Items of News from All Parts of the County Solicited Under this Head.

The Local Department

DASHES HERE AND THERE.

Honeysuckles.

Now is the time to subscribe.

Wheat, $1.12; corn, 89c to 90c.

Many loads of Delaware bay trout are sold in town.

Farmers are again buying large quantities of lime.

Clean up the premises before hot weather comes.

Highest cash prices paid for eggs.—W. J. Blackiston.

Mr. H. C. Kendricks has our thanks for fine strawberries.

The new wells have been turned into the Denton water-mains.

So far the fishing season has been a poor one along the Choptank.

Rev. J. Gibson Gantt will address the Hickman Grange this afternoon.

Hurlock has rejected a proposition for a bond issue to secure a system of sewers.

The Denton Literary Club will hold a reception at the High School this evening.

Two hundred bushels of good cow peas for sale. R. H. Stafford, Burrsville.

Go to the Big Stone for the largest and cheapest trout on the Delaware bay shore.

Mr. J. W. Kerr advertises a dwelling for rent, and will give employment to tenant.

Spirabone corsets for comfort and style. Get them of McIlvaine & Sister's, Denton.

Senator Smith is securing some government buildings for the Eastern Shore. Denton must get in line.

Mr. D. I. Patchett has purchased of Mrs. Alexine Lednum a farm and property in Bethlehem for $7,500.

You will find the famous Martha Washington candy, in boxes, at the confectionery store of T. H. Wyatt, Denton.

Berry-growers who need a supply of checks can 'phone their orders to the JOURNAL office and receive them promptly.

Oscar Clark, assignee, advertises a desirable small farm, near Boonsboro, to be sold at public sale on Tuesday, June 11th.

"Resolved, That an old maid is of more benefit to a community than an old bachelor" is a proposition to be debated at Ingleside.

Dr. Francis W. Janney, of Baltimore, eye, ear and throat specialist, will be at the office of Dr. P. R. Fisher on the second Sunday in each month.

Col. Albert W. Sisk, of Caroline, is one of the Democratic electors. He will vote in the Electoral College for the next President of the United States.

Queen Anne's County Commissioners have granted the Town Commissioners permission to use prisoners of the county jail to work on the streets of Centreville.

Go to Wm. H. Murphy's, Farmington, Del., to see the biggest and best lot of farm wagons at prices lower than at any dealer's or manufacturer's in the State.

F. C. Brown, contractor, who is to remove to Baltimore, will sell his new and well appointed Fifth Avenue residence at public sale on Tuesday, May 28. See advertisement.

It is understood that a number of builders are figuring on the work of building the iron bridge at this place. The County Commissioners will open bids next Tuesday at noon.

Wilson M. Tylor is a candidate for the position of secretary of the State Board of Aid and Charities. The position pays $1,800 a year and expenses for office and traveling—~~Easton Gazette.~~

Mrs. Wm. Nichols sends the JOURNAL a photo of the fine old colonial mansion at Orangeburg, S. C., which General Sherman occupied at the time he raided that section, nearly a half-century ago.

Rev. J. G. Turner, who represents the Chautauqua assembly, was in town on Thursday last and gave an interesting talk on the Chautauqua, the educational advantages of which he clearly set forth.

Mr. Andrew L. Banks, who has an attractive place by the riverside at Williston, was one of the very early growers of strawberries. His patch this week has supplied fine strawberries in abundance.

While getting in a hack at Hillsboro station on Monday evening Mr. Clinton Cook suffered a severe injury of one of his feet, which was sprained and made very painful. Mr. Cook was confined to his bed for some time.

There was little business before the Orphans' Court Tuesday. An order to sell personal property of William N. Willoughby, deceased, was granted to James A. Willoughby, executor. The will of James I. Lednum was admitted to probate.

A mal-formed pig, a finely-shaped little animal, except about the head, was brought to town Thursday by Mr. James Hobbs. The pig had lived some time. It had one eye only and that was where its month ought to have been, and its two ears were under the chin.

Mrs. James H. Pollard, who lives on one of Mr. S. J. Raughley's farms in Tuckahoe Neck, found a great curiosity in the way but not in the shape of an egg in one of her hen's nests a few days ago. The egg was a half circle, a very small neck connecting two ends much larger in diameter, such as often seen in a small gourd.

The new board of Commissioners of Denton organized on Thursday evening by naming Jonathan Evitts president, J. Edward Nichols secretary and treasurer, and W. Brewster Deen attorney. A bailiff will be elected at the next meeting. A. G. Fleetwood was elected commissioner in place of William B. Nuttle, who declined to serve.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

Nuptial Notes of Interest—Visitors in Denton and Elsewhere.

Miss Mary Nuttle, of Andersontown, entertained a few of her friends at a delightfully appointed luncheon on Saturday afternoon last. The dining-room, blinds drawn, and with lights and floral decorations to produce an appropriate color scheme, was a veritable fairy-land, except that the delicious viands served were so substantial and ample and the hospitality extended so real and sincere as to preclude any idea of the mythical. The most interesting feature of the function, however, was the announcement of the engagement of the guest of honor, Miss Mary Towers, of Federalsburg, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Madison Towers, to Mr. Harvey D. Williams, assistant cashier of the Federalsburg Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Co. The wedding will take place in the fall.

Miss Fannie Anthony, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Anthony, and Mr. Samuel Kreeger, a prominent merchant of Chestertown, were married at the home of the bride's parents, near Church Hill, on May 4th. Rev. L. E. Barrett, pastor of Chestertown M. E. Church, performed the ceremony. The wedding marches were played by Miss Susie Dunbracco. After the ceremony the bride and groom left for a short wedding tour. They will reside in Chestertown. The bride is well known and has many friends in Caroline.

Mr. Lynn Stevens, of Baltimore, and Mr. Ross Stevens, of Wilmington, have been visiting their parents, Judge and Mrs. G. Lacey Stevens, in this place. The former is soon to graduate as a wireless and wire telegrapher, and will likely take a position on a ship. There are now many places available for operators on account of the government's policy requiring the services of wireless men. The latter is assistant cashier in the establishment of the National Biscuit Company in Wilmington.

Mr. Joseph G. Andrews, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Andrews at The Hermitage, near town, and Miss Lucy M. Bright, of Henderson, Caroline county, were married Thursday night, April 9, at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will reside in New Jersey.—Queenstown News.

The marriage of Miss Marion Loretta Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rhodes, Wilmington, Del., formerly of Queen Anne, Md,, to Mr. Francis Wainwright Clark, of Roselle, Del., will take place at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Wilmington, Saturday, June 1st, at 8 a. m.

Among those soon to receive diplomas as graduates, ready for practice, are Mr. Dawson George, in medicine, and Mr. Marshall Gantt, in law, both of Denton. The young physician has decided to practice here.

Mrs. Harry Purcell, who has been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Miller, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

A. Lawrence Deen, of Caroline, will be one of the graduates of Conference Academy, Dover, at the June commencement.

Mr. J. Olan Clark is still lame from the accident which he suffered some time ago. He improves slowly indeed.

Prothonotary and Mrs. N. W. White, of Georgetown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield R. Wright this week.

Miss Marie Lenghner, of Pittsburg, and Miss Elsie Foxwell, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. F. N. Nichols.

Mrs. George A. Fisher and Mrs. Samuel Chubb and little son, of New York, are Mrs. T. F. Johnson's guests.

Miss Ida McIvaine returned last week from Philadelphia and New York with new millinery goods.

Misses Elvira and Mary Wright, of Preston, were last week, the guests of Mrs. Homer Rice.

Miss Maggie Cannon, of near Greensboro, has been visiting Queen Anne's county friends.

Mrs. Harriet Anderson and son, Russell, have been spending a few days in Baltimore.

Mrs. Nettie Hanaberry, of Easton, Pa., is the guests of her sister, Mrs. T. W. Smith.

Mrs. Charles H. Whitby and daughter, Miss Iva, were visitors in Baltimore this week.

Mrs. C. Leslie Walls, of Denton, has been receiving treatment at a Baltimore hospital.

Miss Lydia Miller has returned home after spending some time with Easton friends.

Mr. H. A. Paine was the guest of Mr. J. F. Johnson at North East on Sunday.

Rev. A. N. Ward was at Newark. N. J., on Sunday, where he preached.

Miss Grace Pollard has returned from a visit of several weeks in Talbot.

Mrs. Albert G. Towers has been visiting Pocomoke City friends.

Dr. G. W. Simmons has been in Chestertown for a few days.

Mr. T. Dawson Larrimore has been in Caroline for several days.

Mr. James T. Raughley is spending some time in Caroline.

Mr. J. F. Johnson, of Cecil, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Thomas F. Smith was home on Sunday last.

Church News.

"The First and Last of Man and Mankind" will be Rev. J. E. Smith's subject at Williston tomorrow afternoon. At Preston the morning subject will be "Past Resurrection—The Lord's Second Coming;" in the evening "Past Resurrection—Judgment."

Choptank Conclave of Heptasophs will attend divine service at Denton M. E. Church tomorrow morning, when Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield will preach a special sermon to members of the order.

Rev. Walter Beckwith will preach at American Corner at 10.30 tomorrow morning; at Zion at 3 p. m., and at Grove at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

The new Methodist Protestant church at Milford, which cost $25,000, will be dedicated tomorrow.

Ridgely.

It is understood that Dr. F. P. Herr, accompanied by Mrs. Herr, will late in the fall leave for extensive travels and will likely be away several years. Mrs. Herr's health is not the best and it is hoped that travel will benefit her. Dr. Herr last week disposed of some very valuable property here, including his splendid town house, but he still has extensive interests. He will not desert us altogether, but will finally settle down among his old friends here who would not like to give up the genial Doctor and his accomplished wife.

It is understood the Armour Company will begin operation next week on berries, which will be shipped from the South. Eight hundred Bohemians will arrive Friday from Baltimore. They have been employed by the company in addition to about four hundred workers from town and surrounding country. These will constitute the working forces of the preserving business.

Mr. Paul Holsinger and son, Harry, have the best equipped poultry plant perhaps in Caroline county. Those who contemplate going into poultry raising on a large sale would do well to visit their plantation and take some valuable lessons, and get some very interesting information regarding poultry raising from these gentlemen.

Large quantities of berry crates are now being manufactured by Messrs. Day, Swing & Company to meet the great demand which is already on. Notwithstanding the large amount manufactured here, several car loads have been shipped in from a distance.

The continued wet weather is doing considerable damage to all kinds of crops, especially on low land. Many are prophesying as to the outcome if this state of affairs continues much longer.

The present outlook for a large crop of berries was never better. So say the old berry growers of this section. The question of how much are we going to get per quart is also being discussed.

Mrs. E. H. Bowman, of Easton, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Dragoo, and friends for a week, near town, returned home Monday.

The ice factory is running at full speed, looking forward to the harvest of berries, when hundreds of tons will be needed for refrigerating purposes.

Mr. Earl Hammon has sold his barber shop to Mr. Fisher, who will continue the business in same place at Krantz Hotel.

Trout fish, the best on the market, are taking the lead nowadays, but continue high in price.

Hillsboro.

While alighting from a car at the factory of Stewart & Jarrell a few days ago Mr. Charles E. Stewart, left ankle was badly hurt, two of the bones being fractured. Mrs. Stewart and Dr. Rowe took the patient to Baltimore and an X-ray examination was made, showing exactly the nature of the injuries. The fractures were reduced and Mr. Stewart is recovering at his home.

Mrs. E. L. Thompson and Mrs. Josephine Barton left on Wednesday for St. Louis, where they will spend several weeks with their respective sons, Mr. Ralph B. Thompson, and Dr. Harry Barton.

Misses Mary and Ruth Walls and Miss Grace Rigdon, of Ingleside, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Straughn, near Queen Anne, over Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Stevens and daughter, Margaret, of Sudlersville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparks, in Queen Anne, last week.

Miss Katherine Coursey, of Centreville, was the guest of her uncle, Rev. R. T. Coursey, over Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. S. N. Pilchard, of Delmar, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lay Beaven last week.

Miss Helen D. Mason was the guest of her aunt, Miss Laura Mason, Easton, over Sunday.

Mr. T. C. Hackett returned from a visit to relatives in Washington on Saturday.

Miss Annabel Moore, of Greensboro, is the guest of aunt, Miss Belle Connelly.

Miss Clara Taylor, of Oxford, visited Miss Evelyn Fleming this week.

Mrs. H. W. B. Rowe spent last Friday in Baltimore.

Goldsboro.

Miss Mary Butler, of Wilmington, who has been spending the week here, returned home Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Calvin Butler and little son, James.

Mr. Norman L. Hastings left here last Wednesday and returned Monday with a bride. They have our best wishes.

Mrs. Millard Alton, of Newark, N. J., and Miss Selma Oppenheimer, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. H. F. Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Slemmer and daughter, Miss Edith, spent the week end with friends in Centreville.

Mr. Leonard Murphy, who has been learning telegraphy here, has a position at Bridgeville, Del.

Miss Ollie Blood, of Wilmington, is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Henry Marvel.

Miss Mabel Moore, of Darby, Pa., is spending the week with her cousin, Miss Bessie Butler.

Miss Beulah Gibson, of Bridgetown, is spending a few days with Miss Edith Cooper.

Mrs. W. E. Miller and daughter, Miss Alice, are visiting friends at Mt. Airy, Md.

Miss Elizabeth Dukes was a week-end visitor with Mrs. J. A. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper are visiting relatives at Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Quillen were in Centreville Monday.

Mr. Robert Jarrell, Jr., has recently purchased an auto.

FOR SALE.—One roll-top and one flat-top desk, chairs, etc.—Z. Potter Steele, Denton, Md.

LITTLE HOPE FOR GOVERNOR

His Busy, Useful Career is Soon to End.

Mr. Emerson R. Crothers, writing on Wednesday to a Denton friend, says his uncle, Hon. Austin L. Crothers, "has not been so well for the last two days, and continues to be more or less delirious, which the doctors say indicates the poison in his system. We are all hopeful, however, that he will improve, especially when the hot weather comes, although the doctors do not give us very much encouragement for his permanent recovery."

The condition of the Governor was reported yesterday as more unfavorable. He is conscious only at intervals.

Mr. Crothers has been a sick man for months but never seemed fully to realize it. Indeed, in all the four years of his administration he was not really a well man, and those close about him have said that he never was the same man since he had typhoid fever just prior to his election in 1907. He took the oath of office before he had fully recovered from the effects of this long illness, and from that time on he was under a tremendous nervous and mental strain. Time and again during the four years of his strenuous administration he felt that he was not well, and particularly that he did not have his normal strength, but he never seemed to realize that he might be suffering from some serious malady.

For fully 12 months, say those who have had opportunity to observe the ex-Governor closely, he has been in a serious condition, though he kept on his feet most of the time. His condition was not improved by the strenuous tasks he undertook. His fight with the Police Board of Baltimore city gave him more worry than anything that occurred in his whole administration. His concern over this was doubtless due to the fact that he then had arrayed against himself many of his strongest political adherents. Dropping this bitter contest last May he plunged into the fight for the Democratic nomination for the Governorship. At that time he was in no physical shape to make such a fight, but he did it, throwing all his remaining strength and energy behind Senator Blair Lee for the Governship when he had himself retired from the race. This was the most strenuous fight in which Mr. Crothers ever engaged and he was tireless in his campaigning, though he had to devote most of his time to important State business at that period.

Following the defeat of Senator Lee Mr. Crothers got in line for the nominee, Senator Gorman, and went about the State without rest making speeches for him. He kept this up till the very night before the election, and the next day was broken down physically. For days he remained at the Executive Mansion at Annapolis, well in mind, but exceedingly weak in body.

On the morning of the day when Phillips Lee Goldsborough was about to be inaugurated, Governor Crothers sat in his office in the mansion and talked of his administration and the fight he had to make with his party. He talked of the session of the Legislature then just begun and the difficulties that his party had to face for the next four years. He seemed to realize that he might not take much part in that fight. Said he:

"There is a tremendous work for some one to do in the State of Maryland. But with the great difficulties to be overcome, the contests to be waged, I feel a great relief that responsibility is no longer to be mine. For the first time in four years I shall today be free."

A Bold Hold-Up Near Town.

A robbery in real frontier style took place on the public road near Denton on Sunday afternoon last, and now three colored boys, all about grown, are locked up in jail. As Ernest Schlegel, a delicate lad, son of Mr. Thomas Schlegel, was returning to his home in Tuckahoe Neck, he was attacked within sight of town, by Isaac Lewis, colored, and robbed of a watch, a small sum of money and a knife. Lewis had been in a buggy with Edgar Satterfield and Sampson Satterfield, also colored, but got out and climbed into young Schlegel's carriage as he was passing, and when a few hundred feet further up the road robbed the youth, cursing and threatening him, and warning him against making an outcry. The negro left the Schlegel boy and went across the fields to a colored cabin, Schlegel driving back to town. In a little while Lewis was taken, with the stolen articles in his pockets, and the officers also picked up the Satterfields. On Monday last Justice Hignutt heard the cases. He held Lewis to court in the sum of twelve hundred dollars. The bond was not forthcoming and Lewis went back to jail to await October court. The accused Satterfields, who had weapons upon them, were sent to the House of Correction for twelve months.

The Death Roll.

Mrs. Martha A. Nichols, aged 63, who was taken to Cambridge hospital and operated upon, died there Thursday morning, May 9. Mrs. Nichols was the widow of Leonard Nichols, daughter of Jehu Nichols and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Harry Lane, and four sons, Messrs. Ridgeway, Luther, Orrie, and Bascum Nichols. Funeral services were held the following Saturday, May 11, at the home of Mrs. Harry Lane, Rev. C. M. Elderdice officiating. Interment was made in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Mr. Wm. Morris Needles, a number of years ago agent of the D. & C. road at Henderson, and lately and until his death the agent at Franklin City, was on May 2d struck and killed by a street car while on a business trip in Baltimore.

Liberty.

Mr. R. G. Pepper made a business trip to Georgetown on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy White visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John White, Tuesday.

Williston.

Mr. John Rice died on Wednesday afternoon at the home of his son, Mr. Robert C. Rice, in his 84th year. Funeral services were held at the house at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor and children, David, Anna and George, of Centreville, were recent visitors of Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. M. J. Hignutt.

Sunday School will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock; preaching at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is requested at Sunday School.

Quite a number of patrons of our school have asked Miss Marie Anthony to come back for another year.

Miss Mabel Baker has returned home after spending a few days with her parents, near Harmony.

Mrs. Carrie E. Crosby is spending some time with her father, Mr. B. G. Stevens.

Hobbs.

Parson Bailey, in company with Mr. E. M. Willey, made his initiatory trip to the Delaware Bay last Monday and secured a lot of fine trout, and was very much pleased with the varied scenery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whaley and son, Farnhurst, Del., were last week guests of the former's father-in-law, Mr. T. Meluney, near Andersontown.

The work of basket and berry-crate making is progressing finely, but corn-planting is out of the question.

The meeting for the study of the Sunday School lesson was held at Mr. Al. Billings' last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Starkey, of Milton, Del., were visitors of Hobbs relatives the first of the week.

Mrs. J. S. Slaughter and son, John, spent Saturday and Sunday with Baltimore relatives.

Trinity.

Trinity school closed Friday week. The children and all present were given a treat of ice cream and cake. The children rendered a very fine program of speeches and dialogues, also a school song.

Trinity Epworth League was led last Sunday night by Mrs. Helen Wright. Next Sunday Miss Lulu Davis will be the leader. All are cordially invited to attend. Service will begin at 7.30 p.m.

Farmers are still behind with their work, not very much corn being planted yet.

Mrs. Clarence Melson is spending some time in Wilmingson.

Strawberries in abundance soon.

Hickman.

On last Thursday evening Miss Lottie Devore delightfully entertained a number of her young friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Fountain. Music and games were enjoyed during the early part of the evening. At ten thirty refreshments were served. A very pleasant evening was spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fountain and little son, Charlie; Misses Lottie Devore, Lillie Melvin, Sadie Devore, Eva Melvin, Minnie Fountain, Bessie Scott, Eva Devore, Violet Messick, Mae Price, Messrs. James Devore, Amos Scott, Johnnie Fountain, James Haymon, Isaac Melvin, Henry Scott, George Henwood, Willie Liden and Sam Melvin.

Federalsburg.

A tiny creature of seemingly harmless appearance is baffling strawberry culturists by its ravages upon their fruit. Mr. Harry E. Kinder captured one of these little insects. It has a long bill. He states that the bug pierces with its bill the stem of the flower and thus prevents it from fruiting. Spraying seems to have no effect upon it. The pest, in this region, appeared for the first time last year.

Federalsburg's new town board was organized by electing William H. Davis, president; T. Fred Brown, secretary, and Henry F. Stowell, treasurer. John Smith was re-elected chief of police.

Preston.

Prestonians are greatly pleased at the prospect of the building this year and next of three miles of stone road from this place to Grove. Preston is to be eventually the junction of two State roads, where Caroline and Talbot travel will centre. Auto and carriage travel between the capital towns of the two counties will be by way of this place when all the improvements mapped out are completed.

Mr. Alex. Noble recently submitted to an operation in the Maryland University Hospital, where he has been for some time, and is recovering.

Nichols.

A very pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Callahan on Friday evening of last week, it being the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage. The gifts were very pretty and useful, one of which was a handsome wedding cake, baked by a baker especially for the occasion. Refreshments consisted of ice cream and cake, were served.

The people of Nichols are making preparations for their Children's Day exercises.

Some of the farmers in this vicinity are planting corn.

In Memoriam.

In sad but loving remembrance of my aunt, Mrs. Josephine Wright Horsey, wife of Mr. James H. Horsey, who died February 2, 1912, at her home near Andersontown.

Dear aunt, thou has't left us,
Sad the parting was to all;
But we know we could not help it,
For it was the Saviour's call.
—Her Niece, JOSEPHINE.

Smithville.

Mrs. Wm. E. Liden sustained a serious injury by a fall some weeks ago and is recovering very slowly. Her husband, Judge Liden, is in feeble health, having suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Fowling Creek.

Mr. Penn Willis has purchased an automobile.

GREENSBORO NEWS MATTERS

The New Methodist Protestant Preacher Arrives—Other Notes of Interest.

Rev. Curthbert Warren Bates, the new M. P. pastor, arrived last week, with his family—Mrs. Bates and their baby son, Ronald. Rev. Mr. Bates is a New York man, but has spent eight years in Maryland schools. He has just graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary. The wife and child spent the winter in North Carolina. They are now settled in their cosy parsonage, on the river bank near the church. Services will be held in the church tomorrow at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. The subject of the evening sermon will be "The Highway of Holiness."

Strawberry plants are set very full of fruit, but an insect—a night prowler—is working havoc in many fields, where, in some instances, one-half of the fruit stems are girdled. The pest is threatening to greatly damage the once promising crop.

Mr. Alex. Gadd has his new house enclosed and is pushing it to completion. He will erect two other dwellings in Gadd's Addition during the summer. Mr. Blanch, the architect, is master of his profession.

The Sbockless Current Electric and Manufacturing Co. has enlarged its plant and taken on several skilled workmen. Orders are still piling up, though already six months behind.

Mrs. F. A. Cake and Miss Olive Shields were in Camden, N. J., last week, and were accompanied home by Mrs. Matthew Cake and daughter, Miss Helen.

Mrs. A. W. Houchin was taken to the Maryland University Hospital, in Baltimore, yesterday morning to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. William Dickerson visited Trappe in the early part of the week, and is now in Millington looking after some business interests there.

Mrs. J. E. Curry was taken to the University Hospital, Baltimore, on Wednesday. Dr. Goldsborough accompanied her.

Mrs. C. M. Shockley and children, of Lincoln City, are visiting the former's brother, Mr. W. J. Richards, on the Strand.

Miss Margaret Clark, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. Temple Smith, as are also the Misses Christian, of Philadelphia.

The pea crop so far is in good shape, and promises a normal yield. The cool weather seams to suit pea development.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dill and daughter, Mrs. Bessie Greenlee, of Philadelphia, are spending a few days in Seaford.

"Burnt Cake" will be the subject of Rev. Warren Burr's evening sermon in St. Paul's M. E. Church tomorrow.

Mr. T. Edwin Willis, of Cambridge, spent the early part of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Willis.

Farmers find it difficult to get ahead with their spring planting on account of excessive precipitation.

Mr. William Palmatory, of Ingleside, spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Shull.

Messrs. Herman and Linwood Cohee, of White Mills, Pa., are visiting friends in the county.

Messrs. J. C. Harrington and R. R. Shull have been appointed assessors for the town.

Mr. Carvil Pritchett, of Goldey's College, spent the week-end here with his parents.

Mrs. William Wooters is in the Maryland University Hospital for treatment.

Mrs Monseli Roberts, of Baltimore, is a guest of Mrs. Andrew Baggs.

A dredging machine is at work deeping the river approach to town.

Miss Ethel Jackson spent Saturday and Sunday in Ridgely.

Miss Lola Jackson is visiting Miss Lillie Short, Cecilton.

Mr. Joseph Orrell spent several days in Wilmington.

Poor Labor Supply Means Great Loss.

A writer in the Baltimore Sun sees a possibility of diverting Irish immigrants to Maryland, to help agriculture in the State. The writer says: "According to a recent statement published by the British Board of Trade, 31,058 emigrants left Ireland in 1911. Out of this number 22,010 went to the United States and 5,478 to Canada. As Ireland is mostly an agricultural country, the big majority of Irish emigrants are accustomed to farm life, and it certainly would be interesting to know what steps, if any, were taken by the Maryland Bureau of Immigration to induce some of these people to come this State, where we are in want of tillers of the soil to work the numerous vacant farms and waste lands about which we hear so much lamenting; also, what number out of this 22,010 actually settled in this State?

"These people all speak the English language, and being thoroughly imbued with American ideas before they land here they are, in fact, already half American, and most of them have relatives in this country. They soon become assimilated and make good, industrious citizens, and it is my belief that many of them would come to Maryland if its advantages were understood by them, and in making their future homes here they would be pleased with their surroundings and would do no harm to Maryland."

While agriculture progresses steadily in this State the products of Maryland ought to be doubled, if the farmers could secure enough efficient and dependable workers. Nearly every farmer in this State loses much profit from his lands every year because of labor conditions which they seem powerless to improve. The only agency able to bring relief seems to be the State Immigration Bureau. Certainly it could address itself to no more desirable work for the State and its people.

Card of Thanks.

Relatives wish to express their thanks for many kindness shown them during the long and fatal illness of Mr. John S. Downes, whose death was recently noted in the JOURNAL.

The Champion Hiker Reaches Denton.

Mr. C. P. Johnson, of Topeka, Kansas, known over the country as the champion "hiker," reached Denton yesterday, on his way to Dover—his next stop. He is making a trip a-foot of 11,140 miles, taking him to every State capital in the United States, within one year. If he wins he will secure $2,000. He had traveled 5,230 miles on reaching Denton. As he averages about 35 miles a day he is confident of success. He is lightly clad and wears scout shoes. His lithe, athletic build and his youth favor his success. His journey this way was through the Southwest and South. Mr. Johnson took the trouble, he said, to look into the political sentiment of the people as he came along. In the Southwest he found a strong, predominating Clark sentiment; in the South the people are nearly all for Wilson. He thinks, however, that Mr. Bryan, who has many friends in all sections, will likely be a compromise candidate. As to the Republicans he said La Follette or Hughes would be the man. Johnson says that of all ways in which to see and really know much about one's country the pedestrian's is far the best. He started with no cash at all, according to contract, and does odd jobs here and there and thus earns a few dimes or quarters to meet his very small expenses. He carries with him, in a comfortable little basket, a guinea-pig which is his only company most of the time.

Masons Meet at Easton.

Several hundred members of the Masonic fraternity were in Easton on Tuesday, and the town was in gala attire in commemoration of Dr. John Coats, a Philadelphian and a member of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, but who moved to Easton and instituted Coats Lodge, No. 102, of Easton, and was the founder of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was organized at Easton in an old brick building, which is now W. Roger Rice's blacksmith shop. In the afternoon the Grand Lodge held its annual session in the large auditorium of Music Hall, where Col. Oswald Tilghman delivered his address of welcome to the Grand Lodge and other Masons on the part of Coats Lodge, of Easton. Grand Master Shryock held an open reception also in the afternoon in the ladies' rooms of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, at which many Masons and citizens of the town and visitors paid a call and extended him and the Grand Lodge officers a cordial greeting. The Fourth Regiment Band also gave a concert on the court house green. About thirty members of Temple lodge of Denton were in attendance.

Declamation and Recital on Contest.

The declamation and recitation contest of the schools of Federalsburg, Preston and Denton took place in the town hall here on Friday evening of last week. Ridgely and Greensboro schools were not represented, although expected. Clarence Brower, of Federalsburg, won the declamation prize, and Miss Leona Carmine, of Preston, the recitation medal. The judges were Rev. J. Gibson Gantt, of Denton; Prof. W. L. Kirby, of Preston, and Mr. Robert McClure, of Federalsburg. Quite a large audience enjoyed the evening's program, which was as follows: Piano duet, Misses Gladys Wright and Maggie Redden; "The Vagabonds," Miss Clara Clark, Denton; "The Lance of Kananah," Clarence Brower, Federalsburg; chorus, "King of the Forest," Glee Club; "The Red Jacket," Miss Leona Carmine, Preston; "Antony's Oration," John Noble, Preston; piano solo, Miss Ella Carter; "Christmas Night," Miss Evelyn Davis, Federalsburg; "Antony's Oration," Clifford Raughley, Denton; chorus, "Sweet and Low," Glee Club.

Mr. Goslin for Road Commission.

The Baltimore News states that Senator Edward E. Goslin, of Caroline county, is likely to be made a member of the State Roads Commission by Governor Goldsborough. Mr. Goslin is now secretary of the Commission and is in charge of the running of the office force at the Union Trust Building, Baltimore.

The Governor and the other members of the State Commission are soon to make a trip over the roads completed and the lines next to be taken up for improvement. With the appropriation secured at the last session of the Legislature the work can go forward without delay.

The fact that road building is going forward in nearly all the States in this section of the country gives additional impulse to the work in Maryland and will impel a continuance until there is a general system, as planned by the present Commission. The chief difficulty is the great expense involved. It is believed that the cost will be lessened by experience in building already had.

The Junior Order to Celebrate.

Caroline Council, No. 175, Jr. O. U. A. M., will celebrate the fifty-ninth anniversary of the institution of the order at a public meeting in Masonic Hall, to which everybody is invited, on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged, the principal feature of which will be addresses by Herman L. Mennerick, Esq., of Baltimore, Past State Councilor of Maryland, and Rev. William R. Mowbray, of Milford, Past State Councilor of Delaware. There be vocal selections by a special quartet, as well as instrumental music by an accomplished pianist. Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield will invoke the divine blessing, Rev. J. Gibson Gantt give a scripture reading, and Rev. A. N. Ward pronounce the benediction. Mr. Lawrence B. Towers will preside. According to the announcement, the admission is f ee and there will be no collections.

This office is in receipt of copy of the Anti-Saloon League Year Book for 1912. Like its predecessor it is a big book of 256 pages of carefully selected, up-to-date material respecting all phases of the temperance question. It can be secured at the office of the Anti-Saloon League, Baltimore, and sells for 35 cents.

STATE POLITICAL MATTERS

Mayor Preston for Vice-President—Caroline County Recognized.

There was a harmonious gathering of the Democratic State delegates at the Academy of Music in Baltimore on Thursday last, when the following representatives of the party were elected to the national convention:

Delegates-at-large—John Walter Smith of Worcester county, Isador Rayner of Baltimore city, J. Harry Preston of Baltimore city, Arthur P. Gorman of Howard county, John J. Mahon of Baltimore city, Jasper N. Willison of Allegany county, J. F. C. Talbott of Baltimore county, Joshua W. Miles of Somerset county.

District delegates—First district—J. Harry Covington, Talbot county; Emmerson C. Harrington, Dorchester; Emerson Crothers, Cecil; Thomas J. Keating, Queen Anne's. Second district—John S. Young, Harford county; Chas. H. Dickey, Baltimore county; Guy Steele, Carroll; Frank A. Furst, Baltimore city. Third district—S. Davies Warfield, Baltimore city; Wm. F. O'Conor, Baltimore city; Robert J. Padgett, Baltimore city; S. S. Field, Baltimore city. Fourth district—Daniel J. Loden, Baltimore city; John S. Kelly, Baltimore city; Max Ways, Baltimore city; Alonzo Miles, Baltimore city. Fifth district—Dr. Geo. Wells, Anne Arundel county; J. Enos Ray, Prince George's; Dr. W. B. Dent, St. Mary's; Edward M. Hammond, Howard. Sixth district—Emory L. Coblentz, Frederick county; Stephen J. Mason, Washington; Gilmor S. Hamil, Garrett; Arthur Peter, Montgomery.

The claims of the State for the vice-presidency were set forth in the following, which was adopted unanimously:

"Whereas, the press of the country and many distinguished leaders of the Democratic party have suggested the name of the Hon. James H. Preston, now Mayor of the city of Baltimore, as Vice-President of the United States and the suggestion has been received with the warmest approval on the part of the citizens of Maryland as expressed at many meetings and in the local press, and

"Whereas, by honest, fearless, progressive and public-spirited manner in which James H. Preston has conducted the affairs of the city of Baltimore as its Mayor and has shown executive ability of highest order such as fully justifies the confidence of the people of Maryland, and

"Whereas, Baltimore is the place of meeting of the Conventton and this and the party services of Mr. Preston would render such nomination eminently proper, and

"Whereas, the State of Maryland and the city of Baltimore are the gateway between the North and the South, and no Southern State has received recognition on the national ticket for many years, be it

"Resolved, That this Convention recommends to the delegates of Maryland and to the Democratic National Convention that they use every honorable effort to secure the nomination of Hon. James H. Preston as Vice-President of the United States."

The resolution was presented with the request that it be embodied in the platform. It was referred to the committee on resolutions.

The following Presidential electors were nominated: At Large—James T. Truitt, Wicomico county, and Robert E. Lee, Baltimore; First district—Col. Albert W. Sisk, Caroline county; Second—Dr. Frank T. Shaw, Carroll county; Third—William Shepard Bryan, Baltimore; Fourth—James McC. Trippe, Baltimore city; Fifth—Dr. Louis C. Carrico, Charles county; Sixth—Col. E. Austin Baughman, Frederick county.

The Republicans in State convention assembled last Tuesday had knotty problems on its hands, being composed as it was of delegates very recently engaged in a war to the knife and the knife to the hilt. The Taft delegates were in a majority; but the voters had given orders for Roosevelt. The platform was the document which will be read with a good deal of amusement, fashioned as it was by bitter factional enemies. Much against the will of the Roosevelt people, no doubt, Taft is praised as a patriot; to the evident disgust of the Taft people Roosevelt's achievements while President are said to have been "without parallel in this generation."

Delegates chosen are: At large: Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough, William T. Warburton; Colonel E. C. Carrington, Jr., George L. Wellington.

District delegates: First district—William B. Tilghman, Albert G. Towers; Second district—Robert Garrett, John H. Cunningham; Third district—Albert A. Moreland, Lewis E. Melis; Fourth district—Theodore P. Weis, J. P. Evans; Fifth district—Adrian Posey, Richard N. Ryon; Sixth district—Galen L. Tait, S. T. Jones.

Mr. Legg Gets Credit.

Mr. Constable's large majority in Queen Anne's county, in the recent primaries, is due to a great extent, says the Queenstown News, "to the support and arduous labors of Hon. J. H. C. Legg, of Centreville. All the other lawyers, excepting Richard Earle, favored Judge Adkins but the people were with Mr. Legg. Practical politicians and others say that Constable's victory here was a personal triumph for Mr. Legg."

Maryland in the Forefront.

From the Baltimore Sun.

Recognizing the fact that progressive farming districts are the foundation for all other successful business enterprises, it can be demonstrated, say those who know, that Maryland at present marches at the head of the procession of the progressive farming and business States of the Union.

Queen Anne's grand jury completed its work in two days. Mr. Walter T. Wright, a leading business man of Centreville, was the foreman.

Ezra L. Cramer advertises Spanish jacks for sale.