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WATER TURNED ON!

The Beautiful Drinking Fountain Formally Presented to Chestertown by Mrs. Hill.

The simple but unique ceremonies of presenting the pretty drinking fountain to Chestertown by Mrs. Harriet L. Hill took place Wednesday evening in the presence of several hundred people.

The fountain, which is of bronzed iron, stands on a heavy granite base in front of the "KENT NEWS BUILDING." It is about six feet high surmounted by an urn, which on this occasion was filled with palms, etc. It has automatic faucets and is arranged for the accommodation of persons and horses, while at its base is a place where cats and dogs may drink. Mrs. Hill donated the fountain to Chestertown as a memorial to her father, the late George B. Westcott, one of Kent's wealthiest and foremost citizens. Mrs. Hill was in Europe and was unable to be present but sent a letter which was read by Mr. C. C. Hopper as follows:

Baltimore, Md., July 14th, 1900.

To the BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS,
Chestertown, Md.

GENTLEMEN:—

Absence from my native place has not obliterated personal interest in its welfare, consequently, the commendable efforts of the "Ladies Town Improvement Association" have won my grateful appreciation. A spirit of progress, in the right direction, deserves not only recognition and hearty approval, but also encouraging assistance from helping hands. Conscious of this, and wishing to respond in a modest way, I present an unostentatious drinking fountain, with the earnest hope it may long prove a benefit and refreshment to all needing a draught of pure water.

The durable material of which it is constructed are emblematic of the strength of integrity of character possessed by the one whose name the fountain bears; whilst its usefulness, is also a reminder of the conscientious service rendered to his fellow citizens by my father, the late George Burgin Westcott, who, through many years actively promoted the best interests of Chestertown.

I render this loving tribute to one who well deserves to be remembered in this community and commit the fountain to you, as custodians of the public property, with heart-felt wishes for the future growth and prosperity of the town. HARRIET L. W. HILL.

Col. Wm. J. Vannort, on the part of the town commissioners, accepted the gift in the following appropriate words;

Madam President of the Woman's Improvement Association of Chestertown—ladies and gentlemen: Woman, God's last, best gift to man! From the present time, woman's sympathies have ever been enlisted in behalf of the weak, the oppressed and suffering of all classes and conditions of the human race, and of the brute creation as well. In the accomplishment of great benefits and blessings—which enure to the sun oppressed, weary and thirsty traveler, as he wipes the perspiration from his brow and quaffs rich draughts of the pure liquid which invigorates, but does not intoxicate; and the heavy ladened beast of burden, thirst consumed, nostrils distended, with panting sides, pulling the load, that a none too merciful driver has laid upon him slaking his thirst from this beautiful fountain; there is no new departure from the well defined line of Woman's philanthropic duty and earnest desire to alleviate and minimise the sufferings and misfortune of those less favored than herself. But it is strictly in keeping with her preconceived idea of kindness and sympathy for others.

This beautiful and useful work of art was placed here by loving hands as a memorial to one whose name is inscribed thereon, whose life and character is too well known and remembered to need any eulogy from me. Were I to attempt it, language would fail me in doing justice to his high character and integrity of purpose. Suffice it to say his name will go down to posterity as a philanthropist in its broadest sense—a kind and loving parent—a true and devoted friend, God's nobleman—an honest man—and will live when the granite base upon which it rest shall have crumbled beneath the withering blight of a varying climate. Our people are not ungrateful. Many prayers will ascend heavenward, from the lips of those who refresh themselves at this fountain, for the protection and preservation of its fair donor, who first opened her eyes on this world of joy and gladness, mirth and sadness, in this beautiful home town of ours and within whose precincts her girlhood and early womanhood was spent; who in presenting this beautiful fountain to the people of Chestertown demonstrates clearly, the fact, that neither lapse of time, nor breath of space, nor absence, long continued, has for a moment caused any diminution of love for, or interest in the welfare, well-being and prosperity of the town of her birth.

The name of Harriet Westcott Hill, will be an household word in this community, long after this memorial of her love and smypathy, for the oppressed and suffering ones, of her changeless desire to ameliorate and alleviate suffering in any and all forms, to which human nature and the brute creation is heir, shall have moulded into dust. On behalf of the citizens of Chestertown we accept this fountain, with the hope that the intentions of the kind and sympathetic heart which prompted the bestowal of this desirable and much needed adjunct, will be fully recognized and appreciated, her desires fully understood and faithfully carried out.

At the close of the address water was turned into the fountain by Master Stephen Roberts Collins, grandson of the late beloved Dr. S. C. Roberts. The honor of turning the water on was decided by vote, each voter paying 5 cents, the money to go to the Improvement Fund.

After the ceremonies a lawn fete was held on the court house green and every gallon of cream was sold.

"Governor," Mrs. H. H. Barroll's driving horse, was the first to put his nose into the water at the fountain, but Mr. Jim Deford's horse was the first to enjoy a quaff. The Misses Massey, daughters of Mr. Josiah Massey, were the first ladies to water their horse at the fountain.

WOMAN IN THE CASE.

The Murder of Roberts No Longer a Mystery—Confession from the Guilty Party.

The mystery connected with the murder of Solomon Roberts, which was committed on Friday night, July 17, has, it is believed, been cleared. Robert A. Butler, one of the colored men arrested charged with the murder, has been released, as evidence has been produced which seems to prove that he is an inocent man. Matthew Cheers, the man who stated that Butler committed the murder, and his wife, it is now believed, are the only ones connected with the case.

It was believed from the first that there was a woman in the case. No other reason could be assigned for the murder. Evidence has now been produced to show this to be correct. The theory now is that on the night of the murder Solomon Roberts was decoyed to the straw stacks by the wife of Matthew Cheers and there murdered by Cheers.

Mary Cheers' Story.

Tuesday afternoon Constable Robert Coursey went in search of Mary Cheers, the wife of Matthew Cheers, and brought her to Centreville.

To Meet Robeets.

She stated that on the day of the murder, in the morning, she had made arrangements with Solomon Roberts to meet him at the straw stacks at an appointed hour at night. When Solomon came out of the kitchen whistling it was a signal for her to meet him. She answered the signal, but had already gone toward the stacks and reached there a few minutes before Solomon. They had only been there a short time when Matthew Cheers, the husband of the woman, arrived upon the scene and struck Roberts a stunning blow with a club. Matthew then dragged the body, still living, to the opposite side of the stack, where it was found, and continued beating Roberts with his club. The cut on the side of the head was made by the sharp edge of the club. After he killed Roberts he searched his pockets, took his gold watch and what other things they contained. Cheers then buried the body in the straw and he and his wife went to the house, where he burned the club, the hat and the glasses of Roberts.

Ever since Saturday afternoon the officials have believed that Cheers was the only guilty man, and that Butler knew nothing at all of the affair. Saturday afternoon Constables Coursey and Jump and Deputy Sheriff Seward found the glasses worn by Roberts and some pieces of wire which were in his hat in Cheers' stove. Cheers had stated that Rob't Butler had burned these articles.

Cheers' Confession.

Cheers, not knowing what his wife had said, was again brought before these questioning officials. He started to rehearse the story of Monday and declared he was telling the truth. State's Attorney Harper questioned him regarding his whereabouts, but he stuck to his old story. Constable Coursey suggested that Mr. Harper tells Cheers what his wife had stated. Cheers' countenance changed in an instant and he trembled like a leaf. He was told what his wife had stated. He asked Mr. Coursey if he would promise to reprieve him if he told him all of the facts. Mr. Coursey told him that he could make no promises, but stated that he always found that a person got off easier by telling the truth than by telling a lie. Cheers then said: "Bring my wife in here and let me ask her a question, and if she tells me that she has told you what she knows I will tell you the whole truth about the affair."

Mary Cheers was ushered in and told her husband that she had told all she knew. Cheers then began his story by stating that his wife had told him on the Sunday previous that Roberts had made proposals to her, but he never paid much attention to it. "Yet before the end of the week" said Cheers, "I began to suspect that Roberts was criminally intimate with my wife. On the night of the murder my wife left my house, and I, being already suspicious, determined to watch her. Roberts came out whistling and I followed him to the straw stacks.

The Murder.

"I found Roberts and my wife in a compromising situation on the side of the straw stacks next to the road. I struck Roberts a blow on the head. This blow did not kill him, as he struggled for some time. I dragged him around the stack and there finished killing him. After he was dead I pulled the straw out from under the stacks and buried him. I then went to the house with my wife, burned the club and hat and glasses and kept the watch.

On Sunday morning I went into the woods and buried the watch. The wool in which the watch was wrapped was some I had in my pocket at the time of the killing."

Cheers stated that the reason he implicated Butler was because he wanted to save his own neck. He was told that he had done Butler a great injustice and that he ought to ask Butler's forgiveness. He said that he would and asked that they bring Butler in the room and he would apologize. When Butler was brought in Cheers extended him his hand and told him that he had wronged him and asked his forgiveness. He also asked Butler to pray for him. It is impossible to describe Butler's expression. To say the least he was the happiest man in Queen Anne's county. Although Cheers tried to drag him into the affair, yet he seemed to bear no hard feelings against Cheers.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

The Edesville Hall, enroute to Rock Hall, is a moving curiosity. It is loaded on trucks and is drawn by three or four traction engines. At this writing it is about two miles from its old site at Edesville. A number of people drive to see the moving.

Boarders are still numerous. Mrs. James L. Beck has about 25 and Mrs. C. B. Lamb a dozen or more.

Miss Ella R. French, of Flatland, and Miss Nellie P. Jones, of Chestertown, are visiting Miss Alice N. Kendall, and in their honor Misses Mabel and Florence Nicholson, Ida Hudson, Hattie Lewis, Stella Leaverton, Mabel Groves and Minnie Hudson were entertained at a 5 o'clock tea on last Wednesday.

Fishing parties are the order of the day during the warm weather. The Capt. Middletons on Fairlee shore is a favorite retreat and these gentlemen are ever ready to give those who visit them a pleasant time with their boats, &c.

Miss Ida M. Hudson entertained a number of her young lady friends at a tea as did also the Misses Mabel and Florence Nicholson a few days later.

A very pleasant strawride to Tolchester was participated in by a number of our young people. Mr. Mahlon McKinley Lee brought out his fine four horse team in pretty paraphernalia, bells, &c. Miss Minnie Hudson chaperoned the party.

The reopening of Salem church will take place on Sunday Aug. 19th instead of the 12th. The windows were not just right, some glass being broken, and they were shipped back, causing the delay.

Miss Hattie and Robert Lewis on last Tuesday evening tendered their many friends a birthday party, their birthdays coming in the same month. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was spent in music and various games. There were just twelve ladies and twelve gentlemen present, viz., Misses Nettie Reynolds, Ida Clagette, Ida Hudson, Ella French, Mabel and Florence Nicholson, Minnie Hudson, Nellie Jones, Alice Kendall, Eugie Dill, Stella Leaverton, Hattie Lewis, Messrs. Alfred Bramble, Frank, Albert and Robert Lewis, Charlton Kidd, John Hudson, George Lee, Mahlon Lee, Wm. Keyser, Wilber Dill, John and Edgar Rice. WEST END.

CRUMPTON LOCALS.

Mr. John Tarbutton, of Germantown, Pa., is the guest of Mr. H. G. Tarbutton near this town.

The steamer Tourist has stopped running for a week and the merchants are very much inconvenienced by the holding of freight.

Miss Idella Francis Buss has returned home from New York, where she was the guest of Miss McFadden. Miss Buss is our most popular teacher and the entire community are glad to see her home and to know she will return to our school in the fall.

C. W. Clements and daughter, Miss Ethel, and her friend, Miss Pearl Newnam, attended the Sudlersville camp Tuesday evening.

Mr. Ezekill Sparks, of Elkton, lost, in a few hours after his arrival here, a very valuable horse. He returned to Elkton Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. H. C. Hendrix.

Miss Katie Moore and brother, Walter are visiting Mrs. Emma Sheppard.

Mrs. Fletcher Melvin, who has been suffering from nervous prostration is somewhat better at this writing.

Wednesday morning the news of the destruction accomplished by the storm the evening before, was brought to this town by Wm. Walls, who has been at work on the store of Sutton's at Blacks.

The Misses Neva and Maud Newnam, of Rolphs, and Miss Wells, their guest, of Baltimore county, spent Wednesday with Miss Ethel Clements.

The Crumpton hotel and most all of the boarding houses are full up. At Bradley Hotel are registered, Robert Fisher and wife, Mrs. Chaney, Misses Chaney, Edith Connor, Mrs Blatter.

Mr. John P. Hartley, wife and visitors from the city enjoyed a nice little outing Wednesday night.

Mrs. Wm. H. Newnam and daughters, Delma and Pearl, of Baltimore are visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Samuel Merritt, of Norristown, Pa., is visiting her father, Dr. F. N. Sheppard.

It is with pleasure we state that little Myrtle Hartley, daughter of B. F. Hartley, was saved from drowning last Wednesday by two playmates, daughters of Mr. Horace Smith, of this town. When the little Hartley girl fell overboard, the other two girls joined hands and one held the boat while the other one grabbed the one in danger as she was going down the third time.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Sealed Proposals will be received until TUESDAY, Aug. 14th next, at 12 noon, for furnishing

100 Tons of No. 3 Stove Coal and 30 Tons of Egg Coal,

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Cloth Skirts.

89C } ☞Ladies' Covert Cloth Shirt, 2 rows braid on skirt, others ask $1, our price 89 cents, spot cash.

Lawn & Calico Wrappers.

69C } Ladies' Lawn and Calico Wrappers Trimmed waist, price them elsewhere 75c to $1, our price 69c spot cash.

Men's Overalls.

48½C } ☞Men's Double Knee heavy weight made Overalls, worth today 62½c to 75c, our price for this month 48½c cash.

Men's Work Shirts.

39C } Lot Men's well-made 50c value Work Shirts, our price today 39c cash.

Leather Fly Nets.

93C } Leather Fly Nets, 5 bar Houston patent, price elsewhere $1.00 to $1.10, our price spot cash 93 cents.

Wagon Harness.

7.75 } Wagon Harness, full body parts, 1½ in traces, extra leather, prices everywhere 8.50 to 9.00, our price till June 30, $7.75 spot cash.

Brown Muslin.

5C } Full 4-4 Heavy Brown Muslin 8c value, 10 yards only to a customer, our till June 30, 5½c

Fancy Percales

39c Ladies 50c Shirts Waists from now till June 30th, 39c.

3½c Regular 5c value Cotton Crash, our price 3½c till June 30 spot cash.

10c All Huck Towels, 24x24 in. worth everywhere 12½c, our price 10 cents.

25c All pure Linen, knotted fringe 26x43 in., worth in gold each, our price 25c.

$1.50 Lace Balls, bull toe, heavy calf stock, worth 1.75, our price till June 30th, $1.50.

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CHESTERTOWN, MD

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We sell at the lowest possible price, and solicit the patronage of our friends and the public generally. We are now ready to book orders for goods. Our Place of business is in the KENT NEWS BUILDING, where we will be pleased to see any who may call.

BECK, WALKER & BROWN,
Aug. 4 s. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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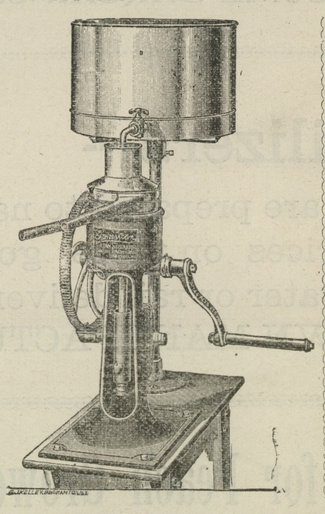

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