# LOCAL INTERESTS.

## MINOR MATTERS.

—Next Wednesday will be a legal holiday, and the bank and public schools will be closed.

—Blue birds have made their appearance. Some say they are sure harbingers of an early spring.

—Messrs. Thawley & Ghingher, town butchers, have been compelled to raise the price of beef to 8 and 14 cents per pound.

—The county school commissioners have moved their office to the room adjoining George & Redden's drug store, near the Brick Hotel.

—Mr. George Redden, of Delaware, and his son Frank of this county, last week bought the Hough farm, about two miles below Denton, for $4,000.

—Muskrats had made fairly a honey comb of Mr. Walter Witherbee's mill-race dam, which caused a break twenty yards long. It was repaired last week at a cost of $25.

—The wheat crop in this county was never more promising so early in the season. More wheat is now sown every fall in this neighborhood than was grown annually twenty years ago.

—David Marvel, a young man employed by Mr. Ernest Downes in Tuckahoe Neck, had an arm broken on Monday last by getting it jammed against a stable door post by a mule.

—When the fifth district people vote upon the stock law the registration books and poll books used in said district at the last general election are to determine the qualification of the voters.

—The Rev. Thomas Guard, the noted lecturer and preacher of Baltimore, will lecture under the auspices of Nanticoke lodge of Odd Fellows, in the Federalsburgh Presbyterian church, on Thursday evening, March 2d.

—The first herring of the season was caught on the Stevens fishing shore, just below Denton, on Wednesday by Mr. Joshua Wilson. The herring looked like an old friend, and his captors smiled over the distinction of taking the first one out of the water.

—Mr. A. S. Witherbee, for a number of years a resident of this county, but now living in Virginia, where he is carrying on a farm and a mill, has just been appointed to a lucrative position as railroad agent at Brook, an important office near his residence.

—Senator Roe on Thursday presented in the Senate the memorial of Elijah Hignutt, Michael Hubbard, and 59 others, citizens of the 5th Election District of Caroline county, praying that the proposed stock law be referred to the vote of the people in said district.

—Stephen Gifford, a prominent and a very successful farmer of Poplar Neck, died of pneumonia on Friday, 10th inst. He formerly resided in Cecil county, where he had many relatives and warm friends. He was about 66 years old, and leaves quite a large family.

—The heirs of the late Samuel Hardesty, who some years since removed from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to Virginia, can get on the track to recover the property of which the said Hardesty died seized amounting to some $3,000, by applying to George T. Melvin, Denton, Md. tf

—The colored church near Melville, known as Mount Zion, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. There was a meeting in the church on the evening of the fire, and shortly after the congregation was dismissed it was discovered that fire had caught near the roof, and water not being near it was impossible to extinguish it.

—A subscription was started on Thursday to raise money, without specially levying from the town property holders, for grading and shelling Main street, Denton. It is intended to cover that street from end to end. The paper has already been liberally subscribed to, and it is thought the required money will be readily raised. The promoters of the work expect aid from the county commissioners. The latter are expected to subscribe $100 to the improvement.

—Great preparations (if they need any preparations at all) are being made by Greensborough's drama players to present the "Turn of the Tide" in their town hall next Tuesday evening. Last year about this time they gained and deserved high praise by their presentation of "Among the Breakers," and people who were present then will need only to be told of the coming entertainment to turn out in a body with all their friends and acquaintances. Our Greensborough friends want to replenish their town library, which was originated by these entertainments, and Tuesday night's proceeds will be likely to swell the book fund largely. Go.

### DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY.

Mrs. Julia A. McGonigal died at her residence near Greensborough on Monday morning last. Her death was sudden, though she was in feeble health for a number of years. Deceased was the widow of Robert B. McGonigal, a name familiar in his day from his stirring and prosperous life in Greensborough, where he died over twenty years ago. He left no children, and his widow never married. She settled on the farm after her husband's death, and lived a life marked by Christian kindness and beatitude. She made a will, naming her nephew, Mr. Robert Jarrell, her executor. In it she provides that the Goldsborough church shall receive an annuity of $60 binding upon the Goldsborough farm, which she leaves to Mr. Jarrell, subject to that charge. She devises the Greensborough property to Mr. John DeFord and leaves him $500 in money. Her executor is required to sell all the residue of her property, real and personal, and apply the proceeds to the payment of a number of bequests, among them are $500 to Miss Anna Larrimore, a young woman who had lived with deceased a number of years; $100 to the Sunday school of the Goldsborough church, and many smaller ones.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

George S. Clogg & Son, under the Carrolton Hotel, Baltimore, advertise their shoe business in another column. For quality of material and style of workmanship, Clogg's shoes are unsurpassed.

Jump & Rasin, of Centreville, are in town at the Brick hotel stables with a drove of Kentucky mules, which they offer to farmers and others who may want serviceable animals of this kind.

J. C. Smith & Bro. late of Kent county, Del., have a carpet, oilcloth and matting store, wholesale and retail, at No. 444 W. Baltimore street, Baltimore.

### BADLY BURNED.

Little Annie, a daughter of Mr. Charles T. Davis of the fifth district, narowly escaped a horrible death a few days ago. She was sitting near an open fire place, and had fallen into it just as Mrs. Davis was leaving the room. To add to the horror of the situation, Mrs. Davis on hearing the cry of the child turned to see what was the matter, and seeing her in the fire, swooned and fell to the floor. Luckily her unconsciousness was but momentary, and partially recovering she reached out her hands in the direction of the fire-place—for she was dazed by the fall and could not see—and snatched her little one from the blazing fire. The hair was all burned from the child's head, leaving the scalp in blistered condition. She is now under the doctor's care.

### SMITHVILLE.

Correspondence of the JOURNAL.

The great Rocky Mountain reindeer arrived in this place on the 4th inst., notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and fall of snow. It came bounding along with all the speed it was capable of, Captain Todd in command, engineer Lockerman at the throttle, and the well-known pilot "Darb" at the wheel. Multitudes followed, shouting and working at the wheels. Thomas Trice, a well-known citizen of the vicinity of Smithville, worked at the wheels while beating around Hignutt's pond until his tongue protruded from his mouth from two to four inches. Men and boys ran to and fro peeping over fences and from behind trees, women with their babies, peeping from from every nook and corner, awaiting the arrival of the curiosity. It came at last tearing and throwing sand in the air like a whirlwind the of desert. Again, while belching fire and smoke, it resembled a volcano of South America, yet moving and roaring like an animal of the tropic zone. The animal was safely landed in Bullock's field.

Smithville, Feb. 14. JOHN PIPER.

### PEACH PROSPECTS.

We believe all will agree that so far as the present season has developed, the peach crop is living, with favorable indications for next summer's crop. From winters like the present peach growers have nothing to fear. Their dread of short crops has always been open, mild winters, which forced out the buds prematurely, only to be killed by the most severe spring frosts. The late Samuel Townsend, considered good authority on peach growing, has maintained that a healthy peach tree could stand a temperature of five degrees below zero, depending somewhat upon the forwardness of the buds when the frost occurs. Assuming this to be correct, the crop of peaches is still safe, as the mercury did not reach zero in any of the most exposed points of the great peach grounds of the Peninsula. If we should have a full crop, what would we do with them? Of course a large quantity of them could be disposed of at canning and drying houses.

By the way, who will start up the canning establishment at Denton Bridge the coming season?

### PERSONAL.

—George W. Wilson, Esq., of Easton, was in town on business last Tuesday.

—The Misses Morgan, of Sudlersville, are visiting at the residence of Mr. Luther H. Gadd.

—The Hon. George W. Covington, M. C., will accept the thanks of the JOURNAL for public documents.

—Dr. J. Marion Wilkinson, formerly of Tuckahoe Neck, now residing in Willow Grove, Del., was in town on business last Tuesday.

—The Hon. William H. Hooper, ex-Congressman from Utah, two of his daughters and his private secretary, John Irwin, are in East Newmarket. Hooper used to live there, and went out many years ago, joined hands with Brigham Young, and went to Washington as the delegate in Congress of Utah. It is said that he was Brigham's right-hand man for many years. What part he took in the Mountain Meadow Massacre has never been stated. He is said to be worth millions. He claims that he is not a polygamist, and that, indeed, but few of the Mormons are polygamists. Not more than one in ten. Mr. Hooper talks very pious sort of talk and wears devotion's visage.

### IMPROVING A WHARF.

The wharf of the Maryland Steamboat Company at Denton Bridge is undergoing extensive repairs. The Steamboat Company owns a front on the west side of the river of about 200 feet, the property commencing about 100 feet from the bridge. The wharf is being renovated by new logs, which will raise it two feet higher than at present, so that no tide will ever overflow it. The lower end of the wharf is to be extended several feet into the stream while the upper end is to drawn inland, thus giving a steamboat lying at her moorings a direct course down the river. This is an important improvement. Heretofore a steamer on leaving had to back and go ahead quite a while before she could get under way down the channel. The new wharf will be built so that a boat can "let go" and go on her way rejoicing. The old dilapidated warehouse standing just back from the landing is to come down right away. The steamboat men have ample room in the house lately put up for freight, but it is not as convenient as they want it to be, so they intend to build a house on the plan of the one on the wharf at Cambridge. An abundance of oyster shells are to be put on the wharf, and everything pertaining fixed up in the most substantial and complete manner. The work going on now is under direction of Mr. Michael Finn, agent at Denton Bridge.

### RIDGELY.

Correspondence of the JOURNAL.

All good things at present are scarce with us—money is scarce, items are scarce, fine weather is scarce—but we live in hopes that the clouds will break and give us a peep at the blue sky of prosperity before long.

The lyceum solved the problem for all time in regard to woman's suffrage. "Woman's suffrage," according to this august and venerable body, "ought to be encouraged." Of course it ought. No one can dissent from the opinion delivered by the dignified president; but it fell like a thunderbolt from the blackest cloud upon our benighted minds, thus completely overshadowing our judgment; still we are taking it in by degrees, and hope in time to swallow the creature entire. The women are ahead and always have been; ever since Mrs. Adam drew her unruly son Cain across her maternal knee and applied the historic shingle, even until now, and always will be ahead unto the end of time—in this shingle business. The next subject is something about "anticipation and realization," whatever that is.

H. E. Smith has completed his wheelwright shop and is happy. A number of buildings, it is said, are to be put up here this summer, and we largely anticipate turning our beautifully located town into a summer resort. Don't envy us, either in our "anticipation" or our questionable "realization." I say questionable, because—humph! but ah! were it not for "buts" the millions of earth would dwell in Paradise.

PLANO CONVEX.

### THE COMING M. E. CONFERENCE.

The Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference will hold its fourteenth annual session in Middletown on March 8th, next. The sesson, as far as known, will not be specially interesting, and the chief interest will be the appointments, of course. Already conference speculations are rife among the Methodists, and preachers and congregations are wire-pulling—the former to get the best paying appointments, and the latter to secure the most popular pastor. Among the changes which will take place are 17 ministers who have remained at their charges for three years, this being the limit. These are as follows: N. M. Browne, Port Deposit; Albert Chandler, Parsonsburg; T. R. Creamer, Deal's Island; A. D. Davis, Zion; John France, Newark; S. T. Gardner, Delmar; W. B. Gregg, Claymont; Wm. H. Hutchins, Odessa; R. C. Jones, Bridgeville; L. W. Layfield, Chesapeake City; J. B. Merritt, Still Pond; George A. Phœbus, D. D., Laurel; J. B. Quigg, Milford; Joseph Robinson, Camden; J. O. Sypherd, St. George's; J. T. VanBurkalow, Sudlersville; J. S. Willis, Felton. Other changes will be made but what they are will not be known until the Bishop adjourns the conference and announces the appointments.

It is probable that some action will be taken upon the subject of Roman Catholic legislation. At the last conference a resolution was passed by appointing a committee of five to look into and report upon the sums of money which annually accrue to the Roman Catholic Church, and to also look into various measures in Maryland and Delaware legislatures which were supported by the Catholic clergy. A report from this will be made at the coming meeting, and aggessive action is looked for.

### ADDITIONAL MAIL SERVICE FOR DENTON.

A move is being made by our business men to have Uncle Sam grant us two mails a day between Denton and Ridgely. The plan proposed is a perfectly feasible one and will commend itself when the case is fairly stated. For this place we now have a daily mail only to and from Ridgely, while at the latter place they have two mails a day to and from Baltimore, the first train up bringing from Easton all matter collected in Baltimore between 7 A. M. and 9 P. M. of the day before, and brought by steamboat to Easton. By this means Easton and the several stations on Chesapeake and Delaware Railway get their mails from Baltimore of the day before six hours earlier than they would by the down train. At Ridgely there is from three to four hours difference in the two mail trains up and down. Denton's service consists in one mail in the morning to meet the up train at Ridgely, where the carrier waits until the same train returns from Clayton; and the matter collected both ways on the train for Denton is brought in, arriving here in the afternoon. We want a service to and from each of these mail trains. The only additional cost would be an additional trip by our mail carrier—a mere trifle when compared with the convenience and benefit the increased mail service would give our people. The greatest convenience would be the opportunity afforded of sending matter from this place to Baltimore *via* the afternoon train to Easton and thence by the steamboat. By this this arrangement a letter mailed in Denton at 11.30 A. M. would reach Baltimore before the city was awake next morning and be delivered before breakfast was over, while the same letter by the present service would not reach the same destination before twelve and twenty-four hours later. In a word, we want to enjoy the same mail facilities as the various stations have on Delaware and Chesapeake R. R. Our business men and the entire community are interested, and the matter is in hands that will push the movement to success.

### FOUR LIVES SAVED.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup relieved four of my children of a most alarming attack of whooping cough, from which their throats and necks became so swollen as to prevent them from swallowing. Nothing would give them even temporary relief, until this syrup was tried. One bottle, in one night, saved their lives, I verily believe,

Geo. W. Earhart,
Captain of Police, Baltimore, Md.

### REV. J. S. WILLIS'S TEMPERANCE.

Rev. Jonathan S. Willis is well known in this county, having preached and lectured at different places among us often during the last four years. His eloquence is extraordinary, and when he was announced to speak people would flock to hear him. Some time ago rumors were flying among the gossips prejudicial to the good character and ministerial standing of the reverend gentleman. It was suggested by Rev. J. B. Quigg, pastor of the M. E. Church at Milford, that Presiding Elder R. W. Todd should institute inquiries with a view of ascertaining whether the said rumors had a sufficient foundation to formulate regular charges and specifications against Mr. Willis. The following committee of ministers was accordingly appointed by the presiding elder: R. C. Jones, Bridgeville; J. E. Caldwell, Dover; James Robertson, Camden; T. E. Terry, Seaford, and T. E. Hubbard, Frederica. They met in Felton this week.

The Rev. J. B. Quigg having been called stated to the committee the reports and rumors he had heard, which were to the effect that Mr. Willis had been seen by different parties while he was under the influence of liquor. He had endeavored to substantiate this report by the evidence of a man named Chambers, and also by a former tenant of Mr. Willis's, named Hickey.

Chambers being called testified that one time he thought he saw Mr. Willis under the influence of liquor, but that he would not have thought him intoxicated if he had not heard previous rumors of his drinking. He could not say to a certainty that Mr. Willis was under the influence of liquor, and could only give hearsay evidence in the matter.

Mr. Hickey was called. He stated that he had lived on the Willis farm for six years and aside from being his superintendent had been intimately acquainted with him through business relations. At no time had Mr. Willis called at the farm without his seeing him. During the six years he had served him he never knew of Mr. Willis' being under the influence of liquor, nor of his ever taking a drink of intoxicating liquor. He had never seen or heard Mr. Willis do or say anything that was not in perfect conformity with the creed and precepts preached by him from the pulpit.

There being no other testimony offered the committee unanimously adopted the following:

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the committee appointed to investigate certain rumors affecting the ministerial character of the Rev. J. S. Willis, after thorough investigation do not find that the imputations against Brother Willis have been sustained by such evidence as would warrant any further proceedings.

THOMAS E. TERRY, Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Willis has been in Felton four years. In the minds of the committee he has lived no other than a consistent life. The rumors prejudicial to the reverend gentleman, the committee think, are wholly imaginative, and are the outgrowth of the vaporings of shameless gossips.

### NEW BOOKS.

The Useful Knowledge Publishing Company, 162 Williams St., New York, have just issued a small volume which includes all of the most interesting articles usually found in Washington Irving's "Sketch Book." It is bound in cloth, and neatly printed on fine paper, and is sent by mail to any address for 25 cents.

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We have received the March number of "The Cottage Hearth" published at Boston. It is full of good things for every reader, including stories, travel, music, the fashions, etc.

### BALTIMORE MARKETS.

Thursday's Report.

For Southern wheat the market continues very dull and heavy. Fultz parcels were quoted to-day at 130@133c., and long-berry samples ranged from 135@136, the latter for strictly choice. There was a better supply of Southern corn offering to-day, and the market was easier; white 74@75c.; yellow 68c. Oats 47@50. Rye 94c.

## Married.

NEWELL—LEWIS.—On the 8th inst., at the M. E. Parsonage, Bridgeville, Del., by the Rev. R. C. Jones, Mr. Burdett S. Newell, and Miss Laura F. Lewis, both of Caroline county.

## Died.

COVEY.—In Easton, on the 7th instant, Milton R., son of Solomon and Mary C. Covey, aged 2 years.

M'GONIGAL.—At her residence near Greensborough, on Monday morning Mrs. Julia A. M'Gonigal, relict of the late Robert M'Gonigal, aged about 65 years.


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| Cordova, | 8 14 | 11 06 |
| Hillsborough, | 8 30 | 11 23 |
| Ridgely, | 8 42 | 11 85 |
| Greensborough, | 9 00 | 11 55 |
| Goldsborough, | 9 15 | 12 21 P M |
| Henderson, | 9 26 | 12 38 |
| Marydell, | 9 36 | 12 53 |
| Slaughters, | 9 49 | 1 12 |
| Kenton, | 10 07 | 1 40 |
| Clayton, arrive | 10 22 | 2 05 |
| Wilmington, | 12 07 P M | 6 50 |
| Philadelphia, | 1 10 P. M. | 8 25 |
| Baltimore, | 3 28 | 9 20 |
| New York, arrive | 4 45 | 3 45 A M |

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| Baltimore, | 7 30 | 9 15 |
| Philadelphia, | 8 15 | 11 45 |
| Wilmington, | 9 45 | 1 05 P M |
| Clayton, | 11 15 | 2 40 |
| Kenton, | 11 31 | 2 01 |
| Slaughters, | 11 49 | 3 22 |
| Marydell, | 12 01 P M | 3 38 |
| Henderson, | 12 06 | 3 44 |
| Goldsborough, | 12 21 | 4 00 |
| Greensborough, | 12 38 | 4 20 |
| Ridgely, | 12 52 | 4 37 |
| Hillsborough, | 1 04 | 4 51 |
| Cordova, | 1 20 | 5 11 |
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