

## Affairs in Kent County.

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KENT COUNTY, Md., May 26th, 1879.

The late enfranchised colored citizens of this county had the first opportunity of exercising their right of suffrage in Chestertown last Monday, 23d inst., in electing commissioners for that town. The contest resulted in favor of the republican party by a large majority, every colored man voting the above-named ticket. The charter requiring each inhabitant to be owner of real estate in the town before he is entitled to a voice in the election, there was deeded to each colored man an inch of worthless ground bordering upon the river marsh. The day passed off quietly, although there were some little contentions and enthusiastic demonstration.

To-day the order of Good Templars of the county held a grand public demonstration and banquet picnic on the old camp-ground in Baker's woods, about three miles from Chestertown. The weather being cool and delightful, a large number of persons attended, including all the different lodges, which were well represented and wearing their handsome regalia. Excellent music by the Chestertown Band (brass) enlivened the ceremonies during the day. At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock A. M. a large company had assembled, when, after the opening services of prayer by Rev. Mr. Gung, and music, addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Ridgway and Price. After a recess of one hour, to enable the visitors to partake of a repast, the speaking was resumed. Hays, Theodore Valiant and J. T. Murray, of Baltimore, made earnest appeals in behalf of the temperance cause. Mr. Howard Meeks was then called for by the audience, and responded in a neat and witty speech.

The Reed Rifle Company G, 15th Regt., M. N. G., commanded by Capt. Eben Perkins, (editor Chestertown Transcript,) paraded in full dress uniform and marched to the woods. They presented a very attractive appearance as usual. Ample provision had been made in the way of refreshments.

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