

The Cecil County

ELKTON, MAY 23, 1874.

Local Matters.

Coal fires were very comfortable some days the present week, especially in the evenings and mornings.

House and yard fence painting is being done in a small and convenient way this Spring—a barometer of the times.

A fine chance to buy a Sewing Machine on monthly installments, from J. Wilkinson, Elkton, Md.

The air on last Tuesday morning had a chill in it which decidedly retarded the early rise of his late friend, Jack Frost.

A Sabbath School Text Book will be given in the M. E. Church, at North East, on Thursday evening next, the 28th instant.

When the borrower has read the numbers of the American Sportsman belonging to the file in The Why office, he will please return them.

The plant vendors are busy about these times. Both has tomato plants in blossom; but the weather has been too cold for transplanting.

A new floor has been put in the railroad depot at this station, and the building is receiving a general repair. The P. W. & B. R. Co. are not for keeping things tidy.

The Grand Concert of Vocal and Instrumental music, in the New Hall, at Cherry Hill, under the direction of Mr. John M. Terrell, will take place on Saturday evening, the 20th inst.

A Grace of the Patrons of Husbandry, with full charter membership, has been organized at "Fox Chase," near Newark, in this county, by State Deputy, J. H. Balderston. Henry H. Kimble, Master; S. T. Kimble, Secretary.

The dogwoods this Spring are loaded with blooms, far surpassing anything we have ever before witnessed in this county.

Order your Sewing Machines from J. Wilkinson, Elkton, Md. You can get new Machines for \$10 each; if you send to the city you will have to pay \$65 and \$70 for the same article. Will guarantee you 600 stitches a minute. Instructions given free of charge.

The farmers are enthusiastic in praise of the growing wheat and grass. Oats are backward and looking badly. Corn in some sections is not yet planted. The apple crop in the northern portion of the county promises well. We hope it will keep its promise.

J. T. McCullough, Esq., has moved into his new office, Mr. Conditon's of Port Deposit, has placed the handsome pieces of iron railing on the front walls and steps of the building that is anywhere to be seen in town. The job is small, but very creditable to Mr. T. in the matter of taste and execution.

A correspondent informs us that black bass are being caught in the Susquehanna at Port Deposit, by the fishermen. Some ten or twelve inches in length have been taken. Although very tempting in appearance, being fine and fat looking fish, they were promptly returned to the water.

The exhibition of tableaux and panoramas, given at the Hall, on Tuesday night, was a very creditably managed affair. The tableaux were very much admired and the panoramas were well received. The music provided by the committee was not the least enjoyable feature of the occasion. The exhibition was liberally patronized, but the Hall was not filled. About \$30 clear of expenses was realized. It was proposed to repeat the affair on the next evening and so announced, but afterward abandoned.

The special election for Town Commissioner on Monday last to fill the vacancy in the Board, caused by the late death of Messrs. Crinkshaw and Wells at the annual election, resulted in the election of Mr. Crinkshaw, by a majority of 28 votes. It was discovered when late that Mr. Crinkshaw had been elected by a majority of one over Mr. Wells, and the voters were inclined to favor him on that account and generally cast their ballots for him at the special election. Mr. Haines, his opponent, in the late election, was the one who was elected a member of the Board at the previous election, and two Commissioners from the same firm, doubtless secured irregular to many voters.

Large Hauls of Fish.—Mr. George W. Barnes, who fishes the Carpenter's Point fisheries, on the North East river, about 2000 miles below Charleston, caught 2000-600 herring at one haul on Monday afternoon. He runs two seines, the seines being 1000 feet long and 100 feet wide. He had fish that he staked it out to await the arrival of a cargo of salt, his punny being in Baltimore at the time, getting in a supply of that article. Mr. Barnes had been catching but few fish lately, but the hauls, which reach very much like the old time fish stories, when seines were staked out and the fish scooped out of the water by the boat loat.

Organizing the New Board.—The new Board of Town Commissioners organized on Tuesday night last. Mr. G. N. Gray having received the highest number of votes at the general election, was declared Mayor of the town or President of the Board. Dr. Taft was elected Secretary; R. G. Rice, Treasurer, and James Morgan, the present incumbent, Lamplighter.

There were seventeen applicants for built. There were eight candidates for that office without a choice; no candidate receiving higher than two votes. The Board will be in session on Monday night next.

Robbery and Attempted Murder.—About 3 o'clock on Thursday morning the family of R. E. Vandiver, Esq., were awakened by the noise of burglars in the house. Mr. Murray Vandiver, who occupied a room in the third story, had a light in his hands, and hearing the noise, picked up the lighted lamp and opened his chamber door, and saw two men, in masks, in the entry just outside. He had no time to call for help, but he retreated to the room, and the burglars retreated to the street, where they were captured and taken to the police station.

Don't be discouraged. Suppose you have "only fifty remedies" and received no benefit, is there therefore "no hope in Gilead"? Verily there is. Your liver may be congested, your stomach may be paralyzed, your nerves quivering, your muscles knotted with torture, your bowels constricted, your lungs diseased, your blood full of impurities, yet in one week after commencing a course of Dr. Walker's Vinifera Bitters you will feel like a new creature.

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A DRIVE.

A drive through the country at this season of the year is generally very enjoyable, providing always that the day is fine and you team good; and in a trip from Elkton to the Northern limits of the county, even to the "Susquehanna hills," one passes through a variety of country. Adjacent to, and north of Elkton, till Bay View is reached, the land is none of the smoothest, and rather too hilly to be properly termed "undulating." The land generally is of a thin soil requiring quite too much coxing to be profitably sown to some noteworthy exceptions. The farms of Mr. T. V. Rose and Thos. Terry, this side of Bay View, are cases in point, showing what labor directed by judgment will accomplish.

The farm of Mr. E. B. Passmore, a short distance this side of College Green, is a dairy farm, and the large fields cover a luxuriant and pleasant appearance, which contrasts favorably with the grain farms, with their bare and uncouth plowed fields, and their yellow spots visible, which mark the appearance of so many wheat fields in this county. Grass and stock raising always insure the farmer a heavy crop of what grows on the land he may devote to tillage in these crops. As the belt of country is reached which stretches from east of the B. M. House to the Rising Sun, extending to Port Deposit, a great change is perceptible in the clean and tidy habits of the farmers; and the productive capacity of the land seems to be in exact ratio to the care bestowed on everything about the premises.

Many farmers were busy getting their corn-ground in order, with the harrow, and a few had not finished plowing, while the corn in some fields was up, but looked yellow and sickly. When the hilly country of the Octoraro is reached an entirely different roll appears. The hilly, yellow, and dark sandy loam, gray stone soil proclaims the natural fertility of that section. This soil is perhaps naturally the most fertile and rich in the county, but is considerably broken with much rocky rough land. This is particularly a fine grass region and with the Orange county, will produce one of the finest dairy regions in the State. After crossing the hills which skirt the Octoraro and its numerous tributary streams, a belt of genuine barrens is reached bordering the Pennsylvania line.

This is a very poor region for any kind of farming, but was formerly the site of a plantation, and in a large measure, wild waste in a great measure. But a wonderful change has been wrought since the property came into his possession. The public-spirited owner has constructed an excellent road from near Pilot Town, through his land to Conowingo, which he keeps in order at his own expense, we were told, and which is now a part of the public road. The trees have been trimmed up, underbrush cut away and the marshy places drained, and much of the land is in well cultivated crops, which formerly was given to the bramble. He is constructing a road which will run round the greater part of his land, and when finished will make a delightful drive. From the mansion to the public road, broad, winding avenues have been constructed, and the village of Conowingo has been improved by the erection of several handsome buildings; and the completion of the railroad to this point is impatiently waited for by the enterprising owner, who has been preparing for an event by these numerous improvements, which he considers only preliminary to what he then proposes to accomplish.

The Conowingo is a fine water power at this place, on which a small mill for grinding soap-stone and slate has been built, in connection with a saw mill formerly there. Mr. C. B. Cutler has the mills under lease, and does considerable business in grinding soap-stone and slate. Our time was so limited that we could only make a hasty glance at the many improvements completed, and a course of completion by the enterprising owner, who is justly styled the benefactor of that neighborhood.

North East Items.

Fishing.—Wheat and Grass.—General.—Market.—Repeating.—Improvements.—Building Association.

Fishing has been a success this Spring, in this vicinity, by the hands of some of our best anglers. They have secured a glut in the slat mark last week, when they sold as low as \$5 per hundred in Havre de Grace. The price is now up to \$10. Herring 60 cents per hundred. C. W. Barnes caught on Monday at one haul, about 2000 herring. Sold 30th of last week and struck 48 herring.

Parson Russell, who has been in charge of the Episcopal Church for several years, we learn with regret has resigned and is about to remove to New Jersey. Mr. Russell has done considerable toward building up the church in North East.

Wheat and grass are growing rapidly. Rather too much rain for the oats, and too wet to plant corn in this vicinity.

The concert at the Hall last night, was a highly anticipated. Greenbacks rather scarce. Flour \$2.50 per barrel; corn meal 80 cents per bushel; potatoes \$1.25 per bushel; butter 20 cents per pound; eggs 15 cents per dozen; beef 16 cents and veal 15 cents per pound for best cuts.

The Town Commissioners have been doing extra work by way of improving the streets, building and repairing culverts; still a little filling up is needed toward ward the drug store.

Mr. Calks Vasey is having erected a very neat porch in front of his residence, and the Building Association meets on Wednesday evening next and will offer some new amendments to their constitution.

Ladies will find a full line of Parasols and Sun Umbrellas at McCURRY & BOLDEN'S.

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Spring has at last made her advent, much to the gratification of the farmers, who have been long and anxiously engaged in getting out their Spring crops. The farms all over the upper end of the county are looking well, and the wheat and grass crops particularly so. Most farmers have finished corn planting.

The "fish wagons" still perambulate slowly by, on their journey "up county," but are not so numerous as a few days since.

Rev. Mr. Johns has gone West on an extended tour, expecting to be present at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, during its session at St. Louis, Missouri, after which he will spend some time in Iowa; his entire absence probably being about six weeks. We shall miss his presence from among us very much, but wish him a pleasant and profitable journey. His pulpit will be filled by different eminent divines, whose services he has secured for his flock during his absence.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, of the M. E. Church, is earnestly engaged in his pastoral duties, particularly in that of baptizing on the Sabbath school of which Mr. W. W. Cameron is Superintendent. Mr. Thompson is eminently qualified for the work in which he is engaged, and is quite popular with the entire community.

Mr. Harvey Reeder, residing near here, met with a painful, and almost serious accident on Friday morning of last week, by falling from the upper floor of his wood house, a distance of eight or nine feet, and striking heavily with his side across a piece of timber. Some four or five ribs were crushed, and he was otherwise injured, it being at first thought serious, as he was unable for a time. Dr. Eberle was speedily summoned, and we learn that Mr. Reeder is now progressing quite comfortably. On Wednesday of last week, Mr. John Irwin, while assisting in raising a barn at Mr. Wm. A. Brickley's, near Ebenezer Church, fell from the first floor to the cellar, a distance of about eight feet, fracturing one of the bones between his knee and ankle. Dr. Brown, of Principio, reduced the fracture, and the unfortunate one is doing well.

The "sewing machine man" don't get around here very regularly, so that the machines needing repairs seem to think so. Another man lately wandered around here in the road supervisor, as many of the roads are totally unfit to drive over, unless at a very slow pace.

Carhart & Co. have just returned from the city with their usual full line of Spring goods, and appear to be doing a fine business. Mr. A. Mearns, M. E. for coal.

Miss S. Meigs made her Spring purchase some time ago, and is proving herself a competent business woman.

The Misses Oliver have opened a new branch of industry in this place, viz., a dress making establishment. All the youth and beauty of the country can be neatly and speedily attired in the latest fashion. We notice their neat eye "satisfaction guaranteed." We sadly fear they will grow weary in guaranteeing the satisfaction of all their customers, for we never could please all the ladies.

Mr. Stewart has removed his establishment to his residence, where he has been making improvements, and still his cry is for "more light."

"Two souls but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one," were united together in the bonds of wedlock, on Thursday evening of last week, at the M. E. Parsonage, in this place. Mr. Andrew Miller and Miss Martha Holt, being the most conspicuous ones in the happy occasion. We sincerely hope Mr. Miller has got a good lot, and that he will hold on faithfully.

On Saturday morning last, at Mr. Vanassdale's, near here, Mr. DeWitt's horse was being hitched to a buggy, by Mr. Martindale, when Mr. Martindale found he had the wrong bridle. He attempted to change bridles without detaching the horse from the carriage, when the animal made a sudden dash and ran away, demolishing the buggy considerably. Mr. DeWitt's horse was home before the accident, and he is well prepared with the matter, and a couple of carriages in this neighborhood.

"COSMOPOLITAN."

LADIES' TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

The last regular meeting of the Ladies' Temperance Association, held on the 19th inst., was held in the evening, and was a most interesting and profitable one. The growth and expansion of those that preceded it. The ever increasing interest and ever widening influence are too marked to need comment.

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