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FISH FOR SALE:

HERRING 50c. PER THOUSAND.

Shad, Perch and all kinds of Fish furnished on short notice and at very low prices.
Address or apply to
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a25-tf. Betterton, Md.

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J. & B. L. WAGNER, PROPRIETORS

This Restaurant is the oldest and most extensive in its accommodations of any in the city. The crowds which lunch and dine daily at this restaurant attest the public approbation of its management. a25-tf.

HAVING PURCHASED

THE PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY

from the Virginia Photograph Company located on Queen Street, extended

I will open a FIRST-CLASS GALLERY on the 20th of April, and ask for a liberal patronage at the hands of this community.

a25-3m. J. M. SOUTH.

FOR SALE:



TWO COLTS, 3 years old;
ONE COLT, 3 years old next fall.
TWO COWS; 1 Light Wagon and Harness in good order. Terms—6 months.
Apply to
WILLIAM FORD,
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FOR SALE:



FRESH JERSEY COWS,
als, CALVES and HEIFERS. Apply to
JAMES H. BAKER,
a11-3t.* Pomona, Md.

NOTICE!

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE, ROUND TRIPS.

SASSAFRAS RIVER STEAMBOAT CO

On and after Monday, April 27th, 1896, the STEAMER SASSAFRAS will leave Georgetown daily, at 6.30 a. m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, (not making round trip on Friday), leaving Baltimore at 2.30 p. m. Saturday. Shallcross' 6.45, Cassidy's 7.00, Turner's Creek 7.15, Betterton 8, Buck Neck 9.15, Gale's Wharf 9.30.

Returning, leave Baltimore daily, at 3 p. m. (except Friday), lay over until 2.30 p. m. Saturday, stopping at Buck Neck and Gale's, and all the landings on Sassafras River, except Turner's Creek, trip up.

April 25, 1896. WM. CUNDIFF, Sup't.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

COMMISSIONERS of CHESTERTOWN

—FOR THE—

Period from April 22, 1895, to April 20, 1896.

REVENUE:

Balance on hand April 1895	$3,136 44	
Corporation Tax levied	2,350 47	
Fire Insurance Co. water rent	200 00	
Cart License	22 00	
Show License	17 00	
Fines	1 00	
Received from County Treasurer for roads, etc	2,021 56	
Sewer Taps	20 00	
Sale Market House	75 00	
Sale old Engine House	10 00	$7,853 43

EXPENDITURES:

Work and matdrial on streets:		
Hauling	$ 67 10	
Labor	269 60	
Laying Pavements	22 68	
H. S. Barnett, bricks	56 30	
Shells	736 13	
Hauling same	214 00	$1,365 71
For Street Lighing:		
Gasoline, lamps, &c	$263 02	
Freight on Gasoline, &c	39 65	
Lamp Lighters	156 00	452 67
Sundries:		
Printing Annual Report, ordinances	87 25	
Election	8 00	
Thos. C. Bashor & Co., for Terra Cotta Pipe	13 65	
Geo. W. Smith for brooms and oil	1 70	
Blacksmith Repairs	2 85	
J. K. Aldridge, hardware	24 28	
Wm. T. Sutton, repairs to sewer	16 15	
S. F. Smith, oil and cement	16 62	
T. W. Eliason, lumber	12 23	
Robt. N. Boston, exam. Hall Hotel	1 00	
C. W. Baumgardner, repairing road machine	50	
W. S. Carroll, carpe'r work	2 00	
Jas. Sparks, for oyster rake	60	
J. W. Lambert, court certi.	4 50	
R. G. Nicholson, shade trees	2 50	
Bailiff, assistants and clerk	1,224 50	
Water rent for 1896	590 00	
Repairs to pump	1 70	
Advertising Market House Transcript	4 00	
Wm. Morris, Court Certificate, Barroll case	2 25	
W. S. Leaverton, Court Certificate, Gibson case	9 18	
W. S. Walker, Court Certifi. Barroll case	2 00	
Insolvencies for 1894	12 69	
Services of Commissioners on Hall Hotel Arbitration	15 00	$2,055 15
Total expenditures		$3,873 63

Revenue	$7,853 47
Expenditures	3,873 63
Balance uncollected taxes and cash	$3,979 84

CHARLES T. WESTCOTT, PRES'T.

Test:—M. WILBUR THOMAS, Clerk.

April 25, 1896.

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,
m28-1m. Rock Hall, Md.

Crates and Baskets!

CARRIERS and PEACH BASKETS

MILLIONS IN STOCK.

SCOTT BROS. & CO.,

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET CO., MD

ELECTION NOTICE!

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad Company, for the Election of a Board of Directors for the coming year, will be held at the office of the Company in Chestertown, Maryland, on SATURDAY, the 9th day of May, 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Dated, New York, April 8, 1806.

SAMUEL KNOX, SEC'Y.

ELECTION OF TOWN COMMISSIONER.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Court House in Chestertown, Maryland,

On MONDAY, APRIL 27th, 1896, for the purpose of electing ONE PERSON to serve for three years in the place of CHAS. T. WESTCOTT, whose term expires May 1st, 1896. Polls open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

By order of the board,
M. WILBER THOMAS,
a4-3t. Clerk of Commissioners.

MONEY TO LOAN

ON MORTGAGES, in sums to suit.

a25-tf. WM. M. SLAY, ATT'Y.

TO LOAN ON MORTGAGES:

I have $800, $1,000. $1,100, $1,500, $2,000, $3,000, $5,000 and $10,000 to loan on first mortgage at 6 per cent.

HOPE H. BARROLL,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
m7-3t. Ckestertown, Md.

MONEY TO LOAN

ON REAL ESTATE

f22-tf. MARION DEK. SMITH, ATT'Y.

MONEY TO LOAN on Mortgages.

Any sum from $500 to $12,000.

WILLIAM W. BECK,
.fft-8 ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

THOMAS A. STRONG,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 27th day of October, 1896, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April, 1896.

T. ROMIE STRONG,
April 25, 1896—4t. Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

SAMUEL CACY,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 18th day of October, 1896, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers.

Given under my hand this 7th day of April, 1896.

WILLIAM H. CACY,
April 11, 1896—4t. Administrator.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS



OFFERED BY

HICKS NEXT WEEK

at his shops on Court Street. Wheel-hooping and Repairing Carriages among the Specials. Also, New Dearborns. Will give you first-class job in SHOEING.

a18-tf. SAMUEL HICKS.

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.

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

THE KALAMAZOO SPRING-TOOTH SULKY CULTIVATOR

The labor-saving implement for farmers. Prepares the land for seed, tills the smallest plant in rows, from that to four feet high. Those who use them are its advertisers. Come and see them work. On hand and for sale by R. G. NICHOLSON,
m21 tf. Chestertown, Md.

FOR SALE:



100,000 PALMETTO and FRENCH ASPARAGUS CROWNS, from one to two years old. All wishing crowns will do well to order early. 3 MALE HOLSTEIN CALVES, 1 Calf year old; 2 Calves 3 months old; Dams record 60 lbs. per day; sire's dam 91 lbs. per day. Also, some nice MALE PIGS, Poland China, dam and sire from the noted herd of Panett & Leveren, Ohio; Stock entitled to registry. Also, agent for the EXCELSIOR ASPARAGUS PLOW, it being the most complete implement ever offered for this work. Growers please send for circulars.

FRANK P. COCHRAN,
m28-6t.* Galena, Maryland.

Local Jottings.

Died from the Heat. — Mr. John E. Morris lost a very valuable mule last week, during the hot weather, and he attributes the cause to the heat. He also lost a ewe and two lambs on the same day.

New Survey.—Prof. F. W. Perkins, of Washington, has been in Kent the past two weeks with headquarters at Chestertown, making a new survey of the county. He is the assistant U. S. Coast and Geodetic surveyor.

To Start Soon. — Superintendent Quantz arrived home Thursday, and stated that from the best information obtainable, the Strawboard mill would likely be operated about May 10th. Everything depends on the continued good business outlook.

Round Trips.—The steamer Sassafras will begin round trips next Monday, April 27th, leaving Georgetown at 6.30 A. M., daily except Friday; Buck Neck at 9.15. See schedule elsewhere.

The festival held in Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown, this week was fairly well-attended and $50 was cleared. The supper was up to the usual high standard.

Assessors. — Treasurer Garrett Foxwell on Tuesday named the following gentlemen as assessors in the following districts; First, John Voshell; Second, Thos. J. Shallcross; Third, Thomas J. Parsons; Fourth, John Rose; Fifth, Benj. H. Coburn.

To Show Elsewhere. — The local dramatic troupe, which so ably presented "A Celebrated Case" in Stam's Hall last week under Prof. E. J. Clarke's direction, expect to show in several other places shortly. Miss Seemuller, a talented performer from Baltimore, will take the character impersonated by Miss Pennington. Special music will be rendered by Misses Mary Hurtt and Rose Frazier. Either Centreville or Smyrna will likely be the first place selected away from home. With the exception of Miss Pennington, who has returned to Virginia, the characters will be the same as before.

A Sharp Contest. — The contest for the captaincy of the Anna B. Smith is waxing warm. Capt. Stevens, the present captain, has been in town this week, and says he expects to hold on to the boat. He was commissioned to continue in command during good behavior, nevertheless he has been asked to resign the first of May. His competitor in the race is Capt. John W. Coleman, a more elderly man; his friends claim that there was a full understanding, to which Capt. Stevens was a party, that he would relinquish the command on the first of May. Captain Stevens claims to have Gov. Lowndes and Comptroller Graham with him, and if such be the case it will be difficult to "oust" him.

The biggest hen egg ever seen in Chestertown was on exhibition last week in Mr. P. T. McFeely's furniture store. It was from his hennery and weighed *seven ounces!* When broken open it was found to be actually three eggs in one—the inner shell of one of them being as hard as the outer. Mr. J. F. Newcomb has a curiosity in the way of a dyed egg taken from his hennery. He calls the pullet his Easter hen.

Horse Thieves?—Mr. W. W. Woodford, of Centreville, was in town Monday looking for his horse and carriage which had been hired from him last Friday. Mr. Slaughter, of the same town, also on the search for a pair of horses. Mr. Woodford located his team at Clayton and Mr. Slaughter found his at Chesapeake City. A letter from the parties who took the teams disclosed the whereabouts of same and added that they would be down shortly and settle for same.

Detective Pumphreys, who was in Centreville this week, says the description of the men answer to those or "Chicago Charley" and his gang of bank robbers and confidence men. Our farmers were most too sharp for them and we have not heard of any of them being caught.

Grand Lodge. — The Odd Fellows held their annual session in Baltimore this week. Mr. Frank Miller, of Amicable Lodge, Chestertown, Mr. Wm. Parr, of Kent Lodge, Galena, and Mr. George Davis, of Maxwell Lodge, Rock Hall, are attending the session as delegates.

Frost in California. — Reports from California say the peach prospects have been seriously hurt by the nipping frost. The thermometer at Los Angeles on Monday registered 38°.

Local Appointments. — Governor Lowndes has made the following recess appointments: Magistrates — John W. Wright, Chestertown; Theodore T. Jewell, second district; coroner, George R. Rouse, Chestertown.

Dwelling Sold.—Marion deK. Smith, Esq., as attorney for Chester Loan Association, has sold the "Bordley House" on the corner of Maple and College avenues, to Misses Cora and Hattie Reed for $1,825. The dwelling is now occupied as a parsonage by the pastor of Christ M. P. Church.

Sheep Killed.—Mr. J. W. Ivens, on the Kennard's Point farm, writes to the NEWS as follows: Dogs attacked my sheep on Tuesday night and killed ten sheep and eleven lambs. For the benefit of sheep owners I will describe the dogs. One was white with brown spots on left shoulder and ears. The other was a black dog, both of medium size. I shot the black dog very badly on back of head and neck but did not kill him.

FRUIT SAFE YET!

The sudden drop in the mercury last Wednesday and the *big frost* last Thursday morning caused some apprehension among the fruit growers, but the general opinion is that no damage has been done the peaches. The bloom is yet securely about the peach germ, protecting it fully against the frost, and in this section it will be some days before the tender young peach will be exposed. The very dry weather is also favorable. A frost next week or a freeze after a rain at any time now would be destructive.

A twig from the orchard of Henry Davis, Esq., on his "Kennard farm," near Still Pond, was left at the NEWS office on Thursday. It was about twelve inches long and contained about thirty-eight healthy-looking young peaches, but a more remarkable feature was the advanced state of the fruit—all the young peaches having entirely shed their bloom and being well grown.

As an indication of the uncertainty of the crop, even at this late date, F. H. Harper, Esq., one of the extensive fruit growers of Still Pond, states that on the *twelfth of May*, 1887, he estimated his peach crop at 12,000 baskets, and actually purchased his baskets with this expectation. His realization was *twelve hundred baskets!*

The Keifer pear prospect is bad in this county.

A dispatch from Pen Mar and Williamsport Wednesday says: The peach buds in this vicinity are in many cases found defective. The peach-growers find that the buds are frozen. They state that throughout the Pennsylvania peach belt the peach crop this year will be a failure.

A Beautiful Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wright, of Centreville, were in Chestertown Monday and visited their newly purchased property adjoining Chester bridge. Mr. Wm. S. Carroll, contracter and builder, has completed plans for remodeling this well-known house on the Chester. A pretty porch will be erected around the house, two unique bay windows will be placed on either side and the whole repainted.

The interior is to be completely changed and when finished it will be a beautiful and handsome home. A pretty fence will inclose the property and a walk made along the river's edge. Mr. Wright is in correspondence with a Northern trucker who will take complete control of the land and cultivate it as he may deem wisest.

Mr. W. expects to rent the house if an agreeable tenant can be found, other wise he will utilize it for his own purposes. He has received several good offers to sell the property at a big advance.

Reception. — The Chestertown Epworth League gave a reception Tuesday evening in the church to the league at Union M. E. Church, Queen Anne's, to Presiding Elder Smith and others. Rev. W. P. Compton, the president, made an address and Presiding Elder Smith spoke in his happy manner. He stated that he had the pleasure at the last conference to consummate the long courtship between Union and Chestertown and of making the two as one. Misses Anna G. Lambert and Clara E. Downey sang a pretty duet and Mr. E. R. McDorman gave a recitation. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening passed. The reception committee included Misses Laura Thomas, Fannie and Bessie Stuart, Messrs. R. S. Thomas and George B. Twilley.

"Wagner's Green House" is the best eating house in Baltimore for gentlemen and ladies. The cooking is first-class and the prices very reasonable. It is the "old reliable," especially popular with business men. Pratt st., near Light.

COURT NOTES.

The police schooner, Anna B. Smith, dropped anchor off Chestertown Sunday afternoon and her crew have been attending court as witnesses against the dredgers, Sanders and Walters. Her summer crew consists of the brave Capt. J. F. Stevens, Jos. Sewell, mate, and James A. Cornelius.

There were six men in the big poker game in which Mr. John Gale Usilton lost his valuable watch, each of whom plead guilty of gaming on Sunday, submitted their cases before Justice Johnson and paid the fine $5 each. This gambling case also brought to light that there was a pawn shop in Chestertown, but the witnesses who had found it, neglected to state where it was.

A local colored preacher was charged with being intoxicated, assaulting his wife and a colored man. The fact that he was a local preacher helped him no doubt in the first charge and he was acquitted but found guilty in the other two.

Nearly all the whiskey cases that were brought over from last court were renewed and summons placed in the sheriff's hands for the arrest of the parties charged with the offences. His Honor, Judge Wickes, inquired of State's Attorney Urie where these men were and the latter well replied, "they are not in the county, and if by renewing we keep them out, it will be a good thing for Kent county."

Judge Wickes called the attention of the bar and magistrates of the folly and expense of bringing many trifling offenses before the court for settlement when the same could be settled before local justices of the peace at one-third the cost.

The attendance of colored people at this term of court is very large.

Cornelius J. Scott, Esq., is one of the most experienced foreman of grand juries in the county, but this year, for the first time since the Cosden murder trials of 1851, he was drawn on the petit jury. Mr. Richard T. Turner makes a first-class foreman of the grand jury.

Dr. Genese and his valet have been conspicuous figures in court. He is the noted inventor, author and dentist, of Baltimore and spends much of his time on his farm at Betterton. He has a case in court against his tenant, Mr. Boone.

Clarence W. Perkins, Esq., and Albert W. Rivers, Esq., of Baltimore bar, were in attendance upon our court this week. Col. Edwin H. Brown, of Centreville, was present on Monday.

M. M. Higgins, Esq., of Easton, the popular chief clerk of the House of Delegates at its recent session, was in court Thursday and yesterday.

The Centreville bar was represented on Thursday in our court by three of its able young attorneys: Messrs. J. H. C. Legg, Thos. J. Keating, Jr., and J. W. Temple.

The grand jury will adjourn probably on Monday.

Wm. R. Martin, Esq., of the Talbot bar, and John B. Brown and Edwin H. Brown, Esqs., of Centreville, were in court yesterday.

Hon. George M. Russum, chief Judge of the circuit, reached here Thursday afternoon and was on the bench in our court yesterday for the first time.

The J. D. Carter case will probably be called about next Monday or Tuesday. The murder case against John Murray, colored, for killing Annie Munson a colored girl eight years old, both living in Chestertown, will likely be called immediately after Carter's case. Messrs. Hynson and Vickers are counsel for Carter, and H. W. Catlin defends Murray. State's Attorney Urie will conduct the prosecution in each case alone.

Capt. Stevens says he is in court for the first time in his life this week.

Season Waning. — The tonging season for oysters will close today. The tongers have been deprived of working many days this season on account of heavy winds, but the prices have averaged about thirty cents and many have saved some money. Last Saturday 40 cents was paid on Wickes Beach and 35 cents on Swan Point Bar. Messrs. Marion Downey and Hayward Ashley have doubtless made the biggest record. Among the buyers Capt. Benj. Sewell leads all, capping the climax by loading a vessel last week with seed oysters for Virginia. Capts. Proctor, F. Hogans, G. Davis and John Dowling have also bought a large bulk of the catch.

Fine Wool.— Messrs. Wm. E. Jarrell and Ray Boyers are the first farmers to shear their sheep this year. Mr. Asher says he never bought wool this early before, but also adds that the quality is very fine. Prices range from 10 to 15c.

A FULL report of the County Teachers Association will be published in our next issue.

Town Jottings.

The election for town commissioners will take place next Monday. A number of names have been suggested for the place, but whether or not they are candidates we cannot say. Charles T. Westcott, the retiring member, has served the town faithfully and efficiently, and a strong appeal has been made to him to allow the use of his name on the ticket Monday. The office carries no remuneration but the *honors are considered sufficient compensation.*

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Postmaster Jos. N. Wheatley has made some decided improvements in the arrangement of the letter boxes. The public can now be accommodated more quickly and satisfactorily and the new arrangement makes it more convenient for all concerned. Eighteen new lock boxes have been added with patent combination locks.

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Col. Wm. P. Howard has finished painting the "Thompson Row" on High street and a better job cannot be pointed out in town. The store-fronts are finished in oak and birds-eye maple with gold-tinted scrolls and make a beautiful appearance. A baker is said to be negotiating for the room now vacant.

Messrs. Elliott & Needles have finished repainting the Hatcherson house occupied by P. T. McFeely as a furniture warehouse.

Mr. Wm. A. Sappington is repainting the Misses Blackiston home on the avenue. The Brown house occupied by Mr. E. C. Reiche looks fresh after a coat of whitewash, and other improvements in the general appearance of town property are being made.

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The thermometer on Saturday registered 91° on Sunday at 12 o'clock marked 92°. Mr. Nicholson started his ice wagon Saturday and disposed of a considerable quantity. Fifty cents per hundred pounds or one cent a pound for small quantities is the retail price.

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Mr. J. M. South, of Crumpton, has purchased of the Va. Photograph Co., the photograph gallery on Queen St., and is prepared to do fine work.

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Mrs. S. A. Hurlock has purchased the entire stock of goods kept by Mrs. Maud Kemp in Chestertown and added thereto a millinery and ready-make clothing department. Miss May Hurlock, her skilled daughter, has charge of the store and asks for a share of the public patronage.

Who Were They?

Farmers and others should be constantly upon their guard against the swindling gentry that infest every section. Mr. George R. Reed, one of Worton's wealthy agriculturists, had two very suspicious visitors one day last week. The first drove into his farm and represented himself as a Mr. Ross, and was the agent for some kind of publication for which he asked $2, but which Mr. Reed very wisely refused even to look at. The second came along soon after "Mr. Ross" left, driving a fine pair of horses, in a buggy; he said his name was McKenney; that he was a son of Col. Wm. McKenney, of Centreville, and that he wanted to buy a farm for "widow McKenney," who he said had $40,000 idle in the Colonel's bank in Centreville and wished to get farms in Kent so that her sons might be gotten "away from Centreville."

Mr. Reed says this young man was a smooth talker, and of spare build, and that though he had never heard of the "widow McKinney," he knew Col. McKenney well by reputation, and so parleyed with the stranger for some time. The visitor urged Mr. Reed to go with him to examine one of his farms, and it was finally agreed that this should be done in the afternoon, but the man left and did not return.

Bicycle Notes.

Messrs. David B. Ford and Serech Shallcross made the run to Kirkwood Sunday and returned the same day. Mr. James Lucas accompanied the wheelmen as far as Cecilton.

The Chestertown Cycle Club will have their opening spring run next Tuesday The objective point will be Rock Hall, where Uncle George and Aunt Tempie will set before the boys one of their celebrated suppers.

Master Kennard Aldridge has a new boy's wheel and bids fair to be very fast.

Prof. A. B. Burris, of Washington College, and Mr. Clifton Rasin, of near Lankford, were both mounted on their wheels Wednesday when they collided and the farmer's wheel was badly damaged. Fortunately neither of the riders were hurt.

Prof. S. R. Maxwell, the noted lecturer at Union Thursday night, missed the train at Clayton on Thursday, but fortunately brought his wheel with him and rode to the home of Mr. W. W. Parks, otherwise a large crowd would have been disappointed. Mr. Maxwell, however, says he punctured his tire when near his place of destination and was compelled to carry his wheel instead of the wheel carrying him. He has grit enough to entitle him to membership in the C. C. C.

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