

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Local Miscellany.—At Principio Furnace, John McKeen is designated Mill Messenger at \$50 per annum from date of beginning, vice H. Moore.

The Right Rev. H. C. Lay, Bishop of this Diocese, will preach and administer the Rite of Confirmation at St. Mary's Church, North East, on Sunday, May 5th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Bonnett Jones, formerly a resident of this town, was shot dead in Memphis, Tenn., on Friday last, by Dr. W. Demerolis, for an intrigue with his wife.

The weather has been very fine and Spring-like for two weeks past.

Denise, the negro who committed the outrage near Wilmington, some weeks since, was reported to have been in Elkton last week.

The farmers in this section are busy with their corn-planting.

Mr. Benjamin Wells is having a frame residence erected on his lot, opposite the depot.

The fruit trees in and around town are in full bloom.

Mr. V. S. Caley, of this town, has been appointed Route Agent, instead of Mr. Wm. Hasson, removed.

The first run of herring has about "run out." They have been plenty this Spring. Street paving has been going on in Elkton lately this week.

North street has become quite a track for training race horses.

Otho Nowland, Jr., of this town, fills Harry Betts' position as clerk in the National Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine.

The meeting for the purpose of organizing a Farmers Association will be held in Chesapeake City, this evening, at 6 o'clock.

Money sold at the Mutual Building Association on Saturday night last, \$300 for \$1.15 premium and \$1000 at \$1.00.

The steamer C. P. Smith had her first trip from Baltimore to Elk Landing, on Wednesday last, bringing considerable freight and several passengers.

The prospect is that the boat will go freight and do a prosperous business.

The regular monthly prayer-meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held at the Academy to-morrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock. The public and especially the young men of the community are cordially invited to attend. By order of the committee.

The fine showers of Wednesday and Thursday nights have exerted magical influence on vegetation.

We publish an Amendment to the Charter of Elkton, to-day, which places a hook in the mouth of future Town Commissioners, unless the people are careless enough to elect a party of spendthrifts who rob by legal process and squander the money in efforts to bring gifts to their own mill.

Monday afternoon is election day for a new Board. We have had so much of 40 cent Boards that a change for 20 cents would be most agreeable to the tax payers next year.

Rev. Dr. Newman, editor of The Monitor, a temperance paper, published in Baltimore, delivered a temperance lecture in the M. E. Church, on Wednesday evening last, under the auspices of Elkton Lodge, No. 73, I. O. G. T. The lecture was a good one, but the audience limited in numbers. The choir of the M. E. Church was present and entertained the audience by some very fine music. The Good Templars did not turn out in regular attendance as they would. The Doctor delivered a lecture to a crowded house, on Tuesday evening, in Port Deposit.

Advices from the peach district report the prospect for a peach crop favorable.

China.—Mr. Baldwin's second lecture on China, delivered in the M. E. Church, of this town, on Friday evening of last week, was very slimly attended, which is a characteristic of Elkton audiences when any thing really good is the subject of entertainment. The lecture was full of information about that interesting country and people, and would have well repaid all who have a desire to learn facts about China and the Chinese from an eye-witness, of the strange people and scenes he describes.

Report of the Town Commissioners.—This document which has become a veritable, could not be got ready in time for publication this week, which is to be regretted. It will show, however, the collection and disbursement of a sum of money considerably above two thousand dollars. The Bailiff, for collecting the town tax, is allowed 10 per cent, which is simply monstrous. The County Collectors get 6 per cent and seem anxious to get it that.

Purchase of a Saw Mill.—Mr. Isaac Brown, whose family a saw mill has been lying at the wharf in Elkton for several weeks, has purchased of Samuel Cate, administrator of J. F. Cunningham, a portable saw mill at Grove Neck, for \$300, which was new cost about \$3,000. Mr. Brown proposes to move the mill to Prince George's county, Md., on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, where he will doubtless do a good business, as timber is plenty and lumber in brisk demand. Mr. Brown is thoroughly at home in the lumber and sawing business; and considers that a fine field for such business is presented on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Leavitt's Swiss Bell Ringers.—Mr. H. A. B. Williams, agent of this celebrated combination, visited Elkton this week, to make advance arrangements for a concert which the "Bell Ringers" will give at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on next Wednesday evening, 8th inst. Judging from the posters, put up by the agent, these concerts will be novel in these parts, and we should suppose more than ordinarily interesting and amusing. The troupe has visited most of the large towns of this peninsula, and the press is unanimous in its praise. Mr. Williams, an intelligent gentleman, strongly endorsed by the leading members of the newspaper press of Philadelphia, and he assures us that the troupe is first class in every respect.

The Wheat Crop.—A friend who has recently traveled through Lancaster county, gives us further confirmation of our statement of the failure of the wheat crop. He informs us that the continued dry weather has had a damaging effect on it, many fields will not produce the seed sown, and very few will yield one fourth of a crop. Even in the rich valleys of Peneba and Conestoga, the crops is no larger than in other parts of the county.

Thomas Bates, of the 4th District, Cecil county, has a valuable crop of common stock. From the 18th of May up to the 20th of April last, eleven months, she made two hundred and thirty-five pounds of butter, besides furnishing milk and cream for a family of two persons.

There seems to be an epidemic amongst the cows. Geo. H. Cope, of Lower Oxford, lost one by disease on Saturday and another on Monday last. The symptoms appear like the pleuropneumonia. For this disease tar and plaster are said to be antidotes. The tar is put in and around the neck, and the plaster is rubbed on the nose of the animal. It may inhale the odor, and the supply is mixed with the feed.

A Denial.—We are requested by Messrs. Crothers and Whitaker to state that the report that the small pox exists on their dining shore is without the least foundation.

The vandalism which slaughters our shade trees should be stopped by the Town Commissioners. Two beautiful maples, on Main street, were probably destroyed this week. The property on Main street above which is known as the "business" is only thirty per cent. of value to the rows of fine shade trees which line the street; but every now and then some adjoining property holder takes it upon himself to cut down a tree. Now if one man has a right to destroy the trees all others owning adjoining property have the same. It is the duty of the Town Commissioners to protect the trees and they should pass an ordinance forbidding all mutilation of shade trees, under severe penalty, unless a written permit from the Board is given. Shade trees are a luxury not to be had in a day or a year, and they ought to be kept trimmed up and guarded carefully by the town authorities. Every tree is a source of comfort, health and beauty to the whole population.

A Remarkable Land Sink in Elk Neck.—A strange freak of nature has recently occurred in Elk Neck, near White Banks, by the sinking of about two acres of land on the mountain side. The scene of this phenomenon is about four hundred yards from the river bank. An area of the size above mentioned, covered with large forest trees has sunk to the depth of the treetops. The sink has left walls almost as vertical as the sides of a house. Mr. Alexander Wilson, who examined the ground, states that no traces of water disturbances at the bottom are perceptible, and the strange occurrence is altogether unaccountable. It is believed that the phenomenon occurred about the commencement of blighting, the rupture in the earth showing signs of very recent disturbance.

NORTH EAST ITEMS.

Great Woods Fire.—Thursday last week, a fire communicated from a coal pit, near J. A. Wilson's in Elk Neck, commenced in the woods, continued for a day or two, extending a number of miles north and east over a large part of the Neck, and burning considerable cord-wood and some of the farms. Several houses were destroyed, and a great quantity of farm property was lost. The fire was extinguished by the fire department of the town.

Brotherly Love.—On Thursday, 25th ult., the fly which connects shafts, in the McCullough iron works here, was broken; which will cause but little delay in operations, as, anticipating it, the Company had ordered another in advance.

Black Birds.—Recently numerous and large flocks of black birds have visited this vicinity, and the fields of the country around us.

Corn Planting.—The farmers are nearly ready for planting corn, in this region. Some, we hear, have already commenced. Oats are beginning to show quite finely on some fields.

Sale of Lots.—We learn that Mr. George Moore, Mr. Dean and several other gentlemen, have purchased lots on High street, running west from Main street near the Railroad station, intending to build dwellings on them.

Improvements.—Messrs. Simcoe have recently erected an addition to the west end of their store house.

Subscription School.—By an arrangement with the School Commissioners, the Principal of Public School is teaching a subscription school in the school building. The number of pupils is large, numbering about fifty.

May Day.—Wednesday, first day of May, was mild and cloudy, and in the morning a large number of people from above here, went down to the fisheries.

Sabbath Decoration.—For several Sabbaths recently, quite a number of wagons have passed down through our streets on their way to the fisheries. Is not this doing business on the Sabbath, and as such, a violation of the law?

Fruit Prospects.—All around the pear and cherry trees are blooming finely, apparently uninjured, as was feared, by the late winter. The apple trees, also, are covered with buds, soon to bloom.

CHESAPEAKE CITY ITEMS.

Election.—There will be an election held in Chesapeake, on Monday next, for Town Commissioners. The board walk needs repairing very badly—we want a working Board.

Theft.—On Tuesday night last, some person or persons stole all the rope on board of the steamer Wm. Allison, now lying at the wharf, in Chesapeake, undergoing repairs. The steam tug Ella started in pursuit of the thieves, on Wednesday morning, supposing they had gone down the river; but returned without finding them.

Canal Trade.—The trade through the Canal at this time is quite brisk. We are informed that twenty-three thousand bushels of oysters passed through on Monday last. For several days the vessel trade has been very brisk—about one hundred passing through on Wednesday last.

Improvement.—Wm. Coleman is enlarging his cabinet shop and intends opening a furniture store.

Farmers' Association.—Notices have been posted up about town calling for a meeting of the farmers of the second and adjoining districts, to form an association. The meeting is to be held in Conroy's Hall, May 4th, at 6 o'clock P. M. There should be a good turnout of parties interested in farming matters; but unless there is a little more energy on the part of the gettars up in the Second District, we have our doubts.

RIISING SUN ITEMS.

Good.—The roads—a very unusual thing this time in the year.

Gene.—The oldest inhabitant to North Carolina.

Exhibition.—On Wednesday night last we had an exhibition of the effect of a haliback fire extinguisher, on a bonfire of hay, in front of the town hall. The company of our citizens purchased one of the extinguishers—hoping never to want to use it.

Planting is now in full blast. Some have planted corn; most all are making garden.

Full—the fruit trees of blossom. If this is any criterion there will be an abundance of fruit this year.

Bad—the wheat, from the effects of fly. Many farmers say they won't have live bushels to the acre.

Building.—C. W. Wilson, contractor and builder, has commenced operations on a new brick house, on South Queen street, from Dr. H. H. Heston. It will occupy the site of the old barn removed recently, and will be a good improvement to the borough.

Sabbath School.—The members of the Presbyterian congregation worshipping in the Town Hall are about organizing a Sabbath school in connection with their other services.

197 Wilmington, Delaware, is a thriving place, made so by its manufacturing facilities. Not the least of these is the establishment for making the "Wilmington City Soap," which is in such general use over the country.

CECILTON ITEMS.

Wedding in Church.—One of those weddings that create a sensation in a neighborhood took place on Thursday evening, 25th of April, in the Episcopal Church.—The happy pair were Miss Ella Hessey and Mr. Henry Boulden. As soon as they were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, they left for the groom's home, on the Manor, where a grand reception awaited them.

Death of an Old Resident.—Mr. Nab, an old resident of Cecilton, died on last Thursday evening.

Fruit and Crop Prospects.—The fruit trees at present are indicative of an abundant yield. The change in the color and growth of wheat within two weeks is very encouraging.

Sickness.—When Spring returns health seems to depart, for quite a number of persons in this neighborhood are sick from colds.

Donation Party.—Our Pastor was visited a week or so ago by a donation party. But not being present ourselves we are unable to give a satisfactory account of it; but learned that every thing in the eatable line was abundant.

May-Day.—A number of families expect to celebrate May-day by visiting the fishing shore.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Editor of Cecil Whig:—By request, I ask you to please insert the following report for public information: The school of Cecilton, for the year ending April 30, 1912, had 100 pupils, 50 boys and 50 girls. The school was held for 180 days, with 150 days of actual instruction. The school was held for 180 days, with 150 days of actual instruction.

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Harford Items.—On Saturday last, S. R. Gilbert, auctioneer, sold for Herman Stump, Esq., trustee, a dwelling house with three acres of land, situated at Aberdeen station, P. W. & B. R. R., lately the residence of Mr. R. H. Carr. The dwelling house is nearly new, fitted up with all the modern conveniences, and improvements, near Forest Hill, the estate of John Rogers, deceased, for \$2,000. Isaac Adams purchaser.

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A meeting of the Corporation of this town will be held in Hall A. on the 23rd ult. Some \$75,000 have been subscribed, \$25,000 more is wanted to make the building of the road a fixed fact.

We are now in the midst of the season, and bustle and activity reign supreme every nerve being strained to capture the busy visitors. The catch is good and the season so far has been a very successful one. Large quantities (from 30 to 75 barrels) are daily shipped per rail to the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets.

On Friday last, as Jas. Cameron was sitting quietly on his horse in front of the Post Office, in conversation with a friend, the horse suddenly made a bounding side and hoarse, and dislocating his wrist, from the effects of which he is still suffering severely pain.

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