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—We hope those indebted to the TRANSCRIPT for subscriptions and other bills will remit promptly this week, as we are now putting in some new machinery and making other necessary improvements, which has entailed considerable expense, and in order to meet our obligations we must ask for prompt settlement from those indebted to us. Kindly give this prompt and careful consideration.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—A dance on the ice was a picturesque and pretty scene on Whaland's mill pond last week.

—The steamer Corsica has been withdrawn from her scheduled trips until further notice.

—Mr. William Jones, the newly-appointed keeper of Chester bridge, assumed the duties of his office on Monday.

—A postoffice inspector visited the Chestertown office last week and found the business in every particular satisfactory.

—Dr. C. P. Gilpin has removed his office to the club room, just across the street from where he has heretofore been located.

—Miss Anna Beall, for several years one of Kent's most efficient teachers, lost her father at Cumberland last week, after a protracted illness.

—It now costs but eight cents to register a letter at the postoffices throughout the country. Postmaster Brown inaugurated the new system on Monday.

—A schooner in charge of Capt. Joseph H. Horney was caught in the ice last week, and was assisted to harbor by the police schooner Gov. McLane.

—Mr. Robert Wright has opened a hotel at the Crawford House, Chestertown. Mr. Wright is a hotel man of experience, and promises to keep a number No. 1 house.

—A skating party was enjoyed on Urieville mill pond last week. Mr. and Mrs. Biddle Hossinger and a number of others enjoyed the cold but exhilarating sport.

—Dr. Samuel Pearson, of near Chesterville, has returned from Baltimore, where he has been under treatment for hypnotism by Dr. Howard. Dr. Pearson is entirely cured.

—Have you formed good resolutions for the new year? If not, do so at once, and strive to become a stronger and nobler man or woman because of an earnest effort to do the right.

—On some of the tributaries of Chester river quantities of fine fish were cut out of the ice during the freeze. Winchester creek was alive with men and boys on Tuesday of last week armed with axes, hatchets, etc.

—A serious fire was narrowly averted at the store of Mr. Alday Clements, Crumpton, last week. A coal oil stove was upset, and but for the presence of mind of those present, serious results must have followed.

—County Treasurer C. S. Hurlock has spent the past week in Chestertown, attending to the duties of his office. Mr. Russell reports an enormous amount of business done during the month of December.

—The Rock Hall Land and Improvement Company has been incorporated by George Warfield, F. C. Latrobe, Geo. M. Sharp and H. Lee Griffith, of Baltimore, and Dr. S. E. Ford, of Queen Anne's. The capital stock is $100,000.

—A list of 4841 tonging licenses has been filed in the office of the Commander of the Oyster Navy as follows: Anne Arundel, 1051; Kent, 733; Queen Anne's, 919; Somerset, 464, St. Mary's, 1042, Wicomico, 632.

—Judge Joseph A. Wickes, on Tuesday granted an injunction, restraining a sale of the valuable real estate belonging to the estate of the late Norris Barnard, advertised by Thomas W. Eliason, Jr., to take place yesterday.

—The Comptroller of the State treasury by the last apportionment of the State school tax gives Kent, for white schools, $1729.34; colored schools $778.67. To Queen Anne's county for white schools, $1909.19. To colored schools, $786.97.

—The last report of Fish Commissioner McDonald reveals the fact that over thirty thousand people were engaged in catching and handling fish last year, and that the value of the product of our rivers and bay was in excess of five millions of dollars.

—Messrs. Clarence W. Perkins and W. B. Usilton, Jr., skated from Chestertown to Crumpton, a distance of ten miles, on Friday last. The ice, though rough for about four miles of the journey, was in excellent condition nearer Crumpton. The return was made in three-quarters of an hour.

—Mr. J. E. Mulford, of Galena, narrowly escaped freezing on Tuesday night of last week. He went to Quaker Neck after a load of oysters, and upon reaching home was found to be so nearly frozen that it was necessary to take him bodily from his wagon into his house. He has since been quite ill.

—A telegram was received by Mr. John McKee, Jr., on Tuesday, stating that his sister, Mrs. Katie McCann had died suddenly at her home in Philadelphia. Mrs. McCann was a daughter of Mr. John McKee, of Morgan's Creek, and was until her marriage about a year ago, one of the most successful teachers of Kent county.

—The Chestertown "Y" will entertain the various religious organizations of Chestertown at their rooms in Chestertown tomorrow, between the hours of six and eight o'clock. Invitations have been sent out to the different organizations, and hours appointed for the reception of each. The occasion promises to be a most enjoyable one.

—Mr. Wilson L. Coudon, the athlete who has become known to the people of Kent by means of his several magnificent exhibitions in hammer-throwing and other athletic sports at Washington College, started a new paper at Perryville, Cecil county, yesterday, called the *Perryville Record*. Amateur sports will be a special feature.

—Keep an eye open for petty thieves. The meat house of M. A. Toulson was entered on Friday night, and excepting one or two pieces, his entire stock of meat was stolen. The merchants and citizens of Chestertown could well afford to employ a nightwatchman to go on duty at the close of Officer Kelley's day's work. Our town and vicinity has been infested to a deplorable extent with thieves during the past four months. A nightwatchman would insure to a great extent safety against fire and the depredations of these night marauders.

—During the recent freeze a general ice harvest was gathered in Kent, the ice ranging from four to six inches in thickness and being of excellent quality. Mr. George D. Lofland housed about two hundred tons at an expense of fifty cents per ton.

—Mr. R. S. Griffith, living near Sassafras, intending to discontinue farming, sold his stock and farming implements at public sale on Thursday last. J. Ford Caulk cried the sale and secured first-rate prices, horses selling for from $55 to $156 and cows from $25 to $60. Mr. Harry Griffith will carry on the farm.

—The oyster police boat, Annie B. Smith, was last week frozen out of its beat in Chester river, and assumed the duty of watching a fleet of seven dredgers to keep them off forbidden ground, and for three days was at their heels, going where they went and anchoring when they anchored. The fleet and the State boat harbored at Annapolis on Sunday night.

—President Shallcross, of the board of county commissioners, made a guess as to the plurality of Mr. Cleveland in the recent election, on an offer of the Philadelphia *Enquirer*, to give a free trip to California and return, and one hundred dollars for expenses to the one making the nearest guess. Mr. Shallcross' guess was 388,888, and the official plurality was 391,000—a pretty close guess.

—The supply of Hulless Oats Notes has not yet been exhausted, and at intervals a new case bobs up serenely on the records of the courts. The civil action of Frank T. Cover vs. Zaccheus and Ella Denbow, of Harford county, was tried in Baltimore county court, last week, and terminated with a verdict for defendants. Kent remembers these cases with a great deal of interest.

—Postmaster Brown states that the outgoing and incoming mails during Christmas week were heavier than was ever before handled at the Chestertown office, and on Christmas day the amount of matter handled was enormous. The sales in the office during the month of December amounted to nearly five hundred dollars, being, with the exception of March last, the largest amount of any one month within the history of the office.

—New Year's Day fell upon Sunday, concerning which event the following prognostications of our forefathers may be of interest: "It is affirmed by some that when New Year's Day falls on Sunday, then a pleasant Winter doth follow; a natural Summer; fruite sufficient; harvest indifferent, yet some winde and raine; many marriages; plentie of wine and honey; death of yong men and cattell: robberies in most places: news of prelates and kinges, and cruel warres in the end."

—John H. Woodlin, the negro recently lodged in Centreville jail on a charge of forgery, was last week detected in an attempt to effect his escape. Jeff. Jefferson, a fellow prisoner, who divulged the secret, was to detain Deputy Sheriff Seward at the prison door for a moment, and when his attention was thus distracted, Woodlin was to "knock him dead" with an iron stove poker, and then rush from the jail. Jefferson pretended to agree, but at once divulged his secret to Sheriff Marshall. This officer at once walked to the prison door and had an unimportant talk with Woodlin, and whilst so engaged observed the iron poker hidden under his coat. Woodlin is now safely cared for in a steel-lined cell.

—The new Columbian series of postage stamps were placed on sale at the postoffices throughout the country on Tuesday. The stamps were issued in the denominations of one, two, three, four, five, six, ten, fifteen, thirty and fifty cents, and of $1, $2, $3, $4 and $5. Only the first ten denominations will be for sale at the Baltimore postoffice, and it is not as yet certainly known what denominations will be on sale in the Kent county offices. The stamps are about the size of the special delivery stamp, and are executed from line engravings on steel. They are of different colors, and each bears a design commemorative of the discovery of America by Columbus, after some celebrated painting.

—The Sunday school of Bond M. E. Church, held an enjoyable entertainment on Wednesday evening, December 28, 1892. The programme consisted of pretty speeches, interesting dialogues and appropriate acrostics interspersed with delightful music. The entertainment was pronounced by the large number of visitors a decided success. Though the literary exercises were so very pleasant, the highest point of joy was not reached by the school until Mr. F. D. Lamb put in an appearance representing a veritable Old Kris. The children were given a treat of candy and oranges by their royal visitor, and the occasion was truly a triumph of pleasure. Rev. W. R. Mowbray was presented by the school with a handsome Oxford Teacher's Bible.

—George L. McCahan, Executive Commissioner of the Board of World's Fair Managers of Maryland, quoting a local which recently appeared in the TRANSCRIPT, relative to unusual growths of oysters which had attached themselves to an old shoe and boot, says: "I would like to obtain the loan of these articles, to include them in a scheme for representing the oyster in the Maryland building at the Columbian Exposition." This is an excellent idea, and no county in the State could make a more elaborate display of interesting objects along this line than could Kent. We will with pleasure forward any such articles to the proper parties to be used for the purpose stated. The articles will be returned, and in the future would form valuable souvenirs of the great exposition, and we ask that the oystermen report to us any interesting objects which they may have and would care to temporarily loan for the purpose desired.

—As a rule Protestant churches throughout the universe will observe the present week, as one of prayer for the evangelization of the world. In Chestertown, the Methodist churches will not hold these services, because of the fact that protracted, or some similar appropriate services are either being, or to be held, and the Protestant Episcopal Church here has never observed the week by any particular programme of service. The custom of holding a week of prayer originated a number of years ago with the Evangelical Alliance, and the International body sends out this year, as usual, its address to the churches of all Christendom, with topics suggested for united supplication. The general topics for each day are the same throughout the world, while subordinate topics are adapted to the peculiar conditions of each country. The general topics are as follows: Monday, "Humiliation and Thanksgiving;" Tuesday, "The Church Universal;" Wednesday, "Nations and Their Rulers;" Thursday, "Foreign Missions;" Friday, "Home Missions;" Saturday, "Families and Schools." Subjects for next Sunday's sermons are: "The Promised Outpouring"—Joel 2, 28-32; "Plain Command, 'Ask Ye of the Lord'"

—Lankford Lodge No. 114, of the Knights of Pythias, at its last meeting elected the following officers: past chancellor, C. W. Crouch; chancellor commander, John Ward; vice-chancellor, E. L. Beck; prelate, Michael Addley; master of exchequer, R. L. W. Crouch; master of finance, Emory Crouch; keeper of records and seal, Wm. R. Hodges; master of arms, John W. Grant; inner guard, Walter Elburn; outer guard, D. C. Elburn; Representative to the Grand Lodge, which meets in Baltimore in February, F. A. Colison. The newly elected officers will be installed next Saturday evening.

—The large furniture warehouse of Mr. Thomas H. Horsey, Galena, was entirely destroyed by fire about five o'clock on Friday afternoon. When first discovered the flames had made such progress as to render it impossible to do more than save the valuable lot of furniture and adjoining buildings and immediately the work of removing the stock of goods was commenced, and by almost superhuman efforts the flames were confined to the one building, notwithstanding the fact that the store of Mr. Jeremiah Peacock stood only a few feet away on one side and the store of Mr. Horsey a short distance from the burning building on the other side. There had been no fire in the burned building for six months and the only theory as to the origin of the fire is that it was caused by firecrackers which had been set off on the vacant lot back of the warehouse by a number of boys or that it was an incendiary. The loss was covered by insurance in the Kent Mutual Insurance Company.

—The Chestertown Creamery and Ice Company was incorporated on Tuesday last, with a capitol stock of $18,000. Mr. Robert G. Nicholson was elected president; Mr. Horace W. Beck, secretary and treasury, and Messrs. Robert G. Nicholson, Samuel Vannort, Dr. W. Frank Hines' Hope H. Barroll and Horace W. Beck, board of directors. The Creamery and Ice plant has heretofore been owned and operated by Mr. Nicholson. The incorporation of the Creamery and Ice Manufactory is a new enterprise and one deserving universal patronage. The community should, and we believe will, properly sustain it. Mr. Beck, the secretary and treasurer, is a young gentleman of enterprise, push and ability, together with business experience; he needs no introduction to the public, as he is well and favorably known throughout the county. The board of directors is composed of some of the most enterprising and representative citizens of the county. We hope the enterprise even greater success than under its former efficient management. Mr. Walter Lusby, who has been manager for several years for Mr. Nicholson, has made a most satisfactory official.

Kent's Paupers.

The board of county commissioners made their annual visit of inspection to the Almshouse yesterday and found the inmates comfortably cared for and well. The premises and buildings were all in excellent condition. The number of inmates is less than it has been for a number of years. Mr. Knight, stewart of the Almshouse gave the commissioners an elegant dinner.

The inmates are as follows:

WHITE.		COLORED.	
Males	6	Males	6
Females	10	Females	3
Children	2		9
	18		
Total	27		

ACCURATE GUESSING.

Prizes to be Awarded to the Successful Guessers.

Several months ago Mr. Thomas G. Wroth, made the announcement that three prizes would be awarded to the three persons respectively guessing the nearest to the number of beans in a jar. To entitle one to a guess it was necessary to make a purchase at the store. The guessing closed on Saturday and on Monday the tickets were examined, when it was found that Mrs. Walter Allcott, of Chestertown, had tied Annie Hynson, colored, of Locust Grove, for the first prize, a handsome parlor stove, each having guessed the exact number 7509. For the second prize, a handsome centre table, the following thirteen guessed 7500: John Boulden, Mrs. Samuel Wallace, Mrs. H. T. Willson, J. P. DeCorse, Miss Gertrude Lynch, Miss May Hill, George Vickers, of H. W., Fred. Russell and Miss Lizzie Hepbron. Joseph Dillhofer gets the third prize, a chair, on a guess of 7520. It is proposed by Mr. Wroth to allow those who have tied for the first and second prizes to determine among themselves how the matter shal be finally settled.

COURT NEWS.

Interesting Proceedings in the Courts.

County Commissioners. Full board present. Order passed directing clerk to notify Maryland Hospital of time arrangements were made to place Mary E. Sparks in said hospital on county list of patients. Upon application of Martin L. Warner, and recommendation of citizens of Millington and vicinity, said Warner was appointed constable for Kent county in and for 1st district. Dr. Geo. T. Perkins presented report of fines collected by him as keeper of Chester bridge, during his term, amounting to $28, which amount was deposited in bank. Order passed continuing John A. Vernon as a pensioner at $10, and directing same to be provided for by levy in 1893. A communication to State's Attorney Slay, informing him that should the Governor pardon Rash and Wood, committed to House of Correction from Kent county, and who are alleged to be insane, notice would be sent so that an officer could meet them in Baltimore and convey them to a hospital, and in case of failure to meet them in Baltimore, they be sent over to Chestertown. The board, after consideration, directed that when notified, that an officer be sent to bring them to Chestertown and have them lodged in jail until it could legally dispose of them. Bartus J. Wilkins, Esq., appeared before the board and requested it to note his non-acceptance of damages allowed him by examiners on Green Lane road. Board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for payments by orders on funds provided by levy and for levy in 1893.

Orphans' Court. Present, Judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. The last will and testament of Dell Pennell was admitted to probate. Letters of administration c. t. a. were granted to Wm. B. Hilt on the personal estate of Mary M. L. Hilt, late of Philadelphia county, Pa.; and Samuel G. Fisher and Richard T. Turner were appointed to appraise same. Wm. B. Hilt, administrator c. t. a. of Mary M. L. Hilt, filed inventory of said deceased. Rachel C. Clayton, administratrix of John S. Clayton, filed accounts of sales of the personal estate of said deceased. Rachel C. Clayton, administratrix of John S. Clayton, filed first and final administration and distribution account. Elizabeth Walraven, filed account of sales of the personal property of said deceased. James Thomas Pennington, executor of John G. Miers, filed inventory of the personal estate and list of debts of said deceased.

ENJOYABLE SURPRISES.

Love's Labor Not Lost When Bestowed Upon Honored Pastors

GALENA, MD., Jan. 3, 1893.

DEAR TRANSCRIPT:—If you like to scatter pleasant things around, just say to your many readers that the New Year has ushered in a most enjoyable event to our people, and to the M. E. minister and his family. While they were visiting the sick in the country, on Monday evening last, their servant was notified to build a fire in the parlor, as a runaway couple would be there in the evening, but she failed to find the key, consequently about 8 P. M. the pastor himself was found kindling the fire, by a *great many* runaways, who stormed his domicile, and with tokens of love and good cheer, forced him to comprehend the situation, and forgive the little ruse. The fire soon burned cheerily, and naturally enough the young people were soon settled by it, and with their enthusiastic natures were entering into innocent games for passtime, in which they generously invited their *seniors* to share. Judging from the beaming smiles of those *seniors*, and their apparent forgetfulness of their silvery hair and difference in years, they must have enjoyed the fun as much as the young people.

A fine thing it would be for all ages, if the old and young would associate more, is said by some, and a looker-on last evening would have thought so. The pleasures had to close, so those scattered in the different rooms were invited in to sing (standing room being possible), and then the greatest surprise of all came to the pastor, when Mr. W. A. Whitaker arose, and in behalf of the Epworth League, presented to him a purse with valuable contents. The pastor's impromptu reply was just like himself—suited to the situation and pleasing to all. Singing by the company, prayer by the pastor, then good-byes and whispers that though *three* years had nearly expired since he came, three more would be acceptable. VISITOR.

Rev. C. S. York and wife were given a most enjoyable surprise on Wednesday evening of last week, by the congregation of Salem Church. Quite a number of the congregation were present, and brought a large quantity of every conceivable necessary to a most bountifully supplied larder. An evening of unalloyed good cheer and pleasure was enjoyed by the appreciative pastor and the representatives of his devoted congregation.

Social Notes.

A number of friends were handsomely entertained by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Jr., on Friday evening last. The occasion was in honor of Miss Colton, of Baltimore, the guest of Mrs. Eliason, and Miss Adkinson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Misses Mary and Jennie Vickers.

A B. B. DINNER.

One of the most novel dinners ever introduced in Chestertown society, was the 6 o'clock B. B. dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, at their beautiful home, Wilbr-Etta Cottage, on Washington avenue, on Friday last, to a dozen friends, in honor of Prof. and Mrs. Roland Watts. The novel feature of the dinner was the menu, which was arranged by the hostess, and each dish read to the guests before being served, giving the guests the privilege of guessing the dish. A dainty and pretty little prize was awarded to the one who was most successful in guessing. The following is the B. B. menu:

Bisected Bivalves.
Blissful Bouillon.
Baked Biped, Blanched Branches.
Boiled Bird Berries.
Buttered Bulbs, Brittish Beans.
Brown Bread.
Branded Boteilus.
Brown Berry Boiled.

After dinner, each guest was presented with a menu card, tastefully decorated with holly and ribbon as a souvenir.

ROCK HALL NEWS.

Newsy Briefs from "X" at Rock Hall.

ROCK HALL, Jan. 4, 1893.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—We are completely frozen in, consequently there is but little going on. About six inches of ice remain on the creeks, therefore it is impossible to get out on the oyster bars, even if there comes a mild day.

Nearly all of the oystermen are fitting up nets for deep-water fishing.

Capt. George B. and Jos. Sewell, caught twenty-five bushels of cull perch before the freeze came, and just as soon as it opens enough to render it safe to go out on the bay, there will be about fifty boats go into the business.

The Christmas anniversary of the M. E. Church was held last Friday night. While the church was not trimmed as prettily as it was last Christmas, the programme rendered was very much better. A quartette entitled, "What Say the Bells?" rendered by Miss Nellie Casey, Miss Nellie Ayres, Charles Hynson and Joseph W. Kendall, was highly appreciated. Pastor Roe delivered a short address, dwelling principally on the life and example set before the school by the departed superintendent, Brother Wm. N. Ayres, after which the presents were distributed to the children, and after which all retired to their homes feeling that the effort made by the school had been crowned with a glorious success.

Mr. Geo. E. Lambert has moved into the Chesapeake House, and will keep a first-class hotel.

Mrs. Wm. N. Ayres has moved out in the village, and has rented her place near the wharf, to Mrs. Rees, widow of Mr. A. J. Rees.

Capt. Hyland has had very little trouble the last ten days to protect the bars, as the extreme cold weather has driven the dredge boats down the bay so as to keep clear of the ice.

Master Robert Roe is home from school spending the holidays.

Misses Martha and Laura Diehl are spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Wilson Smith.

Several of our captains struck the good oyster market last week. Having been caught in the ice they cut out just in time to strike the best market of the season.

Messrs. Geo. E. Leary & Son have sold their fast-sailing sharpy to Captain Peter Reynolds. He is using her to oyster in, having taken Chas. O. Kendall as a partner.

We have several good Democrats who have announced themselves as applicants for some of the smaller plums of the federal patronage. It will be a pity if the next administration has to slight any of the applicants, who are all worthy men, but the last statistics show that one or two, and maybe three in the vast number all over the United States, may be sadly disappointed.

Dr. Selby's practice has extended over such a wide territory that he hardly has an hour he can call his own. He has the finest team in the district, which of course is very necessary, as his practice takes in very near all of the lower part of the district.

The measles are prevalent here, there being about twenty cases at this time.

Wishing a happy and prosperous new year to the paper, which surely represents the best intertsts of all, and especially the interests of the oystermen at large, I am yours respectfully, X.

THE ICE BLOCKADE BROKEN.

The Movements of Steamers During the Cold Weather.

The recent moderate spell of weather virtually broke the ice blockade which prevailed to a greater or less extent from Saturday, Dec. 24, until the present week, and the splendid work of the Chester river steamers on Saturday, has largely dissipated all fears of further serious trouble during the season. The steamer Emma A. Ford made her regular trip to Baltimore on Wednesday of last week, but on Thursday came only as far as the mouth of Chester river, when the B. S. Ford, which left Chestertown that morning was met and reported heavy ice, and the Emma Ford returned to the city. On Saturday the Gratitude, Captain Taylor, and Corsica, Captain Vandyke, made the run from Baltimore to Chestertown, at times breaking ice from five to seven inches in thickness. The Gratitude carried a large number of passengers to Rock Hall, where teams were secured and the trip continued to Chestertown. The Corsica, while the Gratitude was making the run to Rock Hall, endeavored to make a landing at Kent Island, but was caught in heavy ice, and was forced to await the assistance of her consort. The ice field between Love and Hell's Points gave most trouble, and the steamers from that point to Chestertown were lashed together, the Corsica in the lead and the Gratitude pushing. Quaker Neck, Rolph's and Bookers were touched. The Corsica was, and is still provided with a novel arrangement by which the two steamers are enabled to work very satisfactorily together. The ice up the river was not so formidable, and the achievement of the novel ice-breakers upon their arrival at Chestertown, was enthusiastically cheered by hundreds of people who had assembled to see them come into port. It is calculated that the steamers could break from five to seven inches of solid ice, and the chances of an ice blockade is thereby reduced to a minimum.

The heavy rain of Sunday, together with the southerly wind broke up the ice and the trip to and from Baltimore on Monday and Tuesday was made with comparative ease. The Corsica accompanied the Gratitude over to render aid if necessary, but every stop was made without difficulty. The Gratitude broke about six inch ice into Queenstown without assistance and with the exception of Centreville every wharf on the river is clear.

Messrs. James E. Taylor and John B. Thomas, with characteristic consideration rendered every possible attention, and were supplemented in their efforts by those efficient officers, Allen Harris and Clerk Downey, who, with Capts. Taylor and Vandyke in command of the steamers, did much to reflect credit upon the company, whose interests they so jealously guard, and we take pleasure in acknowledging the many kindnesses extended by them to the public.

The thermometer dropped to 15° on Tuesday night, and Chester river again froze solidly over. Both the Gratitude and Corsica left Chestertown and experienced no trouble from ice during the trip. The large tug Sallie, of Baltimore, came over yesterday morning for the purpose of relieving the schooner, having on board a cargo of 6,000 bushels of corn, at Trew's wharf, Morgan's Creek, but the heavy fields of ice above Chester bridge, rendered it impossible. The tug battled manfully, but could not gain at each dash forward half of her own length through the solid four and one-half inch ice, and soon gave up the effort. The schooner is freighting for Captain Joseph W. Thompson.

KENNEDYVILLE NOTES.

Short But Interesting Locals from the Second District.

The ice-houses are all filled with the finest ice gathered for years. This will be of great service to the creameries.

There has been but little moving this year.

About all the wheat, and most of the corn crop of '92, has been sold at prices so low as to have made their production a source of loss instead of profit.

A large and enthusiastic band of calathumpians visited Shrewsbury Neck Saturday night, and serenaded Mr. and Mrs. Walace Atwell. They were handsomely entertained.

On Saturday afternoon two of Chestertown's gentlemen of color, who had been partaking of Chestertown's *prohibition* whiskey, had a runaway as they came down Bennett's hill, and opposite the Presbyterian Church, executed a somersault through their carriage top, while the horse with the shafts attached, ran up the railroad to the bridge. The carriage was the greatest sufferer. As they started in their wild career, Mr. Wm. Janvier and C. B. Warren were immediately in front of them. They say a Tolchester chariot race was a fool to the performonce. Messrs. Janvier and Warren ran for safety, and ran well, but don't care to engage in a race of this kind again.

A stout young gentlemen, formerly of Locust Grove, went in swimming in the mill pond on Saturday, and got out all right.

Mr. Charles B. Warren is visiting his friends in Kennedyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Shafer, with their daughter Emma, have returned from a pleatant Xmas visit to the relatives of the latter, in Baltimore and Moore's, Pa.

Miss Beulah Hayes returned to St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., this week, having had an enjoyable Xmas at home.

Wattie McKnett, one of Kennedyville's most popular young men, intends making Wilmington his future home.

John Bennett also goes to the same city to take a course at Goldey's business college. It is to be hoped both may do well, as they are industrious young men.

George Glenn, the popular young blacksmith, spent his holidays in Wilmington.

Rev. Thomas Van Dyke, who has a charge in the lower part of the State, has been on a short visit to his brother, J. P. Van Dyke.

Miss Acca A. Van Dyke has been visiting her brother, Dr. Van Dyke, of Dover, Del. ZERO.

New Advertisements.

Call and see Moody & Perkins before their stock runs down too low to give you a good assortment. In looking over their stock we find they have certainly cut prices and the reductions have certainly been appreciated, from the amount of bundles we see leaving their establishment. Go see them, it will pay you.

The Most Pleasant Way

Of preventing the grippe, colds, headaches, and fevers is to use the liquid laxative remedy Syrup of Figs, whenever the system needs a gentle, yet effective cleansing. To be benefitted one must get the true remedy manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only. For sale by all druggists in [illegible] $1 bottles.

MILLINGTON NOTES.

On the Move—Child Burned—Horse and Carriage Stolen, Etc.

MILLINGTON, MD., Jan. 2d, 1893.

Our town was somewhat on the move to-day. Dr. Clark came from the country and occupies his house vacated by Mrs. M. O. Cacy; Mrs Cacy occupies Mrs. T. R. Quimby's house, and Mrs. Quimby goes to live with her son-in-law, B. M. Hazell, who occupies the house vacated by Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Simmons having moved to Baltimore. W. H. Price occupies the house vacated by B. M. Hazell. J. P. Ahern occupies the house unrented last year. W. L. Reese occupies house vacated by J. P. Ahern. E. W. Spear occupies his own house, vacated by Mr. Reese. Joe Stafford occupies house vacated by Mr. Spear, R. W. Comegys occupies house vacated by Dr. A. R. Todd, who moved to Baltimore in the fall. Liston Pennington moves from the country and occupies the house vacated by Mr. Comegys. Wm. P or occupies house vacated by Howard King, King goes to the country. Harry Moore occupies house vacated by Wm. Poor. Lewis Price comes from the country. Frank Taylor occupies house vacated by Joe Stafford. John Hamilton came from Galena, and occupies house vacated by Mr. Taylor.

The fourteen-year-old daughter of Wm. Darrell was quite badly burned early this morning. While reaching on the mantel for a shoe-buttoner for one of the smaller children, over an open fire-place, her apron took fire. Wm. Hannage, the hired man, was coming down stairs, and put the apron out. Thinking there was no other part of her clothing on fire, the girl went up stairs. In a few minutes Hannage heard her call, and seeing her run downstairs all of a light blaze, threw a bucket of water on her, but that did not put the fire out. She ran out of doors, when the man caught her and held her under the pump spout until her clothing were extinguished. She was reported to have been badly burned about the limbs, arms, hands and breast; her face was not burned at all.

Alonzo Davis, on Saturday night last, between twelve and one o'clock, went to Mr. Sam Stevens' stable, took a horse out and harnessed him up to Mr. Stevens' york carriage and drove off. His son, Ralph, heard a team drive out, but thought it was his brother, who was away. His brother came in soon after, and when told that he found the horse and carriage missing, he with several others went in pursuit immediately, and he, Davis, was overtaken by Dave Bamburger near Townsend, and when told to stop, jumped from the carriage and put off across a field. The horse and carriage was brought back. Davis has not yet been caught.

Quite a lot of children in town are sick with measles.

Mrs. T. R. Quimby is quite sick.

The boys have enjoyed a week of fine skating on the mill pond.

Those who have filled their ice-houses report the ice superior to any harvested for several years.

E. W. Spear is putting a lot of new machinery in his mill.

Martin Warner has applied for the constableship for this part of the district, something badly needed here, as outlaws now do nearly as they please. S. S.

OUR CRUMPTON LETTER.

Our Prosperous Queen Anne's Neighbors.

Though less frequently heard from through the local press, we are by no means out of the race as a thriving, prosperous village: so, Messrs. Editors, just take a hasty note of our town happenings.

Crumpton has two large stores under the proprietorship of Messrs. Alday Clements and the Harrisons. They keep ample assortments of all commodities needed in a rural district, at low prices. Besides these we have three smaller mercantile crafts—the Soloway, the Bradley, and the Schwatka, which can stand the stress of any weather.

We also boast of two physicians, Drs. Sheppard and Hackett; two drug stores, two barbers, four shoemakers, and carpenters, painters and plasterers equal to the demand.

In churches, we are well supplied, having two, both of the Methodist persuasion, with three resident preachers.

The hotel, kept by Mr. Charles Bradley and wife, is said to be one of the best on the Shore.

The question just now most agitated, is, "Who will be our next P. M.? Four pairs of eyes (two a woman's eyes), at least, are looking wistfully in that direction. The postoffice has lately been removed to the Clements' store, a very convenient location, and some think it is there to stay, under the supervision of our young friend, Spencer Merrick.

Mrs. Swartz, who left us a year ago for Kent Island, has returned, and will occupy her old home. Mr. Atkinson moves to the Roberts house as a residence, and will occupy as place of business and shop with Mr. George Ruth, his brother, barber.

The Newnams and the Craners have gone to Quaker Neck.

Mr. E. Hyland, who for a long time has had charge of the postoffice, goes over the river to occupy for a time the Catlin House.

There are but few unrented houses.

Only one death, so far as we call to mind, has occurred in Crumpton during the past year. This, however, does not include that part of the town on the Kent side of the river, where there have been three deaths, Mrs. Dr. Sheppard, Mrs. Durham and Wesley Newnam.

Jan. 2, 1893. BENTLEY BARD.

BETTERTON ITEMS.

"Old Salt" Begins the New Year With a Letter to His Friend, the Transcript.

BETTERTON, MD., Jan. 2d, 1893.

The bay was frozen over tight all last week, and afforded excellent skating, and splendid ice from six to seven inches thick, with which all the ice-houses were promptly filled. Large crowds of young folks enjoyed the skating all during the week, but the heavy rains and south winds put an end to the fun, and the ice all moved out Sunday night and Monday morning.

The Ericsson boats are expected in again to-day, there being nothing to keep them away, unless the ice backs in with a northwest wind, and that might not interfere, as these boats are capable of breaking very heavy ice.

Capt. Harvey Brice has moved into the Chesapeake House, and is all ready for business. The hotel will offer accommodations all the year round, and those deciding to stop with the genial captain will find everything comfortable and pleasant. Horses cared for also.

Mrs. Sarah Wilmer has moved in Hawthorne Cottage for the winter.

Miss Pearl Hedges, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Lillie Trott.

Robert H. Crew is at home for the winter. For the past three years, Mr. Crew has been sailing from Georgetown.

A watch meeting was held at the Betterton House on Saturday night. The old year was bade good-bye, and with the welcome of 1893, good resolutions were made. OLD SALT.

"A BOX OF MONKEYS."

A Delightful Entertainment at Church Hill.

The comedy of "A Box of Monkeys" given at Guest's Opera House, Church Hill, on Dec. 29th, was a decided success. The comedy was a fine field for the amateurs to display their historic powers. It was a take-off on the Americans apeing the English aristocracy, boiling over with mirth and witticisms, keeping the house convulsed with laughter.

The characters were well cast. Mrs. J. L. Finley as Mrs. Ondego Johones, an admirer of rank, was well taken, showing what fools the Americans are after titles. Miss Daisy Parvis, as her niece, a wild western girl, made a favorable impression in using the American slang that is popular with so many Americans. Miss Lutie Batte, as Lady Guinevere Llandpoore, was also good in acting the English primrose Edward Ralston, who had all the audacity of a typical American, was well acted by Dr. J. L. Finley. Chauncey Oglethorp the tongue-tied, stuttering idiot and lover, was well acted by Mr. W. H. Brierly with much success.

The last scene of the drama ended with the stately minuet. The gentlemen were dressed in white knee-breeches and black coats, with powdered hair. The ladies were in court trains and powdered hair, and made a beautiful picture of the old colonial times, as they treaded with graceful steps this courtly dance. The dancers of the minuet were: Mr. John H. Newnam, Miss Julia Sparks, Mrs. J. Lane Finley, Edwin Valiant, Jr., Miss Lutie Batte, Mr. W. H. Brierly, Dr. J. L. Finley and Miss Daisy Parvis.

This comedy will be reproduced at Stam's Hall, Chestertown, on Wednesday, January 11th.

DIED.

DOWNEY.—In Chestertown, Dec. 30, 1892, Weldon Reid, son of Joseph and Mary Downey, aged 3 years and 5 months.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Rock Hall.—Regular services will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, consisting of High Mass and sermon at 10.30 A. M., Sunday School immediately after Mass. Vespers, sermon and benediction at 7.00 P. M. Mass will be said on the following Monday at 8.30 A. M. Sunday School on the other Sunday of the month at 10.30 A. M.

SACRED Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown. Regular Services will be held on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, consisting of High Mass at 10.30 A. M. with sermon, and special choir service. Sunday School at 2.30 P. M. Christian Doctrine Class for adults at 3 P. M. The evening services at 7.30 P. M., will consist of Vespers, sung by the choir, sermon and benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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