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THE KENT NEWS:

CHESTERTOWN, MD. ..... JAN. 7, 1893

A Big Surprise.—Rev. D. L. Greenfield, pastor of Christ M. P. Church, was given a big surprise Monday night by nearly one hundred members of his flock. The surprisers met at Mrs. S. F. Smith's and from there marched to the parsonage and the pastor's larder was filled with eatables of all kinds. A pleasant evening was spent with the pastor and his estimable family after which the party retired wishing their host and hostess a happy new year.

Death of a Valuable Mare.—Lulu, a standard bred mare, owned by C. H. B. Massey met with a peculiar death on Dec. 24th. She walked out on the ice on a small pond in the field and falling down broke through and perished before she was found. Lulu was purchased by Mr. Massey last spring at the Philadelphia Tattersall's. She was by Tatter, Jr., sire of G. D. S. 2.29¾ and Monson E. 2.24¾ and her dam was by Wood's Hambletonian sire of Nightingale 2.10 and 4 33¾ for two miles, which is the world's record at that distance.

Weather.—Wednesday mercury took a fall to 14°; Thursday it was 15° and yesterday morning it was 20°. Snow begun falling Thursday and yesterday was an old-fashioned winter day. Skating was resumed on the mill pond Wednesday but the snow soon put a stop to it. Several sleighs were out in the afternoon. The train was delayed two hours on account of ice and snow.

Monday was moving day and some landlords had difficulty in getting their tenants out. A colored woman on Cannon street said she was not going to move because she had no other place to move. A colored man on Calvert street shook the rent money in the owner's face and vowed that he would not get a cent of rent out of him. He had removed the most of his furniture and therefore when the owner said he would sell his goods the man coolly remarked "help yourself."

Winners of the Prizes.—Mr. Thos. G. Wroth announced in the News early in the hear that to every purchaser of shoes, etc., would be given a guess on the number of beans in a jar for a new parlor stove, table and chair. Mr. Wroth opened the box of guesses Monday. Two young ladies counted the beans in the jar and found the number to be 7,509. The parlor stove was awarded to Mrs. Walter Allcott, of Chestertown, and Annie Hynson, of Locust Grove, both of whom guessed the exact number. The oak table was awarded to thirteen persons all of whom guessed 7,500. The second best guesses were Mrs. Micou, Mrs. Peter Wilson, Chas. Washington, John Boulden, Mrs. S. Wallis, Mrs. H. T. Wilson, James P. Decourse, Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Miss G. Lynch, Miss May Hill, George Vickers, Fred. Russell, Miss Lizzie Hepbron. Joe Dilhofer made the third best guess and received the chair. Guesses ranged from 200 to 200,000.

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

Accident.—Mr. Phil. J. Potts, who has been during the fall cutting walnut logs for Mr. C. T. Collins, met with a fearful accident while hewing a log with a broad axe on Thursday, in the woods of Mr. Klinefelter, near Chester bridge, in Queen Anne's. The axe slipped and cut the foot entirely open from the toe to the instep. The wound was of a most serious and painful character.

New Machine.—Mr. J. C. Walters has a new machine at his factory near town. It runs by steam and will grind from fifteen to twenty bushels of corn and cob per hour. When mixed the ground cob and corn makes excellent feed.

Sunday was New Year's Day and it rained all day and all night. The churches were poorly attended.

Kennedyville News.

Mr. L. C. Justice, Jr., spent several days in Philadelphia this week. Miss Beulah Hayes returned to St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., by way of Baltimore this week. She spent Tuesday night in Chestertown.

Several of our young men will take a course at the business college. John Bennett goes to Goldey's College, Wilington, and Mr. Wattie McKnett will make the city his home for awhile.

Quite o party enjoyed the skating at McKnett's mill last week. Mrs. Biddle Hossinger was said to be the fastest skater on the pond. Mr. Will McKnett, after arriving home from town, was in such a hurry to get on the ice that he stepped in a hole where parties had been cutting ice and of course he went home with wet clothes.

Mr. James Boulden, as operator and agent at this depot, is giving perfect satisfaction.

Our genial postmaster says he does not feel at all worried apout who his successor will be, but some other people are.

The French system of marking pupils is quite a success and meets with our people's approval. The averages of Kennedyville school for the past month are as follows:

SEVENTH GRADE.
Nellie Barwick.....99 | George Medders.....95
Jennie Meredith.....98
SECOND SIXTH GRADE.
Carrie Hessner.....96 | Clara Redmile.....96
Dora Pennington.....96 | Frank Hill.....92
Katie Hessner.....96
FIRST SIXTH.
Elma Lewis.....81
FIFTH GRADE.
Oscar Lane.....93 | Annie Senney.....90
Lilly Redmile.....92 | John Senney.....90
Emma Hessner.....92
FOURTH GRADE.
Eddie Pennington.....96 | Annie Shuck.....83
Harry Hill.....84 | Webb Hill.....81
THIRD GRADE.
Emma Shafer.....99 | Blanche Stouffer.....92
John Hessner.....93 | Fred Jarrell.....89
SECOND GRADE.
Harry Limpscomb.....85—Harry Johnston.....80
FIRST GRADE.
Rob Jewell.....89 | Lizzie Hessner.....81
Elsie Silcox.....82

Those whose names do not appear fell below 80. We heartly commend these pupils for their industry and hope they will commence the New Year with renewed vigor.

It is estimated that 10,000 barrels of oysters and 6,000 packages of fish are shipped yearly from Chester river to New York via Baltimore.

Fined.—Ned Johnson was tried before Squire Thomas Thursday for firing at Mr. Lamb's cows. He was found guilty and fined $10 and costs. He was placed in jail in default of payment.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

Work Commenced on Avenues — Removals—New Play—Poles Wanted —Other Interesting Items.

This community, but especially the friends of Mr. Wm. Ayres, were greatly shocked at his sudden death. An honest man is the noblest work of God, and such a character our friend bore from boyhood to manhood, with a moral one worthy to be followed. His active work in the church was due to what he considered his duty to man and his maker. A kind, loving husband, devoted father, true friend with gratitude as part of his religion. The writer knew him from boyhood and for the favors shown him when a poor youth he never ceased to appreciate, nor failed to express his gratitude whenever the occasion called for it. It cost the writer nothing but helped him when in need of a friend. He will be missed by many and his place hard to fill. His house was the resort for many visitors from the city, and they all left with a kind sincere feeling of friendship for his uniform politeness to all. The jug he despised and when the Gratitude first came here the writer secured him the agency, but he would not accept it as he could not handle the jugs. "The good is often intered with the bones," not so with him. He will be long remembered by the old as well as young.

The cold snap has given us abundance of ice, and the ice houses have been filled with the best ice, five inches thick.

Some removals have taken place. Mr. George Lambert has moved to the Chesapeake house, and is prepared to feed man and beast who may visit Rock Hall on pleasure or business with good grub at moderate prices. Mrs. L. undertands that kind of business.

John Rodney has moved from Rock Hall farm to the farm known as the Brown farm now owned by Mr. Dodson, and we notice he took some 12 or 14 large wagon loads of the best timothy hay, with abundance of blades and corn so his stock will not suffer for food. Just here it may be said the hay was cut from a field that has been in timothy for some years and to the writer's certain knowledge not a pound of purchased nitrogen has been applied in 20 years, but on this subject I must give you a special report. Enough to say that hundreds of tons of timothy and red top have been removed as well as wheat and corn.

The Rock Hall land and improvement company are at work and the avenues 100, 80 and 60 feet have been laid out and the contract made for grading and draining, special attention being made to the latter. Each avenue will be planted with a variety of shade trees. Four acres will be reserved for the hotel grounds directly on the bay shore, which offers fine bathing, fishing, crabbing and other advantages that few points offer equal to the surrounding of Rock Hall for health and pleasure. The contractor is expected to be at work in a few days, and if any of your readers are prepared to furnish chesnut poles for the telephone to Tolchester they can find purchasers or secure a contract. It will take from 250 to 300. The chestnut around here from some cause is all dead or dying and we don't know what we will do for rails and posts in the future. I suppose iron and steel will have to answer the question.

Cold and icy as it has been we have not been deprived of steamboat travel. The little Gratitude in her usual prompt time to day. The little steamer is a great favorite with the Rock Hall folks as she was the pioneer in showing what our town can do towards furnishing freight and travel for steamboats. Grey's Inn like New Year months will be remembered as of the past.

Mr. Simon Moffett has removed to Rock Hall and takes charge of the farm formerly known by that name, and already shown some sign of brains by hauling the piles of leaves from the new park, and mixing with manure for compost, to be used on corn land, when partly decomposed into carbonaceous acids, which acts so beautifully on mineral matter, but this subject must be deferred for a special article, in which will be told the effect of organic matter on the inorganic, *i. e.* on sand and clay, the base of all soil from lowest valley to the highest mountains.

Our friend Shewell continues with his long face which is easily explained. Mrs. S. still remains with her mother and sister in New York. He is at work on his new play and it is said some of peculiar folks will be represented. We hope its success will equal the "Shadows of a great city," which has had such a successful run.

Mrs. Abel J. Reese and family have rented and removed to the late residence of Wm. Ayres, near the steamboat wharf. The widow having moved to the village.

OCCASIONALLY.

COURT NEWS.

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

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

MILLINGTON NEWS.

Three Weddings—Thieving near Town Sport on the Ice—Serious Accident—Personals—Religious Items, etc.

For the first time in many years the people in this vicinity have their ice houses all filled before New Years day, and for the last week which ended 1892. Spear's mill-pond which is only a few hundred yards from town has presented quite a scene of active labor and gayety; skating was the principal sport of the day and our boys and girls, quite a number of whom had hard falls and some bruises, but no serious accidents were reported; however one young lady had several hair pins broken, and a sled was completely demolished, which was caused by a rousing hard fall of one of our gallant young men.

On Saturday night some one broke into Mr. Sam Stevens' stable near town, and stole a horse and carriage; as soon as the team was missed a pursuing party started out on search of the same, and recaptured the team at Cold Well near Golt's at an early hour on Saturday morning; the thief escaped in the woods, and is still at liberty.

On the same night some thief broke into Mr. Charlie Harris's shop on railroad ave., and stole two hams, Mr. Harris got his hams back, and the thief got a load of fine bird shot.

A serious accident happened to Miss Darrell, the eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Darrell near Masseys on Monday morning; while playing in front of the fire-place with some of the smaller children the flames ignited her clothing and she was badly burnt. Dr. Jacobs of our town was immediately summoned, and reports her to be in a very coitical condition and says if she escapes death she will lose the useof her right side.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. Wm. J. Bamberger near town on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. James B. Stevens the son of Mr. Samuel Stevens and Miss Ida M. Bamberger. On Wednesday at 6.30 P. M., at the home of Mr. E. A. Moffett near town Mr. Wm. H. Garret, and Miss Mollie A. Moffett were joined in the holy bands of matrimony.

And still another, and she being anothe Idea, at the M. E. Parsonage on Wednesday evening at 8.30 o'clock Mr. Thomas Haley and Miss Idea Shaw was made man and wife. Who wept?

On Friday night of last week a party of young folks from town were royally entertained at the home of Mr. John Weist near town.

E-quire Wm. Johnson stole the march on us, and spent part of Christmas week in Baltimore and Washington.

On Sunday morning Presiding Elder Alired Smith officiated here at the M. E. Church but owing to inclement weather the congregation was very small; he returned on Monday night and preached to a large audience. Protracted meeting started here at the M. E. church Sunday night.

A few days ago Mr. Frank Smith presented Miss Viet Power with an Indian axe weighing 7¼ pounds. Miss Viet has quite a collection of old Indian relics, but the axe is the largest that we have ever seen.

Rev. J. Carter, of Baltimore the presiding Elder of the M. E. Church south is expected to officiate here at the M. E. Church south next Sunday afternoon and evening.

Miss Idea Pippin, of Easton, is visiting her sister in law, Mrs. Wm Pipyin.

Miss Lizzie Mallalieu left here last Monday morning for Wilmington to take a special course in Golding's Commerical College.

Mr. Geo. Barnes, of Wilmington, and Mr. Wm. Boulden, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mr. John Barnes near town.

Rev. Edward Gardner, of Elk Neck, is visiting his uncle Mr. E. J. Moffett.

Dr. A. R. Todd, of Baltimore, spent Thursday and Friday of last week with Mr. T. J. McWhorter and family.

Miss Mary Green is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Measels are quite epidemical in this vicinity, so far 32 cases have been reported.

[We have declined numbers of communications arguing in favor of clemency of some of the younger convicts in the Hill case, but give place to the following because of the age, large experience and the intellectual character of the writer. He is not often in Chestertown but takes an interest in all passing events here.]

Another View of It.

Messrs. Editors:—During the last few weeks a number of carefully prepared papers have been published in reference to a certain notorious criminal trial decided at the October term of court in this county, in all of which the writers expressed their confidence in the wisdom and competency of the lawyers in their different capacities who conducted the affair to its present stage. From this fact I infer that the writers were persons of least some legal training, which *I am not*, and for this reason make no comments, as from such a source blame could not condemn or commendation justify; but there is such a a thing as the philosophy of common sense, which fortunately men knew something about before our present great law authorities were born and will continue to understand when they have been forgotten. It is a most fortunate fact that persons can learn some *real truths* outside of universities. The writer, during an average lifetime, has been in positions affording opportunities of estimating the tendencies and capabilities of boys of more than one nationality, between fourteen and eighteen years of age, who were the children of laborers, mechanics, farmers, merchants, doctors, lawyers and ministers, and is fully satisfied that among these classes the boy who has the *heroism* to resist lawless suggestions made by his seniors with whom he associates and from whom they are accustomed to learn, is the exception. If this was not the case schools for both mental and intellectual training would be nearly or quite useless, for even the great Pallissey could not make one plate out of clay which was already hardened. How, then, are the multitude of youths to escape the dangers which confront them? The passive virtues inculcated by the Sunday-school teacher are rather better calculated to increase than diminish the danger. As the remedy appears only to be found in a heroic individuality, and if we should employ some barbarous chieftain to instruct them in this, and afterwards the slightest misdirection of it should occur, it would certainly land them where these young negroes have been landed for the *want of it*.

Men have been busy for thousands of years enacting and interpreting laws and appear continually hopeful that natnre will become sufficiently enlightened to produce children to suit them, when in fact she appears no nearer doing so than she was when the pyramids were building. This paper is intended for that small number of persons who are usually found in every large and so-called intelligent community who are capable of reasoning from cause to effect, and who are capable of discerning between *right* on the one hand and interest, prejudice or fear on the other, and who are in all communities their chief ornament in prosperity and their chief bulwark in times of danger.

Telamachus.

An old dwelling of historic interest, on Love Point farm, Kent Island, was destroyed by fire, with a quantity of grain which had been stored in some of the rooms. The house was occupied only by a watchman.

The Presbyterian Church at Worton was presented with a $25 gold piece by Mr. George Porter. This gentleman is fond of this church and frequently bestows as gift upon it.

Edesville Items.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Wesley Chapel met at the residence of Mrs. Geo. E. Leary, on Monday evening last. About fifty persons were present. The president, Mrs. Shreeve, called the meeting to order about 7½ o'clock, and the usual routine gone through. Most of the business hour was taken up with an effort to revise the constitution, and some good-natured earnestness was indulged in by those who took active interest. In the midst of the thickest, the hostess moved a recess to the dinning-room, whereat all became quite as much in earnest, as all things seemed to have been set to tempt the appetite.

Measles have been prevalent with us, and almost every child has had them. It was really amusing to see so many of the little one's fretting and crying because they were thus prevented seeing the Sunday school entertainment.

Miss Eva Gresham resumed her duties at the public school on Tuesday morning, but the attendance was small.

Miss Lizzie Bryan's school on Eastern Neck Island will hold their Xmas entertainment in the school room on Wednesday the 17th inst. The postponement was caused by sickness, but there will be as much pleasure and fun, and a cordial invitation is extended.

The dance at the Hall Friday evening of last week was one of the social treats that the Edesville "boys" delight in tendering their friends. This was one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season. Quite a number from Chestertown were present, and no doubt every one wishes them to come again. Messrs. Willson and Miller were at their best with violin and autoharp, while the fantastic toe stepped lightly and smoothly to the sweet strains of the practitioners. Refreshments served at 10½ o'clock. Dancing was resumed and continued until the early morning, when all repaired to their homes closely wrapped against all attacks of Jack Frost.

The Sunday school of Wesley Chapel, held its annual entertainment for the children on Thursday evening last. Delt hands had industriously decorated the interior of the church with evergreens, and which was pronounced to be the handsomest ever seen there. A large stage was erected in the rear of the room, projecting over the chancel, nicely carpeted and otherwise made a scene of beauty and attraction. Two trees that had been elegantly trimmed stood on the rear, under which were the presents for every scholar in the school. Long before the hour for opening the exercises, every available seat was occupied, including the gallery and aisles seated with chairs. It was indeed one of the times, when every one looked "peace on earth and good will to men." Bright faces and happy hearts seemed to vie with each other in the sphere of happiness and joy. The superintendent, Mr. A. L. Judefind and his capable assistants, amid the difficulties such as measles, inclement weather and so forth, succeeded admirably in their efforts to train the scholars to perform their several parts in the program. Miss Eva Gresham presided at the organ with characteristic sweetness and touch. The exercises began with song by school, "Mercy spreads her snowy wings;" prayer, Rev. Jesse Shreeve; "The Xmas tree," recitation, Elwood Eurgess; song by school, "Soft on the winter air;" "Holiy leaves and snow flakes," six girls and six boys of infant class; recitation, "The happiest Xmas day, Belle Cosden; "Wake heart and voice, song by the school; recitation, "Last night as I lay sleeping," Flora C. Wheatley; "Ring the merry bells," song by the school; recitation, "The star," Jennie Adkinson; solo, "The Xmas story, Flora C. Wheatley; recitation, "Under the holly bough," Lillie Walbert; song, "Peaceful and bright," school; "A Xmas talk," Julia Burgess and Sadie Walbert; song, "Welcome Xmas day," school; "The Xmas wreath, by 8 litte girls of the infant class; song, "Sing on bright angles," school. This the literary portion of the program ends, and a more perfect rendering in all its parts, could not be expected of those who had grown gray in similar work. Those little ones who were under the instruction of their teacher and Mrs. Bessie Leary deserve special mention, and no one will censure us for saying so. Presents to the children of the school were distributed; and then a general interchange of presents, perhaps as many as one hundred and fifty, some of them handsome and costly. The superintendent was the happy recipient of a gold pen and an elegant afghan, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the school, and as expressed by the pastor while presenting it. So, another of those entertainments commemorative of the occasion, passed and enters into the experience of a generous and kind people.

Observer.

News from Worton.

Every one was happy at the First Presbyterian Church Worton, on Thursday evening, the occasion being the Sunday school Christmas entertainment. The worthy Supt. W. E. Beck, Esq., the efficient church organist Miss Sallie Plummer, Miss Little Roeder who has shown herself apt in the training of the children and all connected with the school and with one another to make the entertainment a success.

The church was crowded, and from the number of people standing, one would conclude that even with the increased capacity, the church is hardly large enough for an occasion such as that of Thursday night.

The programme was perfect in every detail. All of the recitations were well committed and recited with expression, especially those of little Miss Addie Cooper, Master Frank Fogwell and Miss Carroll.

A feature of the programme which deserves special mention were the Tableaux in number representing, the appearance of the angel to the shepherds; the Rock of Ages, and the Peace on Earth Good will to men. The appearance of the tableaux was greatly enhanced by the use of the beautiful langel lustre which had been secured for the purpose, from N. Y. city and by the subject Miss Mamie Parsons. The programe in detail was as follows:

Organ Voluntary.
Singing.....“Open the Doors.”
Lord's Prayer.
Singing..... 'Again the Christmas Time is Here.”
Banner Exchanged.
Recitation...“When Christmas Comes,”. Three Girls.
Singing.....“Ring the Glad Story.”
Recitation.....Addie Cooper.
Recitation...Laura Jewell. Singing Behind Curtain.
Dialogue .....Blanche Duyer and Harry Ivens.
Singing.....“Let Every Heart a Tribute Bring.”
Recitation.....Class of Girls and Boys.
Recitation.....Harry Nicols.
Singing .....“The New Coronation.”
Recitation.....Mary Phifer.
Recitation and Song.....Two Boys and Six Girls.
Widow Gray.
Singing .....“His Name Was Called Jesus.”
Recitation.....Arthur Lollier.
Singing.....“Bell Ring Song.”
Dialogue.....Frank Fogwell and Bessie Roeder.
Recitation.....Nan Carter an d Emma Cooper.
Recitation and Song...Mary Pote and Weller Porter.
Recitation.....Isaac Duyer.
Singing.....“This Christmas Night We Gather Here.”
Prayer.....Maud Parsons.
Dialogue.....Two Little Girls.
Recitation and Song.....Primary Class.
Duett and Chorus.
Tableau.....Shepherd and Angels.
Singing.....“Shout the Happy Tidings.”
Address .....Pastor.
Collection and Organ Voluntary
Distribution of Presents.
Closing Song.....“Grand Finale.
Benediction.

The meat house of Mr. M. A. Toulson in Chestersown was robbed of its contents last Friday evening. No clue to the thief.

GALENA ITEMS.

Big Blaze—Heroic Firemen—A Young Man Drowned—Surprise Party.

About 4 o'lock on Friday afternoon, December 30, the cry of fire resounded through the town. The old Gooding house, occupied by Mr. Horsey as a furniture room, was found to be on fire. In a few minutes there was a large crowd assembled at the scene and all went to work with a will to try and save the adjoining buildings. Very soon they saw they could not save the house that was on fire, and the bucket brigade worked nobly to save the adjoining property. Mr. Peacock's house, adjoining his store, was less than six feet from the burning building, and the men poured water on it so constant that it was hardly scorched. Mr. Horsey's loss is thought to be covered by insurance in the Kent Mutual. The people generally deserve a great deal of credit for the manner in which they worked. It would be useless to name any one individual. The ministers of the different churches were out and worked hard indeed. It was said that Rev. Mr. Nelson carried more water than any one man at the fire. It was also reported that a Mr. Simpler, who works for Mr. Cochran, got his boots burned in his efforts to save the property. A laboring man, with a family, can ill afford to lose a pair of boots. I have not heard of any one replacing them for him. If any one is the gainer by getting this fire under control and confining it to one building, it certainly is the fire insurance company, for if the fire had got to Mr. Peacock's store there would have been several houses burned, entailing on the company a heavy loss. For an hour or more some thirty men and boys carried water from Mr. Parr's pump, doing considerable damage to it. Other pumps near by suffered also from the great quantity of water pumped out of them. How the fire originated no one can tell, though several are of the opinion that it was set on fire, as it was first discovered in that part of the house that had not been opened for several days. When the fire was raging the fiercest a young negro man in the crowd said aloud that "he wished the d—d town would burn down." 'Squire Parr immediately arrested him for using incendiary language, calculated to incite the colored people, and had him put in the lock-up. To the credit be it said of the other colored people, they worked hard to save the property from destruction. The young colored man whom taken to the lock up was searched, and a pistol found concealed on him. After the fire was over 'Squire Parr held court and fined the colored man and let him go.

Quite a number of the members of the M. E. Church surprised Mr. Nelson on Monday night last with a bountiful supply of groceries, flour and all the necessary articles suitable for a family. The surpuise party was most agreeably entertained for several hours by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. When the party was about to leave the Epworth League presented to the reverend gentleman a well-filled purse, the amount of which we did not hear, but from appearances it must have been considerable. Mr. N. is very popular with his congregation, as also with the outsiders.

A son of Jonathan Hodgson, of near Sassafras, about twelve years of age, was skating on the mill pond and broke in and was drowned before assistance could reach him, Wednesday, 4th inst.

The M. E. Sunday-school held their Christmas entertainment on Friday evening, 30th ult., in the chapel, which was well filled. The chief attraction was the tree, which presented a beautiful appearance. It was literally loaded with different colored bags of candy and mysterious looking packages of all sizes. The exercises preceding the distribution of presents were heartily enjoyed, especially the parts taken by the little folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thos. Pennington and wife start to-day (Thursday) for Seaford, Del., to spend the winter partly there and in Florida.

Miss Marian Benny returns home today, after spending Christmas with friends here. Miss Dora Todd accompanies Miss Benny to Camden, N. J., for a short stay.

Crosby Locals.

The store room beneath the Pythian Hall that has been vacant for some time, is now occupied by Johnnie Crouch & Co., who promise to be successful merchants, judging from the patronage they are receiving from all, and the satisfaction given. Here is the place to get the worth of your money.

At this writting the coves and creeks are open and the oystermen seem anxious to get out on the oyster-beds again, they are anticipating, however, going down the bay, when the cold and stormy winds are passed.

Mr. Henry Jones while out cutting wood, one day last week, managed to cut his foot so badly that he will not be able to walk on it for three months. Mr. Jones has a wife and two children, and is a good neighbor. So likewise are the people of this vicinity, who showed their good sympathy by making up a purse of about $40 for Mr. Jones.

The measels have been so numerous that there have not been many familes exempted from their visitations.

Estella Frazier, the eight year old daughter of William Frazier, who has been very ill with scarlet fever is convalescent.

Daisy, a valuable bird dog owned by Mr. John Frazier, is the mother of two pups, both having double noses.

Owing to the stormy weather on New Year's day there were no services at the church.

Averages at Massey School.—For December.

Sixth Grade, Essie Loller, 93; Agnes Roe, 92; Fifth Grade, May Roe, 95; May Maslin, 86; Wilbert Hudson, 74; Fourth Grade, Hannah Ware, 92; Elsie Malsberger, 89; Lizzie Hemphsey, 87; May Connor, 83; Third Grade, Clifford Hudson, 93; Harry Malsberger, 90; Clarence Maslin, 80; Samuel Everett, 80; Second Grade, Gilbert Clarke, 95; Agnes Clarke, 95; Alice Hudson, 86; George Gorman, 96; Blanche Johnson, 96; Henry Ware, 91; Raymond Everett, 90; Hirman, Everett, 90; James Shelton, 86; First Grade, Nellie Malsberger, 87; Carleton Roe, 86; Edith Hudson, 85.

No. 204.

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Still Pond Notes.

Miss Ollie Harper who has been spending her Christmas holidays with her parents, has resumed her studies at the W. C. A., Dover, Del.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was no service in the M. E. Church last Sunday.

The members of the I. O. G. L. are thinking of changing their place of meeting from the town hall to Krusen's Hall, which is undergoing a thorough repair and when completed will be a much more appropriate and pleasant place of meeting.

Bev. J. D. Rigg, formerly of the M. E. Church here, but now of Chester, Pa., has been very ill of late. He is now reported better.

Messrs. Howard C. Gray and Louis R. Hepbron were initiated Tuesday night as members of Sassafras Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. The lodge now numbers 30.

The young people of this vicinity have been having quite a gay time during the Xmas holidays. Quite a number of skating parties have been given on Raymond's Lake which were highly enjoyed.

Miss Amy Baynard was given a very pleasant surprise by a few of her numerous friends on Tuesday evening, and Miss Ollie Harper was also surprised on Thursday evening. A very pleasant time was had at both places. Refreshments were served in abundance, consisting of lemonade, cake, fruits, confectionery, etc. Those present were Misses Katie Howard, Ollie Harper, Myra Crew, Amy Baynard, Mary Pennington, Lilian Busick, Daisy Moffett, Ada Hepbron. Messrs. Edwood Pennington, Arthur Harris, Harris Crew, Samuel Roseberry, Edgar Pennington, Roy Roseberry, Walter Hill, Ben Krusen, Eugene and Raymond Bonwill.

Miss Daisy Moffett entertained a few of her intimate friends on Friday evening. Those present participated in a great variety of games. Vocal and instrumental music was furnished by the accomplished young ladies.

Rizpah.

Zion M. E. CHURCH, Jan. 8—Sunday-school at 2 o'clock. Preaching at 3 o'clock.

Shrewsbury parish—Services on Sunday. Parish Church, 3 P. M.; St. Andrew's, Galena, 10.30 A. M. and 7 P. M. GEO. C. SUTTON, Rector.

Salem M. E. CHURCH, Jan. 8—Preaching at 10.30 A. M. Subject: Second Sermon on Trouble. Missionary service at 7.30.

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Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, It pleased Almighty God in His providence to take from our midst our friend and classmate, William N. Ayres,

Resolved, That we, the members of Rock Hall singing class, recognize the loss of a faithful member and kind friend, and one whose memory shall ever be pleasant. And be it further

Resolved. That we extend to the bereaved family our sympathy in their affliction. That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Kent News, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

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DIED.

At Worton Station, at the residence of Mrs. Jas. Sheets, CHARLES H. LUSBY, son of the late C. T. and Araminta Lusby, aged 50 years, on the 6th. [Funeral today (Saturday) at 2 o'clock.]

In Chestertown, Dec. 28, 1892, WELDON REID, son of Joseph and Mary F. Downey, aged 3 years and 5 months.

At his late residence, near Battershell Hill, Kent county, Md., on the 24th of Dec., 1892, of paralysis, THOMAS McLAIN, aged 61 years.

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Anchored safe where storms are o'er;
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Baltimore	6.45	6.30	8.50	12.20	3.00	3.27
Wilmington	12.01	8.15	11.18	2.50	4.37	6.50
Farnhurst		8.24		12.57		
New Castle		8.29		3.01		7.02
State Road		8.36		3.07		7.07
Bear		8.41		3.12		h7.12
Porter		8.50			f4.58	7.17
Kirkwood		8.54	h11.42	3.21		7.22
Mt. Pleasant		9.03		3.29		7.30
Armstrong		f9.05				
Middletown	12.44	9.11	11.58	3.37	5.22	7.39
Townsend		9.20		f3.45	5.30	7.48
Blackbird		f9.25		f3.49		f7.52
Green Spring		f9.31		f3.55		
Clayton	1.02	9.37	12.15	3.59	5.43	8.03
Smyrna ...Lv.		9.27	12.05	3.50	5.33	7.53
Brenford		f9.