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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....Dec. 26, 1885.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR is the earnest wish of the editors of the NEWS to all their patrons.

ONE DAY EARLIER.—The NEWS is issued one day in advance of the regular publication day in order to observe Christmas.

THE Maryland Legislature meets on Wednesday, the 6th day of January.

HON. JAMES B. GROOME will accept our thanks for valuable public documents.

THE late Vice-President Hendricks leaves an estate estimated at $150,000.

BOTH houses of Congress have passed a bill granting a pension to the widow of Gen. Grant.

GOV. LLOYD has pardoned Geo. T. Faithful, of Queen Anne's county, sentenced to nine months in jail for shooting a colored man.

A BILL was introduced in Congress last week to reinstate Capt. Wm. A. Spencer to his former position in the United States army.

THE BALTIMORE SUN.—The prospectus of the Baltimore *Sun* — daily and weekly — will be found in another column. Those of our readers who desire to take a city paper cannot do better than subscribe to the *Sun*. It has no superior for news or literature.

BISHOP-ELECT WILLIAMS, of the Diocese of Easton, has written to Rev. Dr. Barber expressing great surprise at his election and making inquiry into the duties which he would be called upon to perform in case of his acceptance of the bishopric. It is not expected that he will decide as to his acceptance for a week or more.

HON. C. H. GIBSON will be second on the committee on accounts—next in rank to the chairman. A strong pressure was brought to bear in behalf of the appointment of Mr. Gibson to the chairmanship of the committee, but Speaker Carlisle said he did not feel justified in giving the chairmanship of such an important committee to a new member.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND sent in the name of Morris A. Thomas to the Senate on Monday. The fight will now be made against his confirmation, and it remains to be seen whether the Baltimore "reformers" will be more successful there than with the President. Last October's campaign literature will come in play again and Wootten and Findlay dragged from the retirement to which the people consigned them.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, colored, was arrested in Philadelphia some days ago on suspicion of being the murderer of John Sharpless, Jr., of near Chester, PA. He was given a hearing on Tuesday morning, when two witnesses testified that the prisoner had admitted to them that he committed the crime; also that he had made threats against the life of Sharpless prior to the commission of the deed. Johnson was remanded to await the action of the Delaware county authorities. He denied all guilt.

AN attack on the oyster police sloop Carrie Franklin, Captain Wingate, by a large force of oystermen, said to be from Somerset county, was made on Thursday night of last week. It is claimed that the assailants were incensed against Captain Wingate for the conviction of three Somerset county men a few weeks ago for catching oysters in Wicomico. They attacked the sloop in full force with guns, pistols, etc., and, although the small cannon on the police boat was used, the crew were overmatched and were forced to retreat.

A HORRIBLE MINE DISASTER.

Twenty-Eight Men in a Living Grave!

In the coal mine at Nanticoke Pa., last Saturday twenty-eight men were entombed. In Wilkesbarre the horror absorbed the attention of everybody and earnest efforts were at once made to reach the men. The latest dispatches give very discouraging reports of the prospect of saving any of the men. The fall of sand and culm which took place Monday evening at the air shaft destroyed the work of two days, and the treacherous roof still continuing to cave in, made the prosecution of work at that point for the rescue of the unfortunate miners impossible, as the risk to the lives of those who are willing and anxious to do all in their power to make an opening in the barrier of rock, sand and shell-coal was too great.

On Monday the wives, children and relatives of the doomed men were hoping that their dear ones, upon whom they depended for support and protection, would yet be restored to them, but Tuesday all was gloomier than before.

The mouth of the slope is still besieged by men, women and children. The misery, dejection and hopelessness depicted upon their countenances are painful in the extreme to behold.

Contributions were generous, and in a short time a goodly sum was collected to be devoted to the comfort of the widows and orphans.

It is impossible to describe in words the consternation, the dismay and agony which spread through the village when it was learned that all efforts to get the men out alive had been abandoned. The latest dispatch says:

The officials of the Susquehanna Coal Company this afternoon decided to continue work in the tunnel towards the point where the bodies of the victims of the recent Nanticoke mine disaster are supposed to be. There is no hope that any of the men escaped, and it may be two months before all the bodies are recovered.

A Plucky Wife's Victory.

A special to the Baltimore *Sun* from Fremansburg, Pa., under date of Dec. 22, gives the following little romance:

"Can you tell me where Levi Foster lives?" asked a well-dressed woman of Station Agent Ritter last evening, as she alighted from a Lehigh Valley train. Her accent was strongly British, and in directing the movements of her five children she spoke with a decision and promptness that indicated force of will.

Levi Foster was not known, but after some explanations and a production of a photograph it was decided that William F. Lever, who six months ago started paint works in the town, was the man inquired for.

The woman informed Mr. Ritter that Lever, whose real name was Foster, had left her in England and eloped with another woman; that the wife had learned of his address through a letter he had written to friends in England, not intending that it should fall into her hands, and that she had come three thousand miles with her family and six trunks to drive out the usurper of her husband's affections and install herself in her rightful place.

J. C. Weiss and Edward Ritter volunteered to assist the woman in finding Lever, who had been at the station a few minutes earlier. He was found and the salutations of husband and wife were far from loving. The man shrank from his wife, but she followed him, and demanded to know where that woman was. He told her down at the house, and thither they went. Ten minutes later wife No. 2 was seen leaving the place with long and hasty strides, while the true Mrs. Foster shook a threatening fist from the door.

Mrs. Foster, having installed herself, sent Foster after the children and baggage, and she is now firmly ensconced in her husband's home. Wife No. 2 has departed for New York. Foster did not even smile when his children greeted him. One son said, "You are a pretty papa to run away from us."

THE boiler and pump at the Smyrna waterworks are now being put in place at the engine house on solid foundations, and the well at its present depth, 184 feet, was found by a three days' test to yield 550,000 gallons of water per day, and pronounced by Mr. Downing, acting engineer, to be sufficient. There is not much more to do by the contractor besides getting the pumping machinery in order, which may possibly be done in two weeks.

THE estate of Sarah R. Strout of Cecil county recovered $1,100 on Saturday from the Columbia and Port Deposit railroad company for the burning of a house by sparks from the company's locomotive. The suit was for $1,500.

JACOB HARR of Colorado recently subscribed $50,000 to the Methodist University of Denver.

Mr. Randall's Presidential Bill.

CALCULATED TO DELAY AND DO NO GOOD.

Mr. Randall has prepared a bill for introduction in the House entitled "A bill in relation to the manner of filling vacancies in the offices of President and Vice-President." It provides, first, that the presidential electors shall hold their offices for the term of four years; second, that whenever, in case of the removal, death or resignation of the President and Vice-President, the electors shall elect another President and another Vice-President. In case of the removal or death of either the President or Vice-President, the Secretary of State shall notify the several States thereof, and they shall forthwith be requested to notify the electors to meet on the first Wednesday next ensuing after the expiration of one month from and after the notice by the Secretary of State, and shall select a President and Vice-President.

This may be a very good bill, but is no better than the one which has already passed the Senate. It is in the power of the House to pass the the latter but the Senate would not be likely to act favorably on Randall's measure, and the effort to substitute the latter will only necessitate delay and possible failure altogether in the settlement of a question of vital concern to the peace of the country. It is to be hoped therefore that the House will accept at once the Senate bill and frown down any tinkering disposition.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.—The subject of Health Boards is now being discussed by the Maryland press. The Annapolis *Republican* wants a board for that city "with a Health Commissioner or Inspector and the strong arm of the law at his back." Such a board in Chestertown would not be out of place. Our cotemporary well says that the importance of a complete and well conducted system of sanitary supervision throughout the State, is a subject that in the crowd and flurry of less important legislation should not be forgotten. It is only at intervals, and we are glad to be able to add, at infrequent intervals, that the people of this State are aroused by the approach of some threatening scourge like cholera, to the imperative necessity of guarding every avenue of approach, if practicable to avert the impending evil. At such times we turn with excited apprehension toward that environment of protection which medical and sanitary science has been able to summon to our relief.

In Dr. C. W. Chancellor's recent report the subject of drainage of the marsh lands of the State is presented; ventilation of school buildings and precautions against infectious diseases in schools; the pollution of our water courses; and various suggestions relating to rural hygiene, such as deterioration of water supplies adjacent to surface contaminations; excessive shading of houses; slaughter house nuisances, and "the danger of keeping pigs and other animals near human habitation."

DOGS VS. SHEEP.—A flock of valuable sheep belonging to Mr. Wm. D. Carter, near Lynch's Station, was completely annihilated by dogs two weeks since. Twenty-one out of twenty-six were either killed or crippled. Mr. Carter had only recently purchased this flock, paying a large price for the same, and therefore prized it highly; now to have the whole destroyed by worthless dogs is very trying to his patience. The losses by farmers in Kent from this cause have been serious and will so continue as long as sheep-killing dogs are prized above sheep. Mr. Carter, as no doubt other of the farming community, feel indignant that their flocks should be thus left to the mercy of the hordes of curs that all together are not worth powder enough to kill one of them. They hope for some protection from the next Legislature.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The Chestertown public school closed on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays with an entertainment consisting of singing, recitations, &c. The first recitation was by Owen Smith; then followed a reading by Katie Benjamin; another by Addie Hampton; recitation by John Harris; one by Grace Needles; a song by Mamie Thompson and Amy Russell; reading of the "Echo" by the second-seventh grade; a song by Coe Thompson; recitation by Maggie Joiner; another by Howard Fowler; reading by Minnie Peregoy; recitation by Mary Anthony; another by Harry Rickey.

LETTER FROM MISS LEAVERTON.

The following letter from the retired vice-principal was read to the school:

DEC. 22, 1885.

Editors of the Echo and Dear Boys and Girls of Chestertown Public School:—Permit me, thro' the columns of your paper, to express my high appreciation of the beautiful gift so modestly presented to me last Friday. I had no anticipation of your intended kindness to me, being content to possess your respect and esteem, so you can imagine the surprise awaiting me on my return home.

Accept many, many thanks for your kind remembrance. The presents were beautiful, chaste and pure and I regard them as emblematic of the dear hearts that gave them.

I appreciate their worth, but not for this alone shall I value them, but for the sacred associations that shall ever cluster around them. Wherever I shall see the handsome silver pitcher or look upon the fine figure of Hamlet my heart shall throb with fond recollections of the old school at Chestertown and the dear boys and girls left behind.

I appreciate highly all the kindness ever shown me, and I would like to say to the boys who sent me that sweet little letter that I did not read it with indifference and that I shall put it away with my treasures.

Perhaps the teachers will pardon me if I thus publicly thank them for their very beautiful gift. I need not say to them what hallowed reminiscences theirs will recall in after years.

To the trustees, whom I have not had the pleasure of seeing personally, I would extend my warmest thanks. Their beautiful present, accompanied as it was by such gratifying resolutions, cannot but make me feel amply repaid for all the care I have taken to be a conscientious teacher of your school.

One and all—officers, teachers and pupils, from the seventh grade to the first—and all the former pupils—I shall remember you all with the tenderest regard and shall deem myself highly favored if I am remembered by you. I shall not sadden your hearts by telling you of the pain it gives me to sever the ties that bind us. We want all joy, sunshine and happiness for the approaching holidays. Wishing you all a most successful school year and a very merry Xmas, I am your affectionate teacher,

ANNIE E. LEAVERTON.

THE NEW BISHOP-ELECT OF EASTON.—Speaking of the Rev. Chauncey C. Williams, recently elected Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, the Augusta *Chronicle* says:

"Mr. Williams' work in this community, as the *Chronicle* has often had occasion to remark, has been conducted with an earnestness, gracefulness, eloquence, piety, and force which have secured his usefulness as a rector and marked his popularity among all the people."

After giving a sketch of his career, the *Chronicle* adds:

"Of Mr. Williams' work in Georgia we can give no better criticism than to print the comments of Rev. J. R. Winchester, of Macon, upon his ministry there: 'Combining a remarkable amount of gracefulness of manner with great executive ability, he wisely gathered together the scattered elements of zeal, and the work grew into definite proportions. His rectorship bore directly abundant fruit, and is still producing itself. We find him beloved in his present charge as he was in Macon. His services have been sought by some of the largest churches in America, but I trust the Diocese of Georgia will be blest for many years with the presence of this faithful priest so notably replenished with the truth of God's doctrine, and so richly endowed with the innocency of life.' Certainly his election to succeed the saintly and learned Bishop Lay is a high compliment, but the *Chronicle* would deeply regret, with all his friends, the removal of Mr. Williams from Augusta."

ONE of our sportsmen is in luck. A New York gunner fancied his dog and offered him $50 for it. Our sportsman closed the contract forthwith. Then the New Yorker gave the sportsman $5 to go gunning with him. Upon leaving, the New Yorker said he didn't care to take the dog to the city and, if agreeable to our sportsman, he might have him for his board and he would come down for a day or so every fall and have some fun. Net result, $55 in cash and the possession of his former pet.—*Greensboro' Press.*

THE barn of William E. Porter, near Rowlandsville, Cecil county, was entirely destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon, together with its contents, consisting of a large quantity of grain, hay and farming implements. The live stock was rescued. Porter's loss, it is thought, will approximate $3,000.

FRIENDLESS ORPHANS.—We are in receipt of an anonymous communication in which the writer makes an appeal for the protection of helpless orphans and intimates that our Orphans' Court may be remiss in this particular. Any man or woman who would treat an orphan with brutality deserves the severest reprehension of the community and should be upheld before the public as unworthy of common respect. Knowing the gentlemen composing the Orphans' Court, we cannot believe that they would tolerate such treatment as the writer portrays in the following sentence: "How often are we shocked and our hearts made to bleed by the sad discovery of some friendless orphan who has fallen into the hands of some cruel taskmaster who requires the little fellow to strain every nerve to serve him, and then is rewarded by harsh treatment, scant meals, and cruel beatings?" It must be remembered that the Orphans' Court is not the ward of all orphans, but only of such as are indentured or put out by it. It is hard to believe that any person could be so destitute of the common feelings of humanity as to inflict unmerited punishment upon the most helpless and pitiful creatures on the face of the earth; but it appears that such people are to be found even in our own community, and if they manage to escape punishment therefor in this life it would be well for them to remember that hereafter they must receive a fearful retribution for their malevolent and inhuman conduct. Such persons should be exposed and held up to the execration of mankind.

A CRAZY AND DANGEROUS CHARACTER.—George Washington Vance, a colored man of this town about forty years old, was committed to jail last Saturday morning as "unfit to be at large." When apprehended by officer Simpson he was busily engaged with a shovel in filling up the "Free School Spring" and wanted to know if he wasn't "doing the thing right." During his confinement in jail he wildly raved and tore things up generally—his clothing was ripped in pieces and piled in one corner, and the iron bedstead gave way under his powerful wrenching, while his yelling resounded continually through the jail corridors and cells. Sheriff Hatcherson found it necessary to use manacles to keep him in any sort of safe position. Monday night he got hold of a match and was about to have a bonfire in his cell, but the sheriff smelled the smoke and extinguished the flames before the prisoner had burned anything but his vest. It was decided to send him to the almshouse until better quarters are secured for him. Friend Copper will not care to keep such a visitor long.

WASH HUDGINS MAKES A SENSATION. — The merchants of Chestertown are generally as enterprising as any to be found on the Shore and know the value of printer's ink, as the columns of the NEWS will show. Most of the reliable business men of the town are liberal advertisers and by their attractive invitations have enhanced their trade. Hudgins entered the lists in competition with other Christmas advertisers and gave notice that on Saturday "Old Kris" would come in person to visit his establishment. Accordingly a multitude were on the lookout for the gentleman and when the 2 P. M. train came in, sure enough, there was the benevolent old fellow! Capt. Russell had a four-horse team, gaily decorated, at hand to receive him, and the parade through town was the event of the season. Young and old—of all colors and sexes—like a swarm of bees crowded about the vehicle and followed it through the streets scrambling for the trinkets and candies dispensed by Old Kris, while Young Kris, a little woolly headed fellow in comic rig, made music on a hand organ. Verily Wash is full of enterprise and his venture for this holiday season was an entire success.

THE WM. PERKINS SALE.—C. T. Westcott, Esq., as trustee, offered at public sale last Saturday the real and personal property of Wm. Perkins, the well known proprietor of the "Rising Sun" oyster saloon. Most of the personal property was sold but only a portion of the real estate. The 175 ft. lot on Maple Avenue was purchased by Messrs. Wm. D. Burchinal and JAS. W. Chapman for $1,225.00; a double dwelling on Cross street, by Walter W. Chapman for $650.00. A quantity of lumber and wood was also sold, the former at a very low figure. The large saloon and dwelling and the other dwellings and large ice house are held at private sale.

A SERIES of concerts will be given by the Chestertown Orchestra during the present winter. They hope thereby not only to contribute to the entertainment and pleasure of the community but also to realize funds for the purchase of musical instruments. The object is certainly a laudable one, and the county commissioners, appreciating this, have allowed them the use of the court-room for the concerts.

CONSTABLES APPOINTED.—The county commissioners at their meeting last Tuesday made the following appointments of constables: First District—Wm. R. Miller, Andrew C. Schwatka. Fourth District—Chas. H. Davis. Fifth District—J. Frank Wheatley. These were the only applications.

THE M. E. Sunday School of Chestertown will have its Christmas entertainment in the lecture room of the church next Monday evening. The M. P. School will have its annual jubilee as usual in the town hall about the 6th of January—the Cantata next week preventing its holding during Christmas week.

DULL TIMES WITH THE OYSTERMEN.— The oyster tongers of Kent generally are complaining of dull times. The hundreds of boats thus engaged in Chester river from Quaker Neck wharf to Rock Hall find it impossible to dispose of their catch at remunerative prices, as the dredgers, now in full operation, supply the bulk of the city demand.

IMPROVEMENTS IN CHESTERTOWN.—During the year now closing twenty-one new houses, all of them first class dwellings, have been erected in Chestertown at a cost of about forty thousand dollars. Besides this there have been many minor improvements. Not many towns on the shore can make a better showing than this.

THIS is a good season to remember the poor, especially those who may be sick and afflicted and with nothing to relieve the gloom which surrounds them. Those who have the means should not forgot the needy just now. Seek them out and do what you can to gladden their hearts.

THE board of county commissioners received notice last Tuesday of the death of Miss Hannah Nicholson on the 16th inst., at the Maryland Hospital. She was admitted to that institution from this county in September, 1878.

THE contract for the mail route between Stanley and Lynch's has been annulled because of repeated failures to perform the service. The Stanley office will be hereafter supplied from Still Pond.

A WARM WAVE struck this section the first of the week and on Tuesday the warm sunshine and balmy atmosphere reminded us more of a summer's day than the Christmas season.

OATS are selling in Chestertown this week at 52½ cents per bushel—just fifteen cents per bushel more than corn will net the farmer.

MR. JNO. W. CAVENDER died of consumption at the residence of his father, Mr. Thos. Cavender, Middletown, on Tuesday afternoon.

JUDGE FREDERICK STUMP was heard to say this week that if he had tried all the cases on the docket of the circuit court at this time the sitting would not be finished for six weeks.—*Elkton Whig.*

THE cost of carrying the mail over the Queen Anne's & Kent railroad is placed in the Postmaster-General's report, at $1,504.67. This is for a distance of 35 miles, six times a week each way.

THE cry of New Castle county is: "Plenty of grain but no money." Let Kent county and every county that can, profitably, go right on raising peaches, and have no fear but that the grain question will take care of itself.—*Middletown Transcript.*

Hymenial.

STRONG—STRONG.

Last Wednesday morning a very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at Wesley Chapel in the lower part of this county. The contracting parties were Miss Lillie Strong, youngest daughter of Mr. Thomas A. Strong, an old and honored farmer, and Mr. Herbert R. Strong, of Baltimore. The bride was attired in a rich brown silk, having a corset bouquet of rosebuds and smilax as her only ornament. The groom wore the conventional black, and the ushers, M. Wilbur Thomas and R. Snowden Thomas, of Chestertown; Fred'k P. Audoun, of Baltimore, and James P. Wickes, of East Neck Island, preceded the happy couple to the altar, where Rev. R. L. Lewis, assisted by Rev. Dr. D. W. Bates, united the couple in the holy bonds of matrimony. The church was beautifully dressed in evergreen for the occasion, was darkened and then brilliantly lighted, and the soft, sweet notes of the wedding march, rendered unusually fine by Mr. Wm. B. Judefind, lent enchantment to the already pretty but impressive scene. The bride and groom were the recipients of many costly and pretty presents, among them a horse and phaeton from the groom to the bride. May the punctuality with which they begun their new life characterize the rest of their actions through it, and the sun which shone so brightly on their wedding day shed its glow through all the years that are to come.

A Wedding Anniversary.

MESSRS. EDS.—The 19th inst. was the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Benjamin F. Sappington, Esq., and his affianced, Miss Fanny Wickes, daughter of S. A. J. Wickes, Esq. Invitations to their anniversary were issued to a vast number of friends, and although a two-edged western breeze came sweeping across the wide and beautiful Chesapeake the spacious lawn fronting the magnificent residence of Mr. S. would scarcely afford room for vehicles. The large and elegant rooms composing his new and handsome dwelling were filled to overflowing with ladies and gentlemen whose bright faces indicated that they were bent on pleasure. The table, from which we were invited to partake and satisfy the inner man, fairly groaned beneath its load, having thereon such things as would puzzle an adept epicure to furnish. We dare not enter into detail giving an elaborate description as time and space will not allow. Later in the evening, refreshments evidently procured from every kind and clime were artistically arranged in one of the large rooms on the second floor. It is no wonder appetites were sharpened and likewise slaked, since more beautifully exhibited tables are rarely seen. The young folks indulged in dancing till a late hour. The grace with which the ladies and cultured gentlemen engaged therein was a leading feature in the pleasure.

Quite a large number of handsome and costly presents were offered by friends with kind wishes that the bride and groom may long live in happiness and prosperity.

A few years ago Mr. Sappington purchased the Mitchell farm on Eastern Neck Island, situate on Chester river. The improvements since made thereon are quite extensive and give a handsome income.

The Edesville Cornet Band, under the tutorship of Prof. Wm. B. Judefind, discoursed fine music, notwithstanding the absence of Mr. Judefind, which was caused by sickness. The efficient instruction those young men have been receiving sustains them whenever on trial.

Always and everywhere man has found it necessary to employ agencies of one character or another to aid in recalling happy recollections of the years that have flown. OBSERVER.

FOUR HOURS AHEAD OF THE MAIL!—Capt. Jas. A. Russell, of the Tolchester stage line, supplied us last Tuesday with Baltimore papers before 11 A. M., more than four hours in advance of the mail! It is not often that railroads are so far outstripped by the steamboat and stage coach. Rock Hall, on the bay shore, is but 28 miles from Baltimore, yet by the regular mail line the postoffice there is not supplied until 6 P. M—twelve hours from the time of leaving Baltimore. Chestertown receives her mail at 2.30 P. M., Easton is supplied at 11.52 A. M. and other towns on the shore at even an earlier hour, so that many of our people think they have just cause for complaint. Is it not possible for the managers of our railroad to deliver mail at Chestertown at an earlier hour? The community would greatly appreciate any sacrifice they might make to effect this result.

IN THE MAGISTRATES' COURT.—Kitty Blake and Lizzie Roberts, colored, were before Justice Wheatley last Monday charged by Jane Williams, colored, with using bad language on the street. The Justice fined Kitty one dollar and costs but acquitted the other party.

Justice Johnson had a "mixed case" before him Monday night. Steve White, colored, a twelve-year-old boy, was charged with striking Mr. James White, white, with a stone and severely cutting his head. The white boy's father was charged with striking the colored boy's mother for interfering in a little melee between young White, white, and the said colored White. The Justice thought from the evidence that the white boy White was the aggressor, and the fact that the stone was thrown by the colored boy White in defense of his mother was an extenuating circumstance, and so decided to hold all the parties over in bonds to keep the peace.

A BAND OF GYPSIES some time ago encamped in Judge Wickes' woods near the main road, about two miles below Chestertown. The camp is composed of several families, a number of tents and about twenty-five horses. Horse trading and fortune-telling is the principal business engaged in by them and in every transaction, in either line, the Gypsy is the only gainer. Such roving bands are a nuisance and should be prohibited by legal enactment.

A NOVEL entertainment will be given in the hall at Worton Station on Wednesday evening next in connection with a supper, for the benefit of I. U. Church. The lady who is to personate "Mrs. Jarley" is perfect in that character, and the entertainment will be well worth the price of admission to say nothing of the excellent supper to be furnished in addition. A free train will leave Chestertown for the Station at 5 P. M. and return at 9.

SOMETHING NEW AND INTERESTING!—A Mum Sociable will be held at the M. E. Parsonage on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th, under the management of the ladies of the M. E. Church. This will no doubt prove a delightful and interesting entertainment to all who may attend. An admission fee of 10 cts. will be charged, and every visitor will be fined the sum of 5 cents who either speaks or laughs during the first hour. Six fair young ladies have been appointed as collectors with positive instructions to enforce every fine. Ice cream, fruits, &c., will be supplied in abundance. The committee extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Dec. 22.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

T. J. F. Smith filed the last will and testament of David Price.

H. M. Thomas filed the last will and testament of Rebecca Strong, and letters of adm. on the personal estate were granted to H. M. Thomas, who filed bond in the penal sum of $8,000. J. Evan Thomas and J. R. Clements were appointed to appraise the personal estate.

Letters of adm. on the personal estate of Mary L. Rasin were granted to J. C. Rasin, who filed bond in the penal sum of $25.

J. C. Rasin, acting guardian to Thos. Lusby, filed guardian acc't from June 21, 1881, to June 21, 1885.

H. H. Barroll, adm'r of J. F. Newnam, Jr., filed the first and final adm. acc't.

Sales to Take Place.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, Marion deK. Smith, Esq., as trustee, will sell the "Burchinal building" in Chestertown.

VENDUES.

Saturday, Dec. 26—David E. Shriver.
Monday, Dec. 28—Mrs. Annie S. Wallis, near Chesterville.
Monday, Dec. 28—Thomas W. Wickes.
Tuesday, Dec. 29—John F. Whittington, near Massey's.
Wednesday, Dec. 30—Geo. A. Harlock.
Wednesday, Dec. 30—Sarah M. Usilton and J. W. Corey, adm'rs of John N. Usilton.

LAST MONDAY was the shortest day of the year, the sun rising at 7.17 and setting at 4.40.

SALISBURY expended $60,000 during the current year for new buildings.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A LADY.—The Baltimore *Sun* gives the following particulars of a fatal accident to Mrs. Cornelia Leary, formerly of this county, aged about 50 years. "Mrs. Leary fell down a back stairs on the morning of the 18th inst., at her residence, 25 North Arlington ave., and sustained a severe fracture of the left side of her skull. Dr. A. H. Saxton was summoned, and Dr. M. McLane Tiffany, with Dr. Saxton and Dr. Getz, performed the operation of trepanning last night. There are doubts of Mrs. Leary's recovery, as there is absorption of blood at the base of the brain." The injuries terminated fatally on Sunday and the remains were brought over and interred in Still Pond cemetery last Tuesday.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA.—A beautiful Christmas cantata, entitled "A Medley," will be produced in Chestertown on Thursday evening next by the Methodist Protestant Sunday-school. The entertainment consists of a series of tableaux, songs, recitations, &c., and the public generally is invited. The price of admission will be very low and only intended to cover the cost of producing the cantata. It will be given in the church. If the weather should be very unfavorable on Thursday evening the entertainment will be given on the following evening (Friday).

PERSONALS.—Mr. J. W. Carroll, of this town, was seriously ill last Saturday night and Sunday from repeated hemorrhage of the lungs. Dr. Perkins gave him assiduous attention and at this writing he is improving.

Mr. Thomas S. Wilmer, of Morgan's Creek Neck, was in town last Monday for the first time since his long illness of malarial fever.

A petition is in circulation for the pardon of Mr. T. G. DeFord who was convicted at the October term of court and sentenced to the Maryland penitentiary for embezzlement. The petition is numerously signed.

Mr. J. Walter Sutton succeeds Messrs. Adkinson & Boulter in the mercantile business at Edesville. He is a live young business man and will no doubt succeed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jarman, of Galena, gave a birthday party to their son, Allie, on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst. Mr. Jarman attained his majority on Wednesday and yesterday came into possession of a neat fortune bequeathed to him by an uncle. There were about seventy-five guests present. A handsome collation was served during the evening. Music and dancing served to make the time pass very quickly and it was not until a late hour that the company dispersed with many kind wishes for the future prosperity and happiness of their young host—*Middletown Transcript.*

It will be gratifying to the many friends of Mr. James W. Thompson to know that he is very much improved. While he is not yet able to go out of the house, his condition is such as to warrant the statement that he will be able to resume business shortly.—*Cent. Observer.*

A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.—Clara Wilson, colored, aged about 77 years, formerly a slave of the late Joseph Usilton, had a cataract successfully taken off her eye by Dr. Hiram Woods, of 89 Franklin street, at the Presbyterian eye and ear hospital in Baltimore last Wednesday week. It had been forming for about five years and two weeks ago she became very nearly blind, and could barely discern light from darkness. On the Friday previous Mr. Samuel Vannort, who married a daughter of Mr. Usilton, and in whose family the woman has been living for nearly twenty years, went to Baltimore and engaged Dr. Woods to come to town Tuesday to examine her eyes, and he assured her that her vision could be restored if she would go to the hospital and follow his directions. So on Wednesday Mr. Vannort took her to Baltimore and before three o'clock the cataract was removed as above stated and she saw the sun once more for the first time for two weeks. At the last account she was doing well and is expected to return in about two weeks. "Aunt Clara" is well known by the large circle of family connection in which she has so long lived and Mr. Vannort and wife esteem her as one of the family, as her pre-eminent characteristics of faithfulness have been recognized during the whole of her long life.

GONE TO FLORIDA.—Messrs. J. Alfred Perkins and Walter W. Cosden, of Lankford, this county, with their families took their departure for Florida last week. They propose to engage in orange culture.

MARRIED.

At Wesley Chapel on Wednesday last, by Rev. R. L. Lewis, assisted by Rev. Dr. D. W. Bates, HERBERT R. STRONG, of Baltimore, and MISS LILLIE STRONG, youngest daughter of Mr. Thos. A. Strong, of this county.

At the M. E. Parsonage in this town on Dec. 17, 1885, by Rev. John D. Kemp, WILLIAM R. SHUSTER, of New Jersey, and ANNIE E. APSLEY, of this county.

At St. James, Dec. 16, 1885, by Rev. A. W. Mather, ROBERT A. JEWELL to MISS FANNIE JERVIS, both of this county.

DIED.

In Baltimore, Sunday, December 26, 1886, MRS. CORNELIA J. LEARY, formerly of this county, aged about 50 years.

Near Turner's Creek, December 6, 1885, MRS. MARY F. WEBB, beloved wife of Joseph J. Webb, aged about 45 years.

Near Rock Hall on Sunday morning, Dec. 20, MRS. MARY LEGG, in the 84th year of her age. She leaves one son, Capt. Edw. Middleton.

At the Maryland Hospital on the 16th inst., MISS HANNAH NICHOLSON, formerly of this county, aged about 68 years.

In Salem, N. J., on the 16th inst., MRS. ANN ELIZABETH TOULSON, wife of Thomas Toulson, in the 38th year of her age. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Voshell of this county, and leaves ten children.

OBITUARY.—MR. JAMES P. MASON, whose death on the 27th ult., (aged 78) was mentioned in the NEWS, has been a citizen of Kent thirty-five and a resident of Galena thirty-one years. He was born in Middletown, Delaware, and spent forty years of his life in that place. Mr. Mason was a man noted in earlier life for his great physical strength and many acts of prowess. He was however a peaceable citizen, fond of books and always posted on the current events of the day. In address he was courteous and polite and his friendship was greatly prized by those intimate with him. His last were days of suffering, but he bore all with marked patience and fortitude. He was cheered by the consolations of religion and to the comfort of those left behind died experiencing a blessed hope of immortality. P.

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