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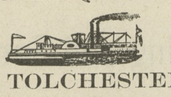
EXCURSION!



TO TOLCHESTER

The Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church of Georgetown will give their annual EXCURSION to TOLCHESTER BEACH on the Steamer Sassafras, on

THURSDAY, JULY 13th, 1899,

Leaving Georgetown at 7 o'clock and stoping at the landings along the route. We cordially invite all our friends to join us.

Tickets, Adults, 50 cents.

Children between 5 and 12, 25c.

FESTIVAL! FESTIVAL!

STILL POND Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., will hold a festival on the square in Still Pond, on FRIDAY & SATURDAY Evenings, June 30 and July 1. The festival will be held under a huge canvas tent. Handsome booths presided over by the ladies. Refreshments of all kinds will be served in abundance. Don't forget the dates. COMMITTEE.

COACHING:

In ARITHMETIC, ALGEBRA and GEOMETRY. Prepare for College Examinations in September. J. S. WILLIAM JONES, WASHINGTON COLLEGE, Chestertown, Md.
jy1-3t.

HANDS WANTED.

WANTED TWENTY GIRLS and Young Ladies *at once* to work in our Towel Department. Apply at UNICORN MILLS, Millington, Kent Co., Md.
jy1-3t.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Orphans' Court on THURSDAY, July 6, 1899, Tuesday, the 4th being a legal holiday.
By order of the Court, C. S. HURLOCK, Reg. of Wills.
1t.

EGGS and POULTRY.

Bring your Eggs and Poultry to LYNCH'S and get the highest price for them.
jy1-3t. J. V. CROWDING.

LOST:

In the Gentlemen's Toilet, Tolchester, on Sunday, June 11th, a plain gold ring. The finder upon returning the same to this office will be rewarded $5.00.
June 17—3t.

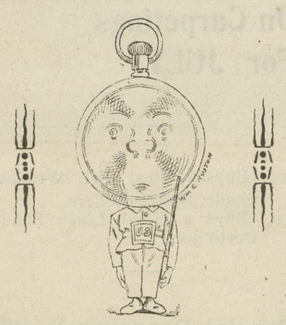
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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 at their Banking House, in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, July 11, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m. By order of the Board.
jn24-tm. WM. F. RUSSELL, Cashier.

WANTED:

An industrious, intelligent, sober man as solicitor for the Prudential Insurance Company of America. Apply to E. P. TAYLOR, "Armstrong House," Chestertown, Md.
June 17—3t.

Attention!



JUST give your attention long enough to understand that we have the largest selected stock of reliable **WATCHES** in this part of the county. A good watch is one that never stops in its ceaseless talk, and keeps correct time and does not constantly need repairing, it is then a treasure to the owner and is prized accordingly. These are the kinds we sell and we sell them lower than most dealers. It will pay you to see us for Watches.

FINE REPAIRING.—If your Watch or Clock fails to keep correct time, bring it to us it will be put right.

J. H. SIDES,
Headquarters for Bicycles, Bicycle Repairs. Jeweler.

"Exceptional Business Opportunity"

AN ESTABLISHED GENERAL STORE BUSINESS FOR SALE

on the main line of the P. R. R. from New York to Norfolk, in a fine section now doing a splendid business; the owner has made sufficient to retire, will sell on easy terms. Store can be leased for a number of years. Stock in good order. For particulars, Address, "W." THIS OFFICE.

TOLCHESTER!

JULY 4th JULY

MAKE your arrangements to take all the family and meet your friends from all over Maryland—its going to be THE GREAT DAY, THE BIGGEST DAY, ever spent in the State.

3 Brass Bands

and many other things to amuse and entertain all day. The speaker for the day

HON. JOHN WALTER SMITH

whom every man, woman and child in Maryland loves for that great act—The Free School Book Bill.

GOV. LLOYD LOWNDES,

who has done so much for all the people.

HON. E. WALTER GILES,

the silver tongued orator from New York.

And last but not least

HON. W. F. PORTER,

of Baltimore, the one man above all others who did so much to make TOM HAYES mayor.

Now lay aside all political thoughts and business troubles and cares for this day, and come and see these great men and hear them speak, and let's spend an old time 4th at TOLCHESTER.

WHEAT and HAY.... Insured in STACKS and BARN.

When Wheat is threshed policies follow from stack to barn. Lowest possible rates in the best companies. Prompt attention to all communications, either written or verbal.

W. H. McFEELY & CO., CHESTERTOWN, MD.
Office on Main St. Opp. Kent News Build'g.

Wheat Market

We have daily telegrams from the Grain markets of the west and all parts of Europe.

MR. H. M. BROWN

Will represent us at Chestertown during the season of 1899. We will keep him thoroughly posted on the markets by mail and frequent telegrams, and invite the farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's to have Mr. Brown bid for their crops before disposing of them.
jy1-tf. I. M. PARR & SON.

Now is the time to Paint and PaPer

YOUR HOUSE!

BE sure you get the BEST WORKMEN and the BEST MATERIAL. Don't waste good money on bad material. Masury's Paints are the best on the market. We are sole agents for this district, and are always ready to show you sample cards and quote prices.

WE WILL PAPER YOUR ROOM for $3.00 AND UPWARDS.

and guarantee satisfaction or no money. If YOU WANT YOUR PICTURES FRAMED, call and see our selections of Moulding before going elsewhere. They are the finest in town. We can be found at the old stand formerly occupied by P. T. McFeely.

Dealer in Paints, Oils, Glass, Window Shades, Picture Frames, Etc.

Your for business.
W. L. FOWLER, CHESTERTOWN, MD.
Apr. 1, '99.

Good Values to be had at

Medders & Co.

For this week, July 1, to Saturday, July 8.

Dried Beef, Armour's in one lb. cans, best quality	16½c
Corn Starch, One lb. pack'ge of good Corn Starch, only	2c
Canned Corn, good, every can guaranteed, price	4c
Gold Dust Washing Powder, 4 pound package, only	12½c

GREATER REDUCTION in Mattings. Special Sale on them for the next ten day sat Westcott & Dodd's.

County Locals.

EVERYBODY goes to Tolchester July 4.

Wheat threshing is general this week and the yield is reported excellent.

Capt. J. B. Willson is said to have the biggest crop of hay—timothy and clover mixed—in the Rock Hall section.

Deputy Treasurer Frank H. Greenwood exhibited ripe tomatoes from his garden last Wednesday. Who can beat it?

The Board of Election Supervisors on Tuesday last appointed R. S. Griffith, Esq., as a Republican register of voters, vice Louis Atwell, resigned, for Galena precinct of the first district.

A Vicious Cat.—Mr. John Grulkey, of Rees' Corner, has a bad hand from a cat's vicious attack. The animal was a "stranger," and Mr. G. had caught hold of it to assist his wife in getting it away, when the cat fiercely caught his right hand with teeth and claws and badly lacerated it before it could be torn away. Mr. G. has suffered greatly from the wound, but the doctors are now hopeful that there will be no serious results.

Farms Purchased.—Wm. W. Beck, Esq., sold at private sale on Wednesday his "Chas. Baker" farm, near Pomona, to Mr. George Wilke, of Canada. The price is not made public, but it is said to be at a good advance over the price Mr. Beck paid for it. The property has been much improved by Mr. Beck. The purchaser, Mr. Wilke, it is reported, will move to the place the first of the year and carry it on himself.

Mr. Alfred P. Soloway, of Worton, on Tuesday purchased of Mr. James W. Coleman the Dr. Merritt farm at Hanesville for $1225. This farm contains 67½ acres.

Capt. Andrew Woodall, of George town, has bought his twenty-fifth farm, this being the Reybold farm in Cecil, containing 860 acres. These farms of Captain Woodall include about 90,000 acres of the best lands in Kent and Cecil counties.

George C. Moore, of Queen Anne's, and Thomas L. Day, of Ridgely, have bought the real estate holdings of Frances T. Barton at Queen Anne, 208 acres, for $12,000—nearly $60 an acre.

Mr. Joel R. Clements has sold his "Thos. Hill" farm, near Sudlersville, to Mr. Howard Stevens, of Millington, for $8,000.

Independence Day at Betterton.—The 4th of July will be a gala day at Betterton, with an interesting and entertaining program of races, dances and fire works. Everything possible will be done to entertain the guests and visitors. In the morning a game of Baseball will take place between the local team and another crack team. The afternoon will be swimming, tub, rowing and sailing races. Music and dancing is another attractive feature of the day. Betterton will be the terminus of many excursionists. Major Wm. E. Stewart, of Easton, will deliver the oration.

The Galena base ball club has organized for the summer. They expect to have a hustling team and would like to hear from any other teams in the county, especially Chestertown. Their prospects are very good for a good summer team and the boys are pushing things with a vim. Their line-up is as follows: Boyer, c; C. Pinder and H. Scotten, p; T. Massey, 1b; J. Whitaker, 2b; C. Lehman, 3b; F. Hoover, ss; H. Kennedy, lf; R. Shallcross, cf; J. Vansant, rf. All communications addressed to J. Vansant, sect., Galena, Md.

A Successful Entertainment.—The public school entertainment held at Bond Chapel on Wednesday evening by the scholars of Miss Mary Burchinal and Miss Laura Thomas' schools was a most successful and pleasing affair. The room was crowded with an appreciative audience and the young folks did fine. The may pole and tambourine drills were especially pleasing ond called forth much applause. The following was the program:

Singing, "America."
Harry's Mistake ..... Harry Henry
Four Little Kittens Bath ..... May Peterson
Hunchback Pollie ..... Rachel Nourse
A Little Boy's Hatchet Story ..... Lester Newnam.
Sunflowers.. Nellie Gillespie, Emma DeCorse, Jennie Maslin, Ethel Brown, May Peterson, Percy Meeks, Mary Hadaway, Fannie Morris, Lottie Henry, Elsie Cannan.
The Night Wind ..... Wm. Nickerson
School Girls ..... Emma DeCorse, Mary Hadaway, Elsie Cannan, Lottie Henry, May Peterson, Ella Morris, Ethel Brown, Lida Rollison, Nellie Gillespie, Lizzie Meeks.
Temperance Recitation ..... Percy Meeks, Howard Newman, Emma DeCorse, Ella Morris, Mowbray Hadaway.
Dialogue ..... Lida Rollison, Elston Brown, Fannie Edwards, Rachel Nourse, Nannie Ford, May Cannan, Oscar Cannan.
Entertaining her Big Sister's Beau ..... Fannie Morris.
Tambourine Drill ..... Lida Rollison, Rachel Nouris, Nannie Ford, Fannie Edwards, May Cannan, Elston Brown, Lester Ford, Hurlock Howell, Mamie Hickey, Pearl Faulkner, Bessie and Alice Brown.
Singing, "Maryland."
His Photo ..... George Rollison
Buy My Flowers ..... Lida Edwards, Nellie Gillespie, Ella Harris.
The Three Little Kittens ..... Lizzie Meeks, Susie Howell, Dell Nickerson.
May Pole Drill ..... Lida Rollison, Rachel Nourse, Nannie Ford, Fannie Edwards, May Cannan, Bessie and Alice Brown, Jennie Maslin, Howard Newman.
How a Blacksmith was Converted ..... Fannie Edwards.
Good-night ..... Younger Scholars

THE TAX RATE 95 CENTS.

The County Commissioners Hold the Rate Down to Last Year's.

A special meeting of the board of county commissioners was held Thursday, and the county tax rate for the present year fixed at 95 cents on the hundred dollars. This, added to the State tax of 17½ cents, makes the tax 112½, the same as last year.

The loss to the county of over $230,000 of the taxable basis by a recent decision of the Circuit Court caused serious apprehension of a heavy increase in the tax rate. The decision was in the case of M. E. Perkins vs. The County Commissioners, and was to the effect that holders of private securities should only pay on fifty per cent. of their face value, and the taxes heretofore erroneously paid will have to be refunded. The tax exacted was under the Act of 1896 and the decision of the court was as to the effect of the Act of 1898.

The commissioners have been delayed in declaring the rate by the failure of State Tax Commissioner Graham to report corporations to the board. This report has not yet been made, but the board could not wait longer under the law and so have determined to struggle on as best they can under the rate named.

The commissioners recognize the necessity for the strictest economy in every item of county expenditure, as the tax burden upon the people is hard to bear, especially in a year when at least one of our greatest money crops—peaches—is such a complete failure.

OUR NEW POSTMASTER.

Enters Upon Her Duties To-Day—The Office Location.

Mrs. Marcelene Lucas, widow of the late Postmaster C. M. Lucas, will enter upon her duties to-day, having selected Messrs. W. H. Lambert, Jr., and Hiram M. Brown as her deputies. She has given bond in the sum of $5,000 for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, the following being her bondsmen: Thos. W. Eliason, Wilbur Eliason, John D. Urie and M. A. Toulson.

It was reported yesterday that the new postmaster would remove the office to the store room formerly occupied by Miss Marshall as a millinery store, on the corner of High and Princess street, but we learn that this is not fully determined. The greatest objection to the location suggested is its distance from the centre of the town, though the office was for many years in that very building, and even further down town; but such a mistake then does not justify another now. The present location could not well be improved upon; it has the advantage of not being on the main street, and yet so near thereto as to give all the advantages of a thoroughfare without its disadvantages. It is practically in the business centre of the town and immediately adjacent to the public buildings, law offices, banks, etc. The building itself needs repairs, and if the office is retained there the owner should make all requisite improvements.

AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT.

A Kent County Woman Before the Court at Towson on a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Baltimore Sun of Yesterday.

Mrs. Annie Kennard, an attractive looking and well dressed woman, was brought into the Baltimore County Circuit Court at Towson yesterday by an officer from the House of Correction.

Mrs. Kennard had been tried and convicted in the Circuit Court for Kent county of violation of the local option law of that county and had been fined $500 and costs. In default of payment she had been committed to the House of Correction for nine months. Habeas corpus proceedings were instituted by her counsel, Mr. John E. Dempster, and the petition was heard by Chief Judge Fowler, State's Attorney John S. Ensor appearing for the State.

Mr. Dempster contended that the sentence imposed was not specific, but alterative, inasmuch as the accused had been committed in default of payment for nine months, or "until she had paid the fine and costs." He argued that as the law provides that a person convicted of the offense could be sentenced to the House of Correction, in default of payment of fine and costs, for not less than six months nor more than twelve months, the exact time of confinement should have been stated and omitting the words "or until she had paid the fine and costs." Mrs. Kennard was committed April 26 last. Mr. Dempster further contended that there was no such thing as violating the local option law, but she could have been convicted of violating the liquor law.

Judge Fowler said he wished to have a few days to consider the matter before giving his decision, and in the meantime he would remand the petitioner temporarily to the House of Correction. Mrs. Kennard occupied a seat in one of the grand jury chairs during the proceedings and was an attentive listener.

SCHOOLS CLOSE.

Kent County's Public Schools Closed Yesterday with Interesting Exercises.

Happy vacation days are here and the teachers and scholars are happy. Nearly all the public schools had interesting closing exercises, many of them giving a treat to the scholars.

The Chestertown Public School held its annual exercises last evening and the following very pleasing program was rendered:

Opening Chorus ..... "Roses of Life"
Prayer ..... Rev. S. C. Roberts, D. D.
Piano Solo ..... Miss Crew
Essay ..... "Our Last Year at School" Pearle Hendrickson
Instrumental Duett ..... Miss Jones and Mr. Earle Simsers
Essay ..... "The Gentle Art of Pleasing" Edith Warren Harley
Piano Solo ..... Miss Dixon
Essay ..... "The Influence of Work Upon Man" Nora Virginia Boston
Violin Solo ..... Mr. Warren Hurlock
Address to Graduates and Presentation of Certificates ..... Prof. Roland Watts
Piano Solo ..... Miss Newman.
Presentation of Prizes ..... Prof J. L. Smyth
Instrumental Duet ..... Miss Newman, Miss Crew

In the Manual Training Department, under Prof. Wilson, the following were the prize winners:

8th grade—drawing—Nora Boston and Edith Harley, each a fountain pen.
7th Grade—Drawing—Bertie Burchinal, a volume of Kibl's work.
7th grade—carpentering—Charles Kibler, a smoothing plane.
2-6th grade—drawing—Anna Bryan, case of pencils.
1-6th grade—drawing—Mary Whaland, case of pencils.
5th grade—drawing—Houston Toulson, a pen knife.

The M. A. Toulson prize was awarded to Edith Harley, of the 8th grade—a handsome volume of Mrs. Browning's works.

Prof. Roland Watts, of Western Md., College, was the speaker of the evening and gave a sound, practical and eloquent address to the graduates.

Prof. L. J. Smyth, the principal presented the prizes in pleasing manner.

The following are the promotions:

GRADUATES—Edith Harley, Nora Boston and Pearle Hendrickson.

FROM SEVENTH GRADE—Ethel Coleman, Burtie Burchinal, Iris Anthony, Lilian Greenwood, Maude Wilkins, Charlie Hines, Charlie Kibler, Addie Hurlock, Mary Flemming.

FROM 2ND SIXTH GRADE—Louise Carroll, Mettie Loud, Nellie Jones, Chas. Dodd, Anna Bryon, Polk Bramble, Mary Sapington, Frank Duyer, Anna Sapington, Edith Frazier, Dude Brown. On trial—Elsie Fallowfield, Burchinal Brown, for one month.

FROM 1ST SIXTH GRADE—Wilbur Hirons, Susie Dunbracco, Mary Whaland, Sadie Gardner, Harry Coleman, Chas. Wheatley, Emma Roe, Lillian Stam, Willie Wheatley, Willie Maslin, Clara Thompson, Adelaide Howard, Emma France, Hanna Bell, Ben Boston, Earl Duyer, Leonard Needles, Maggie Chilcutt. On trial for one month—John Benjamin, Bordley Sappington, Ruby Pennell, Henry Beck, Earle Latham, Fannie Brown, James Bartley, Gaylord Hurlock.

FROM 5TH GRADE—Anna Harris, Blackiston Wroth, Nellie Nicholson, Maude Kelley, Daisie Barnes, Kemp Bordley, John Armstrong, Anna Wroth, Thomas Eliason, Edith Fallowfield, Houston Toulson, Donald Stam, Lillian Matthews, Jessie Matthews, Clyde Maslin, Thos. Kibler. On trial—Laura Lambert, Lizzie Davis, Leon Boston, Joseph Burchinal, Lydia Jones, Paul Wilkins, Will Greenwood, Tom Dixon, Sam Jones, Hiram Jones.

FROM 4TH GRADE—Robert Gill, Elizabeth Brown, Fred Hirons, Rose Duyer, Eunice Lambert, Louise Brown, Margaret Hopkins, Raymond Moody, Roland Matthews, Augusta Aldridge, Merritt Brown, Robert Bramble, Paul Jones, William McFeely, Murrell Dunbracco, Kennard Aldridge Eva Storks, Edna Beck, Eva Hurlock, Mary Hines, Frank Beck, Edna Copper, Lizzie Deputy, Nellie McWhorter, Minnie Robinson.

FROM 3RD GRADE—Carrie Wright, Merla Dadds, Olive Pennell, Muriel Elburn, Florence Beck, Clara Sapington, Raymond Wilkins, Louis Kaplan, Eva Gardner, Emma Harris, Etta Cooper, Ethel Ringgold, Inez Russell, Mary Davis, Herman Blackway, John Groves, Roy Duyer, Jesse Latham, Isabelle Lambert. On trial—Agnes Estes, Ethel Price, George Quelet, Carroll Elburn.

FROM 2ND GRADE—Bessie McFeely, Gilbert Jarman, Carl Bordley, Margaret Groves, Chauncy Parks, Hallie Kelley, Sammie Armstrong, Harold Matthews, Preston Jones, Clara Kelley, Anna Smyth, Charlie Johnson, Mamie Layman, Daisy Chilcutt, Earle Thomas, Walter Copper, Dora Sheats, Loice Rust, Lottie Norris, Nettie Elburn, Maud Worden, Mary Smith Frank Lambert, Dora Hodgkins, Edith Dunbracco, Ida Jones, Harry Cranor, Joe Westcott, Anna Caulder, Wilmer Coleman, Susie Frazier.

FROM 1ST GRADE—Louise Musselman, Eddie Blackway, William Johnson, Willie Blyman, David Hopkins, Sadie Buchanan, Gladys Aldridge, Agnes Knots, Maggie Davis, Carrie Johnson, Randolph Waddell, Dan Hall, Elizabeth Connelly, Clifford Cooper, Harvey Harris, Margurita Dodd, Howard Patton, Frank Jarman, Helen Gale, Mamie Alcott, Crook Matthews, Julian Brown, Willie Worden.

ROCK HALL SCHOOL.

Rock Hall Public School held its annual commencement on Wennesday evening. Downey's Hall was filled to hear the rendition of the excellent program. The music was one of the main features and was furnished by Prof. Charles Judefind's orchestra. Prof. Greenwood deserves special credit for the effort he has made to make this commencement a success and he has been ably seconded by his lady assistants Misses Sallie Brown, Nellie Barwick, Mary Camp and Henrietta Wallis. A large number of the graduates, and pupils of the school together with their friends and relatives were present. The beautiful and varied costumes of the ladies contributed an attractiveness that cannot be out rivaled in any town on the shore. The Hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and plants.

The following program was rendered:

Overture ..... March ..... Knock
Selection ..... Medley ..... Boettger
March ..... Sousa
Invocation ..... Rev. W. B. Guthrie
Presiding Officer's Remarks ... Jos. B. Downey
Salutatory ... Arthur Greenwood ... (graudate)
Waltz ..... Waterman
Annual Addrsss ..... Rev. C. K. McCaslin
Medley ..... Carter
Presentation of Diplomas ... Principal, J. A. Greenwood
March ..... Sousa
"Self Confidence" .. Margie Rich ... (graduate)
Music ..... "Star Spangled Banner" ... Key
"What We Owe to our Government" Oneida Maslin ..... (graduate)
Music ..... "Maryland, My Maryland"
"Freedom" ..... Ada Middleton
Music ..... "Annie Laurie,' ..... Beirley
"Patriotism ..... Beatrice Maslin
Music ..... "Hail Columbia" ..... Hopkinson
"Scholarship" ..... Eva Downey
"Battle Hymn of the Republic" ..... Howe
"Electricity" ..... Elsie Smith
Music ..... "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue.
Address to Graduates ..... J. Melvile Arthur, of Dickinson College
March ..... Hunting
"Valedictory" ..... Susie Leary ..... (graduate)
Benediction .....
March ..... Stern

THE MOST POPULAR CHILD!

Who Shall Have the Honor of Unveiling the Beautiful Fountain in Chestertown.

The unveiling of the new fountain and dedication of the beautiful park in Chestertown is expected to take place about August 1st. The ceremonies will be on an elaborate scale including a grand chorus with orchestra accompaniment, speeches by celebrated orators, etc.

There are many persons who would like to have the high honor of unveiling the fountain and in order to select the most popular one a contest will be opened among the children of the county. The plan follows: Tickets will be placed at the stores mentioned below and boxes in which to deposit the same. These tickets can be obtained from the merchant by paying 5 cents each, the money obtained from same going towards defraying expenses. The child receiving the most votes before July 31, 1899, shall be entitled to unveil the fountain.

This contest will decide what child in Kent has the most friends and what village, town or section claims him.

The following merchants have been supplied with tickets and will kindly furnish boxes for voting:

Chestertown—Stam's Drug store, Toulson's Drug store.
Worton Station—Turner & Boyles.
Fairlee—Mrs. Geo. Bramble.
Lynch's—Frank Hepbron.
Still Pond—Medders & Co., F. H. Harper & Son.
Kennedyville—J. E. Pote & Co., W. E. Sanders.
Galena—R. Heston Hicks, W. A. Whitaker.
Millington—Henry S. Cook, Chas. M. Hurtt.
Edesville—Miller Bros.
Rock Hall—Miller Bros., Jos. Downey.

This contest has been placed in charge of Prof. Thos. D. Bowers who will answer all questions pertaining thereto.

THE FIRST PEACHES.

The Failure in Kent—Some Exceptional Orchards—Causes, Cultivation, Etc.

The peach crop in Kent is now definitely known to be a failure. Some few orchards in different sections have partial crops, as heretofore stated. The most remarkable orchard is that of County Commissioner Jos. R. Usilton, in Worton. Mr. U. was in town Thursday and expected to begin shipping his earlier varieties next day. By the first of next week this early fruit will be fully ripe. Mr. Usilton's orchard is loaded with fruit in every variety, except Crawford's Late, Wilkins' and Chairs' Choice. His crop, if nothing interferes hereafter to injure the fruit, will be larger than the whole of Worton neighborhood combined, as there is practically no fruit in any other orchard but one, and that is on the farm known as "The Lots," tenanted by Mr. George Carroll. Last year there was a like peach failure in Worton. Mr. Pere Rasin had a few on the Wm. Stephens farm, and Mr. Romie Skirven a partial crop on the T. J. Willis farm, and as Mr. Usilton was one of those who had peaches we inquired of his method of cultivation. He does not believe the winter blizzard and extreme cold to be the cause of the peach failure, but rather that it was the late wet fall following a very dry summer. His theory is that weather conditions in the summer and spring have the most important bearing upon the crop—that is, if the orchards go into "winter quarters" in good heart they can stand almost any degree of cold. To sustain this theory, Mr. S. G. Lee, a prominent and intelligent fruit grower, states that he found upon examination that his fruit crop was killed last December. Mr. Usilton has used scarlet clover in his orchards with happy effect; he sows in the spring, pastures in the fall and up to May first the following spring; then lets it head and turns it under. He has also found it an advantage to burn the dead grass and undergrowth in the early spring in his orchards; the scorching of the limbs and body nearest the ground has the effect to destroy insect, and the trees quickly put forth new wood and seem to take new vigor. We have heard of others who practiced the same method to get rid of dead grasses and insect.

The Baltimore Sun reports the first arrival of peaches in that city last Tuesday. It was one box of the Alexander variety from Rock Hall by the steamer Gratitude.

A Pleasant Dance.—A most enjoyable dance took place Thursday evening in Stam's Hall. The weather was cool and pleasant and the music furnished by Weber, of Baltimore, was enchanting. Everything helped to make the affair most delightful in every respect. Among those present were:

Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Mrs. Geo. Brice, Mrs. John Welch, Mrs. Marion Rodgers, Mrs. D. P. Davis, Mrs. George B. Westcott; Misses Nannie Brice, Mary Hurtt, Mary Rodgers, Hallie Westcott, Maud Sheppard, Bulah Hayes, Alixine Soloman, Nellie Trapnell, Amy Brown, Sallie and Isabel Beck, Sophie Beck, Nora Cathings, Bessie Robertson, Selia Wooters, Nettie Merrit, Miss Buck, Nellie Valiant, Ava Donaldson, Miss Winter, Olevia Wilkins, Maggie Plummer; Messrs. George Brice, Thomas, Eben F. and George Perkins, Harry W. Rickey, Frank and Earle Simpers, Henry Deaver, Ambrose Carroll, Samuel Greenwood, Drake Day, W. W. Beck, L. W. Wickes, Claude Parks, Eldridge and Wilbur Eliason, George and Harry Vickers, Sidney Orum, Frank B. Hines.

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