

LOCAL MATTERS:

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Fish.—But little is being done at Fishown now, and many of the shores on the river have "run out" for the season. Since Saturday's report more than 25,000 herrings and 300 shad have arrived here, which sold at 15¢ per hundred for the former and 20-25¢ per hundred for the latter.—Alex. Gazette.

Lost a Mule.—Mr. J. E. Hamilton lost a valuable mule one day last week by having it cooked to death. A pair of mules were coupled together on last Thursday week and turned out to pasture, and while grazing beside a ditch one of the animals toppled over and fell in such a position as to be unable to extricate itself, the fellow mule did not go into the ditch but remained hung on the bank, and the two were in such a position that the coupling was drawn tight about the throat of each. When found the mule in the ditch was dead and the one on the bank was breathing with great difficulty and in a short time would also have died. The colored man found them quickly cut the coupling and thus saved one of the animals. Mr. Hamilton valued the pair at \$300.

In Memory of a Jurist.—It is proposed to erect in Annapolis an arch of oak leaves and propolis to commemorate the life and deeds of Hon. Beverly Johnson, the distinguished jurist. The site selected is the triangle between St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church and the Governor's mansion. The Annapolis Improvement Association is proposed as the leader in the movement, and the fair of the animals is asked to contribute the necessary funds. Annapolis has been selected as the proper place for the arch rather than Baltimore, Mr. Johnson's home, because it was before the Court of Appeals of the State, which acts there, that he made the greatest exhibition of his learning and talents. It is, moreover, in Annapolis that the length and bar of the State in which Mr. Johnson's reputation was gained in transacting the business of the Court of Appeals. The movement meets with decided favor at the hands of those of the legal profession to whom the scheme has been broached.

The Drouth End.—Since our last issue the extended and very injurious drouth has broken, and we have been visited with welcome and much needed rain, the first of consequence that has been our good fortune to receive since spring commenced. The very generous downfall which we had Wednesday and Thursday will be most beneficial to growing crops and pastures and will aid most materially farm operations. Already the benefits can be perceived on every hand in the green and healthy looking condition of our growing wheat, the succulent pastures and even in the more cheerful appearance of farm animals and stock generally. Our farm-friends who have been waiting so long for the much needed rain, are now busily engaged in riding their barns of the last year's tobacco crop, which has been hanging idle in the barn all winter and spring for want of favorable weather, and preparing it for market, and also engaged in pitching the new crop, the rain having furnished an excellent planting as well as stripping season. Altogether the incalculable benefits resulting from the rain are fully appreciated as is attested by the cheerful looks and busy hands to be seen on all sides.

Maryland's Wheat Crop.—The May report of the department of agriculture furnishes the following statement of the condition of the wheat crop in Maryland on the first of the month: Queen Anne's—Generally looks badly, owing to drouth last fall and winter-killings. St. Mary's—Some fields entirely naked. April very dry, and what wheat withstood the winter made a poor growth. Prince George's—Has improved last two weeks. Frederick—Looking healthy and vigorous, but very small for this time. If weather is favorable may have a fair crop. Montgomery—Only about one-half a crop will be raised. Caroline—Looks well, but not so good a stand as last year; winter-killings not improving rapidly, but dry. Calvert—In March wheat looked badly, much having been winter-kill, but the favorable April has caused what is standing to come out very well. Harford—Very much improved since last report. Somerset—Owing to the drouth which prevailed here during the whole of our seeding time it fell, a very large proportion of the wheat that never came in at all, or perished after germinating. Very poor condition. Kent—Very lackluster, and thought somewhat improved by looking badly. Carroll—Improved somewhat, but though late-sown will not raise half crop; winter-killings. Garrett—Thin on ground and backward.

For Clerk.—As will be seen by a notice published in our advertising columns to-day, Dr. F. M. Lancaster announces himself to the republican party of the county as a candidate for the position of Clerk of the Circuit Court. It has been all along understood that Dr. Lancaster was a candidate for this place and he has many of the best men in the party drawn to his support.—Dr. Lancaster says that while he does not propose to antagonize the nominee of the party whoever he may be, provided the nomination is a free expression of the will of the convention and is not gained through chicanery and backbiting, still he intends to make an earnest fight for the place and the man that beats him in convention will have to prove himself wrong in the party. The Dr. further says that all the reports that have been so freely circulated in regard to the fact that Mr. Stonestreet's nomination is a foregone conclusion are in his opinion entirely unfounded and that he would prefer to see Mr. Stonestreet, committed in preference to the Doctor, as they think that the (Mr. Stonestreet) would be easier to beat at the election. However this may be our advice is that the democrats will make an active and energetic fight, and whoever the republican nominee may be his road to success will be rough and steep with difficulties.

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Circuit Court

The case of Neale vs. Roby, which was being argued at the close of our last report, was decided on Thursday evening in favor of Roby, the jury, being to the effect that the Court gave their decision without leaving the box.

Friday.—Court met Friday at the usual hour, with a full bench. The case of State vs. Curdick, which was argued in this case to his license as a merchant promptly on the last day of May and for having sold goods without having a license in his possession. He pleaded guilty without going to trial and was fined \$20 and costs, being the lowest penalty allowable in such cases. In imposing the fine in this case, Judge Stone stated that it had come to his knowledge that many merchants in the county had violated the law in the same manner, and hereafter he would instruct all grand juries to inquire particularly into such cases and to indict whenever it was found that a merchant had failed to get his license promptly as the old license gave him no power to sell goods after that date. The sheriff gives ample notice to merchants of the fact that this must be done and the law would hereafter be strictly enforced if it took the grand jury five weeks to finish their investigations.

The case of State vs. William Fenwick, colored, was then taken up. In this case it will be remembered, Fenwick was indicted for an assault with intent to kill Mr. Jos. H. Mattingly in October last, and was tried at the last November term and convicted, but was awarded a writ of habeas corpus by the Court of Appeals, which body the case had been taken on a writ of error. He was tried by a jury and again convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for 5 years. Wilmer and Edelen for State; Mitchell and Magruder for defendant. The case occupied the entire day and the verdict of the jury was brought down about 9 o'clock that evening.

The grand jury made their report to-day after which they were discharged with the thanks of the Court.

Saturday.—Court met at 9 o'clock with full bench. The first case was that of Henry Neale vs. W. H. Bruce and John F. Bruce. This was an action for trespass in which Neale claimed that Bruce had removed trees growing on his premises and also a line of fencing which he had put up. The trespass had been committed close to the boundary of the farm owned by the parties respectively which adjoined. A jury was impaneled for the trial, but the plaintiff failed to establish the boundary of his farm and also to prove the trespass and a non pros. was entered by his counsel and the jury was discharged. Magruder or plaintiff, Mitchell and Edelen for defendant.

The next case was that of State vs. John Walter High, colored, indicted for beating his wife. The indictment contained two counts, one for brutal assault and the other simple assault. Tried by a jury, found guilty on second count, and sentenced to the county jail for 60 days and to pay a fine of \$25. Wilmer for State, Posey for defense. The petit jury were then discharged and Court adjourned until Monday.

Monday.—Court called on Monday at 10 o'clock with Judges Stone and Crane on the bench. No business of any importance was transacted and Court remained in session but a short time.

Tuesday.—The Court took up the equity case of Chapman, Administrator of Hungerford, against A. J. Smoot and wife, which had been specially assigned for this day. Judge Brooke and Crane on the bench. This was a bill filed by Geo. Chapman as administrator of Grand W. Hungerford, deceased, to foreclose a mortgage for a balance of purchase money held by Mr. Hungerford on the farm of Dr. Smoot known as "Society Hill," the balance due on the mortgage amounting to about \$2000. Dr. Smoot claimed a credit for certain promissory notes of Mr. F. W. Weems amounting to \$1,500 which he claimed he had assigned to Mr. Hungerford in his lifetime to be a credit on the mortgage. The question in controversy was whether the amount of these notes had or had not already been credited upon the purchase money for the land. The case was ably argued by Geo. Chapman and Judge Magruder for plaintiff and Messrs. Edelen, Mitchell and Matthews for respondent. The whole of Tuesday's and Wednesday's sessions were occupied in the hearing of this case, the arguments being continued by Judge Stone on Wednesday afternoon. The decision was held *pro curis*, and Court then adjourned.

The Fifteenth Amendment.—On Wednesday last State's Attorney Wilmer asked the Court to file the following petition. In doing so Mr. Wilmer said that the party in question was anxious to have his rights under Maryland law tested and in view of a recent ruling in one of the Courts of Baltimore city, he had been induced, as an officer of the Court, to file the petition. Judge Brooke said that while he thought the matter had already been settled, adversely to the applicant, by the Court of Appeals, still he would grant leave to file the petition, and the Court would act on it hereafter. The petition reads as follows:

In the Circuit Court of Charles County, May Term, 1885.

The Honorable the Judge of said Court, L. L. Allison Wilmer, State's Attorney for Charles County, and an officer of this Court, move this honorable Court to appoint a Commissioner of three members of the bar of this Court to examine in open Court, at the July Term, 1885, the qualifications of certain persons, to-wit: Richard E. King, colored, as to his qualifications for membership at this bar.

In making this motion, I disclaim any sponsorship for said King and beg leave to state that I am not acquainted with him and know nothing of his moral and mental qualifications for membership at this bar. I make this motion merely as an officer of the Court and solely at the King's request.

L. A. WILMER, States Attorney for Charles County.

The Court of Appeals has once decided that citizens of African descent are not under Maryland law, entitled to admission to the bar; but it seems that in a recent case in Baltimore city that decision has been called in question. The matter will go over to the July term. King, who is a typical African, was in Court at the time of the presentation of his petition and expressed disappointment that he was not at once allowed to show the bar committee how "one small head could carry all he knew."

In the Fault Here?—During the past three or four months, we have heard many complaints of the loss of money orders, postal notes and money sent per our mail-route. Mr. J. Frank Ford, Clerk of our Circuit Court, is the latest victim. Some time ago, Mr. Ford, desiring to settle his life insurance dues, obtained a money order from our postoffice and forwarded it to New York. As is his duty, the postmaster forwarded a letter of advice. That letter was duly received at the paying office but the order has not yet been heard from. Mr. Ford has written to our postoffice and has been told to forward a dollar to an Ohio firm through our mail and it failed to reach its destination. He then sent it to Baltimore, per express, and had a letter mailed from there within four days thereafter, he received a receipt. The fault is thus fastened upon our route. Mr. Ford and others acquire the postmaster-down-of-all-blame they and the general public are anxious to know the fault lies, and as similar complaints are common in Charles county, it seems the loss is not in St. Mary's postoffice. We sincerely hope that the Department will take the matter in hand and get out the culprit.—Lancet.

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The Seventeen-Year Locusts.

The long-expected seventeen-year locusts have put in an appearance in various parts of the country. Several days ago the holes in the ground where they came out were seen, but the insects were not observed. Now the locusts in large numbers are climbing the trees, and their sloughs or shells may be seen in the branches. They have the appearance of about in quantities, though not yet commenced their peculiar song. They seem a little tender eye. They make flight, but it is comparatively a feeble effort as yet. An immense number of ant-hills have been observed this season, and it is judged from their appearance at this time that they are enemies of the locusts. When the locusts first issue from the ground and are soft in various of ants will attack them, and birds of various kinds prey on them, and fowls of all kinds thrive on them. The locust is harmless, but serious before-handing it should be sure that the digger wasp or "Stizzas Grandis" is not hung on the insect. It is this wasp that in locust years causes so many deaths that are credited to the locust. This large wasp about the size of a hornet comes with each return of the seventeen-year locusts to prey on them. The sting of the wasp causes death frequently in two hours. In a short time the female locusts will commence laying their eggs in the young branches of the trees, selecting those less than an inch in diameter. From the points of puncture the limbs die out to the tips, and hanging from the trees through the season present, a fearful spectacle that calls the attention of all to the fact that it is locust year.

The Next Legislature.—The Legislature to be chosen next fall will be the most important for some years. It will have to elect a Governor to succeed Gov. Lloyd, who is acting Governor in the place of Gov. McLean, resigned, by virtue of his position as President of the Senate. There are also a United States Senator to be chosen to succeed Senator Gorman; a State Treasurer, and Police Commissioner for Baltimore. The Legislature should be strongly Democratic in both branches, and the party every where should be careful to select good candidates and see to it that they are elected. Harford and Montgomery counties, that are Democratic, are now misrepresented in the Senate by Republicans, and should be carried by proper nominations and united efforts, and the importance of the work to be done by the next Legislature should urge the party to great activity. Let personal matters be kept out of the coming contest. The Democracy of Maryland must be steadfast if they would maintain their standing with the Administration at Washington. By earnest endeavor and united effort, the cause of Democracy can be advanced, and the result will be beneficial to ourselves, to the party elsewhere and to the Administration. There are many good things in store for Maryland and Democracy, but we must show our claim to them by being true to Democratic principles.—Westminster Advocate.

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