PUBLIC LOCAL LAW.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1902, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

CHAPTER 161.

AN ACT to add additional sections to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," to be designated as Sections 138A, 138B, 138C, 138D, 138E, 138F, 138G, 138H, 138I.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That additional sections be added to Article 15 of the code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," subtitle "Justices of the Peace and Constables," to be designated as 138A, 138B, 138C, 138D, 138E, 138F, 138G, 138H, 138I, and to read as follows:

138A. It shall be the duty of the Governor, after the appointment of the Justices of the Peace provided by law for the Chestertown or Fourth Election District of Kent county, to select from the Justices so appointed for said district one who shall be known and designated as "Police Justice"; the said Police Justice shall have the same jurisdiction in criminal cases as Justices of the Peace of Kent county now possess, and which may hereafter be conferred upon them by and under the laws of the State, but he shall have no civil jurisdiction. The said "Police Justice" shall have the exclusive jurisdiction of, and shall be required to try and determine, all violations of the criminal law which may arise in said Fourth or Chestertown Election District of Kent county, within the jurisdiction now possessed by Justices of the Peace, or which may be hereafter conferred upon them by law, and all violations of any of the ordinances of the town of Chestertown, subject, however, to the same right of election to be tried by jury, notice of which must be clearly given by said Justice to the party before beginning trial, and subject to the same right of appeal as now exists under the law; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Act shall preclude the said Police Justice from trying criminal cases which may arise in any other district of said county, if the same shall be properly brought before him, by consent of the State and of the party charged.

138B. That the said Police Justice shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of four hundred dollars ($400) per annum, or the proportionate part thereof, so long as he shall continue to act as such Police Justice in said district; said salary to be paid by the County Commissioners of Kent county in equal quarterly instalments, and this salary shall be in full compensation for all services required of him under this Act; and no Justice of the Peace so selected for Police Justice shall be permitted to charge any fee or receive a gratuity for making any commitment, granting any release, or for the performance of any duty required by law in criminal cases.

138C. That if any Justice of the Peace so selected as a Police Justice is unable, by reason of sickness, absence, relationship, or for any other temporary cause whatever, to attend to his duties as such Police Justice, it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney for said county to designate and require another Justice of the Peace to perform the duties of said Police Justice so sick, absent or otherwise unable to perform the duties of his said office, so long as the same may be necessary, or until the Governor shall select another to perform said duties, and the said State's Attorney shall forthwith certify in writing any selection he may make to the County Commissioners of Kent county. The Justice so required to perform said duties as Police Justice shall receive the same compensation as prescribed by law for the Police Justice, and shall be paid by the County Commissioners, who shall deduct the same from the salary of the Police Justice.

138D. That it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace of Kent county, where the Police Justice is not accessible, to issue a State writ for the arrest of any person violating any of the laws of this State, or any ordinance of the town of Chestertown; but when issued by any Justice of the Peace other than the Police Justice, said writ shall be returnable before the Police Justice and not before the Justice issuing the same, the said Police Justice being authorized to try criminal cases in said district; and when said writ is so issued and returned the said Justice so issuing the same shall be allowed the fee therefor now fixed by law, which fee shall be taxed in the cost of the case and paid by Kent county, unless the same be adjudged against the party arrested and paid by him.

138E. That whenever any person shall be arrested charged with the commission of any criminal offense within the Fourth or Chestertown election district of said county, or with the violation of any of the ordinances of the town of Chestertown, it shall be the duty of the officer making said arrest to take the person so arrested before the Police Justice selected under this Act, whether such arrest shall be made upon the warrant of said Police Justice, or of some other Justice, as authorized by section 138D of this Act, or whether such arrest is made without writ or warrant in cases where by law such arrest may be so made; and the officer making such arrest shall be entitled to receive five cents per mile for conveying each prisoner before the Police Justice.

138F. That every Justice of the Peace selected under this Act as Police Justice shall file with the County Commissioners of Kent county, on the first day of January, April, July and October, in each and every year, an account verified by his oath or affirmation of all fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed by him under the laws of this State, or under any ordinance of the town of Chestertown, which said account shall show the names of the parties, the fines and penalties imposed, together with the amounts of costs, and by whom the said costs were due; and the said Police Justice shall, at the time of filing said account, pay over to the said County Commissioners the amount of all fines, penalties, forfeitures, justice's and State's witnesses' costs so received by him, to be appropriated by said County Commissioners as hereinafter provided. Any failure to file said account as above required shall be cause for removal by the Governor and the selection of another Justice of the Peace to act as Police Justice in his place. And the Clerk to the County Commissioners shall, within ten days after default, notify the Governor of the failure of the said Police Justice to file said account by the time prescribed in this Act, if such default shall continue for ten days, and if said Police Justice shall fail to pay over to said County Commissioners all said fines, penalties, forfeitures and costs collected by him at the time of or before the filing of said account, he shall be deemed a defaulter, and shall be proceeded against and punished in the manner prescribed by Article 27, Section 47 of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to "Defaulters," provided, that all the provisions of this Act relating to the quarterly returns to be made by said Police Justice, and all the penalties and forfeitures imposed on said Police Justice for failure to perform the duties imposed upon him by this Act, or by any other law of the State of Maryland, shall be applicable to all other Justices of the Peace having criminal jurisdiction in Kent county.

138G. That the fines, penalties and forfeitures of every kind for any and every offense and the costs that would be due the police justice, under the heretofore existing laws of this State, and which may hereafter be imposed by the police justice herein created shall be paid over to the County Commissioners of Kent county, and shall be kept by the County Commissioners as a separate fund, and an account of such fund shall be opened and kept on the books of the said Commissioners, and the said Commissioners shall use said fund to pay the salary of said police justice, in so far as the same may be sufficient; and if in any year it shall be more than sufficient for payment of said salary, then the balance remaining of the said fund shall be appropriated to the payment of constable fees against the said Commissioners for services of criminal process before the said police justice.

138H. That in all cases where fines, penalties or forfeitures shall be imposed by said police justice, and an appeal shall be taken, and the Circuit Court shall affirm the judgment of said police justice, the fine, penalty, forfeiture and costs taxed by the said justice to the extent of same imposed by said police justice shall, when collected, be paid the said County Commissioners, to become a part of the aforesaid separate fund, and be appropriated as hereinbefore required.

138I. That the said justice of the peace so selected as police justice may be changed from time to time by the Governor at his discretion, and any other justice of the peace may be selected to perform the duties of the said police justice.

SECTION 2. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts, general or local, inconsistent herewith, are repealed in so far as they may conflict with this Act.

SECTION 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and two.

[Approved April 8th, 1902.]

JOHN WALTER SMITH,
Governor.

JOHN HUBNER,
President of the Senate.
NOBLE L. MITCHELL,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of Chief Clerk of
House of Delegates, }

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the aforegoing is a true copy of an Act of General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session, 1902.

B. L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

THE first strawberries in the Chestertown market, home grown, were received by Mr. Arthur D. Bacchus from Mr. Hope C. Copper, in Queen Anne's, on last Saturday. Col. W. J. Vannort had them ripe in his fine Chestertown garden a day or so before that time.

TELEPHONE ANNOUNCEMENT.

The undersigned, District Manager for the Diamond State Telephone Company, respectfully announces to the patrons of this company and the public generally, that he will be in Chestertown NEXT WEEK, for the purpose of conferring with any who may be considering or are desirous of installing a 'phone, either in the home or office. Requests for information as to terms and particulars will receive prompt and cheerful attention.

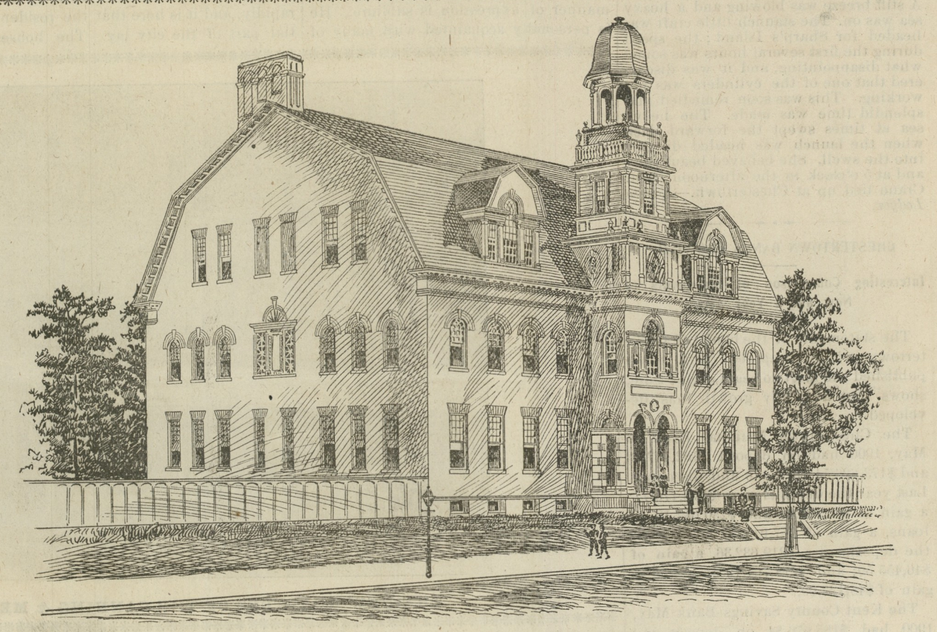
E. G. B. WRIGHT,
2t. District Manager, Chestertown, Md.

FRUIT CROP ESCAPES SAFELY.

Continued Cold Weather With Slight Frost Has Done no Damage to Fruit.

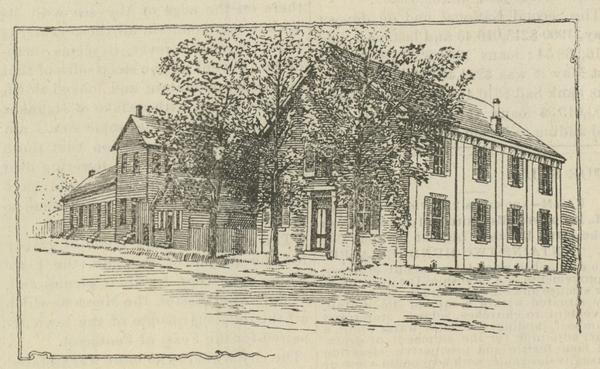
There has been more or less concern among the farmers and fruit growers the past week for fear of frost. The mercury dropped to frost point Saturday morning but it seems to have hardly been noticed. Some of our fruit growers claim there was frost and others could not see any evidence of it. There is not much danger now, since the blossoming period is over and the fruit has advanced.

Apples and peaches never looked better. Pears and plums are certainly full. Strawberries are already coloring and the season will open in ten days hence. Plants not growing at night enable the insects to make greater headway.



CHESTERTOWN'S NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

This building costing $20,000 is ready to be delivered to the committee consisting of Messrs. Wilbur Eliason, J. K. Aldridge, Wm. B. Usilton and J. W. Lambert by Contractor Alwyn M. Culp. It faces High Street and is a credit to all concerned.



CHESTERTOWN'S OLD PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Kent News.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY, MAY 17, 1902.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

St. James Church to be Materially Changed —Lynch's Rebuilt—Notes About Town.

At a meeting of the official board of St. James M. P. Church last week extensive improvements were mapped out. Rev. E. C. MaKoskey, the genial pastor, has the canvassing in charge and is meeting with wonderful success. The building will be changed both as to interior and exterior and when finished will rival any in Kent. A beautiful tower will grace the front of the building and serve as an entrance and vestibule. The roof will be raised, walls made higher, windows larger, vestibule and gallery removed, new furniture entirely within, new carpet and walls frescoed on the interior. The improvements will begin about June 1st. and it is expected to be finished by the fall to have a grand reopening about October

Lynch's is also receiving the attention of the hustling Worton pastor and everything looks bright for a new building at once to take the place of the one that was burned. A handsome church to cost about $1500 is contemplated.

Mr. W. R. Pippin, proprietor of the Pippin Hotel, will add another story to his pretty Park House thus increasing his accommodations.

The cozy home being erected on High street by Mr. Walter Pippin for Mr. and Mrs. Horace Reed is nearing completion, Mr. F. H. Howard is doing the painting.

Mr. W. S. Carroll is adding a back building to Rev. W. B. Coleman's home on the river.

Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., is greatly improving his Front street residence by a new coat of paint. Mr. Wm. L. Fowler is doing the work.

Mr. J. F. Thompson is improving his newly purchased store rooms and will remove therein next week.

Base Ball Notes.—The lot belonging to Mr. Frank Wheatley, of Edesville, was the scene of an interesting game of base ball, last Saturday afternoon, the opposing parties being Rock Hall and Edesville. Quite a crowd witnessed the game, it having been the most entertaining one of the season. At the beginning of the game it was plainly seen that the Edesville nine intended to win, or else make their visitors hustle. Receiving many encouraging cheers from a company of young ladies, who were witnessing the game, the Edesville nine, with their alert pitcher, Lawerence Strong and cautious catcher, Robert Lewis, determined to soon envite the Rock Hall nine to come ont of bat and try the field. In a short time, the first inning was brought to a close, and we noticed that the Rock Hall nine were also working for a purpose. The score at the close of each inning was anxiously obtained and when at last, the game was ended, the score was found to be 13 to 20 in favor of Edesville. The Edesville nine consisted of Robert Lewis, c.; Lawrence Strong, p.; Elwood Burgess, 1b.; Vickers Kilbourne, 2b.; Alvin Brown, 3b. John Jacquette, S. S.; Bert Atkinson, l.f.; Clay Hadaway, c. f.; Lemont Thompson, r. f.; Frank Wheatley, umpire. "Visitor" failed to name the Rock Hall boys.

Rock Hall Locals.

Church Items.—Dr. Corkran, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, preached here on Sunday to a large and appreciative audience.

The Church Helper, a monthly periodical, edited by Rev. J. W. Talley in the interest of the M. E. Church here, made its first appearance last Sunday. "She is a spritely little daisy," brim full of interesting matter, local and otherwise. Among the local items we notice that Messrs. George Davis and James Downey are choristers in the M. E. choir, vice Joseph and Wm. T. Downey (?) Having been deprived of the privilege of attending church for several weeks, this change (?) in choir leaders is a big surprise. Capt "Ned" let's keep humming as we go, perhaps our turn as choir leaders will come bye and bye.

Already the beneficent effects of the late Sunday School Convention held here is manifest in our Sunday schools Eight new classes have been organized, as a consequence, in-roads have been made among the several bible classes in the selection of new teachers. The outlook promises a still larger increase for the next few weeks, and the question is passing along the line "How can we accommodate the rush?" church space is now nearly all occupied, already a number of classes are over-crowded. Why not institute the "Home Department" until an addition can be made to the church? Wouldn't auxiliary schools among the homes in remote sections be a good thing?

Improvements.—The improvement fever in this section never was higher than now. Our baker, Mr. Arthur, is remodeling the interior and exterior of his dwelling, which includes a bay window and porch, and are decidely beautiful and convenient. Postmaster Downey has torn away the old porch to his dwelling and is erecting a new one, and otherwise improving his home. "Ship" builder Collison is remodeling his dwelling, building a new porch and otherwise improving, in fact time and space will not permit the enumeration of all who are building, painting and otherwise improving their homes. Every mechanic is employed and others are needed. Leary & Son's factory have their teams constantly on the go supplying the great demand for building material. The new hotel is in rapid course of erection, and will be a "Jim Dandy" when completed.

Fishermen are building, painting and rigging boats, rigging nets and over hauling generally, preparatory to purse net fishing. Some of the crews will start out next week, then Brother Zranne will have his weather eye on the boy's and perhaps add to the burden of our tax payers by instituting law suits in our courts.

Local Notes.—Our farmers are all done planting corn, truckers are well advanced in their operations, wheat and grass seem to be in good condition and fruit is O. K. so far, therefore the farmers are happy in their anticipations on the maturity of their crops. It is hoped that the combines over the country will not rush the prices down the scale as the crops are being gathered, as they usually do.

Capt. Tom Colver and crew made a big haul of rock fish in their seine last week, since then, numerous watermen have been wild in their efforts to get into the seine hauling business, any "old thing" in the shape of a seine, commands a big price. By next week Chester river will be the mecca for many crews hunting for the rock that Colyer caught.

The "Flag ship" of the Chester River Squadron the Corsica, made her appearance here in place of the Gratitude on Wednesday. The Corsica is "alright" for some things, but as a quick transit for "we'uns" to and from the city she is not "in it," we hope the change is for the shortest kink of period.

Mrs. Capt. Charles. E. Davis who has been a patient in the Maryland University Hospital for some weeks past, has undergone a successful operation, and is now in a much improved condition, and encouraging prospects for a complete restoration to health in a few weeks.

Miss Mamie A. Ryan went to the city on Tuesday to resume her avocation of dress making.

Our people look upon the "Beef Trust" and labor strike movements as political campaign thunder. If these things are ruses of the politicians it's a great pity that some ruse can not be formulated whereby the politicians would be transported to Nebraska and coraled them around Mount Iona, so that if the Mount does belch forth, as the people there now fear, it may carry the politicians where ruses are unknown.

Supervisor Joseph Kendall, with a force of workmen is now putting in good shape the public road from the village to Grey's Inn.



DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS OF THE OLD FIFTH.

A picture that brings back memories of by-gone days when the store now occupied by Judge Samuel Burgess was the 5th District headquarters for politics.

Music and Mirth.

The Ladies Improvement Society will hold an ENTERTAINMENT in Stam's Hall, on THURSDAY EVENING, May 22th, consisting of a play.

"Between the Acts"

by the FOYER CLUB, of Baltimore, and selections from Floradora by a Baltimore Sextette. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—OF—

The Chestertown National Bank

at Chestertown, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business April 30th, 1902.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts		$278,764 19
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		15,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		656 25
Stocks, securities, etc		56,105 42
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures		6,500 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve Agents)		525 38
Due from approved reserve agents		36,523 48
Exchanges for clearing house		5 00
Notes of other National Banks		1,600 00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents		284 04
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, NAMELY:		
Specie	$5,502 40	
Legal-tender notes	14,427 00	19,929 40
TOTAL		$415,893 16

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	60,000 00
Surplus fund	12,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	22,160 32
Due to other National Banks	1,787 18
Due to State Banks and Bankers	20 80
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	166 50
Individual deposits subject to check	319,562 36
Certified checks	126 00
TOTAL	$415,893 16

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss:

I, WM. WALTER CHAPMAN, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WM. WALTER CHAPMAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1902.

CHARLES ESTES, N. P.

Correct, Attest:—

RICHARD D. HYNSON,
MARION DEK. SMITH,
SAMUEL VANNORT,
DIRECTORS.

March 8.