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JUNIOR LEAGUE LAWN PARTY.

The Junior League of Still Pond M. E. Church, will give a LAWN PARTY on the grounds of Mr. C. B. Krusen on the afternoon and evening of JULY 3rd, 1897. Refreshments at reasonable rates. j19-3t.

FESTIVAL AT McGINNIS' CORNER!

The ladies of Providence Church will hold a FESTIVAL on the School House Green at McGinnis' Corner on the 12th and 19th of June. Come and lend a helping hand. 2t.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of LAW and ORDER LEAGUE will meet in STAM'S HALL MONDAY EVENING at 8o'clock. A full attendance is specially requested.
J. D. BACCHUS, Sec'y.

NOTCE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Kent County Savings Bank for the purpose of selecting Twelve Directors to manage the affairs of said bank for the ensuing year, will be held in their Banking House, in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, July 6th, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M. By order of the Board.
j19-tm. WM. F. RUSSELL, CASHIER.

WELL! WELL!

YOU have heard a great deal these days about "Special Sale Days," and "Immense Reductions." Inteligent reader, don't be duped by everything you read or hear. We believe the best way is the Constant Square-Dealing, Fair Prices on every article; not to give you one thing and then rifle your pocket on something you know not the value of. We this week and the balance of the season will continue to display select styles in SUMMER DRESS GOODS, Large Size GAUZE VESTS, SHOES and SLIPPERS. Our styles in ORGANDIE LAWNS and other goods are not surpassed. LAP DUSTERS and more of those CHEAP WHIPS. Bargains in SHIRTS. Mrs. Rambo says we sell the BEST CHICKEN POWDERS.

WESTCOTT & DODD,
June 19, 1896. Chestertown, Md.

LARGE SALES
—OF—
Binder Twine

We are glad to acknowledge the appreciation on the part of the Farmers for our efforts in breaking the COMBINATION PRICE on Binder Twine throughout the county.

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SPECIAL BARGAIN SALE!

PRICES THAT HURRAH FOR THEMSELVES!

WINTER CABBAGE PLANTS, 8 cents per hundred, 75 cents per thousand.
LATE TOMATOES, 5 cents per hundred.
EGG PLANTS, 5 cents per dozen.
PEPPERS, 5 cents per doz., 35c. per hundred.

W. M. WATTS,
je19-2t. STILL POND.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The Annual Examination of Applicants for certificates to teach in the public schools (white) of Kent county will be held in the SCHOOL ROOM of Professor Topping, Chestertown,

On THURSDAY, July 1st, 1897,
COMMENCING AT 9 A. M.
WILLIAM G. SMYTH,
je12-3t. EXAMINER.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The Annual Examination of Applicants to teach in the Public Schools (colored) of Kent county, will be held in the COLORED PUBLIC SCHOOL in Chestertown,

On SATURDAY, July 3rd, 1897,
COMMENCING AT 9 A. M.
WILLIAM G. SMYTH,
je12-4t. EXAMINER.

SEALED PROPOSALS Will be received until 12 o'clock on TUESDAY, JULY 6th, '97, for 55 TONS of NUT and STOVE COAL to be delivered on the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad at the Chestertown station, by August 1st, 1897. Address all bids to William Ford, Secretary and Trustee, Chestertown, Md.
June 12, 1897. WM. FORD, Sec'y.

Deering Binder Twine.

NEW TWINE FROM NEW MILLS!

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je5-3t. Chestertown, Md.

COMMENCEMENT DAYS.

Washington College Holds Interesting Exercises—Sermons, Contests, etc.

The 115th commencement of Washington College was held this week. The baccalaureate sermon was preached in the M. E. Church Sunday morning, the graduates attending attired in cap and gown. A very powerful discourse was delivered by Rev. D. H. Corkran, of Lewes, Del., from the text "Faith in God." First he spoke of the nature of faith in God. It is rational belief. In this it differs from faith in general. Belief may or may not be rational. Rational belief is seen in the attitude of men of thought and culture towards the facts of history, science and revelation. Christian faith is a specific faith having as its ultimatum a specific object, God. Second, the credibility of such a faith in such a being. Is there a God? The fool has said nay but the wise man weighs and ponders over the evidence in the case and answers "yea." We have much evidence that there is a God. 1st, his own book which declares his own existence. 2nd, the nature of things scientific interpreted teaches the same sublime truth. 3rd, such a faith in such a being is of the highest importance. It is essential to true nobility of character. Such a faith sheds a light upon all mysteries and lends a solution to all problems. It gives light in darkness and guidance in all the devious paths of life.

At night Rev. J. G. Gantt, of Trappe, Talbot county, preached the annual sermon before the Students' Christian Association from II chapter of St. Paul, 23rd verse: "As soon as I know how it shall go with me." The speaker pictured strong and exalted ideals of christian life. The past, the present and the future were treated in their relative importance to an exalted manhood and womanhood. Because of the fact that the association admits ladies as members the speaker devoted much time to the important part which woman is to play in the great history-making epochs of the world.

MOUNT VERNON NIGHT.

The address before the Mt. Vernon Literary Society was delivered Monday night by Rev. E. R. Rich, of Greensboro', Md. The speaker was not a stranger to our people and was fortunate in having previously won renown as a public speaker here. His lecture was on the literature of today. There are religious and secular literature, both open for research by the inquiring mind. There are many sheets of papers on which the printer's ink has found its way that does not belong to the literature of the century. Literature appeals to man as man, and let books appeal to the moral character of man, and that is literature. Literature on account of its universality is one of the most important factors in man's advancement. Our life is in the world of books. There is a time when by realms of books, we can build up our moral and spiritual character. The formation of character, scripture tells us to humble ourselves. A great mistake is made when the youth begins his life, in hoping for success in pandering to the tastes of the times. The desire for the approbation of others is indeed laudable, but that should not be the single aim. A strong moral mind keeps this under subjection and develops a true character. Courage is necessary to develop character. Not the courage that makes one dare to brave the cannon's mouth, not the courage that impels one to brave the tiger in his den, but that true moral courage, courage to do what is right, regardless of consequences. Retain your individuality, determine to be something, and whatevever you do, do it well. Then will success crown your highest efforts.

DECLAMATION CONTEST.

Stam's Hall was filled Tuesday morning with an interested audience, the occasion being the annual declamation contest under the management of Prof. E. J. Clarke. The class was a bright one and acquitted themselves well. They were as follows: L. A. Davis, of Greenwood, Del., "Extract from Dickens"; J. H. Anderson, Milford, Del., "The Deathbed of Arnold"; T. A. Goldsborough, Greensboro', "The Fall of Jerico"; Harry W. Rickey, Chestertown, "The Sorrow of Rohab"; Miss Susie Belle Culp, Chestertown, "The Spanish Duel"; Miss Laura Letty, Greensboro'; "The Cultured Daughter of a Plain Grocer"; J. Wilson Sutton, Black's Station, "Hon. G. G. Vest on Cuba"; Miss Hallie Toulson, Chestertown, "A Stray Sunbeam." The judges were Dr. Grise, Dr. Gantt and Mrs. J. S. W. Jones, who stated that it was very difficult for them to decide the winners as in several instances the rivalry was so close that it was like the splitting of a hair to tell the difference. The prizes were given by Mrs. Richard Hynson, of Chestertown, viz.: Ten dollars to the best speaker among the lady students; $10 to the best speaker among the gentlemen and $5 as a second prize. The judges announced these as winners: Miss Susie B. Culp and Mr. T. A. Goldsborough, first prizes; Mr. J. Hall Anderson, second. The prizes next year will be offered by Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The college campus bore an animated appearance Tuesday afternoon when the youth and beauty of Maryland turned out to applaud the young contestants in the sports that had been arranged by Prof. A. B. Burris. Beautiful prizes were given by Dr. C. P. Gilpin, H. H. Barroll, Marion deK. Smith, C. F. Stam, Dr. W. F. Hines, Chestertown National Bank, Fred. G. Usilton, Dr. C. W. Reid.

The events and entries were as follows: 100 yards dash, under 16—Simpers, Roe and Eliason. Won by E. Simpers in 12¾ seconds.

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A SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. Samuel D. Shawn died suddenly of appoplexy Thursday evening about 8.30 o'clock, at his home on High street, Chestertown, aged 36. He had been in bed for several days and on Thursday got up and went down town "to see the bear" contrary to his doctor's advice. Upon returning home he went to bed and died soon after. About four years ago he and his family removed from Price's Station to Edesville and came to Chestertown about Christmas. The deceased was a son of Samuel C. Shawn and has been conducting a livery stable in town on Cross street. He married a Miss Edsall, of New Jersey, who, together with five boys, survive him. The funeral will be held today, interment in Church Hill Cemetery.

Shall We Have Light?

Mr. Frank L. Wright, of Smyrna, Del., was in town this week and paid the NEWS office a visit. He constructed the electric light plant in Smyrna and came to investigate the advisability of placing a plant here. His work in Smyrna is recommended as being first class and satisfactory in every respect. His proposition to our people is certainly a fair one, namely: To form a company with a capital stock of $12,000; he to take one-third the stock. It is his desire to remove to Chestertown, construct the plant himselt and make it a success. He interviewed a number of our prominent citizensand met with encouragement.

Peach Growing in Kent.

The reference in the NEWS last week to the late John Shuster as the pioneer peach grower of Kent has brought out some interesting facts in reference to this industry. Mr. Robert L. Usilton, of Worton, was in town Thursday and was seen by the NEWS man. He will be 78 years old next August. Mr. U. says the first peach trees planted in Kent county were landed at "Nigger Landing" on Churn creek, from the schooner "Hen," in about 1837. These trees came from Chesapeake City and were planted by Mr. Sol. Startt on Major Philip Reybold's Plum Point farm. The trees were mulched in the fall and planted the following March. A big crop was gathered the third year.

LOCAL NOTES
—ON THE—
POLITICAL SITUATION.

The announcement in the NEWS that Sheriff Casey had withdrawn from the fight has given his rivals renewed vigor. Mr. Chas. England says he is sure to be the candidate, but a prominent Republican reported this week with a knowing smile that the candidate for treasure was to be James H. Baker, Esq. Another "deal" is said to be brewing growing out of the warm fight between Capt. W. D. Burchinal and F. H. Harper, Esq., for the clerkship. This "deal" proposes to make Mr. Harper treasurer, but it is very doubtful about him entering into any such scheme.

Mr. Samuel Webb, of Kennedyville, says he is certain to be the candidate for sheriff "because I have the word from headquarters." Mr. W. Scotten denies this and claims that he has the lead.

The Rock Hall postmaster's term will expire about July 15th and a warm fight is already on between several prominent men. Mr. Joseph C. Kendall made known his wishes Tuesday. He wants to be postmaster at Rock Hall and declares that if he is not given this plum he will———! Mr. John Downey was also in town Tuesday and is anxious to be postmaster at his home. He had the ear of Senator Westcott and Capt. Burchinal Tuesday and so had Mr. Kendall.

Supervisor J. J. Blackiston stated in the village, that the postoffice business would shortly be settled. He said that Mr. J. W. Downey was removed from the fight, and that a commission of six would be appointed to decide whether Mr. Jos. Downey or Jos. F. Leary is entitled to the place. There is no contention whatever for the place, as the majority are of the impression that Senator Westcott will defer action until 1st of December of this year, and the NEWS readers know the position Mr. B. holds in the party. What he says goes—nit.

The Millington postoffice is also a bone of contention, the two most prominent candidates being Dr. Fred Walls who is backed by a number of friends under Mr. Sam'l Mallalieu's leadership and Mr. Clarence Price whose strong support is Mr. W. Scotten and others.

A well-known politician says that Senator Westcott is keeping his hands off the local fight here. The Senator has a number of warm friends who want to be on the ticket this fall and he has told them to go fight it out in the primaries and whoever wins would have his hearty support.

A gentleman very close to Mr. Kendall says: Mr. Jos. C. Kendall has stated his position in regards to Rock Hall Post Office and he is willing to use the approaching primary election as a test of strength and the man who secures the most votes to be recommended for the place. Then the opposition could put up thier applicant and if he secured the delegation then he would get the office.

The board of Supervisors, of Elections for Kent county, having selected the following named persons to be Registers of Voters in the several voting districts, of said county, in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws, hereby give notice of the names and postoffice of each person so selected and also the political party which the Board of Supervisors intends each of said persons to represent, respectively. The law makes it the duty of this Board to examine promptly into any complaints which may be preferred to them in writing against any person so selected and to remove any such person whom upon inquiry they shall find to be unfit or incapable. The Board expects to swear in the unprotested Registers next Tuesday, June 22nd at 10 o'clock A. M.

1st DIST., Millington Precint,— Dr. Fred A. Walls, Rep., Charles O. Cacy, Dem., Millington post office.

Galena Pre'ct,— Walter Ford, Rep., Golts; Henry Parr, Dem., Galena.

2nd DIST.—Samuel J. Comly, Rep., Locust Grove; John McKee, Dem., Morgnec.

3rd DIST.—George L. Bowers, Rep., Hanesville; Abram S. Crawford, Dem., Melitota.

4th DIST.—Wm. H. Brown, Rep., Wm. H. McFeely, Dem., Chestertown.

5th DIST. — Joseph Downey, Rep., John Dickinson, Dem., Rock Hall.

6th DIST.—A. M. Kendall, Rep., Fairlee; Harry C. Willis, Dem., Melitota.

7th DIST.—John C. Davis, Rep., Pomona; Richard Groves, Dem., Lankford.

The board has selected a list of remarkably efficient men.

W. C. CHAMPIONS!

Burris, Davis, Bader, Usilton, Stidham, Deakyne, Wheatley, McDorman, Ward.

The Washington College baseball team closed the season Wednesday with a grand exhibition of ball playing, winning from the M. A. C. by 11 to 4. Every man was nearly perfect in his playing. Davis never pitched better and Bader was a tower of strength behind the bat. Stidham was "at home" on second and during the game held a reception, while Usilton and Deakyne helped the receiving party. Burris kept his eyes on the boys and saw that Ward, McDorman and Wheatley did not make any mistakes flirting with the ball.

The wind was too high for Baltimore's Kraft and although they Tuck-er Goodrich Waters for their Camal-(ier) they thirsted for want of 8 runs and finally were compelled to take a Hax home. They had lost but 4 games out of 15. The record of the college boys for the season is as follows:

Date.	*Clubs.*	*W.*	*C.*
April 10	Brown Athletic Club	3	5
" 19	Davis Union	2	19
" 21	Clifton Athletic Club	2	7
" 27	Woodberry Athletic Club	4	17
" 30	Delaware College	5	25
May 5	Maryland Agricultural Col.	3	4
" 19	Lafayetts	3	15
" 25	Mt. St. Mary's College	9	13
June 11	Millington	6	7
" 12	Harlem Athletic Club	1	23
" 14	Perryman	7	14
" 16	Md. Athletic Club	4	11

Millington surprised even themselves last Friday in the game of baseball with Washington College. The latter club expected to have an easy time with their rivals but found one of the hardest hills to climb they have yet attempted. Townsend the Delaware twirler showed up exceedingly well and struck out 15 men; 15 hits were made off him but they were scattering. The home team consisted of five men from Townsend, one from Smyrna, one from Middletown, one from Crumpton and Harris, of Millington. The game opened with W. C. at the bat and the first inning netted two runs, while Millington failed to score in their half. Neither side scored in the second, but in the third, aided by glaring errors on the part of W. C., five Millington batsmen scored making the record 5 to 2 in favor of Millington. The next inning showed the home boys still holding their lead with W. C. fighting desperately to overcome it. To show the faith of the W. C. rooters bets were made at $10 to $5 on them with the score 5 to 2 in favor of Millington, and even then the Chestertown boys could not get all their money taken. In the sixth inning with the score 5 to 5, Burris relieved Davis in the box. Owing to a misunderstanding of signs Bader allowed a pass ball and Millington scored in the seventh. At the beginning of the ninth the score was 6 to 5 in favor of Millington, but oh, the lucky 9th! A game of ball is never won until finished, and in this inning Washington College made two runs while Millington was goose-egged, making the score 7 to 6 in favor of the College.

About 500 persons witnessed the game and for the day Millington was baseball crazy. The umpires were Dr. Scott, of Galena, and Mr. Painter, of Queen Anne's. We congratulate our friends, C. M. Hurtt and Dr. F. Walls and other Millington men upon their baseball aggregation.

Prof. Burris will go to Cambridge for three weeks to coach the team organized there of home players. He will go to Silver Lake about Aug. 1st.

Messrs. Thomas Massey and Cush. Cameron were seen on the players bench Wednesday encouraging the boys. They are both players of renown of last year's team.

An effort is being made to organize a summer baseball team but the necessary funds have not yet been collected. A meeting will be held today for definite action.

MOODY & LUSBY'S semi-annual bona-fide reduction sale of broken lots of suits commenced this week and have met with the usual success that invariably attends such legitimate business. This house conducts such sales twice a year in order to make room for the next season's stock, and to rid their tables of one, two and three of a kind in suits, (Men's, Boys' and Children's,) which accounts for their opening stock, being new and bright. We would advise all in need of clothing to call early on them.

THE OUTLOOK
—IN—
Peach Orchards.

These have been trying times on the fruit crop all over the Peninsula and especially in Kent county. We visited Riverside, tenanted by Mr. J. C. Loud, early last week, and the trees seemed to have two or three baskets on them, but on Tuesday the ground was well covered and the trees in some instances were nearly bare of fruit, not a basket to a tree.

Mr. John Brice says he never saw such a "drop," and the fruit on the trees seems to be stung also. He reports the outlook for one-fourth of a crop.

Mr. John Z. Clark—If they continue to fall for another week there will not be a peach left!

Capt. C. A. Leary—The "drop" has been very heavy, but I will have some peaches.

Mr. Ben. Coburn has 700 trees and says he expects to get two baskets to a tree.

Mr. T. A. Hudson says he has a fine prospect.

Dr. W. S. Maxwell, of Still Pond, reports the outlook for a fine crop of peaches and pears in his section. "Plenty of peaches and an abundance of pears," said he.

Mr. J. B. Crowding says he has none on his old orchard, but has a *few* left on his young trees. "I think the 'drop' is over, but it has been very heavy," he said.

The Messrs. Hadaway, Edesville, report the outlook fair.

Dr. E. G. Clark, of Millington, says he drove through Queen Anne's Tuesday and saw very few peaches in Mr. Geo. Snitcher's orchards or in any other place.

Mr. Jos. Trew, on Mr. T. G. Wroth's farm, says he will not have a peach!

Mr. Jos. Rasin, Lankford—The crop will be very short in Kent. Ten days ago the trees were loaded, but to-day there is not a fourth of a crop. My orchard will have about a basket to a tree.

Mr. Allie Loud—Our trees have a fair crop on them.

Mr. R. G. Nicholson—I don't think the crop will be over one-seventh of a full one.

Mr. John Clendaniel—I never saw apples fall as they have this year. I will have a few peaches, but not a crop by any means.

Messrs. J. K. Aldridge and James W. Lambert also report the "drop" very heavy and the outlook to be for only a small crop.

Mr. J. W. Copper, of near Lynchs, says he hopes to average a basket from a tree, but doubts it.

Judging from the reports that have come to the NEWS, the crop in Kent will be about one-fifth.

A Bridgeville correspondent says:

Two weeks ago the peach trees in lower Delaware contained two-thirds of a crop of fruit; to-day most of the fruit is on the ground. This condition is the result of an insect sting. A month ago farmers stated that an insect was stinging the peaches, and many growers immediately predicted that the peach crop would be further decreased. Their predictions are being verified; Delaware will have very few peaches. The June drop is on, and the ground under the trees is nearly covered with peaches. Many of them have been stung in six or eight places.

Farmers who have been in the peach growing business for twenty years, and who are authority on the subject, say that the destructive insect is bred in the peach that is permitted to rot on the tree.

Chas. C. Brown is gathering as many of the insects as possible, and thus hopes to save some of his fruit. He put sheets under the trees, shakes them and the insects fall upon the sheets, after which the insects are destroyed. Already Mr. Brown has taken 1,500 insects from 50 trees.

The rose bug is also injuring the peaches.

Many farmers, whose orchards contain 1,000 trees each, declare that they will not raise peaches sufficient for their own use."

The *Morning News* says:

Fruit shippers on the Peninsula are now preparing to handle the peach crop, and it is now said that there will be a fair one, despite the assertion that all of the peaches were killed. It is admitted that the crop will not be a large one, but those who have peaches expect to get good prices for them on account of the crop..

The shippers are now travelling about finding a market for the crop, and they are also doing what they can to secure better freight rates than they have been able to secure in the past, and it is believed that if the proper effort is made that they will be able to do better this season than they have done in previous ones.

Taken as a whole, the peach shippers regard the prospects as favorable for making something on the crop. They say that times are better than they were last year, and this will have a tendency to make better prices. The season for strawberries has proved that the fruit markets are better than they were last season, and there is no reason to doubt that the same will be true of the peach crop when it is shipped. There is also talk of a good blackberry crop, and it is believed that money will be made off it.

Wheat harvest begun this week. The outlook is splendid. Mr. John Brice brought us a sample of his velvet wheat of which he sowed fifty bushels. Some of the heads have 70 and 80 grains in them.

Men's suit and shoe sales at Oehm's Acme Hall, Baltimore, will save you many dollars; are truly worthy goods.

The county commissioners on Tuesday allowed Mr. J. A. Bottomley, of Millington, $103.25 for damages sustained in falling through a bridge near Chesterville as heretofore mentioned in the NEWS.

Five Horses Killed by Lightning.—On Tuesday night last Mr. William Wessell, residing near Busick's church in Queen Anne's had five horses killed by lightning. Six of said gentleman's horses were standing beneath a tree which was struck, the bolt killing five of the six.

ROCK HALL JOTS.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain on last Sunday afternoon, the Children's Day exercises at the M. E. Church was a most beautiful and enjoyable affair, the program consisting of instrumental and vocal music, Scriptural readings, recitations by the scholars, and addresses by the pastor and superintendent. The church was profusely decorated with potted plants and cut flowers by the ladies, assisted by many scholars, in a splendidly and attractive manner. All connected with the various preparations and the day's exercises deserve great credit for the efficient manner in which they acquitted themselves.

Rev. Mr. Watkins, one of Baltimore's most noted ministers, will preach in the M. E. Church to-morrow morning. This will be a rare treat to all who may find it convenient to be present, and no one should miss it if they can make it possible to attend.

Operations on the proposed cut-off channel through Swan creek bar began on Monday, and work in the Rock Hall harbor will begin in a few days. It is estimated by the parties that the entire work will be finished in about one month. Considerable complaint has been indulged in because of the long delay in the commencement of this work, and now thai it has begun there are many fears that it will act as a boomerang, to the injury of our watermen. Some contend, in the first place, that the cut-off channel will rapidly fill up; and in the next place, the mud deposited in the side of the bar will destroy a number of our small oyster bars and lessen the depth of our navigable water, to the detriment of the sailors. "All is well that ends well." Let us hope that these fears may prove groundless and that the project will be for the best interests of the county, and especially this part of it.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hogans is extremely ill with intermittent fever.

Mrs. Joseph R. Ryan, who has been at the John Hopkins Hospital since the 9th ult., returned to her home here last week, greatly improved from her recent severe accident. While she is still far from a complete recovery, hopes are entertained that she will in the course of a few weeks be entirely well. She speaks very highly of the management of her case and her general treatment at the Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Usilton, after spending a several week's enjoyable visit among relatives here, returned to their home in Philadelphia on Friday last. Mr. U., who had been quite sick previous to their visit, gained several pounds in weight during his stay in the salubrious atmosphere of old Kent.

Capt. John N. Colyer has purchased of Constable Jack Davis the clipper canoe Albatross, of racing fame in the '50's. The old veteran canoe racer, as he is now putting the Albatross in complete order, no doubt lets his mind run back freely to the halcyon days of yore, when the Dr. Kane, of which he was captain and owner, was monarch of the picturesque Chester river, and won for him a highly prized silver cup in the memorab e canoe race of the summer of 1859.

A number of the Knights of Pythias of this place paid a fraternal visit to the Queen Anne's Pythians, at Centreville, on Tuesday of last week. They report an exceedingly enjoyable visit, witnessing splendid manoeuvres of the "floor work" during the initiation of candidates, winding up with speech making and a general good time all around.

The bright prospects of the coming peach crop, as viewed a month ago, has given place to gloom among many growers. The June drop is immense, and still the "end is not yet." Other fruits seem to be O. K.

Politics seems to be growing warmer as the days roll on. The "Dr." seems to be working his boom for all it is worth, and "Neighbor" is leaving no stone unturned in his efforts to win the Treasurership or Postoffice. "Cast" says that C. has a "cinch" on the P. O. sure; a letter from headquarters says so. M. is still in the race, but will step out if the party's good demands it. Owing to the unsatisfactory management of the present administration of county and State affairs, S. says that a score or more Republican voters of this section have signified their intention of wheeling into the Democratic column next fall.

The prices for crabs and fish have advanced some, but both of these inhabitants of the deep are at this time very scarce. The watermen are making heroic efforts to run up with them, and no doubt will succeed shortly.

The *Morning Herald* of last Monday having given us a view of "prosperity" on its way to Maryland, my Maryland, and other sections vastly in need thereof, our people have buckled down with renewed vigor, trusting that while the wave is perched on a ponderous and slow-footed steed it is both sure and steadfast, and will be a reality just as soon as the wind of eloquence in the U. S. Senate shall abate and a vote is had on the tariff bill.

Much rain is somewhat interfering with farmers in their wheat harvest, which is now on and bids fair for a good yield. OBS.

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