

—Howard Cooper feels very secure in his comfortable quarters in the city jail and would doubtless like to remain there. He is boarding at the expense of Sheriff Knight, and wouldn't care if the pic-nic would keep up all summer.

—Mr. George T. Cline, a level-headed capitalist of Frederick, Md., was in Towson town last Saturday and paid us a visit. He walked over the town, making inquiries about the value of property, &c., and departed for home in the evening.

—It may be of interest to magistrates, some of whom may not be aware of the fact, to know that under a law passed by the last Legislature persons applying for peace writs are required to pay the costs. The former practice was to charge the costs to the State.

—The corner-stone for the new Trinity Reformed Church, at Hampden, Falls road, was laid on Sunday afternoon last with impressive ceremonies. It will be quite a handsome structure and will cost about \$3,000. The lot upon which it is to be erected cost \$2,100.

—The Board of Directors of the Old Town Fire Insurance Company, lately started in Baltimore, organized this week by electing Henry Wilcox, president; E. D. Onion, vice-president, and Charles W. Hatter, secretary. The company will commence business in July.

—Dr. C. A. Rutledge & Bro., Upper X Roads, Harford county, are building a larger cannery at the home place, and putting in new fixtures and a 40-horse power boiler. Their two canneries will pack about 35,000 cases this year, an increase of 10,000 over last year's pack.

—Farmers are now pushing their spring work with all the force at their command. The weather for more than a week past has been very favorable to them and has also had a good effect upon the wheat, which is now showing up much more satisfactorily and there may yet be a fair crop.

—The suit of George Horne, of Towson town, and James C. Harrison, of Govanstown, against Mr. Chas. K. Harrison, of the 3d district, which was tried last week in the Baltimore Court of Common Pleas, and which was heretofore reported in these columns, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$511.09.

Fire Marshall Carman, before the County Commissioners on Wednesday, it would appear that some members of the county police force are pretty good drinkers. When a conservator of the peace has to take three or four drinks before dinner and perhaps twice as many more before supper, it occurs to us that some other man, not quite so "thirsty," should be found to fill his place. "A policeman's lot is not a happy one," does not apply to the county force.

—Mr. Philip L. Moore, clerk to Sheriff Jos. R. Knight, celebrated his birthday a few evenings ago by inviting a number of his friends to partake of his hospitality, which he dispensed with his usual grace and lavishness. Mr. Moore is still a bachelor and therefore we decline to say which birthday it was he celebrated. His aged mother—who is now in her eighty-second year, and is remarkably active and bright—graced the occasion with her presence and received the hearty congratulations of her-son's friends.

—Mike Kehoe, a Baltimore junk dealer, sued the Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike company for \$5,000 damages, and the case has this week been on trial in the City Court. Kehoe, who, it is alleged, had been evading toll on the road, was stopped at the Owings' Mills gate, in Dec., 1883, and compelled to pay \$2.50 before he was allowed to go through. Fearing that the other gate-keepers on the road would treat him in the same way, he drove around the gates and then sued for damages. On Thursday the jury rendered a verdict for the turnpike company.

—In the Baltimore Superior Court on Saturday Judges Phelps and Fisher refused to grant the writ of mandamus to compel the State's Attorney to reinstate thirty-seven cases against Mr. Norris, clerk of the Richmond market, for illegally collecting money from Baltimore county marketmen who sold their own produce in the open street adjacent to the market. It was claimed by the marketmen that Norris had no authority to collect fees from them and that he was liable to a fine of \$20 for each offense in doing so. When the cases came up for trial the State's officer ordered nolle prosequis in all of them, hence the application for a writ of mandamus, which was denied.

ular course, between Mr. W. S. G. Miss Virginia McTavish. The jump was carefully taken and the riding was found to be a slight mistake made Miss McTavish beaten two or three lengths. The time was only a few seconds greater than that required to cover the same distance. The second race was between Mr. Thos. Swann and Mr. Thos. Swann. The same distance, the former winning by a very close contest. The in-field was filled with some equipages, occupied by ladies prominent in Baltimore society, and the scene was a gay and inspiring one.

Shock by the Electric Rail.—A singular accident occurred at the Woodberry branch of the Union Electric Rail. The branch is to be run by electric power, and the current of electricity in the middle of the track, was found to be interrupted at the joints of the rail, and while exiting from the car which was attached to a car which was over the track, put his hoof on the rail and received an electric shock which painfully injured him. The animal jumped again, and both were thrown down. The horse was cut in the flank, but neither was injured to any serious extent. The people in the car, who claim that the electric apparatus claim that the system to be used by them, and the weakness of the current, render it impossible for any one to be injured by contact with the rail.

Adjournment of the Grand Jury for the March term.—The Grand Jury for Baltimore county, was finally adjourned on Wednesday last. In their report to the court they have been in session for 105 cases and 353 witnesses, found 50 indictments, and discharged 13 prisoners. They also found the prisoners in the jail clearable. The committee who examined the court's books found that the amount due for the term ending December 1, 1884, was \$36,917.23; and for the term ending March 1, 1885, was \$106,621.27, all disbursed except the balance on hand March 1.