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CHESTER RIVER STEAMBOAT CO.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 19, 1904.

STEAMER EMMA A. FORD.

Leave Chestertown Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8.00 a. m.

Stopping at Rolph's, Booker's, Quaker Neck, Cliffs, Bogles, Queenstown and Kent Island

Leave Baltimore on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2.00 p. m. for Kent Island, Queenstown, Bogle's, Cliffs, Quaker Neck, Bookers, Rolph's and Chestertown.

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Leave Baltimore Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2.00 p. m. for Rock Hall, Jackson's Creek, and landings on the Corsica river.

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JOHN D. THOMAS, Gen'l Agent.

TOLCHESTER CO.

WINTER SCHEDULE.

In effect Dec. 19th, weather permitting.

SASSAFRAS RIVER LINE—Leave Fredericktown Thursdays at 12 noon, Betterton at 1.15 p. m., Gale's at 2.15 p. m., Toichester at 3.00 p. m., leave Baltimore Thursdays 7 a. m., for Betterton and Sassafras River Landings, Stopping at Gales and Tolchester on return trip.

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Jan. 2, 1901. CHESTERTOWN, MD

NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS!

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The law is very plain and says: "On the first day of January in each year, taxes shall be deemed to be in arrear and interest shall be charged and collected on all taxes not then paid from September 1st: the date when they are due and payable, and immediately after the first day of January the Treasurer shall deliver to each delinquent, who has not prior thereto received the same, an account of his assessment, with a notice and warning to said delinquents attached thereto, that UNLESS PAYMENT BE MADE IN FULL WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTICE, THAT THE SAME WILL BE COLLECTED BY LAW, and said treasurer may at any time between the first day of January and the first day of April seize, levy upon and sell the property of such delinquent, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said taxes with interest and costs thereon, etc.

The Treasurer does not desire to sell any property but unless delinquents settle at once he will be compelled to collect by law.

W. H. HADAWAY,
j14-tf. Treasurer.

A CARD.

To my friends the people of Kent. By request of some of my friends, I herewith announce to my fellow citizens of Kent, that I am a candidate for the coming Legislature of 1906 on the old time Democrat platform, for and with the people I am a resident of the Fifth District, and I respectfully ask the people of Kent to look up my pedigree and if they find me worthy give me their votes and moral support in the coming campaign. Yours Respectfully,

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On account of the Inauguration of President Roosevelt on March 4, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets to Washington, March 2, 3, and 4, good for return passage until March 8, inclusive, from New York, Philadelphia, Pottsville, Wilkesbarre, Wilmington, Oxford, Pa., Lancaster, Harrisburg, and intermediate stations; from all stations on the Delaware Division and from all stations in the State of New Jersey at the rate of *single fare for the round trip, plus 25 cents.* Deposit of ticket with Joint Agent in Washington on or before March 8 and payment of fee of $1.00 will secure extension of return limit to leave Washington on or before March 18. For specific rates and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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BREAKING ICE!

Five Big Steamers Try to Reach Baltimore Piers—The Harbor in Worse Condition Than Ever Before—Unloading Goods on the Ice.

Five of the most powerful ice-breakers of the steamer fleet of Baltimore battled a passage through the ice up to their piers Saturday morning. The easterly winds had gorged the western bay channels and the fight between Sandy Point and Seven Foot Knoll was one of the hardest of the winter.

The big ice-fighters Kershaw and Howard, of the Merchants and Miners' fleet, led the procession and bore the brunt of the battle. Then came the Manna Hata, of the New York and Baltimore Transportation Line; the Atlanta, of the Chesapeake Line, and the Alabama, of the Old Bay Line.

The Kershaw and Howard were many times brought to a standstill. Butt and ram and jam as they might, the reefs of gorged ice withstood their efforts. The other big vessels took part, and after strenuous experiences made safe landings.

Piled About Seven-Foot Knoll.

Heavy new ice, ranging from one to two inches in thickness, was encountered from York river to Sandy point. From Sandy point to Seven-foot Knoll the shipping channels were gorged. The ice is piled about Seven-foot knoll lighthouse as high as the big platform surrounding the upper structure. The tremendous force of the gorge is borne, however, principally by the great mass of concrete and rock about the heavy piling below the water line.

The Augusta, of the Chesapeake Line, sailed for Norfolk at 8 o'clock. The Atlanta, of the same line, arrived at 8 o'clock.

The steamer Calvert, Capt. D. M Thomas, of the Weems Line, reached her Light street pier at 7 o'clock last Thursday night after one of the most thrilling battles with the ice possibly ever experienced by a Baltimore vessel. From Tuesday morning, when she sailed for the Patuxent river, leaving port with her sister ships—the Anne Arundel, for the Potomac; the Tivoli, for the Great Wicomico, and the Middlesex for the Rappahannock—she was constantly battling with ice ranging from four inches to as many feet in thickness. The other vessels are imprisoned in the ice in the Virginia rivers.

Gave Up The Fight.

"That's the kind of ice the Calvert had to eat for five of the longest miles any sailor ever saw," said Second Officer J. B. Rateigh today, pointing to a big cake of ice twelve measured inches in thickness.

"From the moment we left here until we got back the ice kept us guessing. From Baltimore to Fairhaven, usually a three and a half hour run, we spent six hours jamming, butting and battering through ice. Great crowds of enthusiastic people on the Fairhaven wharf cheered and shouted a greeting, but battle as we might it was hazarous to keep up the fight, and we gave it up.

"Passengers were landed on the ice and we backed out as best we could. We struck some clear water after that, but in the Patuxent river the trouble began again, but was not so tough. We broke into Solomon's Island, then made Spencer's wharf, in St. Mary's county.

"The trip from Spencer's to St. Leonard's, usually a 25-minute run, took just five hours. The boat quivered from stem to stern. She groaned and creaked as she lundged into the ice, but only a great gash, less than half her own length, was the progress made. When within a quarter of a mile of the wharf the fight was declared against us and we sought harbor that night at Spencer's. At 6 o'clock Wednesday morning we left for Millstone, on the Patuxent. After breaking through 12-inch ice and covering but two miles in more than six hours, it was decided to abandon the effort.

"For five miles we broke solid 12-inch ice. Great crowds of expectant merchants and people badly in need of provisions walked to the boat on the ice.

Wagons Came Out to the Vessel.

"Two-horse wagons were brought out to the vessel and barrels of molasses, oil and other heavy freights were unloaded on the ice and hauled ashore. Dr. A. L. Hongdon, his mother, and Mrs. Dana, the doctor's aunt, came out on the ice and boarded the boat for Baltimore.

"At Drum Point thirty-six dredgers were taken on board. Some of them were half frozen, and all told stories of suffering and exposure. None of them, however, had been maltreated by their captains. The poor fellows sought lodging at different sailor's boarding houses last night."

Cannot Get Country Produce.

"The snow and protracted cold have paralyzed the shipments of all kinds of country produce to market," said Mr. C. L. Leety, a commission merchant, today. "With washouts, the destruction of bridges and other hinderances to travel in the country sections, it is difficult to say just how soon relief will come when the break in winter weather takes place."

"It is now time for yellow perch, white perch and other fish to be working their way toward the up-the-bay spawning grounds of the Chesapeake bay," said a fish dealer, "but it will be impossible, for weeks after the ice begins to move, for any fisherman to handle his nets in local waters. Not in years has this city suffered such a fresh fish famine, and yet the end is not in sight.

"Enormous loss of property and life would result from any effort to brave the dangers of the moving fields of ice on the fishing grounds. There is a total absence of fresh fish in market."

Egg Market Cornered.

Forty-five million eggs are in cold storage in Chicago, while famine in the product exists and householders are paying 38 cent a dozen.

The discovery that plenty of eggs are available, despite the assertions of dealers that a "strike" of hens tied up the supply, has come as a revelation of the actual cause of the apparent shortage. The big packers have a corner in the market. Last spring, when eggs were selling cheap and space in cold storage warehouses was going begging, Armour, Swift and a few other heavy dealers secured hundreds of thousands of cases put them away for a time when owing to natural conditions the natural supply of fresh eggs would be unequal to the demand. The eggs were bought at prices ranging from 15 to 17½ cents a dozen when cold weather began in the fall, and when the supply of the fresh product began to fall off the big fellows began to reap their harvest.

In the past month prices have leaped with startling rapidity. The packers had suddenly ceased to market any of the immense supply held in their warehouses. With a normal demand and no supply of the fresh product there was a certainty of continued advance in the prices. The price of strictly fresh eggs reach 35 cents a dozen on the street and the supply of storage eggs that last spring had cost the purchasers from 15 to 17½ cents jumped to from 24 to 27½ cents a dozen, where it now stands.

SUN SPOT TO STRIKE HOME

Astronomer Says Earth Will Feel Its Dire Effects.

After making a close study of the great sun spot now nearing the central meridian of our luminary, Prof. John A. Brashear, of Pittsburg has announced that extrardinary electrical disturbances are likely to result on the earth within a few days. The sun rotates in 25 days, and this will will soon bring the spot8 over the central meridian, when its influence will be most felt on the planets.

Prof. Brashear believes that trouble will be encountered on all telegraph lines as was the case when the last spot appeared on the sun's surface.

"The spot," says Prof. Brashear, "is the largest that has appeared on the sun's surface in 20 years. It is composed of a great number of nuclei, surrounded with penombral shadows and a great area of sacu ae The area of disturbance is of enormus extent, being 85,000 miles long, 75 000 miles broad and covering an area of 6.000,000,000 sq miles."

Traveling Libraries In Md.

The second annual report of the Maryland State Library Commission has been submitted to the Governor. This commission was established under an act of Assembly passed in 1902 and consists of Prof M. B. Stephens, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Mrs. Anne B. Jeffers, State Librarian; Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, librarian of the Pratt Library; Mrs. M. A Newell, Mrs. John M. Carter, Thomas. B. Mackall and DeCourcy W. Thom. The commission was formed to aid by advice and counsel the formation of free libraries in the State and also to prepare and distribute traveling libraries. Mr. Stephens is the president of the commission and Dr. Steiner the secretary With the meager appropriation of $1,000 a year the commission seems to have accomplished a good work. With the co-operation of the Enoch Pratt Free Library it has been instrumental in organizing public libraries in Hurlock and Centreville. With books purchased and those loaned by the State Library the commission has formed 47 traveling libraries, each containing 35 books, half of them fiction and half miscellaneous works of a standard character. These libraries are sent out upon application to various parts of the State where reading matter is needed and books are inaccessible. There can be no doubt that great good has been accomplished by these traveling libraries. "We wish that it could even more be generally understood throughout the State," the commission says, "that we are ready to send such a collection of books to any counties which make application for them." The commission has employed a field secretary for three months to visit a portion of the State and investigate the library needs and to gather information and give advice.

An appendix to the report of the commission contains information about libraries and the absence of libraries in this State, which has been gathered by Dr. Steiner. The reader of this appendix will doubtless be surprised at the fact that our people are so poorly supplied with books. A circulating library is one of the greatest agencies for education and does more to give pleasure and satisfaction to the people that can be estimated.

LAST OF THE SEASON.

Personally Conducted Tour to Florida via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The last Pennsylvania Railroad tour to Jacksonville for the present season will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington by special train on February 28.

Excursion tickets, including round trip railway transportation and Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route on the special train going, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Trenton, $49.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, $48.00; Pittsburg, $53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

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For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, or to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

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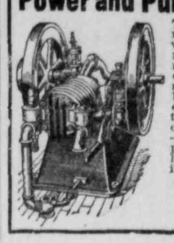

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