Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN, - SEPT. 19, 1891

Terms: $1 Per Annum in Advance.

Sales to Take Place.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Monday, Sept. 21—Tilghman Shafer, mortgagee, on J. T. Hurlock farm, near Kennedyville.
Wednesday, Sept. 23—Wm. D. and John W. Carter, administrators of Wm. Carter.
Wednesday, Sept. 23—George H. Staats, between Millington and Chesterville.
Thursday, Sept. 24—H. P. Smyth, between Hanesville and Smithville.
Tuesday, September 29—Fifteen head of horses, by H. H. Barroll, Esq.
Thursday, October 1—Valuable personalty by Joseph H. Porter, near Worton Station.
Friday, October 2—Personal property, by Martha Nickerson and Milton Melvin, adm'rs.

Festival Occasions.

Still Pond—Sept. 16, 17, 18.
Rock Hall, Maxwell Lodge—Sept. 18, 19
Worton Presbyterian Church—Sept. 25 and 26.
Wesley Chapel—October 10.

In the Churches.

At the Quarterly Conference of Christ M. P. Church Thursday night it was decided to build a new parsonage. It was thought advisable to wait until the spring before begining work on the building.

A $2,000 parsonage is one of the contemplated improvements of the Catholic church property in Chestertown.

A meeting will be held in the lecture room of the M. E. Church Chestertown, at 10 o'clock on Monday morning next for the purpose or organizing a Preachers' Meeting.

A revival meeting will be commenced in the M. P. Church in Broad Neck on Sunday next, September 20, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. Shreeve, who expects to be assisted by Mrs. M. M. Duhurst. She will preach at 3 o'clock P. M.; also at 7.30 in the evening. She is also expected to preach every evening during the week at 7.30 o'clock. Mrs. Duhurst has been engaged in evangelistic work for a number of years.

D. W. Bates, D. D., is contemplating spending the winter with Mrs. Dumm, at Union Bridge. He has not fully decided yet, although the *Carrolltonian* states it to be a fact. The reverend gentleman will be very much missed from our community if he concludes to leave us.

Bishop Curtis preached in the Church of the Sacred Heart at Chestertown Sunday evening. His theme was "Unity."

Rev. E. P. Roe, of Rock Hall, will probably be requested to preach at Salem, in connection with his other charges, until conference.

Rev. J. D. Kemp has been requested by Presiding Elder Murray to preach at Union M. E. Church every other Sunday.

Rev. A. C. Willey, who has been recommended for entrance into the Central Conference of New York, will leave Kent next week. He is now visiting his sister in Baltimore.

The autumn meeting of the Northern Deanery of the P. E. Diocese of Easton, comprising the counties of Kent and Cecil, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday next, at St. Paul's Church. The Rev. Mr. Sutton, rector of St. Paul's, is also dean of the convocation, and in the double capacity is very anxious to make the meeting a success. He has secured the attendance of Bishop Adams as well as the clergy of the two counties, and those who attend will hear some good sermons and addresses. Services will be at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. daily, and a collation will be served on the grounds between the services, thus obviating the necessity of going home. Similar services will be held at I. U. Church on Thursday. The rector extends a most cordial invitation to all, and the congregation will show by their welcome that they heartily second him.

Rev. D. L. Greenfield differs from most Methodists in the manner of holding revivals. He preached a convincing sermon Sunday evening, and after giving an invitation for persons to be converted he gave his views and intentions in regard to protracted meetings. He believed in giving an invitation every Sunday, and that a person can be saved as easy on the fourth of July as in the winter. "The idea of the board of stewards getting together and resolving that they will have a revival is nonsense. The Lord is the only one to send a revival, and that will come when the church is ready for it. It reminds me of the fever and ague. For a week or two in the winter we have a high fever, and then for the balance of the year we are cold and lifeless. I believe my hearers are thinking people, and when I give the invitation in an earnest manner and wait five or ten minutes I feel as though I had done my duty. I shall hereafter give an invitation for persons to seek religion Sunday night and shall not detain you long."

Rev. F. S. Dennis, of the Chestertown church, ran an excursion to the Smyrna camp Sunday. Seven cars were filled. He preached at the camp and pleased the large audience immensely. Many of the excursionists went to hear Rev. John L. Thomas.

THE OYSTER QUESTION.

The Republican View of the Leasing Business.

The following editorial on the oyster question is taken from the Baltimore *American*, the Republican organ, of Sept. 11. The article is republished in the NEWS to show the oysterman and others in Kent what they may expect should the Republicans gain control of the Legislature. The *American* says:

"There is but one certain way to preserve the oyster beds of the Chesapeake and its tributaries and make them sufficiently productive to meet the needs of the public, and THAT IS TO LEASE THEM TO PRIVATE PARTIES *wherever practicable. For the people to hold property in common is very attractive to some minds, but it is a glittering delusion.* All experience is against it, and in this country we have had numerous proofs of its fallacious character. The Indians furnish a continuous object lesson. Where their lands have been divided up among the individuals of a tribe they are cultivated and their owners are industrious and thrifty; but where they are held in common, as has been very general until recently, the lands are covered with weeds and scrub, and the Indians are worthless. The experiment has been repeatedly made by white persons to hold lands in common for the benefit of the whole community, with the unvarying result that in a very brief time the lands have gone to waste and the community has disbanded.

No sound reason can be urged for making a discrimination in favor of land covered with water, and the experience of those States where oyster culture has been adopted is so absolutely in favor of leasing the grounds to private parties that the opponents of the system are compelled to resort to the demagogic plea of an effort to deprive the oystermen of their livelihood. Nor is the pretense that the Culling law will remedy the evil of wasted beds and scarce and inferior oysters of any more value.

What is all men's business is no man's business, and the indiscriminate plunder of the oyster beds will continue until there are no oysters to be taken. Nor is this a remote contingency. At the rapid rate of decrease during the last few years the beds will be practically exhausted in two or three years at most. The oysters do not belong solely to the dredgers and tongers, but to the people of Maryland, and the interest of those who are not engaged in the oyster business is, by reason of their greater numbers, far more important than the interest of those who are. But by adopting the lease system the interests of all will be conserved. The law can be so worded that no individual will be allowed to lease more than a few acres, so that there will be nothing to prevent a tonger or a dredger from leasing and cultivating his oyster farm, and producing twenty oysters where now there is one, and of such superior quality as will command double the price which the inferior oysters now bring in the market. The only way to meet the emergency is to remove the oyster question from politics, and apply the rules of common sense and study the enlightened interests of the public in its adjustment.

Will any of our local statesmen have the courage to rise to the occasion?"

An interesting article relative to the institution of "Maxwell Lodge" I. O. O. F., at Rock Hall, will be found on our first page.

KENNEDYVILLE LOCALS.

Peaches, Business, Personals, Politics, &c.,

Mr. D. U. Dewees estimates the number of cars shipped from this station at about 200. He has been supplied with enough cars with the exception of one day.

Mr. E. B. Cochran and others in this vicinity are very indignant at the treatment received at the hands of the railroad. Several cars were wrecked, some dumped, and others went to markets to which they were not consigned. A P. W. & B. car would be loaded expecting it to go via that road to Philadelphia, but instead it was taken to Bombay Hook and there stayed for hours. The farmers here are also making war against the agents and commission men for charging exorbitant rates. Mr. Dewees states that only the very lowest freight rates have been charged.

The cannery here is run by E. A. & H. N. Baldwin, of Harford. They commenced packing tomatoes on the 17th ult. Mr. Jos. Weer, our genial postmaster, is engaged as book-keeper here. He states that 6,000 baskets were shipped via Turner's boat to Baltimore last week. The pack will amount to 9,000 cans per day, and Mr. Fortner, the engineer, states that 12,000 were packed in one day last week. Among the large growers of tomatoes here are L. C. Justis, Jr., who has already picked 90 tons from ten acres; J. R. Bennett, W. A. Kennedy, John and James Archibald, J. T. Hurlock, Capt. Dan and Harry Hill, Thomas Redmile and others; six dollars per ton is paid.

The creamery of Shafer & Davies paid 76 cents for milk last month, beating Locust Grove several cents. They find a ready sale for their butter in Chester, Pa.

Mr. T. E. Hayes when asked how the Second National was coming on said "she was here to stay."

An employee at the canning house overestimated his capacity Saturday night, and soon after retiring in Mr. Charles Hessner's barn, fell out the door. The distance was about sixteen feet and when he struck the ground he was sobered immediately. Dr. —— was called in and dressed the man's wounds, which proved to be a hurt back. The residents here thought he had broken his neck.

Mr. L. J. Smyth opened his school with 46 pupils. Owing to the busy season his school was small, but in a few months he expects to have at least 80 or 90.

We asked an old veteran in politics what the prospects were this fall, and he enthusiastically replied, "We'll whip them worse than we ever did!"

Masquerade Party.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season was the masquerade party given at Miss Laura Jessop's, in Broad Neck, on Thursday night. Dancing was the main feature of the evening, as was also the refreshments, which were served in abundance. Among the masqueraders and others present were Edna Strong, jockey girl; Miss Johnson, night; Miss Brice, Spanish girl; Miss Wilkins, aunt Dinah; Miss Beck, daughter of the Admiral of Kent; Ida Camp, Dutch girl; Nannie Brice, Betsy; Daisy Brice, Dinah; Emma Beck, shepherdess; Anna Strong, fortune teller; Mamie Strong, fisher maiden; Miss Wilkins, night; Miss Denny, night; Laura Jessop, Pocahontas; the Misses Constable, Rasin, Wilmer, Deputy; Mr. Johnson, Mark Anthony; George Brice, baby; Steve Constable, peach pluck; Horace Constable, jockey boy; Joseph Rasin, Araminta Clovertop; T. E. W. Crew, detective; Clifton Rasin, fairy queen; Dr. Selby, John Brice; Page Strong, minister; Charles Jessop, general; Messrs. Frank Gilpin, Charles Beck, Wm. Wilmer, George and James H. Beck, James H. Gale, Page Gale, Charles Skirven. The music was furnished by Eugene Wilson and others and as usual was good.

Matrimonial.

BRADLEY—SHIELDS.

Rev. Lloyd Bradley, son of J. J. Bradley, of Crumpton, and formerly clerk for Mr. Wm. J. McFeely, Chestertown, and now stationed at Coleville, California, and Miss Libbie Shields, of the same place, were married on Thursday, August 27th, last. Rev. Mr. Bradley is now a prominent member of the California Conference of the M. E. Church. Of the marriage the Coleville Saturday's *Blade* says: "Married last evening, at the residence of the brides' father, Rev. A. Shields, the Rev. Lloyd Bradley and Miss Libbie Shields, Rev. Frank Naylor officiating. The affair was a complete surprise, but a very pleasant one. Rev. Bradley is quite a popular young minister of the M. E. Church in California, but will be remembered as the young man through whose sterling energy the church at Britton was built. He is now stationed at Bodie, California, where they will have a nicely furnished parsonage and quite a number of friends await their arrival. Too much cannot be said of Miss Shields. She is known as one of the most pious, lovable Christian ladies in the city, and her large circle of friends feel loath to give her up. The *Times Journal* extends congratulations."

NEWTON—BRAMBLE.

The M. E. Church at Galena was crowded at the wedding of Miss MAGGIE BRAMBLE and Mr. WILLIAM NEWTON, and the numerous presents received evidenced their popularity. Among the number were a bed room suit, solid oak, Mrs. E. Newton, mother of the groom; silver butter dish, Spencer Sutton; fruit dish, Mamie Parker; pair of towels, Florence Watkins; individual butter dishes, Eddie Bramble; wine pitcher, Joe Woolleyhan; pair towels, Will Loller; pair dishes, Della Hurtt; pair towels, Austin Hurtt; one dozen bone plates, Ella Watkins; oak table, Bob Vansant; crumb brush and waiter, Mrs. Joe Woolleyhan; cake stand, Ruth Bramble; table cloth and napkins, Mr. and Mrs. Mamie Clendaniel; $5 cash, Mr. Bert Redding; salt cellars, Etta Bramble; water pitcher, Annie Spicer; silver cake basket, Harry Redding; water set, Thomas and Robert Bramble; drudge box, Mr. Thomas Bramble, father of the bride; half-dozen goblets, Thomas Colwell; fruit dish, Mary Bramble; a toilet set and a French china tea set, no name; a handsome chair, by the groom's landlady, Mrs. Louisa Pennington, of Baltimore.

Edgar Dudley's Latest Trial.

EDITORS KENT NEWS:—Your report of the bay stallion, Edgar Dudley's, race in the four-year-old class at the Wilmington fair was so incorrect (I am sure unintentionally so) that I write to correct it. Edgar Dudley entered the race with two great colts, Fascination and Brother S., each having records of 2.26¼, and they were in great form for the race. Dudley had to fight both of these colts, being pocketed by them, but showed himself a greater colt when Mr. Lane drew him back and drove around them; beat them to the wire in 2.29¼.

The next heat Dudley won easily in 2.26, but the judges thought they would do a favor by announcing it 2.29¼. The third heat Dudley was in as good position to take and as good form as either of the others; but soon after leaving the wire broke his shoe and threw his toe-weight and became unbalanced, which cost him the race. Time of third heat slowest of the race—2.30. The fourth heat Dudley started with a three-ounce weight on one foot and five ounces on the other, the best they could do for him at the time. In this way he drove Fascination out in 2.27. The fifth heat he started to win, and though Fascination had the pole he came very near taking it and beating to the wire. He showed no *loss of strength*, but was as game and strong the fifth heat as any preceding one. Time 2.29¼.

These colts trotted the five heats faster than any race of five heats at the fair, and were complimented by horsemen as great colts. The track was very poor and considered at least eight seconds slower than a good mile track. WITNESS.

STILL POND LOCALS.

Big Stores and Big Sales—Peach Prices—Canning—Politics and Pretty Girls—Personal Notes, &c.

Still Pond is not as still as some people believe. It is a business place, which can be easily seen by entering its stores. Messrs. Frank H. Harper & Son are doing a rushing business. Mr. Harper states that his August sales were excellent. He employs three clerks—Charley Davis, Ben Kruzen and Walter Hill—each of whom is quick and obliging. Anything and everything can be bought at this store. They are preparing for a large clothing trade this fall, and are fitting up a room fifty feet long. The junior partner has put new life into the old house and is prepared for all customers.

Mr. Covington keeps a first-class drug store, in connection with other lines of goods, and does a fair business.

Mr. George W. Harper has one of the largest stocks of goods in the county, and employs Thomas Long and Will Clarke as clerks. His furniture room is 24x42, and he has an excellent line of such goods. Mr. Lipscomb, of Kennedyville, is repainting his store, warehouse and dwelling. The colors are red and apple green, which gives a bright appearance to the buildings.

Mr. Wm. Parr, a clever young gentleman, has quarters under the town hall and there keeps a full line of harness and some hardware. He is a good harness maker and attends closely to his business.

Mr. A. J. Hackett states that the blacksmithing business has been very good, and so does Mr. George O. Roeder.

Rev. J. D. Kemp met with an accident Friday evening while returning from Chestertown. His carriage was run into by a team driven by two men and the shafts broken and his horse cut about the shoulders. The two men did not stop.

Mr. Wm. H. Thompson has become noted as a first-class shoemaker. He not only supplies his customers here, but this week he is making a pair of gaiters for George T. Hatton, city detective of Wilmington, Del.

The hotel is occupied by Mr. Bayard, a cousin of Senator T. F. Bayard, but boarders are not very numerous, the "Saratoga House," kept by Mrs. Crossley, having the lead.

Our young doctors, Urie and Barnard, are progressing finely, both being kept quite busy. Dr. Maxwell still retains a large practice.

The death of Will Willson threw a damper over lawn tennis, and the club is just recovering from a long rest. Miss Ethel Covington and Miss May Parrott contested with Dr. Barnard in a game on Wednesday, and the ladies proved a good match for the doctor.

The farmers generally are discouraged with the outcome of the big peach crop. The canning house run by Crew & Coulbourn has closed, having packed 12,000 cases. Mr. Coulbourn states that his average price for peaches was sixteen cents per basket, and some of it was prime fruit. He thinks canned goods will sell well.

Our barber, Nathan Brooks, a Chestertowner, thinks nothing of walking to your town. On Monday he walked there and back in *four* hours. He has married a Methodist preacher's daughter and made a Catholic out of her.

Mr. Joseph Clark has been at Betterton all the summer attending to peach shipments on Turner's line.

Jack Owens, the noted catcher, has entered a mercantile career and is doing a good business at Betterton.

Miss Ollie Harper is attending the Conference Academy at Dover, Del.

Miss Mary Baynard, a charming young lady of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Harper.

Messrs. Wm. Watts and Charley Harper left on Wednesday for Dickinson College.

Mr. Max Price brought to Mr. Covington's store on Monday an apple weighing one pound and two ounces. It was a beauty without a name.

Mrs. J. Frank Wilson, who has during the present year been bereaved of her husband and son, expressed a desire and has been granted the privilege of furnishing one of the rooms in the handsome new Ladies' Hall of the Delaware Conference Academy, which will be named in memory of the dead whom the mother and wife will so beautifully honor. Mr. William Wilson, the son, was formerly a student of the academy, but at the time of his death was a student of Dickinson College and was enjoying a holiday at home. Mrs. Wilson's daughter was also a student of the Dover school. The furniture is handsome, and the Wilson room is one of the handsomest in the building.

Mr. Arthur Allston, our accommodating butcher, attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Harry Webster, in Wilmington this week. He returned on Wednesday.

The corn crop here will be very large, many expecting forty and sixty bushels to the acre.

Mr. Harper is not worrying himself about electioneering and no doubt expects to stay at home. Mr. Rasin and others are confident of a big majority in this district for the Democratic ticket.

"Who is the prettiest girl in Still Pond?" was recently asked George and Tom, and both replied "There are none!" But it is untrue; we have hosts of them. Misses W., P., C., H., J., B. and many others will rival any of the Georgetown or Chestertown girls, and you all know that they are pretty.

The M. E. Church held a festival in the hall this week, commencing on Wednesday night. The ladies at the various tables vied with each other as to who should have the prettiest table. Miss C.'s was furnished handsomely, as was also Miss P.'s and others. The supper, consisting of duck, chicken, pig, etc., was only twenty-five cents.

Our school opened with a fair attendance, and we are glad to have Prof. I. R. Starkey again with us. He is a competent teacher and has the happy faculty of imparting knowledge forcibly to the scholars. His assistant is Miss Sadie Burgess, of your town.

"Dr." Thomas Lusby will not attend the medical college this year, but will devote his time to studies at home under Dr. Urie.

Mrs. James Taylor and children are visiting our energetic postmaster, Mr. Louis Lamborn.

Mr. George Howard expects to leave us shortly for Staunton, Va.

Mrs. M. A. Jump and daughters contemplate moving to Baltimore in October. We shall be very sorry to lose such valuable citizens. Misses Sue and Bertie are very popular here among the young people, and the whole family will be missed very much. They have been active in the church, which will also feel their absence.

THOMAS S. BORDLEY, Chestertown's oldest and leading clothier, begins the fall season with an advertisement in this issue of the NEWS, of 300 Children's Cheap Suits, for Children from 4 to 14 years of age. Read the astonishingly low price he has marked on each suit. *

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

WHEAT—Longberry, good to prime, 96c.@$1.05.
CORN—White and Yellow, 73@75c.
OATS—32@37½c.

Galena Locals.

The peach season being about over the farmers are very busy just now cutting off corn, pulling blades and putting the ground in order for another crop of wheat; labor seems scarce.

The Sassafras and Galena creameries paid 89 cents per hundred pounds for milk during the month of August.

Mr. Jere Peacock, who has been sick and confined to the house for the past two weeks, is out again.

Mrs. Rodgers, who has been quite sick from the effects of a spider sting, is much better and able to be about again.

Miss Sallie Taylor is quite ill at her home near Galena.

Mrs. Dr. Latimer, who has been in Western Maryland and West Virginia for the past two months for the benefit of her health, is expected home to-day, Saturday.

Miss O. Johnson, a clerk in one of the departments at Washington, is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Rodgers, of this place.

Miss Alia Deshane, of Cecil, is visiting at Mr. Whittaker's.

Miss Lena Ireland has returned home from a visit to friends in Baltimore and Washington.

Miss Ruth Vansant, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. J. T. Pennington.

Mrs. Alice Briscoe and nephew, Master Roland Pennington, are visiting friends in Philadelphia and Camden.

Miss Lena Ruth has returned home, after spending a week with friends in Wilmington, Del.

Rev. Mr. Tompkinson, a former pastor of the M. E. Church here, is visiting at Mr. Jere Peacock's. His many friends are glad to see him looking so well. He is located at Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Nichols, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Kate Scott.

Mr. Frank Rodgers, who has been employed at Wanamaker's, has accepted a position as clerk with Mr. Wm. A. Whittaker, of this place.

Masters Unit Horsey and Andrew Wilson have left for Washington College, where they expect to complete their studies.

Mr. Charlie Medders, former drug clerk of Mrs. Ireland, is visiting Galena. He is studying medicine at the University of Maryland.

Mrs. Frank Sparks, who has been seriously ill, Dr. Latimer says is in a fair way to recover now. P.

Masseys News.

Masseys has been a great peach shipping station this season. We have seen enough peaches go from here to feed one-half the country, yet the farmer will make but little out of his fruit.

Messrs. Stephen Boyer and R. S. Griffith are harvesting their tremendous pear crops.

The postponement of the tent meeting was a disappointment to us all. The postponement was owing to the inability of Capt. T. H. Reeves, of Georgetown, to secure a tent, after having engaged one.

The festival held by the M. E. Church on this charge was a grand success. Through the kindness of Mr. Fred. Numbers, agent at Masseys, the committee was allowed to use the depot.

Work on the new church at Dulaney's will begin Monday by Mr. Asberry Ruth, of Galena, who will be awarded the contract. The dedication is expected to take place in December.

Rev. E. E. Welch was presented with a very handsome cake on Sunday by Mrs. Dickson, in behalf of friends of the church.

Miss Cora B. Everett is giving general satisfaction as teacher at Golt's, and is making herself useful by presiding at the M. E. Church organ. E.

Rock Hall Items.

The item in Rock Hall notes of last week in reference to it being reported that Capt. Urie's child had died with the diphtheria, has been confirmed. Your correspondent had a talk with Dr. Selby during the present week, who stated the case to be diphtheria, and the other children in the family had the disease in a lighter form. They are now entirely recovered and there are no cases in the village. The prompt check of the disease by Dr. S. is very fortunate for the neighborhood, as direful results would have followed had there been a spread of the disease.

Rev. Mr. Roe, of the M. E. Church, will preach next Sunday afternoon in the church here at 2.30 o'clock, taking for his subject "The Christian Sabbath." As this subject is much agitated of late it will be of great interest to many in the community, and it will no doubt be handled as all Mr. Roe's subjects are in a masterly manner. Mrs. Rice, the W. C. T. U. organizer, filled her appointment here last Tuesday evening. Her address was well delivered and well received by the audience.

The Y. W. C. T. U.

The "Y" met at Miss Tillie Reiche's Wednesday evening, about fifty-five being present. It was called an "Observation Party" and a delightful time was enjoyed. The reading by Miss Allie Shuster and solo by Miss Anna Lambert were highly appreciated.

September 29 is the birthday of our national president, Miss Frances E. Willard, and she has requested all members of the W. C. T. U. to observe it as Crusade membership day and each try to procure one or more new members. Mrs. Corey, the county president, writes as follows: Our county union voted to comply with her request, therefore we hope all our unions will bear this in mind. If any one is so situated that she has no time to work with her neighbors for the protection of her home, she can use her influence 365 days in the year by joining the union, paying one cent per week, or fifty cents a year, to be used for the promotion of the cause of temperance, and wearing the white ribbon at all times. The examples of law-breaking, drunkenness and their results—crimes and murder—in our midst should stimulate all lovers of their homes and country to exert all the influence they possess on the side of law, order and sobriety.

Court News.

Orphan's Court.—Sept. 15, 1891. Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. H. H. Barroll, guardian to Alfred F. Greenwood and others, filed his bond. G. Oldham Massey, executor of C. H. B. Massey, deceased, filed an inventory of the personal property of his decedent, and obtained an order to sell the same. David A. Smith executor of Lavinnia Smith deceased, passed his first and and final administration account.

The county commissioners met Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 1891. Full board present. The petition relating to road in Quaker Neck, filed Sept. 8th, was considered and a committee consisting of Victor Hendrickson, Wm. Ford and Stephen Lecates, was appointed to be requested to enter upon, view and examine the condition of said road and report its condition to comm's. at their earliest convience, by order of commissioners. Wm. B. Usilton, county treasurer, presented his report of interest on taxes collected through sheriff Comegys, which was accepted by order of commissioners. Wm. B. Usilton, county treasurer, having presented his vouches in settlement of levies placed in his hands for 1890 on last Tuesday, an examination thereof having been completed this day and found to agree with the account in this office, as shown by statement furnished by said treasurer, an order was passed approving said settlement and directing said balances to be brought forward to account for levies placed in his hands for 1891. Bartus J. Wilkins appeared in person before the board, and excepted to allowances for land damages made to him by examiners on the "Green Lane" road, whereupon it was agreed that the matter of allowance be referred to attorney for exceptant and to H. W. Vickers, attorney for county commissioners, for settlement. Board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for orders on the several sums provided for by levy in treasurer's hands.

Indignant Peach Men

Millington, Kennedyville and Other Shippers Meet in Chestertown—Other Meetings Called.

As the direct result of the claimed unjust treatment of the fruit-growers of the vicinity of Millington, the gentlemen interested, about two weeks ago organized The Fruit-Growers' Association of Millington. The association was formed for the purpose of seeking redress from the commission men and shippers who have handled their fruit during the present season. The grievances complained of are excessive freight charges by the commission men and shippers. Just where the responsibility of the outrageous treatment is to be placed, is the question; the commission men denying all connection with the growers in the case, but claim that they dealt with the shippers as the agent of the growers, and that the matter must be settled between the shippers and the owners of the fruit shipped. The meeting called to meet in Chestertown on Tuesday was, unfortunately, not well attended by the Chestertown fruit men, but quite a number of the Millington growers were in attendance, and set forth their wrongs in a manner to indicate that they are thoroughly in earnest in this matter; and that, if possible, their wrongs shall be righted and the responsible parties made to disgorge their ill-gotten gains. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edward Spear, who was made permanent chairman, with Mr. F. G. Usilton secretary. Mr. Spear stated the object of the meeting to be, to seek some remedy for the wrong treatment of the fruit-growers. He said: "We have been dealt with wrongfully and contrary to all rules of right." It was claimed that the shippers used every inducement in securing the growers' fruit for shipment in their cars. A grower would drive up to the station with his fruit and possibly receive an offer from a buyer, and on the strength of this offer the shipper would *guarantee* him a higher price in some specified market, and the fruit was of course shipped and in many instances at heavy loss.

One grower brought suit for the guaranteed price and secured judgment. The growers went through the season supposing that the rate of freight charges as returned on their account of sales had been established by the railroads over which their fruit passed, whereas, in fact the shippers added their charges to the established rates to suit themselves and without any reference to the sanction of the producer. The railroad has an established rate per basket for less than carload lots and a car rate of a specified price per car. As a rule the shippers succeeded in stroing nearly 100 baskets more than the average, in each car, and the advantage of this reduction in freight, it is claimed, should have been distributed to the growers.

The following statement will give a clear idea of the situation:

TO NEW YORK.

3 cars of peaches—696, 697, 698, total, 2091 baskets.		
Actual freight to New York, on accounts of overloading, $93 or per basket, 13⅓c.		
Freight on a basis of 600 bask., per car, 15⅓ cts.		
Freight charged the grower, 18c. per basket.		
Profit to agents on freight, 4⅔c. per bask.		$ 94 09
Overcharge of freight	$52 27	
Excess on acc't of overloading	41 82	94 09
2091 baskets peaches, 50c. per bas.	$1045 50	
3 per cent. commission		31 36
Profit to agents		125 45
Average profit per car to agents		41 81

TO BOSTON.

Actual freight, $183.00 per car or 26⅓c. per bask.		
Freight on a basis of 600 bask., per basket. 30½c.		
Freight charged the grower, per basket. 35c.		
Profit to agents on freight		$177 73
Overcharge of freight	$94 09	
Excess on acc't of overloading	83 64	$177 73
2091 baskets peaches, 60c. per bas.	$1254 60	
3 per cent. commission on $1354 60		37 63
		$214 36
Amount of sales		1254 60
Average profit per car to agents		$72 78
Actual freight paid railroad	$549 00	
10 per cent. commission	135 46	
Cartage on 2091 baskets at 5c.	62 73	
Overcharge and excess of freight	177 73	924 92
		429 68
2091 new baskets at 3c.		104 55
		325 13

Net to growers, 15⅓c. per basket.

To agents, 10.2-5 " "		
Railroad company gets	$549 00	
Commission merchants	94 83	
Agents	218 36	
Cartage	62 73	
2091 baskets at 5c.	104 55	
Growers	325 13	$1254 60

C. E. Comegys, Millington, Md., shipped from 21st to 29th of Aug. 712 baskets of peaches sent to Boston which sold for.. $303 86
Freight | $249 20
Carting | 21 36
Commission, at 10 per cent | 30 38
Total | $300 94
Mr. Comegys received for the 712 baskets | $2 86
Paid for baskets | 25 00
| 2 86
| $2 74
Total loss | $32 74
The men who shipped them got:
By overcharge of freight | $32 04
3 per cent. commission on gross sales | 9 12
| $11 16

It will be seen from the following correspondence that the evident disposition on the part of the commission men is to treat the shippers as the agents of the growers and to shift the responsibility to the shippers.

NEW YORK, SEPT. 2, 1891.

C. E. COMEGYS—*Dear Sir*:—Your letter just received; we shall enclose it to Messrs. McWhorter & Stevens, our agents, or rather the agents of the shippers, receiving all shipments from them or through them. Receiving all instructions from them, we have followed as best we could the directions given. In the question of freights, we are not benefitted. Call on these gentlemen (your friends and neighbors, we suppose) and get specific directions as to what we shall do, and we are ready to do promptly and cheerfully what your friends wish.

We must express our surprise that you thought it necessary to accompany your demand with a threat. You might have been generous enough to suppose that we would be ready and willing and our pleasure to correct any error or repair any wrong, etc., etc. No one should be condemned before heard.

Please see these gentlemen at once, and let us have all these things arranged.

Yours Truly, PHILLIPS & SONS.

BOSTON, Sept. 2, 1891.

Mr. C. E. COMEGYS, Sec'y:—Messrs. Tonkins & Co. have shipped us several cars of peaches, and written us to send sales as per invoice they have sent us, charging freight at 35 cents per basket, which we have done, and we have referred your letter to them, so that if everything is not satisfactory you may confer with them in regard to the matter.

Yours Truly, SEAVERNS & CO.

The following letter to Mr. Nicholson shows a disposition of fairness which the growers had a right to expect at the hands of their commission merchants and shippers at every point to which they shipped.

Mr. William T. Nicholson, received the following letter from Fowler & Hunting, his commission men at Hartford, Conn.

Dear sir:—It has been our custom to charge the Kennedyville shippers 28 cts a basket freight and at the end of the season if there were no short cars shipped, to average up and return the excess to the shippers pro rata and we charged your shippers the same when we made up the returns, and we now enclose you check for the excess together with your regular agent's commission of 3 per cent. and request that you divide the excess among the shippers in the car.

Freight charged 28 cts per basket, on 689 basketts	$192 92
Actual freight as per bill enclosed 166,00	
	$26.92
Ag'ts commission 3 per ct. on $550.	16.50
Check to balance	$43.42

A shipper at Clayton, Del., sent a circular letter to each of his patrons stating that all advantages accruing from over loading etc. would be divided among them pro rata.

The legitimate rate of freight from Millington to Boston is 30½ cents. Some growers, however, were charged at the opening of the season 41 cents and at the latter part of the season, 35 cts. The legitimate rate to N. Y. is 15½ cents; freight charged, 18 cents. Legitimate freight to Philadelphia is 8 and a fraction cents; freight charged, 10 cents. To give an idea of the enormous profit to the shippers, let us take the actual shipment of three cars to Boston, on a basis of 600 baskets per car or 1800 baskets in the three cars, for which the railroad was paid. In the three cars were put respectively 696, 797 and 698 baskets. The overloading amounted to 281 baskets, on which the grower was charged 35 cents freight or $98.35, which was saved from the railroad. The excess in freight charges of 4½ cents on 1800 baskets amounted to $81, which added to the $98.35 makes a grand total of $179.35, which went into the pockets of the shipper. If the cars were consigned by the shipper, he was entitled to 3 per cent. on gross receipts. Allowing the prices secured at 50 cents per basket, the 3 per cent. of gross receipts will make $27 more, or a total of $206.35 to the shippers.

Allowing sales in New York at 30 cents,

The grower pays freight	18c.
Cartage	4c.
Commissions	3c.
Baskets cost	5c.
	30c.
Fruit sold in Boston	50c.
Grower pays freight	35c.
Cartage	2c.
Commissions	5c.
Baskets	5c.
	48c.

Grower gets 2 cents per baskets.

These statements were made by the growers, and the matter of seeking redress was fully discussed, and it was determined to send a representative of the growers to New York to see what arrangements can be made, and if necessary to make a test case and bring suit against some one of the New York commission firms. Suit will also be instituted here against one or more of the shippers. The following committees were appointed to solicit one-dollar subscriptions from the growers, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the suits and making a thorough investigation: Millington, W. H. Ford, C. O. Cacy and Mr. Baxer; Chestertown, J. K. Aldridge, J. M. J. Byron and William Morris; Locust Grove, Garrett Foxwell, D. J. Nowland and J. W. Jarman; Kennedyville, P. G. Wilmer, L. C. Justis and T. E. Hayes; Lynches, E. J. Kennard, Samuel Mann and John Z. Clark; Nicholson's, W. T. Nicholson, S. G. Lee and A. L. Corey. These gentlemen will be expected to report to the meeting called to meet at Millington on September 26 at 1 o'clock P. M. The reports from Chestertown growers were of exactly the same nature as the cases reported from Millington.

The Kennedyville growers at their meeting called for Saturday next, will go heart and soul into the movement. The particular wrong of which the Kennedyville growers complain is their treatment by the railroad. They state that their fruit was handled in utter disregard of their wishes or interests. Cars were delayed and their interests were otherwise ignored. This is an important matter, and should be thoroughly sifted. Commission men, railroads and shippers should be given to understand that the farmers' interests *should* and *shall* be respected.

It is estimated that the loss to growers in the vicinity of Millington alone will amount to from $10,000 to $12,000, and it is impossible to estimate the loss throughout the county.

MARRIED.

At the parsonage in Millington, Monday, Sept 14, 1891, by Rev. E. E. White, HARRY W. CURLETT to Miss IDA L. EDWARDS, both of Queen Anne's county, Md.

DIED.

On Wednesday, September 9th, 1891, H. CARTER, infant son of Jos. H. and Ella T. Woodall, aged 3 months.

In Still Pond, Sept. 17, CHARLES EDWARD, son of George W. and Annie R. Noblett, aged 1 yr., 9 das.

On the 7th instant, at Rock Hall, ESTHER, daughter of Henry and Carrie Urie, aged 5 years, 8 months and 6 days.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God, in his wisdom, has recalled
The bloom his love had given,
And though the body slumbers here
The soul is safe in Heaven.

THE Y. M. C. A. will meet in the M. E. Church at 7.30 P. M., Tuesday Evening. All invited.

GALENA M. E. CHURCH—REV. T. L. TOMKINSON will preach Sunday evening (tomorrow) 7.30.

PREACHING in the Worton Presbyterian Church tomorrow (Sunday) 7.45 P. M., by A. E. KEIGWIN. All are cordially invited to attend.

KENNEDYVILLE M. P. CHURCH.—REV. QUINCY L. MORROW, pastor. Sunday, 10.30 A. M., REV. J. A. WEIGAND; 7.30 P. M., sermon by the pastor, subject: "God's Plumbline."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—REV. R. IRVING WATKINS, pastor. Sabbath Services 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Morning: "Mutual Help." Evening: "Man a Seeker." Sabbath-school, 1.15 P. M.

CHRIST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH—REV. D. L. GREENFIELD, pastor. 10½ A. M.: "Our Torn-up Nests;" 7½ P. M.: "In a Startling Dilemma;" Sabbath-school 2½ P. M.; Praise and Prayer Service Thursday 7½ P. M.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE—The Third Quarterly Conference of Galena and Locust Grove will be held in Galena, Sept. 25th and 27th instant. Quarterly conference in the evening of the 25th in the chapel; an address by the P. E., REV. ALFRED SMITH, and an entertainment by the Epworth League. Love-feast 9.30 A. M., on the 27th, and preaching by the Elder at 7.30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all to attend.

JANES M. E. CHURCH—REV. B. A. QUEELEY, Pastor. Sunday Services: 10.30 A. M., "Room at the Feast;" 8 P. M., "Rest for the Weary;" Sunday School at 2 P. M. All welcome.