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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....Jan. 23, 1886.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL VILAS has denied the application of Postmaster Veazey, of Baltimore, for a Sunday mail delivery by carriers.

THE NEXT annual session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference will be held in Elkton, commencing on Thursday, the 4th of March.

MAYOR HODGES, of Baltimore, has removed Thos. S. Wilkinson from the office of city commissioner and appointed ex-Sheriff A. E. Smyrk in his place.

THE Patapsco river is still blockaded with ice and the Baltimore papers report but few arrivals or departures of vessels. Navigation is very dangerous in the bay.

THE Supreme Court of the United States, in the decision of a liquor case from Michigan, held that a State tax discriminating against the products of another State is unconstitutional.

A LARGE meeting of prominent and influential citizens of Caroline county was held at Denton on Tuesday to urge the P. W. & B. R. R. Co. to construct a link of railroad between the Delaware and Chesapeake Railroad and the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad, both of which are now owned and controlled by the P. W. & B. R. R. Co., commencing at or near Greensborough and ending at or near Federalsburg, a distance of about twenty-four miles.

REV. DR. BRISTOR FOUND GUILTY.—At Jersey City, N. J., on the 15th inst., after deliberating two hours, the jury of clergymen in the case of Rev. George R. Bristor, charged with immoral relations with Ida Downs, employed in his family, brought in a verdict of guilty. The verdict was unanimous. Mr. Bristor heard it with bowed head. Under the verdict Mr. Bristor will be suspended from his ministerial functions until the case comes up before the annual conference, which meets in March.

THE Misses Drexel, the three daughters of the late F. A. Drexel, the Philadelphia banker, have purchased a tract of land of 200 acres near Bristol, upon which they will establish an industrial school for orphan boys. The current expenses will at the beginning, it is understood, be met directly by the young ladies, but the school will finally be endowed with a large sum. The Misses Drexel are said to be the three richest young ladies in the United States. They inherited from their father nearly $4,000,000 each.

MISS KATHERINE LEE BAYARD, eldest daughter of Secretary Bayard, died suddenly at Washington on Saturday. The immediate cause of death was disease of the heart. She had been troubled with weakness of that organ and had been treated by the family physician at intervals for several years. Miss Bayard was a young lady of winning manners and great personal attractions. She has for several years been a leading figure in Washington society, and was noted for her brightness and power of repartee. She had been carefully educated and was well informed on current affairs.

THE WILMINGTON ACCIDENT ACCOUNTED FOR.—The coroner's jury investigating the causes of the disastrous railway accident of January 9 brought in a verdict Tuesday night that the collision could be traced to conflicting orders to Engineer Coyle. Conductor Hitchings having ordered him to Third street, and Assistant Yardmaster Garry, evidently unaware that the Wilmington and Northern train was coming in, giving orders to go ahead southward, and that, owing to the storm of snow and wind, the engineer was unable to see or hear the signal to stop the south-bound engine.

A LOCAL OPTION CONVENTION, to consider proposed changes in the Cecil county liquor law, was held in Elkton on Tuesday. A resolution was adopted recommending that the clause permitting the sale of cider be repealed, and that instead of the penalty being a fine of $50 to $300, or 30 days' imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, it be changed in the matter of imprisonment to six months in the House of Correction for the first offense, and one year in the House of Correction for the second offense. A committee was appointed to draft a law containing the amendment, and take it to the Legislature.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION BILL PASSED.—The House of Representatives, by a vote of 183 to 77, has passed the presidential succession bill in the form in which it came from the Senate. It was approved by the President on Tuesday, and the country will now be relieved from the anxiety resulting from the defective and somewhat absurd provisions of the existing law. The bill just passed by both houses proceeds upon the common-sense view that the successor to the presidential office, in case of the death, inability or resignation of both President and Vice-President, should be of the same political party as the official whom he succeeds, and does away with the disquieting special elections. The Secretary of State will be first in the line of succession, after him the Secretary of the Treasury, and so on to the end of the cabinet list. Democrats can hardly find fault with a law which, in case of the demise of Mr. Cleveland, would make Mr. Bayard President.

UNITED STATES SENATOR HENRY W. BLAIR, of New Hampshire, delivered an address in Baltimore on Thursday night of last week on prohibition. He urged strongly the passage of a law now prevailing in fourteen States for teaching children at school that intoxicating drinks are a passion. A bill extending the law to the Territories is before Congress. He said prohibition by law in all the States and Territories was the only sure remedy for intemperance, and that a constitutional amendment was necessary, because, though a State may prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in its borders, it cannot prevent liquors being sent into the State and sold in the original packages from another State. The constitution gives Congress control over interstate commerce, and renders an amendment necessary. He thought in another generation public opinion will be educated up to requiring national prohibition.

THE FIRST VICTORY.—The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company scored the first victory in the New Jersey Assembly Monday night on the question of bridging Staten Island sound. The fight was precipitated by the introduction of a resolution by Mr. Parker, of Essex county, who is credited with being a representative of the Pennsylvania Railroad interest, requesting Congress to defeat any bill introduced having in view the bridging of Staten Island sound. An Assemblyman in favor of the bridge project entered the reference of the resolution to the committee on riparian rights, but this Mr. Parker earnestly opposed, arguing that the resolution should be unanimously adopted, as a similar one was at the last session of the Assembly. But the motion to refer was adopted by a vote of 35 to 26. A Trenton dispatch says "the vote caused the utmost surprise, and the Pennsylvania Road don't know what struck it."

SENATOR GORMAN'S RE-ELECTION.—The Baltimore *Sun* says editorially: "In view of the bitter personal opposition to Mr. Gorman which developed itself in the recent city and State campaigns, the unanimity with which he has been chosen by the democratic majority to succeed himself becomes a noteworthy incident in Maryland politics, and is a compliment of which he has every reason to be proud."

THE National Bricklayers and Masons' Association was in session at St. Louis last week. The eight-hour law was the subject of long discussion during the sessions, and a compromise was finally effected by the adoption of nine hours for a day's work, to go into effect throughout the country May 1 next.

A KENT COUNTY SCHOONER SUNK IN THE BAY.—Capt. Samuel Coleman, of the schooner Sarah Elizabeth, of Rock Hall, went down to the Patuxent river last week and bought a cargo of 865 bushels of tonged oysters for the Baltimore market, and on the return when nearing Thomas' Point the vessel sprung aleak from cutting by the ice, and all hands worked the pumps but the vessel sunk at 5.30 P. M. Saturday one-eighth of a mile east of Tolley Point buoy. The water was on deck when Capt. Coleman, his brother John Coleman, and one man took to the boat. She sank like a stone. The wrecked crew took to the schooner Lottie L. Nash and arrived at Bowly's wharf about 4 P. M. Sunday. The Sarah Elizabeth belonged to John H. Coleman, father of the captain, and was valued at $1,500. Capt. Coleman has been peculiarly unfortunate. About six years ago his dwelling at Rock Hall was destroyed by fire, himself and family barely escaping with their lives. With advancing years and a large family this second misfortune is to him an overwhelming calamity indeed, and it is to be hoped his neighbors and friends will manifest their sympathy in a more practical way than mere words.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL AT ROCK HALL.—Rev. G. S. Conaway, pastor of Rock Hall M. E. Church, sends us the following: The revival meeting in Rock Hall which was commenced on the last night of the old year is progressing most gloriously. The altar is being crowded with penitents each night. Up to the present date about twenty-four have been converted. The converts represent those of the ages of sixty, fifty, forty and down to the Sunday-school scholar, including quite a number of our most promising young men. The church is filled every night and there seems to be a general awakening among the people.

A LARGE PERSONALITY.—Wm. M. Slay, Esq., in connection with Dr. Geo. T. Perkins, took out letters of administration last Tuesday on the personal estate of the late Geo. W. T. Perkins and Caroline C. Perkins, his wife, giving bond in the sum of eighty thousand dollars. This is one of the largest personalties administered upon in Kent for many years—estimated in value at $40,000. The largest in our recollection was that of Judge Chambers, which was administered by the late Geo. W. T. Perkins; it was worth about $175,000. The Edw. Comegys personal estate, settled by R. Hynson, Esq., was in value about $50,000, and the Canady estate, by the same footed up over $25,000. The bond in the Comegys estate included both real and personal and was for $500,000—just a half million.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES S. GEMMILL.—This gentleman, whose illness was noted in our last issue, died on Monday night. He was serving out his second term as tax collector for the third election district, and was a faithful and efficient officer. His disease was pneumonia, and his sudden death is greatly lamented by a large circle of relatives and friends. He leaves four daughters, his wife having died just one year ago. The deceased was a son of the late Dr. Wm. M. Gemmill and was in his 53d year. His funeral took place on Thursday and the interment was at I. U.

FOOTING IT HOMEWARD.—About twenty of the oystermen, whose boats have been frozen up in Chester river, walked up on the ice to Chestertown last Saturday and took the train for the city. Three others reached here Monday after about thirty miles foot journey from Hail Point and found shelter in the county jail until next morning, when they left for Baltimore. These people have been compelled to undergo great hardship and suffering.

A MISPRINT of one word in an article last week on the distribution of the State school tax measurably destroys the sense of the whole article. The word *white* in second line of third paragraph is used for *whole*, making us say "the school tax for white schools is distributed on the basis of the *white* school population." It should have read "The school tax for white schools is distributed on the basis of the *whole* school population," &c.

APPRECIATIVE.—The following is a specimen extract from appreciative letters received from subscribers recently in transmitting their subscription money to the NEWS. The writer of this is a worthy citizen of the second district: "Of four weekly papers all received at the same time the KENT NEWS is the most welcome visitor. The first call by one of the girls, 'Hand me the NEWS;' another says, 'No; I want to see it first,' and then the mother will say: 'Just let me look over it.'" We shall strive to make the paper even more acceptable the present year than ever before.

SUDDEN DEATH OF PERE WILMER.—Mr. Pere Wilmer, at one time a large land owner of Queen Anne's county, and lately a resident of Baltimore, died suddenly on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst. Mr. Wilmer had been out, and after a rapid walk had gone home, and had been in the house but two or three minutes, when he was taken with, possibly heart disease, dying almost instantly in the presence of his wife and niece. His remains were taken to Centreville on Friday of last week and interred in 'Landsdown.'

FATAL SLEIGHING ACCIDENT.—John W. Bailey, a young man who was visiting Mr. Jonathan Stant, who resides near Clanahan's Shops, on the road to Church Hill, was thrown from a sleigh against a tree on Friday evening last, injuring him so severely that he died without recovering consciousness. The facts of the case are as follows: Mr. Stant is the owner of a young and spirited horse, which he had been driving to a sleigh and when he returned he tendered the team to young Bailey for the purpose of taking a young lady out for a drive, and upon their return the horse became frightened and broke off into a run, and the end of the shaft striking against a tree, threw both Mr. Bailey and the young lady out, Mr. Bailey's head striking against the tree, rendering him insensible. He lived in an unconscious condition until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The young lady, with the exception of a few bruises and severe shock, was unhurt. Mr. Bailey was a young man, being only 23 years old, and was a prime favorite with all who knew him. Intelligent and industrious, his sudden death will be a severe shock to his many friends. One of the sad features of the case is that he was engaged to be married to a young lady of Kent county.—*Centreville Observer of Tuesday.*

MARRIED ON SNOW-SHOES.—Miss Meille Connors, of Lake City, and Oscar Olsen, of Animas Forks, were married on the summit of the divide, at an altitude of 13,000 feet, the party being on snow-shoes. Miss Connors agreed to meet Mr. Olsen on the summit, bringing her friends with her, and Mr. Olsen was to approach the summit with his friends, coming up on the opposite side of the mountain. The bride left Lake City, accompanied by her two brothers, and Olsen left Animas Forks at the same hour, accompanied by Rev. Father Ley, of Silverton, and a few friends. The only way of scaling the snow-covered mountain was on snow-shoes, and the climbing was fatiguing. The groom and the minister arrived first at the designated meeting point; but they did not have long to wait, for the bride and her brothers were soon observed nearing the spot, trudging along cheerily. Miss Connors seemed less fatigued than any other member of the party. After a short rest Father Ley performed the wedding ceremony with as much impressiveness as if it had taken place in a church. The minister, the bride, the groom and the witnesses of the marriage grouped themselves together as close as the Canadian snow-shoes would permit.—*Colorado Beacon.*

CHARLES ROBINSON, colored, convicted at Wilmington, Del., of committing, on October 4, a felonious assault on Mrs. Ella Gardner, near Clayton, was sentenced on Tuesday to be hanged on April 14 next.

THE Centreville *Record* says that all the vessels frozen up off Kent Island—some eight or nine in number—have been crushed to pieces by the ice and abandoned as worthless wrecks.

MR. JOHN T. RUTTER, the recently elected almshouse superintendent of Queen Anne's county, has entered upon the discharge of his duties.

THE Denton *Union* says that John J. Barnes of that town shot 110 horses during the cold snap of five days—22 per day.

The Public Highways.

THE QUESTION OF KEEPING THEM OPEN TO TRAVEL.

It is well known that the public roads in Kent—like other sections of the country generally—have been so blockaded by the recent snow storm that travel has been difficult and only possible in many places by opening new roads through adjacent fields, thus necessitating the taking down of fences and otherwise injuring the private properties thus used. The county Agricultural Society last Monday discussed this subject and the result was the appointment of a committee to wait upon the county commissioners and request their intercession in the matter. MESSRS. W. J. Vannort, S. Vannort, T. J. Willis and J. W. Corey appeared before the board on Tuesday; they asked particularly for the law governing in such matters—what the board intended to do—and requested that an answer be given and published for general information.

The board of commissioners discussed the matter and decided it impracticable to undertake the expense of opening the blockaded roads for ther than letting off the water, &c.

Where travel could be opened up for any considerable distance by removing a reasonable quantity of snow the expense might very properly be borne by the county, but when the embargo is serious and continuous the undertaking would be altogether impracticable. The county would save largely by paying any reasonable damages that might be inflicted upon private property.

NOT AN APPLICANT.—Samuel Comegys, Esq., who was very strongly endorsed for a deputy collectorship under Collector Causey, publishes a card in another column withdrawing his application and expressing a strong desire for the appointment of Thos. J. Shallcross, Esq., of this county, to the position. Mr. Shallcross is an intelligent agriculturist of the second district and is well known throughout the county as a leading Democrat and worthy of recognition for devotion to his party. He is endorsed by our leading citizens and his selection would be hailed with great satisfaction in this portion of the collector's district.

LOCAL FIGURES IN THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.—In Comptroller Turner's report of Jan. 5, submitted to the Legislature we note the following figures of local interest: The assessed value of property in Kent county in 1877 was $7,448,301; in 1885 it was $7,502,484. In Queen Anne's it was $6,585,383 in 1877 and $7,132,056 in 1885. There are eleven counties in the State with assessments under Kent and only eleven over her, yet she is one of the smallest in area in the whole State.

Amount received from J. C. Slaughter, register of wills, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1885, for tax on commissions $284; on collateral inheritances $449.58. From C. Estes tax on protests $570. Total receipts of clerk circuit court for fees, &c., $3,614.92; register of wills $1,415,-79. Dr. Beck, clerk, paid to the State last year for marriage licenses $611.80; for traders' license $2,500.16; billiard table licenses $47.50; peddlers $177.33; exhibition $225.15; tax on civil commissions $7.60; for fines and forfeitures $13.30. A singular fact in the table from which we take the latter figures is that Dr. Dudley, the clerk of Queen Anne's, pays the State for marriage licenses $611.80, the *exact amount* paid by Dr. Beck. So it seems that Kent and Queen Anne's both did the same work in the matrimonial line!

A FEW MISHAPS.—The sleighing sport last week closed up with a few mishaps. On Saturday evening about dusk Mr. V. Hendrickson's sleigh was being driven up High street by one of his younger sons when the horse took fright and ran away. He made for his stable on Cannon street and in turning the corner suddenly tore himself loose from the sleigh. Three children, occupants of the sleigh, rolled out unharmed, and the horse was only slightly damaged by the striking of the shafts against his legs.

In the height of the sport on High street Saturday afternoon two sleighs collided opposite the Voshell House—at the point where the racing animals attain their highest speed and come down sometimes a dozen abreast. The colliding team going up was Mr. Frank Wilkins' "Fannie W." driven by Dr. J. W. Cooper, and the one coming down Mr. W. W. Chapman's. Dr. Cooper was accompanied by Miss Lucy Robinson and Mr. C. by his sister. The sleigh of the latter turned a somersault, the shafts were broken off and the occupants picked themselves up from under the debris, fortunately neither of them much hurt. Dr. C. and his companion were not thrown out nor their sleigh injured; but the animal he drove received a skin wound under the saddle three or four inches long by a thrust from the shaft of the colliding sleigh. As soon as it was known that nobody was hurt all interest centered in the favorite trotting animal, and greatly exaggerated reports of her injuries were circulated. "Dr." Russell took charge of her, dressed the wound, and has since cared for her, and she is now reported suffering very little and rapidly recovering.

Mr. Wm. K. Judefind, on his way to town last Tuesday met a wagon in the road opposite Mr. V. Hendrickson's farm; he attempted to pass in the narrow way between the high snow banks, and before he could say "Jack Robinson" his carriage was upside down! Mr. Judefind succeeded in crawling out unhurt before his horse could get out of *his* snowy bed, and other travelers coming along helped him to right his team. No damage was done.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—Our correspondent gives in another column the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Kent Co. Agricultural Association with the names of the officers elected. The new president is thoroughly familiar with the work of the association and combining intelligence and activity therewith, will no doubt make a most acceptable executive officer. The vice-president is also one of the association's most active and intelligent members, while the new secretaries are especially adapted to the duties devolving upon them. The proceedings were harmonious and interesting.

A COFFIN THIEF.—One would suppose that a coffin was about the last thing in the world a thief would think of carrying off, but Mr. John N. Dodd, one of our undertakers, reports that on last Saturday night one of these houses of the dead was actually stolen from his shop on High street!

"A DISH OF HASH."—On Monday evening, Feb. 1st, Dr. S. B. Southerland's lecture, entitled "A Dish of Hash," will be delivered in the M. P. Church, Chestertown. Admission 25 cts. It is hoped a full house will greet the distinguished lecturer.

"HOBBY HORSES," a well written article on farmers' hobbies, &c., by "Uncle Ben" will be published in the NEWS next week. Our correspondent seems to understand his subject—he "knows how it is himself!"

THE protracted meeting at the M. E. Church in this place is growing in interest. A number of penitents have been at the altar and five have professed conversion. The meeting will be continued next week.

A NEW HARNESS STORE.—Mr. D. P. Jones has opened a harness shop on High street up town and advertises to do any work in this line. He removes to Chestertown from Pomona.

MESSRS. HINES & CACY, fertilizer dealers, have removed their office from next to J. A. Shaw's store to the room adjoining Friedman's clothing store.

AN Elk Neck girl drew a Delaware young man fifteen miles to see her last Sunday week, snow-banked roads and all. He had a pretty hard time of it between riding in the carriage, riding on the horse's back, and discarding both horse and carriage, going it on foot. But he got there. When a man starts to see an Elk Neck girl he always does "get there"—he is bound to—and that settles it.—*Cecil News.*

Sad Accident at Worton Station.

A BRIGHT LITTLE GIRL KILLED IN THE PUBLIC ROAD!

One of the saddest accidents we have had to chronicle in this county for a long time happened at Worton Station last Wednesday evening, by which a bright little girl — the daughter of one of Worton's most estimable citizens — lost her life. The particulars as near as we can gather them are as follows. Mr. Daniel E. Jewell lives near the Station and on Wednesday evening three of his daughters attended a singing circle at Mr. Isaac C. Parsons' residence in the village. The youngest of the three, Josephine, aged about eleven years, was the unfortunate victim of the accident referred to. The young ladies went on foot, as the distance was so short by cutting across a field that they preferred this to riding around the road. After the meeting was over they started for home and were just passing up the short piece of road before striking the field—the two elder ladies on one side of the road and the younger, "Phenie," on the other side—when two young men, Messrs. Frank Walraven and Eli. Morris, who had attended the same meeting, came along on horseback in a brisk canter. It is supposed that the young men gave their attention and some passing remark to the two elder ladies and at that time the little girl attempted to run across to join her sisters and in that way was not noticed by the horsebackers until she was struck and knocked down. She was at once picked up and carried into the residence of Mr. John Carter, directly opposite, and Drs. Merritt and Hessey hastily summoned. The child never spoke after the accident and before either physician arrived she was dead!

The fatal result was most singular in view of the fact that no scar or bruise could be found and none of the parties could say definitely in what way she was struck. The most rational supposition is that Mr. Walraven's horse struck her with his knee on the back of the neck with fatal force.

The two young men are each about twenty-one years of age, and are of course sorely distressed over the affair. They were prompt in efforts to relieve the little sufferer, but in vain. They had no thought of accident or any warning of their little friend's danger, though the night was bright with moonlight.

Mr. Jewell and his estimable family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad calamity.

Personal Notes.

Capt. John H. Coleman, of Rock Hall, whose vessel was sunk last week off Annapolis, was in town on Thursday en route by rail to Baltimore. He goes over to raise his vessel and hopes to be be able to market the large cargo of oysters on board of her. He states that both of his sons lost their clothing by the accident and John had his left hand very badly injured by the ice in trying to stop the leak in the vessel.

T. J. Shallcross, Esq., was re-elected vice-president for Kent county at the recent session of the Maryland State Farmers' Association. Mr. S. Vannort, who represented the Kent Co. Agricultural Association, was the only delegate present from Kent besides Mr. Shallcross.

Owen H. Guion, Esq., a brother of Mrs. C. T. Westcott, and Philip H. Pelletier, Esq., of the law firm of Guion & Pelletier, of New-Berne, N. C., are on a visit to Chestertown. They have had a good opportunity to draw the contrast between this land of snow and ice and the "balmy South." Mr. Pelletier thinks he would enjoy a sleigh ride, but can't be persuaded to try a pair of skates on Chester river.

Miss Marylewin Thomas and the Misses Wethered, of New York, are visiting at Mr. W. N. E. Wickes' in Chestertown. The Misses W. are on their way to San Francisco, California, where they expect to make their future residence.

Miss Rose Comegys, of Sudlersville, is visiting Mrs. Wm. Rose in Chestertown.

Miss Lyda Benson, of Westminster, Md., and Miss Maggie Merrick, of Queen Anne's, have been spending a week or two at Mr. Jos. Price's, near Chestertown, the guests of Miss Carrie.

Miss Hattie Darby, of Seaford, Del., is visiting Miss Annie Hubbard, in Chestertown.

Mr. Joseph Ridgely, of Baltimore, is visiting Judge Walker, and taking a hand in the winter sports of Kent. It will tax his endurance to "keep up" with Mr. W. and Dr. Beck, especially if he is once caught on E. N. Island in a snow storm and has to walk five or ten miles in the drifts to get home!

Dr. Hines describes travel on the public roads as simply AWFUL—the like of which has not been known in Kent for an age. He says it is impossible for one to *imagine* their condition of awfulness—a practical attempt at traveling over or through them, and an experience of the dangers to "life and limb" — will alone give a proper conception.

Dr. S. E. Ford, of the Chester River Steamboat Company, was in town on Thursday, coming over from his farms in Queen Anne's, and took the afternoon train for Baltimore. He says steamboating is a dull business just now. But not more so than farming, we opine.

Mr. James H. Covington, postmaster at Easton, Md., has been on a visit to his brother, Mr. Geo. W. Covington, in Still Pond. Mr. Norris Barnard and wife have been visiting friends in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Robert Wickes, of East Neck Island, kills more wild ducks than any other one man in Kent county. At least we should judge so from the number he brings to Chestertown. About the only really desirable wild fowl furnished our citizens are from him.

Mr. Morris K. Barroll has successfully passed the winter examination at the West Point Military Academy, coming out among the first in his class. In physical health he has also made great improvement.

Last Tuesday, the 19th inst., Mr. Thomas B. Booker died at the residence of his son, Dr. T. N. Booker, at Booker's wharf. The deceased was about 78 years of age. He had been confined to the house about a week or ten days before his death.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL OFFICERS.—At the annual meeting of the Sunday-School Teachers' Association of the Methodist Protestant Church of Chestertown held last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the present year: Superintendent, Wm. B. Usilton; assistant, John K. Aldridge; librarian, J. D. Bacchus; assistant, Wm. Archibald, Jr.; treasurer, Miss Mary Davis; secretary, Walter W. Chapman; organist, Mrs. Lulie Bacchus; chorister, A. A. Biccoe.

A WANT SUPPLIED.—Chapman & Lambert advertise that they have in their employ a professional horseshoer and declare their ability to do first-class work in that line under the personal supervision of the junior member of the firm—Mr. J. W. Lambert. A good horse should never be given over to the inexperienced shoer. Such noble beasts are entitled to the most skillful handling.

A CANINE FUNERAL.—A solemn procession wended its way from Hall's hotel on Wednesday of last week to a corner of one of the college lots. Arriving there the carriages halted, a box was borne by three colored bearers to a grave; the box was lowered, the earth thrown in, and the funeral of Mrs. Hall's little fat "Sport" was over! John Ringgold acted as undertaker and Andrew Smith and Henry Hynson as bearers.

POSTPONED.—There was a very small turnout to the Farmers' Convention called to meet in Chestertown last Tuesday for the purpose of organizing a permanent county farmers' association. No convention was held. Tuesday was a very bad day for travel. It was raining and roads in bad condition. The convention will probably be again called when the traveling grows better.

EAST NECK ISLAND BRIDGE.—At the meeting of the board of county commissioners last Tuesday authority was given the president of the board, Mr. Wheatley, who is the commissioner for the fifth district, to have East Neck Island bridge repaired; or if in his judgment it was necessary to have a new bridge then to report to the board.

THE YOUNG MEN'S BALL.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING AT THE VOSHELL HOUSE—KENT RETURNS THE COMPLIMENT TO CECIL, QUEEN ANNE'S AND DELAWARE—PRETTY LADIES AND FINE LOOKING GENTS—GRACEFUL DANCERS AND RICH DRESSES.

The annual ball given by the young men of Chestertown on Thursday evening was well attended notwithstanding the rain and sleet and terribly bad condition of travel generally. It was held at the Voshell House and the proprietors, Messrs. Wright, did everything possible to make the entertainment a perfect success. The following committee had charge of the affair: Dr. C. P. Gilpin, W. H. Cacy, Fred. Fountain, Edward W. Emory, Dr. J. W. Cooper, A. E. Twiford, W. H. McFeely, Hope H. Barroll. The ball was a return compliment to the young people of Centreville, Sudlersville, Smyrna and Elkton at which places the young folks of Chestertown have been so handsomely entertained. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, the dining room and back parlors being used for the purpose, and was kept up until 5 o'clock next morning. At midnight a fine supper, furnished by the ladies, was served in the hall on the third floor. A string band from Wilmington furnished music for the occasion.

Our reporter estimates the number present at three hundred. The supper tables were arranged to seat at one time seventy-five persons. The scene was a most brilliant one when the dancing was fully opened—the corridors, parlors and ball-rooms all flashing with the glitter of the lamps and the splendid dresses of pretty ladies as they gracefully moved to and fro with sparkling eye and smiling face. We have decided who was the prettiest lady—it was Miss ——; and the handsomest dressed lady in the room was Miss ——; the best looking gentleman was Mr. ——; the ugliest Mr. ——; the dudest Mr. ——. The reader can fill the blanks to suit his own taste.

Among those present we noticed from Centreville Mrs. B. Palmer Keating, Misses M. & Bessie Keating, Miss Lottie Emory, Miss Bessie Bryan, Miss Fannie Hopper, Miss Lillian Bowen, Miss Tillie Price, Messrs. T. Sudler Roberts, Clinton Roberts, P. B. Hopper, Rob't Alexander, W. L. Holton, W. Hopper Gibson, W. S. Collins, Eugene B. Brown, R. E. Feddeman, Dixie Feddeman, Samuel Emory. From Sudlersville—Dr. J. C. Hackett, O. Sydney Gadd, Harry Merrick, Miss Mary Sudler, Miss Carrie Clements, Miss Hackett, Miss Rose Comegys. From Church Hill—Wm. J. Evans, Edw. Friel. From Philadelphia — Fred. Gerker, Jr., David P. Davis Harry Derringer. Baltimore—Jos. L. Downes, Horace W. Beck. New York—Misses Wethered, Miss M. A. Thomas. Seaford—Miss Hattie Darby.

From Kent — Captain L. M. Bean, Miss Flora Bean, Miss Annie Cacy, Mr. Price, Jas. L. Beck and wife, Miss Etta Brice, Misses Carville, Miss Hope Wickes, Miss Lela Jessop, Miss Mollie Alrich, Miss Stella Stephens, Messrs. Lou, Lee and Milton Alrich, Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, Mr. C. O. Cacy, Mr. Everett Wallis, Mr. Harry Demege, Mrs. Dr. J. H. Kelley, Miss Carrie Jacobs, Miss May Price, Mr. Julian Hurtt, Mr. Wm. Janvier, Misses Florence and Alice Hurtt, Mr. Herman Ireland. From Chestertown—Mr. C. G. Woodall and wife, Mr. W. J. Vannort and wife, Mr. Jos. Turner and wife, Mr. W. H. Rose and wife, Mr. Josias Ringgold and wife, Mr. E. T. Comegys and wife, Dr. S. Beck and wife, Dr. Chas. W. Whaland and wife, Dr. W. F. Hines and wife, Mr. A. J. Hynson and wife, Misses Hallie and Mary Beck, Lillie Anspach, Millie Comegys, Marie Gamble, Lillie Hynson, Bessie and Bertie Hines, Mamie and Madge Wethered, Nannie Hines, Annie Hubbard, Rebecca Wickes, Lucy Robinson, Alice Platt, Dr. Thomas H. Cooper, John D. Urie, Wilbur W. Hubbard, Lewin Wickes, H. C. Chase, S. T. Wickes, J. W. Hines, Will Beck, R. Gerry, W. J. Bratton, J. L. Twilley, J. C. Brown, R. F. E. McClellan and others.

MATRIMONIAL.

WALLIS—JUSTIS.

Shrewsbury Church was the scene of an interesting nuptial ceremony last Wednesday. Half-past two o'clock P. M. was the hour set and at that time the handsome groom in the person of Mr. WILLIAM H. WALLIS entered the sacred edifice with his elect bride, Miss JENNIE JUSTIS, daughter of Lewis C. Justis, Esq., of near Locust Grove. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. Murphy assisted by the Rev. Mr. Martin. The ushers were Dr. Hugh Wallis, of Virginia, Dr. John Hackett and Messrs. D. J. Nowland, H. C. Wallis and Lewis C. Justis, Jr., of Kent. The bride was very handsomely attired in a brocade silk and appeared even prettier than usual, while the groom was the picture of manliness. A dinner was set at the residence of the bride's parents and after the wedding the parties drove to Middletown and took the 4.30 train for an extended bridal tour. Miss Justis, the bride, is a sister of Mr. L. C. Justis, Jr., one of the members of the Legislature from Kent.

ROLPH—SUDLER.

Mr. CHAS. ROLPH and Miss ANNIE SUDLER were married at the M. E. Church South, of Sudlersville on the 13th inst., by Rev. Mr. Neavitt. Owing to the condition of the roads, the reverend gentleman was a little late. An immense crowd had gathered to witness the ceremony, and they, as well as the bride and groom, became uneasy for fear he could not get here. So Rev. Mr. Rigg was immediately summoned to perform the ceremony, but before he could get to the church Rev. Mr. Neavitt had arrived. After the ceremony the married couple received the congratulations of friends and then proceeded to their future home, near Church Hill, where they held a reception, and were the recipients of many valuable presents.—*Record.*

CLENDANIEL—SCHREITZ.

Wedding bells rang merrily at St. Anne's yesterday, says the Middletown *Transcript* of Friday, Jan. 15, when in the presence of a concourse of friends, Mr. JOHN H. CLENDANIEL, of near Chestertown, was married to Miss SARAH J. SCHREITZ, of this place. The rector, Rev. Beers, performed the beautiful marriage service of the church, after which the bride and groom were driven to the home of the bride's mother where a fine collation was served to a large company of invited guests. The bride wore a traveling dress of dark brown cloth and carried a large bouquet of roses. Mr. Clendaniel left with his bride for their home near Chestertown during the afternoon followed by many good wishes and congratulations.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 19.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

On application of Richard T. Turner, Jr., guardian to W. R. Wilson, Alex. R. Parks and Geo. W. Rodenhiser were appointed to appraise the rental value of the estate of said ward.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of George W. T. Perkins were granted unto George T. Perkins and Wm. M. Slay, who filed their bond in the penal sum of $26,000. John Brice and W. N. E. Wickes were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

Letters of administration d. b. n. on the personal estate of Caroline C. Perkins were granted unto George T. Perkins and Wm. M. Slay, who filed their bond in the penal sum of $60,000.

Geo. W. Jacoby, adm'r of Mary Roeder returned his first and final administration account.

Jno. P. Nicholson, guardian to Helen M., Sarah S. and Charles F. Crow, filed his accounts for years 1884 and 1885.

Simon Freeman, adm'r of Benj. Johnson, returned his first and final administration account.

Thomas J. Shallcross, adm'r of Louisa Morgan, filed his account of sales of personal estate.

A copy of the last will and testament of Anthony Bell, Sr., late of Baltimore county, was received and ordered to be recorded.

W. H. Hadaway, adm'r of Leo Smith, filed an inventory of the personal estate.

CONSTABLE APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Thos. J. Parsons was appointed constable for the third district by the county commissioners last Tuesday.

MARRIED.

At Shrewsbury Church, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1886, by Rev. R. H. Murphy, WILLIAM H. WALLIS to Miss JANE DUNLAP JUSTIS, daughter of Mr. Lewis C. Justis, all of Kent.

At St. Anne's Church, Middletown, Thursday, January 15, 1886, by Rev. Mr. Beers, JOHN H. CLENDANIEL, of near this town, and Miss SARAH J. SCHREITZ, of Middletown, Del.

DIED.

In Baltimore, January 21, 1886, SAMUEL R. CLAYLAND, in the 82d year of his age.

At Green Cove Springs, Florida, on the 11th instant, FRANK RAYMOND, son of W. Walter and Ella Cosden, aged 2 years, 7 months and 11 days.

In Skinner's Neck, of congestive chill, ANNIE MARY, second daughter of Samuel and Ann E. Cannan, aged 8 years, 6 months and 23 days.

In Chestertown, January 20, 1886, EDWARD YOUNG, second son of Frank H. and Katie J. Howard, aged about 1 year and 8 months.

At his residence, near Worton Station, Monday, Jan. 18, JAMES S. GEMMILL, in the 53d year of his age.

OBITUARY.—At Rock Hall, on the 16th of January, after a short illness, MILLARD, youngest son of Benjamin R. and Henrietta Durding, aged 18 years.

By the death of MILLARD his parents have lost an affectionate and dutiful son and one, who by his kindness and consideration, had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. No better tribute to his memory could be paid than the words of his employer, "It will be impossible for me to secure any one to fill his place." While called upon to endure the dispensation of Divine providence which has seen fit to remove him from earthly enjoyments, just as he was budding into an honorable and noble manhood, we console ourselves with the fact that an allwise Providence ruleth all things for the best.

FRIEND A.

Millard is gone! The Father left,
"I'm going to Heaven," he said, "farewell."
It is no sin to be bereft;
To faith, God doeth all things well.
Millard is gone! The Mother left,
None did perceive his exit nigh;
No sign in sadness to expect
That he so suddenly should die.
Millard is gone! The Brothers left
To stand the test that all must stand—
That when death comes to take the rest
They'll find a place at His right hand.
Millard is gone! The Sister left
To choose her part while life is given,
And may she live for that sweet rest
To meet dear Millard now in Heaven.
Like morning dewdrop by the sun
Exhaled, he took his Heavenward flight;
Among the millions he is one
That have in God supreme delight.

LITTLE FRIEND GEORGE DOWNEY.

A CARD. After consideration and consultation with friends I have concluded to withdraw my application for a position as deputy-collector under Collector Causey, and respectfully urge the appointment of T. J. Shallcross, Esq., believing as I do that he is eminently qualified for the position and entitled to the highest consideration for his faithful party services and estimable character as a citizen.
1t. SAMUEL COMEGYS.

LOST, at the Voshell House on Thursday evening last, on the occasion of the ball, a WHITE SILK SHAWL with heavy fringe. The person who has it will please return it to the KENT NEWS office, and receive thanks of the owner, and a liberal reward if demanded. j23-3.

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TAKE NOTICE. ALL PERSONS indebted to us on accounts previous to January 1st, 1886, are requested to call immediately and settle, either by note or cash. All concerned will please take notice and attend to this as we *most positively* will not allow any of these unsettled accounts to remain open any longer.
j23-4t. SHAFER & MEDDERS.

THE M. E. CHURCH AT MASSEYS will be RE-OPENED for Divine Worship Sunday, Jan. 24, (D. V.) Several ministers are expected to be present on the occasion.
jan16-3t. C. K. MORRIS.

REMOVAL. DR. J. A. CATLIN
Has removed to the new