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A TRIP TO ROME!

THE BANKS OF THE RIVER TIBER, ITS TRIBUTARIES, THEIR CUSTOMS, ETC.

At the solicitation of the C. E. Society of Wesley Chapel, Captain C. E. Leary will give his lecture NEXT TUESDAY EVENING at 7 P. M., at Edesville Hall. This lecture, together with Stereoptican Views, is of a high order. Take advantage of the opportunity, for the moderate sum of 15cts. for adults and 10 cts. for children. Proceeds for the church collections.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON NEAR AT HAND!

Don't Fail to See

THE OLD HOMESTEAD!

AT STAM'S HALL,

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 20th.

See our beautiful scenery, including the Trinity Church, and a beautiful transformation scene. Elaborate costumes will be used in this production.

WANTED:

Old Mahogany ROUND Front SIDEBOARDS with LONG Legs. ROUND Front BUREAUS. Brass Front Fenders, Andirons, old SOFAS or TABLES with Brass or Wood CLAW FEET. HALL CLOCKS.

Address, G. THOMAS,
m14. NEWS OFFICE.

TOMATO GROWERS:

All persons living within hauling distance of Lynch's, and interested in Growing Tomatoes for the Canning House, will please meet me at Lynch's Station, SATURDAY, March 21st, at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. WARD.
Hayre-de-Grace, March 10, 1896.

WANTED:

On or near Bay Shore, between Rock Hall and Worton Creek, A FARM of 100 or 150 Acres. Must be cheap. Address with full particulars

CHAS. F. HARLEY, Att'y,
m14. 210 East Lexington St., Balto., Md.

FOR RENT:



THE STORE-ROOM recently occupied by Wm. P. Howard, on High street, in Chestertown, Md., is for rent for balance of the year.

RICHARD D. HYNSON,
m14-tf. Trustee.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

All persons having claims against WILLIAM P. HOWARD are hereby notified to file the same properly proven, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, within sixty days from the date of this notice. Dated this 14th day of March, in the year 1896.

RICHARD D. HYNSON,
m14-4t. Trustee.

Improved Asparagus Crate!

After using a crate last year and seeing its imperfections, have remedied them, and have now a model that, I think, is

PERFECT AND CHEAP!

The bottom is tight; it is ten inches deep and wider slats.

☞All wishing me to supply them will please send me their orders at the earliest moment possible, as it takes a little time to have them made up and delivered.

For prices, &c., address,

ROBERT S. EMORY,
m14-4t. Chestertown, Md.

Gardeners, Notice!



TOULSON'S

SUPPLY OF

GARDEN SEED

has arrived for the spring of '96.

He has the LARGEST STOCK he ever had, and his PRICES ARE DOWN TO ROCK BOTTOM.

It is to your advantage to call and examine his prices before making your purchases.

M. A. TOULSON,
m14. DRUGGIST.

FOR OATS:

We have now made up, in our factory, preparatory to the spring trade, a large lot of OUR SPECIAL IMPERIAL OAT PHOSPHATE, that has an Animal Bone Base. It not only makes Grain but Grass, too. One patron claims to have grown over **60 Bushels** per acre. Another was in our office in December and said, "That Oat Phosphate of yours grew me the best Oats I ever raised, and you should see my grass, and please save me more for next spring." Respectfully,

f29-3t, T. R. HUBBARD & SON.

FOR SALE:

ASPARAGUS CRATE SHOOKS.

Size 17½x24 inches, 9½ inches deep. BOTTOM IN ONE PIECE. Material all dressed one side. Neat, strong and cheap.

GEO. E. LEARY & SON,
f22-1m. Rock Hall, Md.

FOR SALE or RENT:



HOUSE on Cannon Street, near Queen. This house is in excellent repair. Also a lot of Household and Kitchen FURNITURE at private sale. Apply to

MRS. J. A. SHAW,
m7-tf. Chestertown.

Local Jottings.

The first rehearsal for Queen Esther was held last night.

The Home Telephone Co., are erecting a new line in Kent county. This 'phone is the best on the market.

Measles. — The school at Locust Grove taught by Miss Gussie Cannan was closed last week on account of the measles. One day last week she had but two scholars.

Big Meeting.—Rev. Mr. Galloway is having grand success in his meetings at Zion M. E. Church. The conversions to date number twenty-two and the good work will continue a few more nights.

Drowned.—Wm. Ross, aged 23 years, of Peters, Md., captain of the schooner Lottie Earl, was drowed off his vessel last Sunday while bound from Rock Hall, to Eastern Bay, by the jibing of the mainboom.

Washington College.—At a meeting of the Board of Visitors of Washington College last Saturday evening, Hon. Jas. E. Ellegood, of Salisbury, was elected a member of the board; also, H. H. Barroll, Esq., and Dr. C. P. Gilpin to fill the vacancies caused by the death of W. N. E. Wickes and Dr. S. Beck.

A Curious Egg.—Mr. Wm. R. Glenn, near Edesville, reports to the NEWS a singular duck egg. On Thursday morning Herbert went out to the duck pen and found among the freshly laid eggs this curosity: an egg *jet black*, except about a half inch regularly lined on one end which was perfectly white. The parents at first thought the son had painted an easter egg, but were soon apprised of its genuine coloring.

Chicken thieves have been plying their trade quite vigorously of late. The hennery of Mr. Wm. Ford, near town, was cleaned out on Thursday night. Not even an old hen for stock breed was left! Mr. Ford has been doing a little detective work since, and we hope will catch the thief. "Fifty chickens and 7 ducks" were scheduled to be sold at Mr. J. Ford Caulk's last Wednesday, but some thief bagged the whole lot the night before!

Mr. Fred. Humbert lost 11 recently.

Officer Kelley arrested a colored man yesterday afternoon who is charged with the theft of Mr. Ford's fowls.

"Zearie" Hurt. — The New York *World* of Tuesday says that Zearfoss, late of Washington College, suffered a painful scalp wound by the breaking of his mask while catching behind the bat in a game in Florida. The same paper adds that he is showing up exceedingly well and will likely be put on the regular team. In the last game he knocked a three bagger, bringing in three runs.

Missionary Anniversary.

The M. E. Sunday school, of Chestertown, held its regular missionary anniversary last Sunday evening. The church was well filled with friends and visitors before whom the following program was presented:

Organ Voluntary..... Miss Anna G. Lambert.
Singing.....School
Prayer.....Mr. J. M. White.
Gloria.....Choir.
Singing.....School.
Address of Welcome, Master Kemp Bordley.
Singing by Infant Class, Mrs. Wm. Smith, director.
Recitation, "Call From India," Anna Bryan.
Duet and Chorus, Minnie Peregoy and Clara Downey.
Recitation, "Call From China," Ida Kendall.
Singing.....School.
Recitation, "Sending the Word," .....Milton Peregoy.
Recitation, "Brave Little Missionary" George Compton.
Singing.....School.
Presentation of Banner.....E. R. McDorman.
Recitation, "The Conclusion," Thomas Dyott.
Anthem.....Choir.
Singing.....School.
Benediction.

The most interesting feature of the program was the announcement of the successful classes which had been competing for the banner. The class taught by Miss Laura Thomas won the banner for the month having contributed the sum of $28.26, the next highest being Mr. R. S. Thomas' class with $26. The latter class held the highest amount for the year, $42.26. The collections for the month were $109.01 and for the year, $202.76. This speaks well for the school, the total collections for last year being only $165.91.

Cotton Wins.—An election was held at the colored folks' tabernacle in Chestertown Tuesday night as to who should be recommended for janitor to the court house. Fred. K. Nichols and John Cotton were the candidates and Cotton won by 29 votes.

Trip to Rome.—On account of the inclement weather last Tuesday the "Trip to Rome" was postponed until next Tuesday evening in Edesville Hall. Don't miss this treat.

Big Sale.—The sale of Mr. J. Ford Caulk's personalty on Wednesday was attended by a large crowd notwithstanding the extremely bad weather. Cows averaged about $40, shotes sold for 4 cents per pound and implements way up.

Contemplated.—Mr. Walter K. Pippin has completed some fine plans for a new building on High street to take the place of an ancient building. This business house will have two fine store rooms and an office. The contemplated improvement will cost about $7,000 and will possibly be made this year.

Valuable Land. — The negotiations pending between Mrs. Shaw, of New York city, and Captain Cecil Atkinson, for water front, mentioned in the NEWS recently, were consummated this week. Twenty-five acres were purchased on Chester river, $100 per acre being the reported price. Mrs. Shaw will erect a handsome $3000 home on this site and use it for a summer residence. Mr. Frank Duyer will do the work.

Mr. J. N. Wheatley Postmaster.

Representative Miles went to the Postoffice Department Wednesday and recommended the appointment of Mr. Joseph N. Wheatley as postmaster at Chestertown. Before deciding to recommend Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Miles waited to ascertain which of the several candidates for the position was preferred by patrons of the office. Mr. Wheatley was endorsed by so many leading citizens of Chestertown that Mr. Miles felt there could no longer be any doubt on the subject. Mr. Wheatley is now the deputy postmaster and has been acting as postmaster since the recent death of that official. His appointment as postmaster is urged by several hundred citizens of Chestertown, including the cashiers of the banks, members of the bar, leading merchants and by the faculty and students of Washington College.

Mr. Samuel Vannort, who was one of the leading candidates for the office, has notified Mr. Miles that he has withdrawn from the contest.

Inspecting Nursery Stock.

The suggestions made before the agricultural committee at Annapolis by Capt. R. S. Emory and others have been acted upon and the following bill proposed and engrossed for a third reading:

Whenever any trees, plants or vines are shipped into this State from another State, every package shall be plainly labeled on the outside with the name of the consignor, the name of the consignee, the contents and a certificate showing that the contents have been inspected by a State or Government officer, and that the trees or plants therein contained are free from all San Jose scale, yellows, rosetta and other injurious insect or disease. If the provisions of this Act have been violated, the justice shall order the consignee to return said packages of trees plants or vines immediately to the shipper or consignor, unless said consignee or agent shall forthwith have said trees, plants and vines examined by the State entomologist of this State, and he certify to such justice of the peace that the said trees, plants or vines are free from all insect and disease, otherwise said justice of the peace shall order and direct the constable or sheriff to burn and destroy all such trees, plants and vines as have been shipped into this State in violation of law.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

Road supervisors for the first district have been appointed and roads allotted them as follows:

Clarence Turner, road from Millington to State Line, Turner's Mill to Millington road to No. 10 school house, about 8 miles.

Chas. H. Smith, road from Golts east to Delaware line, from Golts south to Smith farm, from Golts to Locust corner, from Golts to Hurlock's from Golts to Coldwell.

Wm. Cheffens, from Sassafras road to road leading from Sassafras to Masseys.

Wm. Atwell, road from Caldwell to Locust corner via Sassafras.

Thos. Dunn, road from Hurlock road to No. 10 school house.

Benj. Durham, from Millington to Chesterville road and Shaden reach road and from Smith farm to Golt's.

Willard England, from Chesterville to Millington and road leading from Chesterville, also from Galena to Millington.

Thos. White, road from Ireland's corner to Richardson's, from Fox Hole road to Millington.

Wm. England, road from Richardson's to white stone, to No. 10 school house, to Peacock's corner, from Holt's to Georgetown.

John Boyd, from Sparks' Mill to Fox Hole to Georgetown, to Ireland's corner, to Wilson's Point to Fox Hole and Mill road by Moffett's Mill.

Edw. England, Craft road, Catholic cemetery, to J. R. Jones' corner, Ireland's corner to Chesterville.

Mr. Ross, J. N. Vansant road to Massey road, and Scott road to Hurlock's, known as Scott and Clark Road.

Mr. C. S. York, hydraulic engineer, has received the contract for supplying Cape Charles City with water works for $15,000.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

A Move for a New Building in Chestertown, where Better Facilities are Sorely Needed.

Senator Westcott introduced a bill in the Senate on Wednesday "to authorize the commissioners of Kent county to build a public school house in Chestertown, and issue bonds to pay for it."

The buildings used for the public school in Chestertown are far short of the needs of a community like ours. The location, in the first place, is not at all desirable except in the fact that it is nearly a central *side* site: the serious objections are the marshy surroundings and the lack of play grounds. We understand that the present movement contemplates a change of location and the erection of a new and modern school building, with grounds and appliances suitable for such an essential institution of the people. Among the sites proposed are several college lots and the lot adjoining the Perkins "Rising Sun" saloon. Other lots will no doubt be offered in due time.

A COWARDLY MURDER!

Samuel M. Rash, a Quiet Farmer and Good Citizen, Shot Dead in His Home in Queen Anne's!

A Native of Kent — His Brother-in-Law Arrested—Detectives Investigating.

The news of the cruel death of Sam'l M. Rash, a farmer living near Church Hill, reached this office early Saturday morning and our reporter quickly went to the scene where the facts as stated below were learned.

Mr. Rash, with his happy family, consisting of a wife and six children, lived on a farm which his wife owned, and on which he had recently built a neat and comfortable dwelling house. He was in prosperous circumstances, and apparently at peace with all the world. Friday evening the family took supper together as usual, in the comfortable dining room of the farm-house, and about the pleasant family circle plans for the coming spring work were discussed. After the supper table had been cleared away, Mrs. Rash sat down by the fireside with the baby, some of the children began to pursue their studies at the table, on which a large lamp brightly burned, and Mr. Rash took a seat near one of the front windows. The shutters were open and the curtains not drawn, as is frequently the case in the peaceful country for no thoughts of danger entered any mind.

The Fatal Wound.

About 7 o'clock Mr. Rash got a cup of warm water from the kitchen and was standing by the fireplace mixing mutton tallow tea for one of his little girls, who was standing near him watching the preparation, etc. While in this act the assassin took good aim and fired the deadly shot through the pane of glass. The light was extinguished, Mr. Rash fell and consternation reigned. A colored servant, George Rochester, ran in from the kitchen and saw Mr. Rash lying on the floor. Mrs. Rash sent Rochester to a neighbor's for aid. Soon Messrs. F. B. Walls and Davis Bishop arrived and dispatched the servant for a physician. They placed Mr. Rash on a sofa in the room, and the doctors S. P. Roberts and J. Lane Finley, arrived about ten o'clock just as he was expiring. An examination showed that Mr. Rash's body had been perforated with numerous shots, Nos. 6 and 8, penetrating the left lung, side, arm and kidney. Death resulted from internal hemorrhage. The news of the assassination was carried to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hayden's and many friends soon came to the scene. Mrs. Rash was totally prostrated by the terrible blow. The murderer stood so near the window that the powder burnt the sash. His aim was evidently carefully taken. The room is about 12 feet wide, so that Mr. Rash was only 17 or 18 feet from the muzzle of the gun.

An Arrest.

State's Attorney Harper ordered an inquest and after examining a number of witnesses the coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Mr. Rash died from a wound from a gun in the hands of parties unknown. In spite of this verdict however, Thomas Brown, a brother of Mrs. Rash, was arrested Sunday by Deputy Sheriff T. Sudler Roberts upon circumstantial evidence, which is said to connect him with the commission of the crime. Previous to his death Mr. Rash stated that he believed Thomas Brown shot him, as Brown was the only person who could have possibly had any ill-feelings toward him. On Saturday morning Constable Walls went to Brown's home to notify him of the murder, and in the course of conversation said that Brown was under suspicion, but was met with an emphatic denial. Numerous threats said to have been made by Brown against Rash led the authorities to the belief that he is connected with the crime. The trouble between the men is said to have been due to a personal property mortgage held by Rash on Brown's stock, and which was advertised to be sold this week. Mr. James Brown, the father, left a comfortable fortune, but Thomas Brown is said to have become much involved.

When notified of Brown's death young Brown went for his mother, and escorted her to the home of Mr. Rash, and remained there until he was arrested. He asserts his ability to prove an alibi. His aunt states that he left his home, about three miles from Rash's about sundown, and Mr. Collier who lives about the same distance beyond the scene of the murder, testified that Brown arrived at his house shortly after dark. Thus the question of time is extremely important, as less than an hour would be allowed for Brown to leave home, commit the murder and reach Mr. Collier's, six miles from Brown's home. Brown's gun was examined and one barrel had evidently recently been used, but he explains this by saying he had discharged it Friday afternoon.

A peculiar feature was the discovery Sunday of the tracks of two vehicles from the public road into the peach orchard in the rear of Rash's house, which had apparently been made on Friday night. As yet their connection with the homicide is uncertain. Other circumstances created such a strong popular belief in Brown's guilt that his arrest was considered justifiable. He has retained Hon. E. H. Brown as his counsel and will have a hearing in a few days.

The remains of Mr. Rash were buried Sunday at Church Hill. Funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. J. E. McCullough. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Davis Bishop, Charles McCollister, L. Gafford, E. B. Walls and Mr. Newman. The community is deeply shocked, and earnest in its desire for the punishment of the guilty party.

Wednesday afternoon Henry Gibbs, colored, was arrested *on suspicion* by Detectives Pumphrey and Seibold. He was taken in custody near the scene of the murder. There are facts and circumstances associated with the man which he is unable to explain away enough in fact to create a grave suspicion as to his complicity in the crime. He has been committed to jail and is now being held on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Brown's real estate was sold Tuesday at mortgagee's sale and brought $11 per acre.

A rare business opportunity is offered by Mr. A. J. Cahall, one of our leading merchants. He has been in bad health for some time and is compelled to quit business altogether. Any one wishing to engage in business should see him at once. See his advertisement in another column. The old Thomas B. Hynson stand is one of the best known in the town, and during the many years of Mr. Cahall's occupancy it has fully maintained its high character as a place of sale for general dry goods, etc.

Thieving.—The jewelry store of Mr. E. T. Willis, on Cross street, was entered Saturday night and a number of watches stolen. Entrance was effected by cutting out several slats of the shutters from a side window, breaking a window pane and removing the stick over the sash. About fifteen watches, brought to be repaired, were taken.

A new Asparagus Crate is put on the market by Capt. R. S. Emory, our hustling "Piney Grove" fruit grower. The Captain looks at things with a practical eye; he has discovered and remedied the defects in last years' crate and now believes he has a crate both perfect and cheap.

A Good Show.—The Guy Brothers' Minstrels which showed in Stam's Hall Thursday night was the best show of its kind ever in the town. The entertainment was high class in every respect and the music cannot be excelled. The puns were new, the singing specially good and the new features thoroughly enjoyed. There were no "off" sayings and a crowded house will greet their return.

Clover seed is being sold at $4.59 and $5 per bushel. Mr. James H. Baker, of Pomona, raised fifty bushels of the best seed ever seen in the county.

Minks. — Mr. Asher purchased last week from Mr. J. C. Davis, Pomona, six extra large minks caught by the well-known trapper, Myers, for which he paid $6.

Kent County Circuit Court.

JURORS FOR APRIL TERM DRAWN BY JUDGE WICKES YESTERDAY.

His Honor Judge J. A. Wickes drew the jurors for the April term of the Circuit Court for Kent county yesterday as follows:

Geo. W. Jacoby,	W. G. Skirven,
Edw. W. Emory,	J. B. Crowding,
W. J. Tarbutton,	R. Comley,
Robert S. Emory,	J. H. Simpers,
H. C. Lusby,	J. E. Morris.
Colin F. Taylor,	J. W. Price,
Daniel E. Jewell,	Thos. Rasin, Jr.,
Robert G. Nicholson,	J. K. Aldridge,
Joseph Rasin,	P. G. Wilmer,
Wm. S. Busick,	R. T. Turner,
C. S. Hurlock,	Jeremiah Peacock.
I. H. Leaverton,	C. J. Scott,
Jas. R. Hicks,	D. J. McCauley,
Henry Brown.	W. F. Melvin,
W. G. Rasin,	A. L. Corey,
E. N. Roland,	W. E. Keyser,
Geo. M. Beasten,	E. J. Watson,
Thomas S. Bordley,	J. C. Brice,
C. A. Leary,	C. S. Hill,
R. H. Collins,	J. S. Newman,
G. W. Covington.	B. M. Hazel,
F. P Cochran	Jas. H. Gale,
J. W. Boggs	E. M. Bonwill.
H. S. Cook	Wm. Morris.

Personals Receptions, etc.

Mr. J. B. McIntyre, head clerk in C. S. Smith's cash store, has been confined to his home by sickness this week.

Mr. T. J. McWhorter, of Philadelphia formerly of Millington, stepped upon a live electric wire last week and the muscles of one of his legs were terribly drawn, and at one time he was thought seriously injured, but is now improving under treatment of his son.

Rev. Thomas E. Coulbourn, general missionary secretary of the Methodist Protestant Church, died Thursday after a short illness at the residence of Rev. H. S. Hulshart, Pittston, Pa., where he had gone to attend a meeting of the Pennsylvania Conference. He married a daughter of the late C. W. Button, of Lynchburg. His widow and three children survive him. The body will be sent to Lynchburg for burial.

Mr. Henry Brown is delegate to conference from Bond Church and Mr. Jno. C. Davis alternate.

Miss Nellie Burke, of Millington, has been the guest of the Misses Reed in Chestertown.

Ex-Comptroller Marion deK. Smith was able to be out this week, after being confined to his home by sickness for nearly a month.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shuster have been visiting friends on Paca Island.

The engagement of J. G. C. Legg, a prominent young lawyer of Centreville and Miss Carotta Eliason, daughter of G. W. Eliason, of Greensborough, Caroline county, has been announced to take place soon after Lent. Mr. Legg is a son of Col. Wm. Henry Legg.

Mr. Carroll Perkins, of Baltimore, spent several days in town this week.

Mr. Turbert Greenwood, who has been employed in Baltimore for the past six months, visited his parents on Queen street this week.

Mr. Harry Blakeney is associated with his brother, Mr. Wm. A. Blakeney, in the discovery of the new car fender mentioned in the NEWS last week.

Mr. C. W. Wroth spent several days the past week with friends in Baltimore county.

Mr. Jacob F. Thompson has been confined to his home by sickness the past week.

On Tuesday the Epworth League of the M. E. Church held a business and social meeting at the residence of the third vice-president, Miss Anna G. Lambert. Reports were presented by the different officers of the League, committees appointed and a very enjoyable evening was spent in song and social games and conversation.

Low Bidding.—At a vendue the other day a mule, warranted by the owner to be thirty-eight years old and possessed of extraordinary virtues, was put up and after spirited bidding was knocked off for four dollars and a half. A horse was bid in for $1, and a man standing near remarked that $1 was about 99 cts. more than he was worth!

Next Week.—A full report of the Still Pond Farmers' Club has been received and will be published in the NEWS next week. Also a strong plea from "Teacher" for the retention of Major Perkins, as examiner, an article on "Fox-hunting in Kent," etc.

Read Westcott & Dodd's special low prices. They are selling good goods as low as the lowest.

We find we are mistaken in our announcement as to what J. H. Coulbourn said in regard to prices of lambs and calves. He says he does not think the farmers will be able to realize over three dollars straight through for their flocks of lambs and must be good to do that. He says he has had calves to sell this winter from two to twenty-two dollars.

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