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The Transcript

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1887

—Property sold at good figures at the sale of Mr. J. T. Shallcross near Sassafras on Monday last. Horses sold up as high as $475 and cattle from $28 to $54. Moral,—To obtain the best prices advertise in the *Tran s ript*.

—On last Monday evening there was a collation held at the P. E. Sunday school room, Chestertown, by the "Ladies' Friendly Sewing Society;" which meets weekly for mutual benefit. The affair was very pleasant and enjoyable to all participating.

—Mr. Jas. H. Hurtt gave a supper on last Thursday evening at the Voshell House to a number of personal friends. The menu consisted of wild duck, swan, oysters and other delicacies, prepared and served in artistic manner.

—The Still Pond farmers' club is agitating a matter of great importance to the fruit-growers of the Peninsula, viz, the centralization of all fruit shipped from the Peninsula by water to one point of delivery in Baltimore so that it can be either sold or reshipped advantageously. The plan has been more extensively referred to in a previous issue of the *Transcript*.

—On Tuesday evening last the P. E. Sunday school was assembled in the Sunday school room for the annual Christmas treat. A handsome tree was displayed, beautifully lighted with wax tapers and laden with numerous presents and a bag of sweets for every member of the school. There was a full attendance, and teachers and scholars enjoyed the occasion very much.

—Monday was generally observed as Christmas Day in Chestertown. It cannot be said to have passed off quietly. The noise of the fire-cracker, with the occasional boom of the cannon-cracker, were almost unceasing. No damage resulted, however, and peace, though rather a noisy peace, reigned supreme.

—Rosa Rand appears at Stam's Hall this evening and to-morrow evening. One of the plays this evening will be Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew." Reserve seat tickets are now on sale at Stam's drug store. Miss Rand and the company sustaining her have the endorsement of John T. Ford, of Ford's Opera House, Baltimore.

—The Chestertown public school closed for the Christmas holidays on last Friday afternoon with an entertainment, an account of which is given elsewhere. The school roll numbers in all 294 pupils. These are divided into grades, under the management of seven teachers, and number from 25 to 50 in a grade. The number of pupils enrolled has increased every year, until the school building was not sufficient to accommodate them. The purchase of the old M. P. Church building will, however, afford much needed increase of room.

—A pigeon shoot came off on last Thursday near Chestertown. The following sportsmen were present from Baltimore: Messrs. F. M. Demsy, H. T. Ducker, J. A. Willair, Chas. M. Gibson and C. S. Wertsner, of the Baltimore Gun Club. There were no county sportsmen present, and there was no contest. The affair was only announced beforehand in posters, and the poster is a very uncertain manner of gaining public attention.

—The Peninsula Horticultural Society meets at Dover, Del., on Wednesday, Jan. 11th. J. W. Kerr, of Denton, Md., is president of the association, and Norris Barnard, of this county, vice-president. There will be special reports from this county as follows: Jas. S. Harris upon the subject of peaches; Dr. W. S. Maxwell upon pears, and G. W. Price upon insects. A member of the association writes the *Transcript* as follows: "We want every fruit-grower in it. The cost is only one dollar annuly. We are way behind in organizations of fruit-growers of other States. California, Michigan, New Jersey and New York are way ahead of us. Our people seem to be asleep. We will have to fight disease, insects and monopolies in the future—one about as bad as the other—and the sooner we begin the better we will come out."

—Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1887—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

James H. and Mary L. Baker, administrators of Charles H. Baker, filed list of debts due their decedent.

I. C. Parsons and C. M. Bacon, executors of Rachel S. Bacon, passed their first and final guardian account.

The last will and testament of Thomas Jones, colored, was placed on file for probate.

The last will and testament of Thomas L. Bowers, deceased, was placed on file for probate.

Sudden Death of Joseph P. Ireland.

Mr. Joseph P. Ireland, a prominent and highly respected citizen of the county, dropped dead from heart disease, at his home at Galena, on last Tuesday. Mr. Ireland had just gone home to his dinner from his drug store when he sustained the fatal attack, with out any premonitory warning. He was of robust appearance, and apparently enjoyed the best of health. His sudden death in the midst of his family was a terrible shock to them, and it was also a great shock to his numerous friends. He leaves a wife and four children.

Mr. Ireland was prominently known and esteemed throughout the county. In 1861 he was elected register of wills for the county, which office he filled during one term. Afterward he was a member of the board of school commissioners for the county. At the time of his death he was a director of the Kent Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Ireland was somewhere in the neighborhood of sixty years of age.

Christmas Services at the Churches.

At the M. E. Church Rev. J. D. Kemp preached in the morning a sermon appropriate to the day. In the evening there was singing by the choir and Sunday school. The choir rendered some specially selected music in a very interesting manner. The pastor talked to the Sunday school children in the evening.

Christmas services were held at the P. E. Church on morning and evening of Sunday and morning and evenings of Monday and Tuesday. Rev. S. C. Roberts, the pastor, preached sermons appropriate to the Christmas observances.

Mass was held at Church of Sacred Heart at 10 o'clock A. M., Sunday, and vespers and benediction at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. James A. Murphy, the pastor in charge, officiating. Services will be held at appointed times during Christmas week.

Rev. W. R. Graham preached a special Christmas sermon at the M. P. Church last Sunday morning. In the evening there was a special children's service.

Personal.

Rev. A. R. Walker, of Locust Grove, has received a call from the vestry of Christ's Church, St. Michael's. He is holding the matter under consideration, but has not given an answer. Mr. Walker's congregations are much attached to him and would part with him with regret.

Rev. R. H. Murphy, of Christ Church, Calvert county, Md., formerly in charge at Shrewsbury, this county, recently celebrated the silver anniversary of his wedding. The couple received the warm congratulations of their parishioners, as well as many handsome presents. A communication from Calvert to a church paper says,—"Brother Murphy is building up a large and substantial parish, and is a popular man and an acceptable priest."

Dr. S. C. Dudley, late clerk of the court of Queen Anne's, has purchased the stock and good will of B. E. Cook, druggist, at Church Hill. Dr. Dudley has taken charge of the store and will move on January 1. He has retained the services of Mr. J. Fred Holden, the popular and efficient clerk who was in the employ of Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook will remove to his farm near Price's Station the first of the year.

Messrs. J. A. and Blackiston Perkins, sons of Dr. J. A. Perkins, and Herman Perkins, son of the late G. W. T. Perkins, Esq., returned from Philadelphia, where they are engaged in business, to spend Christmas at their former homes in Chestertown. Mr. Walter Perkins, another son of Dr. J. A. Perkins, will return with them and locate in Philadelphia.

Mr. John N. Dodd returned home last Thursday, after an absence of six weeks in Philadelphia, where he had been for medical treatment. He has not yet fully regained his strength, but is rapidly doing so.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Ebaugh spent a portion of the Christmas holidays visiting in Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Stewart, and two boys, came over from Baltimore and ate a round of Christmas dinners in Kent.

Mr. Harry Dodd, who is attending medical college in Philadelphia, came home and spent a part of Christmas in Chestertown.

KENT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

The Last Meeting of 1887.

A meeting of the Kent County Agricultural Society was held at the club room at Worton on last Monday afternoon. The attendance was small, but several interesting topics were discussed. The first matter for discussion was the financial condition of the association. The secretary was not present, but the treasurer made an informal verbal report. A full written report will be submitted by the executive officers at a later meeting. The erection of the new exhibition hall, last fall leaves the society somewhat in debt, but at the meeting of Monday there was a general agreement that ways and means should be provided for speedily meeting the floating indebtedness of the association.

Mr. Samuel Vannort, after making a few remarks as to the necessity of the association meeting its floating financial obligations, said there was another subject, which it was understood would be introduced for discussion to-day, and that was as to whether the association should remove its fair grounds to a new site. An association has recently been formed in Chestertown, and though no formal proposals have been made to this association, it has been understood generally that there is a desire on the part of the Chestertown association to effect a union. It has been mooted, too, that President Eliason of the Tolchester Steamboat Company, is willing to make liberal offers if the association will relocate its grounds at Tolchester. No definite proposition from the Tolchester company has as yet, however, been laid before the association. There are reasons in favor of Chestertown, there are reasons in favor of Tolchester, and there are reasons in favor of remaining where we are. It will probably be time enough, however, to consider the question of removal when the propositions come before us in more tangible form.

Mr. W. P. Norris said he thought it wise to get the financial situation of the association in better shape before considering any question of removal. He has no doubt that this association has, during its existence, accomplished a great deal of good in the county. It has done a great deal toward improving methods of farming, breeds of stock, &c. If, however, it is thought that the annual fair can be made more successful by removing the grounds to Chestertown or to Tolchester, he is in favor of what is in the best interests of the association.

Mr. Samuel Mann said that he had understood upon pretty good authority that President Eliason of the Tolchester Company had said, that if the association would locate its grounds at Tolchester, the Tolchester Company would furnish grounds free of cost to the association, and would guarantee a daily average attendance to the fair from Baltimore of three thousand people. He said he believed that the attendance from the county would be as large at Tolchester as at Worton, and he believed if satisfactory arrangements could be made, Tolchester would be the most desirable location for the fair.

Mr. J. M. J. Byron said he did not see that the fair could gain anything by removing to Chestertown. The railroad communication is really better for the Worton grounds than it would be for the proposed site at Chestertown.

Mr. Jos. Vannort said that the Kent County Agricultural Association has been shamefully vilified and misrepresented during its whole existence. It has met with opposition and indifference even from the agricultural interests in various parts of the county. It has been stigmatized as the "Worton fair," and it has been charged that it has been partial, in distributing favors to Worton people. The association has maintained itself in the face of opposition for eighteen years. It is the oldest fair association on the Peninsula, and has given a large number of interesting exhibitions. It cannot be doubted that it has accomplished a great deal of good in the county. In his opinion, the question of removing to Chestertown should not be entertained for a moment. The trotting association at Chestertown has the land where it proposes to locate only on a ten-year lease. At the expiration of the ten years the association would be in the power of the owner of the land. He could dictate his terms of continuance, or he could end the life of the association. If we go to Tolchester, what have we got there? The interests of the farming community will be sacrificed, and we will go as part of the Tolchester show. There is no communication with Tolchester by rail. He was opposed to going to Tolchester, and favored remaining where they are.

Mr. John P. Nicholson said he would favor the location of the grounds at Tolchester rather than at Chestertown. He believed that a larger daily attendance could be obtained at Tolchester, and that the fair would be more successful financially if located there.

The association adjourned to meet again on Monday, the second day of January, on which occasion the financial affairs of the association will again come up for discussion, and also the question of removal of the grounds. The president said he hoped there would be a full attendance next Monday.

Matrimonial.

SIMON—MCCONNOR.

Miss Annie C. McConnor, daughter of Captain P. S. McConnor, of the steamer Emma A. Ford, and Mr. Otto Simon, leader of the choir of First Independent Christ's Church, Baltimore, were married Wednesday afternoon of last week in that church, by the Rev. W. K. Boyle, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Charles R. Weld, pastor of the church. The bride wore a handsome blue traveling dress. She was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. C. T. Simon, cousin of the groom. The ushers were L. W. Sumner, Frank Mudge, J. K. Bartlett and Charles Simon. Mr. and Mrs. Simon left in the afternoon for New York. They were the recipients of many valuable and handsome presents. Mrs. Simon, in addition to her many charms of person, has a voice of winning sweetness and is noted as one of Baltimore's most accomplished vocalists.

FALLOWFIELD—WRIGHT.

A very pretty wedding in which M. Perkins Fallowfield, book-keeper of the Centreville National Bank, and Miss Sadie Wright, daughter of A. H. Wright, Esq., were the contracting parties, occurred at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday afternoon last at 1.30 o'clock. For at least half an hour before the appointed time friends of the happy couple began to arrive, and by 1.30 o'clock the parlor and adjacent rooms were filled. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Hill of the M. E. Church. The bride was attired in a handsome Camels hair serge, mahogany shade, and was the recipient of many beautiful presents. They took the 2 o'clock train for a short tour North, returning on Saturday.—*Centreville Observer.*

Mr. W. J. Fallowfield, principal of the Chestertown public school, is a brother to the groom.

JOHNSON—JONES.

An interesting church wedding came off at the M. E. Church, Still Pond, on last Tuesday evening. It was the marriage of Mr. John Johnson to Miss Mary C. Jones, both of Still Pond. Rev. E. G. Macnichol performed the ceremony, and Mrs. Biddie Hossinger played the wedding march. The groom has recently completed a very cozy dwelling, to which the happy couple immediately retired, bearing the congratulations of numerous friends. At their new home they expect to receive their friends one evening next week.

A Step in the Right Direction.

The members of Eureka Grange, Kennedyville, have determined to have a cannery established there, if possible, for the season of 1888. Two of the public spirited citizens of the place have signified their willingness to furnish the land on which the plant is to be erected if that will be any inducement for a canning company to come to Kennedyville. There is no section of the State where an establishment of that kind would be more certain to secure the stock for packing. If a company can be induced to locate at this point it is the intention of the grange to give them cordial and substantial support. The question of erecting a creamery was also discussed. The entire subject is to be considered on Saturday night, Jan. 7, and definite action taken in the matter.

The Meeting of the Still Pond Farmers' Club.

STILL POND, Saturday, Dec. 24, '87.

President Barnard called the meeting to order.

G. W. Price, chairman of Committee on Insects, reported that he was collecting a great many eggs and preserving them. Now is the time for destroying them. Mr. Price has an incubator, and proposes to hatch the different eggs at an early date.

BETTER MARKET FACILITIES.

Dr. Maxwell said he had nothing further to offer. But the main point was to get the producer as near the consumer as possible. There is too great a difference between what the producer gets and what the consumer gives. There is a screw loose somewhere and we must right it.

G. W. Price recommended a reduction of freight and commission. Why should the freight and commission be greater on fruit than on grain?

W. D. Pennington—By sale through the exchange was getting nearer to the consumer than we are at present. The expenses are too heavy. It being a perishable article is no excuse. If the fruit perishes, the grower loses, the freight is paid all the same.

N. Barnard—The plan proposed is the thing for the grower. We may have a glut of peaches next year, and with the present arrangements there will be gluts. With a free market there is no danger. This can only be done by concert of farmers. We must do something in self defense. In Baltimore a glut can be made at any time the canners combine. At the Broadway wharves we can ship (the cars being there) anywhere.

E. B. Pennington thought a circular letter would advertise the matter and get the growers aroused to the need of it and their co-operation. The farmers will take hold of this as soon as it is established. Fruit can be shipped to the North from Baltimore cheaper than from the Peninsula.

G. W. Davis—We are not beholden to the steamboats. All we want is a wharf there, and we can run our peaches by barges for one-half.

N. Barnard said the proper course was to get the farmer to guarantee all the fruit he ships to Baltimore to be landed at that wharf. If the fruit goes there it will be a success.

Henry Krusen—Half a dozen growers can charter a tug and barge and run their own peaches without depending on steamer. All we want is the wharf. The canners and the shippers are the men we must depend upon. The retail buyers are small fry; they cannot corner the market.

J. S. Harris thinks the new wharf will make plain sailing. It will take a little time and trouble, but we will make a success of it. He would as soon ship to New England from Baltimore as from the Kent county railroad. The bulk of the fruit is along the water and we can ship it to Baltimore easier than anywhere else. All we want is a combination of the growers. He is willing to pledge himself to sign an agreement to put all his fruit that goes to Baltimore to be landed at this wharf. He moved the following:

"*Resolved*, That all the peaches shipped to Baltimore the coming year be landed at the fruit-growers' wharf."

The object of this is to find out how many growers on the Peninsula (water shippers) will support this movement. We want the commission merchants to see where we stand.

Now is the time for the growers to combine. This is not inimical to the commission merchants, but it is for better facilities.

N. Barnard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"We, the members of the Still Pond Agricultural Club and fruit-growers of Kent county, Md., here assembled this 24th day of December, 1887, recognizing the urgent necessity of better and more economical facilities for transportation, distribution and sale of our fruit and produce grown contiguous to the waters of the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, do resolve,

"1st, That we regard with much interest and favor the efforts of the East Baltimore Business Men's Association to provide wharves, warehouses and railroad facilities at the foot of Broadway, Balto., adequate for the accommodation, sale, distribution and reshipment of our fruits and produce, transported to Balto. by water.

"*Resolved*, 2d, That we will do all in our power to encourage and assist in organizing the farmers of the above named territory, to the end that such a system may be devised and put in practice as will successfully accomplish the objects in question.

"*Resolved*, 3d, That we especially advise the organization of an exchange at this point for the sale of our commodities; but not to prohibit commission merchants, owners or private parties from operating here.

"*Resolved*, 4th, That we pledge our unyielding fidelity to this cause; acknowledging no barriers, however formidable, sufficient to defeat measures so just, so imperative for the protection of our interests; and we urgently request farmers to organize without delay and give this important movement the benefit of their wisdom and support."

Mr. J. S. Harris moved that all those present bind themselves by vote to sign a written contract pledging themselves to ship all the fruit they may consign to Baltimore the coming season to this new depot, or wharves," which was unanimously sustained by vote.

The chair appointed the following committee to draw up the agreement: James S. Harris, G. W. Davis, Dr. Maxwell, C. H. Price, W. D. Pennington, G. W. Price, Henry Krusen, R. T. Turner, Jr., F. H. Harper.

This matter is to be discussed more fully at the regular meeting of the club on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1888, at 2 o'clock p. m. All interested are invited to be present on that day, as a free interchange of opinions is desired.

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The Puplic School Entertainment.

An entertainment was given last Friday afternoon by the scholars of the public school of this town. The commodious room of Mr. Fallowfield, the principal, was filled to its utmost seating capacity by the parents and friends of the participants. Nearly all the grades were represented, and did credit to themselves as well as their respective teachers under whose careful and experienced direction they had been trained.

Promptly at half-past 2 o'clock the entire school sang the opening song. This was immediately followed by the scholars of Miss Lizzie Roberts, who performed some interesting drills, Master Arthur Bradley being captain. A recitation by Master Raymond Simpers, entitled "What a Boy Wants," was in order. After this the fifth grade rendered a beautiful chorus in a harmonious manner. Next appeared six of the scholars of Miss Lottie Spencer in "A Christmas Adventure." "The Snow Brigade" then occupied the rostrum. Each, with a spade in hand presented a scene that would be agreeable to see early in the morning, after a snow, on the streets in town. The brigade was composed of members of the third grade, taught by Miss Ella Thomas, and was indeed very attractive in appearance. "The Rainy Day," by ten little girls from Miss Maggie Wroth's room, was well rendered. A chorus "Joyful Day," by the young ladies of the sixth and seventh grades, taught by Miss Nettie Goodwin followed, which added much to the programme. After this members of Miss Nellie Walters' class sang the "Motion Song." Next on the programme was "A Christmas Dialogue," Master Harry Rickey and Miss Clara Perkins taking the prominent parts. The best was reserved for the last. "A Christmas Eve Adventure," concluded the entertainment. This was rendered by scholars of Miss Ella Thomas.

Misses Alice Platt and Nellie Walters presided at the organ during the afternoon.

X. Y.

Peninsula Notes.

The electric light, which was turned on for the first time in Snow Hill last Wednesday night, is giving great satisfaction to those who are using it. The centre of the town only has been provided as yet.

Allan Clark, son of John H. Clark, committed suicide at the home of his father, in Pocomoke City, on Sunday, by jumping into a well and drowning himself. A few weeks ago Mr. Clark attempted to take his life by cutting his throat with a razor, and came within an ace of succeeding. Since the first attempt he has had an attendant to watch him, as it was evident he was deranged. His attendant fell asleep this morning during his watch, and when he awoke found that young Clark was not in the room. He made a thorough search of the premises, and at last found on looking down the well that the young man had jumped into it and drowned himself.

Burglars entered the store of Mr. Jos. H. Chapman, of Easton, on Wednesday night of last week and stole about $300 worth of goods. Among the articles taken were 36 watches, 15 or 20 watch cases, $26 in money, 3 revolvers, 2 boxes of cigars, 1 gross of matches, a lot of chewing tobacco and other articles. The thieves obtained entrance by unlocking the back door of Mr. Chapman's store.

The Wilmington M. E. Conference, which was to have been held on March 21st next, at Union M. E. Church, Wilmington, has been set down by Presiding Bishop Foss for March 7th, two weeks earlier. This action was taken by the bishop at the request of the pastors of various churches in that city, and because of the fact that the week originally set was "moving week" with Wilmingtonians.

The Salisbury Water Company has been organized by the business men of that town. The board of directors for the ensuing year are Messrs. Wm. H. Jackson, Wm. B. Tilghman, Simon Ulman, Dr. S. P. Dennis and Dr. L. S. Bell. The capital stock is $50,000, and the company begins operations with a subscribed stock of $5,000, which will be increased as needed. The stand pipe will be erected on Lemon Hill. Windmills will be used at present for pumping the water with the intention of changing to steam when more power becomes necessary. Pipe for the mains has arrived and is laid along the curbs of the principal streets. Work will begin at once.

Capt. Parker Smith, a merchant of Snow Hill, was badly cut by a colored man Saturday night. His assailant, who was drunk and disorderly, was ordered out of the store by Mr. Smith. He was slow to comply, and the merchant walked quickly toward him and began to put him out by force, striking him as he did so. The negro turned on him and stabbed him in the right arm, inflicting an ugly wound. The negro took flight and Capt. Smith returned to the store, not knowing he was so badly cut until he fainted from loss of blood. He was taken home in an ambulance, where he now lies, suffering much pain. The colored man has not yet been captured.

William B. Clough, of Church Hill district, Queen Ann's county, was shot Sunday and badly hurt by Joshua Johnson, of the same place. The cause of the trouble was a misunderstanding between the parties concerning a business transaction. The bringing up of the matter caused a fight in Church Hill Friday morning, in which Johnson, it is said, was attacked by W. R. and J. H. Clough. As soon as Johnson was able he left town for his home, but, it is claimed, was pursued by the two Cloughs as far as Starkey's Corner, where he was hidden from his pursuers by a woman who keeps a store there. Johnson remained there until night and then left for his home again. When he arrived there he was met by the Cloughs, who are said to have again assaulted him. Johnson then, upon the first opportunity, shot Wm. R. Clough. The wounded man was carried away and Johnson retired. Late at night Johnson awoke and found the house surrounded by men. He escaped, and making his way to town delivered himself to the officers of the law.

The large and handsome residence of Jacob Pusey, on the Whiting farm, Queen Anne's county, near Centreville, was burned to the ground Saturday night, between 10 and 11 o'clock. About 10 o'clock Mr. Pusey, after sending his children to bed, was startled, while writing, by a sudden blaze of light illuminating the yard. He immediately ran out, and upon looking up found that nearly the whole of the cupola was burned away and that the flames were rapidly spreading. He at once aroused the children and then undertook to save what articles he could. The flames by this time had spread very rapidly. He succeeded in saving about half of his furniture. Mr. Pusey's loss amounts to about $6,000, insured for about $3,500.

The Christmas Tree.

O,
the
Christ-
mas tree
so bright
and green,
awaits Old
Santa Claus
And the chim-
ney place all swept
and clean gapes wide
its ponderous jaws.
The little stockings are
all hung up, and baby's
just makes four. Won't
Old Santa Claus be surprised
when he finds there is no more
There's an elegant place up in the
tree to hang Johnny's gun, and a
place for May and one for Kate to
leave their dolls upon. But for little
baby blue eyes a lower branch he must
choose, where she may reach and find the
place he's hung her first new shoes. Turn
down the light a little, now, so Old Santa
Clause can see. And baby and all must
go to bed and be as good as good
can be, and to-morrow morn get
get up early, after a long night's
sleep,
and
come
softly
down
to the
Xmas
tree
and
see
Who will get the first peep.

Literary Notes.

Harper's Magazine for the first month of 1888 fully sustains its reputation from all literary and artistic points of view. It is full of interesting and seasonable matter. The first article is about "The Adoration of the Magi," by the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, and records the various traditions as well as the truth about this curious incident of sacred history. Engravings of various famous pictures on the subject are given. One of them appears as the frontispiece of this number.

The first thing that strikes the runner who reads the table of contents on the cover of *Lippingcott's Magazine* for January is the excellence of the names. Fiction is represented by Brander Matthews, George H. Jessop, Edgar Saltus, and Albion W. Tourgee; essay and criticism by Edgar Fawcett; poetry by Clinton Scollard, John James Piatt, Carlotta Perry, Nora Perry, and Amelie Rives. Brander Matthews and George H. Jessop have joined hands in the composition of the complete novel, "Check and Counter-Check," a bright, ingenious, and humorous story, with a plot that is full of pleasant surprises and entertaining situations, and a dialogue that sparkles with fun and epigram.

With the number for January, *Scribner's Magazine* begins auspiciously its second year. The features of the new year promises to be most interesting and valuable contributions to literature, and the publisher's announcement of increased excellence in illustration is evidently to be richly fulfilled. The first of a series of thoughtful and charming essays, by Robert Louis Stevenson, is entitled "A Chapter on Dreams." In it he tells in a personal, intimate way the story of "My Brownies. God bless them! who do one-half my work for me while I am fast asleep, and in all human likelihood, do the rest for me as well, when I am wide awake and fondly suppose I do it for myself." The origin of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and Olalla" is incidentally related.

New Advertisements.

The following new advertisements appear in this issue:

Sale of property by Sheriff James A. Casey.

JOS. E. WEER & SON
are prepared to do
BLACKSMITHING
—AND—
WHEELWRIGHTING
In all its branches at their shops in Kennedyville. Special attention given to
HORSE-SHOEING.
Give us a call.
May 26—6m. JOSEPH E. WEER & SON, Kennedyvill

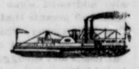
BEFORE purchasing your Underware, call and see what we have in that line. Gents Undershirts from 25c. to $2.00; Ladies' and Children's Vests at popular prices.
J. H. SIMPER

NEW Stock of Horse-Collars and Bridles Halters, Traces and Plow-Lines at
WROTH & ALDRIDGE'S.

SALTED FISH, Shad, Mackerel and Laborador Herring for sale by
J. B. SAPPINGTON.

CHRISTMAS GOODS!
—AT—
LOUIS K. STAM'S.
LARGE LINE OF
USEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL ARTICLES,
SUITABLE FOR OLD AND YOUNG.
PRICES GREATLY REDUCED
☞ You will stand much in your own light if you do no call and see for yourself.
Children's Goods will be sold especially low.
LOUIS K. STAM.

LARGE LINE OF FURNITURE!
At the old stand, delivered to your home Free of Charge.
Dec. 22, 1887. LOUIS K. STAM.

Daily Trips Between Chestertown & Baltimore
Centreville & Corsica River Steamboat Co.

Steamer GRATITUDE,
M. M. LARRIMORE, Master.
NEW SCHEDULE.
On and after November 2d, 1887, the Steamer "Gratitude" will run as follows: Leave Chestertown at 5.45 A. M., touching at Newnam's and Quaker Neck, Chester River; Centreville, 7.45; Long Cove, 8.45; Jackson's Creek, 9.30; touching at Hall's, Pusey's and Earle's Landings, on Corsica River.
RETURNING, leave daily at 2.30 P. M., making all the above stops.
FARE--ROUND TRIP---$1.00.
TICKETS GOOD UNTIL USED.
SINGLE FARE, 75 CENTS.
N. B.—Freight for all stops received and handled with care and promptness, and, when not immediately called for, will be stored under cover. Agent at Pier 13, Light Street, Baltimore, will receive and receipt for freight, and the clerk at other stops.
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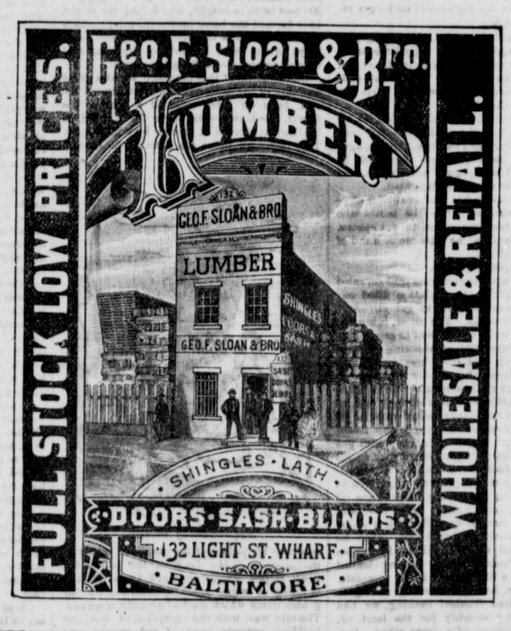

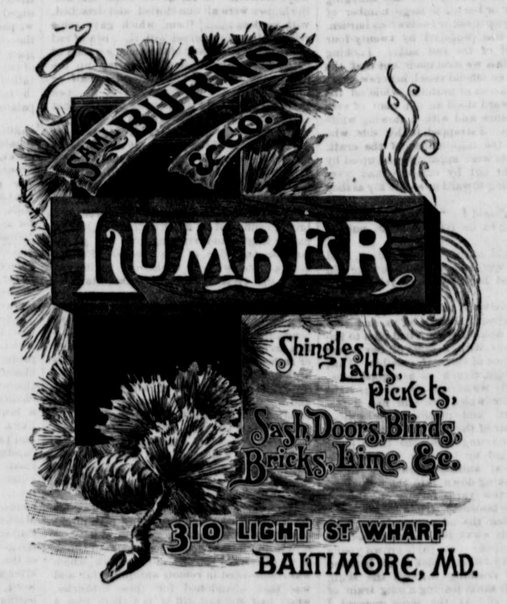

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