and everybody is happy, except, perhaps Joe and Will, whose discomfiture several nights ago seemed to have paralyzed them for awhile. When their best girls' mamas very unexpectedly intercepted them on their way home from a young people's meeting, and said unto them, I guess "I can see these girls home."

We are sorry to learn through Henry, that Ben's eyesight is becoming defective, in consequence of which his aim is not so true as in the past. We had hoped that he and Jack would continue as effective in the use of the gun in future as in the past until every worthless cur had succumbed to their deadly aim. Think if Ben did not practice so much on Sunday he'd have better sight.

Miss Emma Reynolds after spending a delightful visit with friends in the city has returned home.

Rock Hall is now able to furnish an attendant for the accommodation of persons driving in, whose horses need more or less attention, so that their owners can attend to their purchasing and other business, without being annoyed by the restlessness of their team. Tunis can always be found in readiness to give strict attention to all such matters. If the parties find it inconvenient to pay him a nickle for his service, he will take pay in driving around until the parties are ready to start for home.

Captains Peter Reynolds and John Urie have returned home from the upper bay, where they have been shad fishing the present season. They report the season the dullest in 40 years experience.

Mr. B. F. Legg the district steward of the M. E. Church here, left on Thursday for Smyrna, Del., accompanied by Mr. J. W. Downey, to attend the meeting of the stewards for Easton district.

The Rock Hall base ball club have reorganized and are now ready to contest with the juvenile club of which Dr. Beck is captain, at a game on short notice. R.

A ROCK FISH weighing 18 lbs. was caught in Chester river this week off Chestertown by Mr. Daniel Cox.

Capt. Shaw's Nine Wins!

The second game of the series between Capt. Beck and Capt. Shaw's crack teams was played yesterday, and was witnessed by one of the biggest crowds that has yet turned out to see a base ball game this season. A dispatch was received early in the day showing the anxiety that is felt in London as follows:

LONDON *via* BALTIMORE, May 7, 1891.
Capt. James A. Shaw,
The province and our personality wish you success to-day.
HARRY ZCOUD, Earle of Longeville.
East London.

Baltimore was full of excitement and fears were expressed for Capt. Shaw, the betting being in favor of Capt. Beck. New York sporting circles were full of commotion and betting was about even.

Rock Hall and Still Pond awaited the result with bated breath, while Locust Grove and Kennedyville had special messengers to carry the news. Double Creekers stopped planting corn to see the game while Philadelphia mechanics stopped work to watch the bulletin boards. Princeton, Yale and Harvard had special reporters to watch the game and learn new points! Cards were up in various places about the town to the effect that the betting was 19 to 1 on Capt. Shaw and 16 to 1 on Capt. Beck.

The game was called at 3 o'clock with the following men in the field: Court St. Nine—James A. Shaw, s s; Lewin Wickes, 1 b; W. H. McFeely, c; T. S. Dodd; 1 f; J. Aldridge, 2 b; Joseph Downey, c f; C. C. Hopper, 3 b; H. L. Boyd, r f; T. D. France, p. Court House Nine—Dr. Sam'l Beck, short stop; Eben F. Perkins, Jr., catcher; Dr. Charles W. Whaland, pitcher; Hiram Brown, 2 b; C. W. Perkins, 1 b; Harry Collins, 3 b; P. B. Hollis, r f; D. A. Bacchus, l f; C. S. York, c f.

Some of the W. C. boys were enabled to get pointers on the game, especially from the pitchers, who were full of strategy, coolness and nerve. At each inning appeared a new twirler. Captain Beck's men knocked curver France out of the box in the second inning, but Captain Shaw's sluggers took fearful revenge in the next inning. Squire Dodd in left field made too much exertion for a ball and was compelled to stop from a sprained back. Captain Beck gave out in the third inning and Mr. W. M. Slay took his place. One of the features of the game was the high fly that short stop Slay took in like a veteran; he was loudly applauded for his catch, especially by the ladies. The coaching of Beck was of the professional stamp. Left fielder Bacchus took in a fly that was a surprise to the crowd as well as himself; Captain Shaw stole bases as if he belonged to a League team. Right fielder Boyd was a power in his position but the crowd near the hedge interferred with his superb playing; third baseman Collins had on mits and stopped everything (except grounders) that came in his way. Centre fielder York accepted every chance but was slightly hindered by a lame leg from getting under the aerial flys that came his way. The younger players all slugged the ball at every opportunity.

Captain Shaw's old veterans won the game in the last inning, when they piled up the runs to such a degree that notwithstanding the encouraging coaching Captain Beck to his men, sent dismay to the opponents and badly rattled them. Score 28 to 29 in favor of Captain Shaw's sluggers.

Esquire Thomas, umpire.

Don't ask them if they are sore.

Millington Locals.

The late cold weather has caused much fear for peaches and all other fruits. Gov. Biggs thinks they are all right.

Miss Helen Raisin and Miss Julia Cacy returned home from Baltimore on Saturday last after a two months' visit to the Monumental city. It will be the Monumental city while the memory of Washington is respected, and to keep his name respected the Republican party must be driven from power.

Thomas H. McWhorter, son of Thomas J., has secured a situation as book-keeper in Philadelphia with Dennis & Brittingham, fruit and produce dealers.

Mr. Thomas Holliday, who has been clerking for Dr. Hill, left here Monday for Philadelphia, where he has secured a situation. Watson Spear, of Massey's, takes his place.

The three-year old child of Steve Cooper a colored man living in the tenant house of A. Hendrickson on the public road leading from Millington to Massey, was burned to death on Thursday night of last week by the upsetting of a coal oil lamp. The father and mother had left home early in the evening and left three children in the house with the lamp burning. When near the house on their return home they saw a flash light and made all haste possible and found the lamp on the floor and the clothing burnt from the child. Their timely arrival saved the house. Dr. Hill was called in and found the child dying, the skin having been burned off the whole body, the feet only being excepted.

The Rev. J. C. Hanna was in town on Monday attending the burial of Mrs. Cannon who died in Wilmington and was here for burial. Mrs. Cannon was a Miss Corrigan and lived in Sandtown with her parents prior to her marriage to Mr. C.

A horse of W. Jarrel's attached to a deaborn in care of C. Spry, broke loose in Millington recently, ran away and tore up the vehicle.

We hear but very little politics here save that of M. deK. Smith, Esq., in connection with the comptrollership. Mr. Smith has many friends here, having spent much of his boyhood in town. We can say to all Democrats that he comes of pure stock. We knew his father and well know that he was an earnest and uncompromising Democrat of the Jefferson school. J. M. W.

The Courts.

County Commissioners, May 5, 1891.—Full board present. The recommendations of Peter Hackett, Annie Black, Harriett Thompson (colored), and Frank Barnes, Martha Thornton, Wm. Wesley Lynch, of first district, for pensions in '91, were allowed and ordered to be provided for by levy. The recommendation of Mrs. F. A. Sparks, of third district for an increase of pension, was allowed and ordered to be provided for in levy of '91. The recommendation of Susan Urie, widow of Robert Urie, and of Laura Baker for an increase of pension, both of fifth district, was allowed, and ordered to be provided for by levy in 1891. Wm. H. Coleman, collector for fifth district in 1889, presented a list of insolvents, etc., of said year, which was examined and allowed in part as to county taxes, less commissions, and ordered to be certified as to State taxes. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy in 1891, and noting transfers and abatements.

The county commissioners, ex officio the local board of health of Kent county, held a meeting, with Thos. J. Shallcross chairman, and John Dickinson secretary, pro tem. The application of Dr. W. Frank Hines for reappointment as health officer was considered, and reappointment made by order of board.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, May 5, 1891. Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Letters of administration upon the estate of John B. Stevens, deceased, were granted to Sarah J. Stevens, and James B. Willson and George L. Maslin were appointed to appraise said estate. Mary R. Wilson, administratrix of J. Frank Wilson, passed her first administration account. John P. McIntyre, executor of John McIntyre, passed his first and final administration account.

RELIGIOUS.—The hour of commencing of all the evening services at Immanuel Protestnat Episcopal Church, has been changed from half-past seven to eight o'clock, as also at the M. E. Church, Chestertown.

Presiding Elder Smith will hold quarterly conferences for Salem and Union and at Still Pond on Sunday morning and at Union in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the teachers of Christ Church Sunday school Wednesday night a committee was appointed to prepare a program for Childrens' Day.

PICNIC.—Miss Lizzie Bryant, of East Neck Island, is preparing an entertainment to be given at her school next Friday evening. A May party and picnic will be held the following Friday near Mr. R. Bennett Wilson's home. These will no doubt be delightful occasions.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore papers yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Longberry, good to prime, $1.14@$1.17.
CORN—White and Yellow, 76@80c.
OATS—59@62c.

TRAGEDY AT ROCK HALL.

WAS IT DELIBERATE MURDER?

A Man Beats Another—He is Found Dead with a Big Gash in the Forehead and a Bruised Face—The Prisoner in Jail Tells His Story to a Reporter of the News.

A shocking affair took place near Rock Hall last Friday night which caused some excitement in that village for awhile. A dredger named Lawrence Burkhardt is charged with the murder of William Gardner, a fellow sailor. The circumstances as learned on the scene are as follows:

Captain Dave Hynson, of Rock Hall, left his home last week on his bugeye Mary Antoinette for Curtis Bay after the sloop Hinkle, which he was to bring home to undergo repairs before running truck. The two boats were lashed together and arrived in Swan creek off Dawson's ship-yard about dusk. The men on board were Captain Scheminant, Edward Woods, Wm. Gardner, Robert J. Connelly and Captain Dave Hynson. Immediately upon landing, some bricks that had been used for ballast, were taken off by three of the men. During the absence of the men on shore Wm. Gardner was drowned. His body was found the next morning under the bow of the sloop Hinkle by Mr. Charles Urie. A jury of inquest was summoned by Esquire Bartus Wilkins which was composed of Mr. Charles C. Strong, foreman, John V. Coleman, Arthur Urie, Geo. Satterfield, Chas. Urie, Wm. Sanford, John Urie, Wm. Boyer, Herbert Strong, James Rodney, Jess Middleton, Frank Urie. Dr. Samuel G. Fisher examined the man and found a deep cut across right eye and face badly bruised. He said the injuries were sufficient to cause death, but the man died from drowning. A pool of blood was found on the deck, blood was also on the mast, rigging and sails.

Willie Hynson, the 12-year old son of Dave Hynson, and John Gallon, a colored boy eighteen years old, were examined. Willie said he and John were pleasuring in a row boat. When about twenty-five yards from the Hinkle he saw Burkhart strike Gardner a blow which sent him over the side of the boat into the water. Willie and the darkey then stated that Gardner swam to the sloop and tried to get up but "Burke" kicked him in the head and told him to "Drown like a man, you son of a b——!"

Edward J. Connelly testified that he was on board the boat asleep during the whole affair and didn't know anything about it. He says he heard Gardner and Burke talking about fish in a friendly way and that is all he can say. "I had been drinking and was too drunk to know anything." After hearing the evidence the jury rendered a verdict that the deceased died from injuries received from an instrument in the hands of Burkhart.

The drowned man was William Gardner, of Port Tobacco, Charles county, Md. He was about thirty years of age, unmarried. He wore a striped pair of pants, no coat, checkered shirt and a sandy mustache. He was buried at Deep Landing by Mr. James Hynson Saturday morning.

The man charged with the killing left Rock Hall early Saturday morning and was arrested by Officer Simpson while sitting on Chester River wharf, Chestertown, late that evening. He stopped in Mr. Satterfield's store and procured a piece of tobacco from Charley before starting. Constable Francis brought Capt. Scheminant, Woods, Connelly and Gallon to jail Saturday as witnesses. Capt. Hynson and son, Willie, gave bail.

A hearing was had before Squire Dodd Monday and the prisoner was held for October court, as were also the witnesses. Capt. Scheminant, who has a wife and several children was bailed out by Capt. Hynson. The others are held for $300 bail, which is expected to be furnished soon by Baltimore parties.

Lawrence Burkhardt was seen in the jail by a NEWS reporter and the following story was told by him:

"We started from Curtis Bay Thursday night and arrived in Swan creek Friday evening. We anchored in the creek between Dorsey's house and Hynson's. Capts. Scheminant and Hynson were taking bricks off the bugeye to shore which was about 150 to 200 yards off. Me and Robt. Connelly was on the sloop Hinkle at 7.30 P. M. sitting in the cabin talking, not on anything particular, but about things in general. As I came out of the cabin I met Bill Gardner, who said he wanted some whiskey. Wood, who was near by, said 'you can't get any whiskey in Rock Hall.' Scheminant and Hynson were joined by Wood, all three of whom were ashore piling bricks. I went over to the bugeye and sat on the cabin. Soon after Bill Gardner came over and grabbing me by the shoulders put me over the trunk. 'You have my pocket-book,' he said. I denied it and being again charged with it I called him a liar. He then struck me in the mouth, and I grabbed him. We rolled off the cabin to the deck with myself on top. I struck him five or six heavy blows in the face with my fist scarring my own knuckles. I then let him go and ran to the sloop. Gardner in running after me tripped and fell overboard. He cried to me to save him, but he was too far off and I had not the presence of mind to save him. I might have thrown him a rope but did not think about it until it was too late. I only saw him come up once after he fell over. I did not see anyone in a row boat. I did not strike him with a brick. The bruised face and cut forehead was done with my fist as I had a fair crack at him."

When the three men came aboard "Burke" told them that Bill was gone. And being asked how come it he told them that he stumbled from the sloop over to the bugeye, struck the foretraveler and went overboard. Barney said "Why didn't you throw a plank or an oar to him." "Burke"—"Because I hadn't the presence of mind."

The prisoner continuing to answer our questions said, "We laid still until morning, knowing that the drowned man could not be brought to life that night, and it was quite dark. Early the next morning, Saturday, the men on the boat told me I had better skip, so I started out immediately. When I got up off of Gardner I found his pocket book laying on deck with $3 in it. Connelly and Wood seen me pick it up. I took $1.90 and came to Chestertown. I came here because I thought it was the safest place. I arrived here at 11 A. M., sat out on the railroad station steps for sometime, then went to the wharf. I have been in police hands once before for being drunk. We had all been drinking on the way over.

The prisoner is locked up in the iron cell. He is about 5 feet four inches in height, smooth face, sallow complexion and twenty-four years of age. He is a Baltimorean and has followed dredging most of his life. He was employed by Mr. Wilbur Eliason in 1887 and 1888 in culling peaches. Several captains of vessels at Rock Hall have employed the young man and none speak very favorably of him. The gash in the drowned man's head looked as if made by a brick which just fitted in the wound and it is the opinion among the oystermen of Rock Hall that Gardner was killed with the brick and then thrown overboard. The case will come up for trial next October.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents in Quaker Neck, April 28th, 1891, by Rev. W. R. Mowbray, Mr. WM. E. BROWN and Miss MARY C. STOOPS, all of Kent county.

At Piano, Ill., April 30th, 1891, Mrs. MARY F. WARREN, wife of W. H. Warren, aged about 37 years, youngest daughter of the late Benj. H. Startt, of Kent co., and sister of J. W. Startt of this town.

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During the thunder storm which visited our town last Saturday night a house at Golt's was struck by the lightning. It tore out part of the second story floor, knocked down a part of the chimney and caused considerable other damage to the house, though some of the family were asleep in the adjoining room none were seriously hurt—only stunned a little. A fortunate escape indeed.

Mr. W. T. Miller recently had to kill a valuable young horse which had been badly injured; he estimates his loss at $225.

Rev. Father Connolly held service at the Catholic Church on Sunday morning last; he preached a very instructive sermon from the Gospel of the day (5th Sunday after Easter). He took that occasion to thank his people for their liberality and kindness in remembering their priest at Easter (for the congregation presented the reverend gentleman with a purse of $50 for his own private use). He also thanked the ladies for decorating the church at Easter, and also on last Sunday the ladies displayed a good deal of taste in the arrangement of the flowers on the altar.

Mr. W. E. Jarrell has purchased 90 acres of the "Armstrong tract" of woodland and is engaged sawing a large quantity of good timber. Mr. Charles Spry is in the employ of Mr. Jarrell.

Rev. Mr. Nelson at the M. E. Church, preached an able sermon from the text "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" to a good congregation. At night missionary services were held at the M. E. Church and quite a large congregation attended. The collection was liberal.

Rev. Mr. Farrar, at the P. E. Church held services on Sunday evening. He delivered an excellent sermon from the text "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not" or Jacob's dream. You see we are well-cared for spiritually.

Mr. S. M. Ford is engaged baleing straw at Mr. Dennis McCauley's.

Mr. E. B. Woodall lost one of his best horses on Monday last; it died rather suddenly. Mr. F. H. Taylor lost a valuable cow Tuesday on the farm tenanted by Mr. Donohoe; hoven was the cause of death.

Our creamery is getting a large quantity of milk; at present 3300 pounds daily.

There is an immense quantity of fish passing through here brought from the Sassafras and Elk rivers. Traders come a long distance for the fish, some 20 miles and some below Dover, Del. From reports the fishermen on the Sassafras and Elk are having a good fishing season.

Our Capt. J. Fletcher Wilson is doing a big business in shad fishing as he is catching a great number. Capt. Wilson presented your correspondent with a fine pair of shad last Saturday; if they were a sample of the kind he is catching the captain will wind up his fishing season with his pockets well filled with the shining ore. We wish him all the prosperity possible.

Politics has been very quiet here, but now, as the time is named for the primaries, the politicians will be more active.

It is hard to say what effect the very cold weather of the past week will have on the fruit crop, as the farmers differ so much about the effect of the cold snap, but on the whole the prospects are good for a big crop of peaches.

The health of the community as the doctors say is "distressingly" good. P.

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