

LOCAL MATTERS:

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Death of Mrs. W. H. Wade. Mrs. W. H. Wade, a most estimable lady, wife of Mr. W. H. Wade, died at her home in this village on Saturday last, after a lingering and painful illness of six weeks. Her funeral took place from St. Thomas' church on Monday and was attended by a large host of sorrowing friends and relatives. The death of this lady will be deeply regretted by all who knew her and we tender to her bereaved husband, children and friends our most heartfelt sympathy.

We learn from the Alexandria Gazette that the receipts of fish of that place are somewhat increasing, but the muddy condition of the water owing to the recent heavy rains, falls, still materially interferes with the catch as it has the effect of keeping the fish from ascending the river. The first shad of the season were offered last Monday and sold at \$1.25 per pair; herring sold at 25 per bunch of eight; rock 40 and 50 cents; white perch 15 to 40 cents and smaller fish at from 10 to 25 cents per bunch.

Charles County Jail Case of Carpenter. The House Judiciary committee to-night declined to pass on a bill relieving the sureties of Geo. W. Carpenter, the Charles county commissioner, who was indicted for an outrageous assault and jumped his bail. The reason for the committee's action was the refusal of the Governor to approve the bill on the account of the bad example it would set. Carpenter, it will be remembered, was accused of assault on a young lady in his county, and after being in jail some time was tried at Port Tobacco, the jury failing to agree. Afterwards the case was removed to Prince George's and the prisoner was released on bail. Carpenter and his brother, his wife and wife's brother, and a young man named Dent were his sureties. He said around for some time, collected all the money he could, and then left for parts unknown. The forfeiture of his bail is ruinous to his sureties, and much sympathy has been felt for them.—Baltimore Sun of 25th inst.

On a Visit Home. Adison Marbury, Esq., who has been absent over two years, returns on an engineering expedition in Central America, is home on a short leave to visit his family. He is looking remarkably well and says the tropical latitudes agree well with his health. Mr. Marbury says he has been getting the Times regularly during his absence and that the members of his engineering corps have learned to appreciate it so well that inquiry is regularly made if "that tobacco paper" is not about due. We are glad to know that he has men of such good taste in his corps. Mr. Marbury, speaking as a practical engineer and with thorough knowledge of the circumstances, said in conversation the other day that if the money he has been expending in our roads since the present system went into operation had been judiciously disbursed for well directed labor that by this time our roads should have been equal to those from one end of the county to the other. Mr. Marbury will remain until the 20th of April.

County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners met at their office here on Tuesday and besides the routine business of the day transacted the following: The supervisors' bonds were reviewed and all approved and they were given instructions as to what was expected of them in the discharge of their duties. Each supervisor's bonds in the sum of \$2,000. The constables' bonds of T. H. Murray, Bryant and C. A. Beale, Waldorf, were approved. The board also ordered an increase of \$50 in the amount of reward offered for the capture of Billy Brooks, making the reward now \$250 for which the commissioners are wholly and entirely responsible. A notice to this effect will be found elsewhere. A lot of maps were brought here for the inspection of the board from which they could make a selection of two that will be necessary for use on the public roads. No purchase was made, however, as the board determined to wait until the side of Mr. Callaghan's stock takes place when it is expected they may be able to purchase to advantage a pair that will be suitable for their purposes. The board adjourned until next Tuesday, April 1st.

Equal Rights. We clip the following from the Baltimore Sun of Monday: "The representatives of Calvert and St. Mary's counties are indignant over the action of the House of Delegates in allowing Charles county equal privileges in the Patuxent river oyster fisheries with the oyster fisheries of the other two counties Calvert and St. Mary's have from Leitch wharf and Indian creek, respectively, to Drum Point, (the mouth of the Patuxent,) a river front of 30 to 35 miles. Charles county has from Swainsons creek to Indian creek a footage of about 2 1/2 miles to the Patuxent. Of this, it is said, only about 1/2 mile is oyster ground. An attempt will be made to strike this provision out of the bill when it comes up again." We think the correspondent is a little erroneous in his statement that we have only a water front of 2 1/2 miles on the Patuxent river. We certainly have more than this and from all the information we can gather the oyster beds on the Charles county front are among the most prolific in the river and have ever been used by the inhabitants of the other two counties. We would urge our delegations to use all efforts to have this provision of law maintained.

What the Ground Gog Did. During the six weeks immediately following the disappearance of the ground hog on February 2 on the account of seeing his shadow, this section was visited with an unusual amount of rain, snow, fog, high winds, high and low temperature. The highest wind was at the rate of 31 miles an hour, the highest in this section for some years. During February there were four different storms, on Feb. 6, 20, 28 and 29, with maximum velocity of 25 to 28 miles an hour. This is much in excess of the average velocity of the winds for this section. The lowest temperature was 10.5 above zero on Feb. 23. This was the coldest day of the winter save Jan. 6, when the thermometer stood at 3 degrees above zero. The highest temperature was on Feb. 6, when the thermometer registered 68.2. The rainfall in the six weeks was 10.15 inches, and the fall of snow about 12 inches, about double the amount that had fallen in the same period for many years. Of the 42 days constituting the period, 26 were rainy, 8 were cloudy, 5 were snowy and but 3 were clear.

Indignant Tax-Payers.

Since it was announced in our last week's paper that it is now too late to ask the Legislature to make any change in our expensive and badly conducted system of mending roads, some of our good, but slow citizens seem to have suddenly waked up to a realization of the fact that about \$20,000 more of the taxes wrung from their labor are to be thrown away upon the roads; little any change can be expected. There were some active citizens in town on Tuesday loudly agitating the matter. These gentlemen were willing to go on to Annapolis with petitions which they say every taxpayer in the county would sign asking a change of the system or to do almost anything else to accomplish the end. But they were informed that it was too late then, at the time for the introduction of bills into the Legislature had already expired. There is no doubt that if such action is in now proposed had been taken earlier in the session, that the desired change could have been effected, and we are conscious of having fully discharged our duty in repeatedly calling attention to the matter and urging the importance of such action; but nothing was done and it is now of course too late to accomplish anything in the Legislature. These gentlemen say that they were lured into a state of inactivity by the promise of Dr. Lancaster in this regard, and much indignation and dissatisfaction at the failure of that gentleman to make any effort to redeem his promises were expressed. The dissatisfaction with the present system is said to be great and universal among the tax-payers of the county, and there is talk of calling a meeting of tax-payers to protest against the manner in which the county operates and to elect a committee for this service as now conducted, and to urge upon the commissioners to exercise the discretionary power which is invested in them of making some amendments to the system. If such a meeting could be had, even now, some good might result from it. We believe that, as the corps are now organized, it would be true economy to appoint a general superintendent of skill and judgment to let all the details of the road work be under his orders and direction. The \$8,000 now expended is utterly thrown away, and it would be true economy to spend an additional \$1,000 for the purpose of having the labor skillfully directed to the making of permanent repairs. It is probable, too, that if the work was under the supervision of a competent and careful man, who would require the laborers to render full work as other laborers in private employment, and would keep a proper account of the expenses of the service, that he would very nearly, if not quite save the amount of his salary. It is probable that if the tax-payers would act as a body before the commissioners with such a recommendation that the board would feel at liberty to disregard their request. If such a meeting should be called it ought to be fully and promptly responded to.

Eiskwas Bros., popular tailors and clothiers, Washington, D. C. Our father and true advice to Mr. Washington Burch is to endeavor to contain himself. We believe he will find it prudent at this particular time to restrain his vituperative indignation as far as possible. The temper of the people of this county just now is hardly in the proper state to relish any impertinent insolence from Mr. Burch. It would be far better for him under all the circumstances, not to too precipitately in vindicating himself from the "suspect" against his conduct as a jailer, which says was conveyed in an article in the Times, last to proceed with caution and circumspection and endeavor to prove his innocence of the well justified suspicions which have been directed against him as clearly, consistently and quietly as he can. It is probable that he will have an opportunity to do this in Court, and it may be well for him to postpone his vindication until that time. The Times did not charge Mr. Burch with complicity in the escape of Brooks. Although there has been and is a strong and natural suspicion against Burch in this connection in the community, the Times did not voice that suspicion. We merely stated facts of which we had authentic information, that "the accused is an inmate of Washington Burch, the jailer, and that the jailer reported that he lost the keys of the shackles on the night of the escape." Now while pretending to deny the latter part of this statement, Mr. Burch in the "lead" which he has had fixed up fully admits the statement to be true. While going into a great circumlocution about the "sheriff's large pistol" and the "hole in his pocket" and how he "pursued the fugitive" and lost the sheriff's keys on the following day, he admits that on the night of the escape "in the confusion etc.," the keys of the shackles which he carried were left in the jail and subsequently found by the sheriff. Now in point of fact the keys of the shackles which were used on the night of the escape of Brooks, were found on the ground outside of the jail on the night of the escape by Mr. La Vega Burch, who gave them to the sheriff. So the proof is clear, as we said, that Mr. Burch, the jailer, parted with the keys of the shackles on the night of the escape. We hope Mr. Burch will be able to establish the fact that he lost them "in the confusion and excitement at ending Brooks' escape," for we have had no ill feeling against Burch; but the disagreeable fact remains to be explained that these keys were found in just about the situation they might have been in if they had been furnished to the prisoner for the purpose of making his escape. So if Mr. Burch is not guilty of the charge of complicity of which he is suspected, but which we have not charged and do not now, we have been particularly unfortunate in having been made the sole custodian of his son-in-law, who was imprisoned upon a charge which might have carried him to the gallows; and in having in some awkward circumstances attended his escape. Under all the circumstances we think it behooves Mr. Burch to keep cool.

Children's Suits, Eisen Bros., 7th and F Sts., Washington, D. C. Marriage Fee Bill. The bill reducing the marriage license fee from \$4.50 to 60 cents, which had passed the Senate some time since under a suspension of the rules, passed the House last week, and now only awaits the Governor's signature to become a law. There is a variety of opinions as to whether the Governor will sign the bill or not but the probability, as far as we can judge, seems to be in the affirmative. In a long editorial derived from this source, if taken from the revenue of the State, must be made good from the struggling farmer and other owners of real property. Instead, therefore, of repealing this law, we would have these sources increased, knowing that every dollar thus raised is a dollar taken off of that which has to be supplied by general taxation.

Myments. Mr. Joseph Day, formerly of Kent county, but for a number of years past a successful farmer at "Old Milltown," in Cedar Point neck, was married on Wednesday last to Miss Belle Bruce, the young and attractive daughter of Dr. W. H. Bruce. The bride was handsomely and neatly attired in a most becoming costume, and her bright face and sparkling eyes indicated her happy feelings during the ceremony. The groom was attired in the conventional black and responded freely and happily to the questions that were to bind him for life to his youthful bride. After the ceremony the newly married twain retired to the home of the groom, where many friends of the contracting parties had assembled to help them enjoy and make merry their festive wedding day. A beautiful repast was served at 2 o'clock P. M., to which full justice was done by those present and many a flowing bumper was drunk to the health and happiness of the united pair. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in social enjoyment to which the host contributed in his usual kindly and hospitable manner, and as the hour for departure came all left fully impressed with the fact that man's happiness here consisted entirely in his wife and that no true happiness could be found in "single blessedness." It was unfortunate that the weather was so unfavorable on that day, as it prevented many friends of the contracting parties, who had long distances to travel from being present and enjoying the occasion. We are sure that we but echo the sentiments of these and other friends, however, when we wish a long, peaceful and unclouded life to the bride and groom. Base-Ball Entert. It has been suggested to us by a gentleman of this county who is fond of base ball that the four lower counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's get up a cooperative union for the purpose of indulging in this sport among themselves during the coming season. We heartily endorse the movement and would like to see it succeed and promise to lend our best efforts to this end. The proposition is that each county form a club and these four clubs form the union and a series of two or four games to be played between each club be indulged in; one or two games to be played at home and the same number to be played by each club in each adjoining county. Beyond the sport that would be afforded to both players and people, this arrangement would further be a means of creating social intercourse between the people of the different counties who we think cannot but result to the advantage of each. We would like our contemporaries of this section to take this matter up and get the sense of the base ball community in regard to it. A committee of one or three from each county could be appointed to meet at some central place and in all necessary arrangements. It is necessary, however, to begin work at once in order to have the arrangements completed before the season opens. Should this be met with favor, the reception in our sister counties let those interested in the move write us as to the probable chance of success in their county, arrangements can then be made for the government of the union. Address communications to C. F. Dancy, Times office, Port Tobacco. And Now it is Spring. Last Friday the actual spring season began—the vernal equinox, when the sun crosses the equator and the days and nights are of equal length. The storm which usually marks this event may have been the heavy rainstorm of the Wednesday before. The grass has put on its dress of early spring green, and vegetation shows signs of coming. It is indications are not wanting that the sun of old address is somewhere in the neighborhood. The Middle-town Transcript in ushering in spring says: "Come gentle Spring, ethereal mildness come! Entire thyself hitherward, and when you get here just sit down and make yourself at home. Don't you fool us, gentle Spring!" To convince us that you are in earnest, and not trying to deceive us into slipping out of our homes, oh, you playful, flippant Spring, bring us out the garden-rose man with yellow wagon, and the Italian count in disguise, with tawny hand-organ that plays "Over the Garden Wall." Bring up these things, oh, gentle Spring, and we will throw up our hats and rejoice that you are coming for the restorative season. But don't you induce us with a throb of four miles from home, you flippant, funny and deceitful Spring!" Amending the Charter of Old St. John's. A bill was introduced in the Senate last week by Mr. Brewer, which proposes to amend the charter of St. John's College so as to constitute it more clearly a part of the public school system. The bill provides that the secretary of the State Board of Education, the secretaries of the county boards, teachers, and other public officers under the present public school system, shall co-operate with the president and faculty of St. John's College in arranging courses of study in the public schools of the State, so as to facilitate the entrance of pupils into the classical and technical departments of the college; that all graduates of the public schools capable of being admitted to the college, and all young men residents of the State, upon giving proper guarantees of their purpose to adopt a training as a profession, shall be entitled to the instruction in the college free of charge. It also provides for the appropriation of \$12,000 in addition to the annuity of \$3,000 granted by the resolution of 1882, to be paid every year in three equal installments—October, April and July—these \$12,000 being four per cent, interest yearly on \$300,000, the amount of the debt claimed to be due from the State to the college prior to its release by the board of visitors and governors. The appropriation is to be applied to the erection and equipment of civil, mechanical and mining engineering and analytical chemistry departments, and for the introduction of other studies calculated to improve the condition of the college, and enable the faculty to carry out the provisions under the amended charter.

Local Brevities. Easter is fast approaching. It begins to feel like winter is over. Next Monday is April Fool's Day. It will soon be time to roll up your overcoats and ulsters. Spring millinery promises to be gorgeous. Easter will bring it out. The wheat fields are looking green and fresh throughout the county. The trees and grasses are beginning to sprout. Seed indications of spring. The Legislature will adjourn next Monday and our wise solons return home. Mr. Pere Wilmer, Sr., was on a visit to his son, L. A. Wilmer, Esq., for a couple of days last week. Another thunder storm on Tuesday night. It is impossible for us to have two clear days in succession it seems. "If solid happiness we prize," says the poet Cotton, "within our breast this jewel lies," but if we have a cold there, the happiness can only be secured by using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN. TUGS. Comet & Juno. On and After MONDAY, March 24th, the Tugs Comet and Juno will run daily from the upper and lower Potomac. The OMBET (Capt. Taylor) upper Potomac. The JUNO (Capt. Ellis) Piney Point. With fish consigned to the Washington Fish Market. R. A. GOLDEN, Commission Merchant. Towing and Freight solicited.

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Carpet. We have received a communication from a valued correspondent on the local option question. It came too late for insertion this week, but, if found worthy, will appear in the next issue.

The horses of Messrs. T. T. Owen and Eddie Robey were both stuck in the mud in the warehouse road a short distance below the village, on Sunday last. Both were extricated without doing any damage to themselves or vehicles.

Mr. F. M. Neale the polite and active salesman for the well known "Leader" and "Rex" fertilizers will be in the county next month soliciting orders for his goods. Our farmers should make a note of this before purchasing fertilizers.

Mr. J. H. Roberts is preparing to build a residence at La Plata and will take up his abode there as soon as it is completed. Mr. Taylor has the contract and he expects to have the house ready for occupancy about the 1st of June.

One of our wise county fathers while taking a glass of beer on Tuesday remarked that he must hurry and drink it as he didn't want to lose any of the gas. To which his friend replied, that "every one thought he was already too full of the gas" and he walked out.

The Rev. F. M. Strother, the Methodist minister in charge of this circuit, has been removed but we have been unable to ascertain the name of the minister who is to take his place. Mr. Strother's removal will be regretted by many, both of his own and other denominations.

There was a meeting of the stock holders of the La Plata canneries last Friday at which it was determined to pay the farmers money due for produce within two weeks. We have heard of nothing else that transpired during the meeting. Much of the produce put up by the canneries last year still remains unsold.

An exchange says: Many farmers are of the opinion that a cold, stormy March is beneficial to crops. February was so wet and warm as to stimulate the buds into a dangerous condition of forwardness and also to start green vegetation. If grain and fruit can be kept dormant until permanent warm weather is assured the crops of both are likely to be immense the coming summer.

Colored Silks: No. 625, 75c; No. 627, \$1.00; No. 628, 75c; No. 629, 75c; No. 630, 75c; No. 631, 75c; No. 632, 75c; No. 633, 75c; No. 634, 75c; No. 635, 75c; No. 636, 75c; No. 637, 75c; No. 638, 75c; No. 639, 75c; No. 640, 75c; No. 641, 75c; No. 642, 75c; No. 643, 75c; No. 644, 75c; No. 645, 75c; No. 646, 75c; No. 647, 75c; No. 648, 75c; No. 649, 75c; No. 650, 75c; No. 651, 75c; No. 652, 75c; No. 653, 75c; No. 654, 75c; No. 655, 75c; No. 656, 75c; No. 657, 75c; No. 658, 75c; No. 659, 75c; No. 660, 75c; No. 661, 75c; No. 662, 75c; No. 663, 75c; No. 664, 75c; No. 665, 75c; No. 666, 75c; No. 667, 75c; No. 668, 75c; No. 669, 75c; No. 670, 75c; No. 671, 75c; No. 672, 75c; No. 673, 75c; No. 674, 75c; No. 675, 75c; No. 676, 75c; No. 677, 75c; No. 678, 75c; No. 679, 75c; No. 680, 75c; No. 681, 75c; No. 682, 75c; No. 683, 75c; No. 684, 75c; No. 685, 75c; No. 686, 75c; No. 687, 75c; No. 688, 75c; No. 689, 75c; No. 690, 75c; No. 691, 75c; No. 692, 75c; No. 693, 75c; No. 694, 75c; No. 695, 75c; No. 696, 75c; 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Carpet. We have received a communication from a valued correspondent on the local option question. It came too late for insertion this week, but, if found worthy, will appear in the next issue.

The horses of Messrs. T. T. Owen and Eddie Robey were both stuck in the mud in the warehouse road a short distance below the village, on Sunday last. Both were extricated without doing any damage to themselves or vehicles.

Mr. F. M. Neale the polite and active salesman for the well known "Leader" and "Rex" fertilizers will be in the county next month soliciting orders for his goods. Our farmers should make a note of this before purchasing fertilizers.

Mr. J. H. Roberts is preparing to build a residence at La Plata and will take up his abode there as soon as it is completed. Mr. Taylor has the contract and he expects to have the house ready for occupancy about the 1st of June.

One of our wise county fathers while taking a glass of beer on Tuesday remarked that he must hurry and drink it as he didn't want to lose any of the gas. To which his friend replied, that "every one thought he was already too full of the gas" and he walked out.

The Rev. F. M. Strother, the Methodist minister in charge of this circuit, has been removed but we have been unable to ascertain the name of the minister who is to take his place. Mr. Strother's removal will be regretted by many, both of his own and other denominations.

There was a meeting of the stock holders of the La Plata canneries last Friday at which it was determined to pay the farmers money due for produce within two weeks. We have heard of nothing else that transpired during the meeting. Much of the produce put up by the canneries last year still remains unsold.

An exchange says: Many farmers are of the opinion that a cold, stormy March is beneficial to crops. February was so wet and warm as to stimulate the buds into a dangerous condition of forwardness and also to start green vegetation. If grain and fruit can be kept dormant until permanent warm weather is assured the crops of both are likely to be immense the coming summer.

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