LOCAL INTERESTS.

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Carriage Wrecked Under Him.

While Capt. R. R. Emerson was driving into town last Tuesday he made a narrow escape from injury. He saw a short distance ahead of him a runaway wagon team thundering in his derection, and before he could rein out of the way the wagon completely demolished the hind wheels his carriage. He got out of the wreck with no hurts, his horse remaining unfrightened.

Local Option Counties.

Collector of Internal Revenue C. Irving Ditty was recently informed that liquor dealers in Baltimore were in the habit of shipping spirits concealed in other packages to local option counties. Collector Ditty sent a letter to Commissioner Raum inquiring if this was permissible under the revenue laws, which require all marks, brands and stamps on packages containing spirits to be open to inspection. The commissioner replied that the practice was not permissible under the revenue law, and that no such packages must be encased, but must be open, so as to show marks, brands and stamps.

Whiskey by the Gallon.

The local option law, which prohibits the vending of spirituous and fermented liquors in the three counties reached by the steamers on the Choptank—Dorchester, Talbot and Caroline—has resulted in the establishment of extensive sales from Baltimore liquor dealers to persons in these counties. It is brought over by the gallon, but it is often the case that a consignment of three or four gallons is made to one man. Especially is this so at the holiday season. Many who do without for most of the year cannot forego indulgence at this time of the year. For a week or more the tri-weekly visits of the steamer Enoch Pratt to Denton have brought a dozen jugs and demijohns to this place, and the delivery at wharves further down the river has been proportionately large while at Easton and Cambride the steamboats land twenty-five or thirty gallons at each place.

Church Items.

—Rev. A. D. Davis preached in Georgetown last Sunday, the occasion of raising money to pay for church improvements there. The amount—$300—was promptly contributed.

—There will be an entertainment of the scholars of the Sunday schools of Hillsborough Wednesday evening next at the M. E. church South. All are invited to attend. The entertainment is under the superintendence of Mr. John W. Knotts.

—Preparations for the observance of Christmas in the churches are being actively made. The children are already in gleeful anticipation, for theirs as usual is to be the large share of the things to delight provided by the church. Appropriate services will be held in all the places of worship. The Sunday schools of Christ and the M. E. churches of Denton will each supply a feast for the children, to take place on Monday evening.

—On Wednesday March 7th, next, the Wilmington Conference will meet in Cambridge. Bishop Peck has been delegated to preside at the session. The assignment of the preachers to new fields of labor is the most important and absorbing topic of each session, and under the rules of the church there will be of necessity several changes of pastors at the approaching session. Wilmington, Dover and Salisbury districts will be supplied with new presiding elders. Rev. Charles Hill is spoken of as the successor of Dr. Matlack on Wilmington district; Rev. A. W. Milby is likely to succeed Rev. R. W. Todd on Dover district, and either Rev. W. E. England or J. A. B. Wilson will probably take Rev. T. S. Williams' place on Salisbury district. The retiring elders will again enter the itinerant ranks.

Apples Scarce and Dear.

In the unusual scarcity of apples the prospect is they will get out of the reach of most people in price. They are held at $2 and $2.25 per bushel by local dealers. The man who is fortunate enough to have harvested a good crop of winter apples has a source of considerable revenue now at his command.

An exchange notices the fact that this peninsula between the two bays produces the best fruit in the United States. For the last twenty years farmers and fruit growers have paid more attention to peaches than any other variety of fruit, but for the last few years all farseeing fruit growers have commenced planting apples with the most gratifying result. Apples will grow to perfection upon almost any soil that will produce corn, and experience has demonstrated the fact that with the same care our soil and climate will produce apples equal, if not superior, to New York State, and the profit is far greater than any other crop ever handled in our section. The demand for fine winter apples is so universal that for the last ten years the supply has never been equal to it; and a bushels of good winter apples has in all these years demmanded a better price than a bushel of corn, whilst an acre in full bearing apple trees will produce from ten to twelve times as many apples as an acre of land will of corn. There is no such thing as glutting the world's market with winter apples. If every acre that will bear good fruit as this large peninsula was planted in winter apples, and every tree bore full, it would make no perceptible difference in the price of apples and cider abroad. American apples are now shipped every where and the market is constantly demanding a large supply at increased prices. The people are eating and demanding more domestic fruit every year. People in cities now buy apples for food as regularly as they buy meats, and every man, woman and child's health is improved by a liberal allowance of fruit food; and apples supply this food in a more convenient from than any other fruit. In a few years thousands of acres of fruit land will be bearing the finest winter apples, and an acre of ground that will bring twenty dollars now cannot be bought for one hundred when ther trees come into bearing. We honestly believe that any farmer who will plant a ten or twenty acre lot—if he will not plant more largely—in the best variety of winter apples and then cultivate them as carefully as he now does his corn field. will, in a few years, reap an annual average reward of a hundred dollars for every acre he has in apple trees.

Death on the Road.

Mr. Charles A. Dunning, who resided on the road from Denton Bridge to the Brick Mill, was found dead at an early hour Wednesday morning last along the public road, and within a few hundred yards of his home. Mr. Dunning had been engaged the day before as clerk to the public sale of Mr. O. J. Redden, his brother-in-law, in Tuckahoe Neck, about a half-hour's drive from home. Mrs. Dunning had become alarmed Tuesday night because of the lateness of her husband's absence, and about 1 o'clock in the morning, when she heard stamping of a horse's hoofs, she thought the noise made was by the approach of his team. She had already been listening for an hour or more with singular anxiety and after hearing the sounds, which grew no nearer, and which seemed only a short distance down the road, she sent a colored man-servant in the direction whence they came. This was about half-past 1 o'clock. The servant had been gone but a few minutes when he brought back the startling news that Mr. Dunning was down the road dead, having found his lifeless body wedged in between the left wheel and shaft of his carriage, his head reaching the ground. The horse, a spirited animal, stood pawing and looked as if in mute consciousness of her master's death. Had the horse become frighted, the body of the dead man would have been terrible bruised and mangled over the frozen road. As it was it appears that the unfortunate driver had fallen forward in an attack of apoplexy or some fatal congestion, and that the horse did not proceed after the fall. A slight bruise only was found on the left temple, supposed to have been sustained in falling against the wheel. The attack had occurred several hours before, as the limbs of the body were stiff and cold in death. From which it would appear that the sagacious horse, aware of the misfortune of her master, had not moved, but endeavored to bring help by the stamping heard at the house.

Mrs. Dunning had seemed strangely apprehensive of some calamity, yet she could not believe the colored man's statement, and with him and a neighbor, she hurried to the scene described. This was about 2 o'clock. Her distress must have been heartrending. The husband had left home the morning before in perfect health and fine spirits, and remarked while at Mr. Redden's sale that he never felt better in his life. He finished his work as clerk late in the afternoon, but remained until after supper, when, at about 7 o'clock, he started for home, alone, in a York carriage. It has not been learned whether he stopped on the way or not; yet he had not reached the place where he was discovered at a late hour Tuesday night—between 10 and 11 o'clock—when Dr. Enoch George passed over the Brick Mill road to Denton.

Mr. Dunning was thirty-nine years of age, of fine physique, and apparently in perfect health. He was thought to be an apoplectic, however, by his friends and family, and his death was attributed to the suspension of the functions of the cerebrum. A jury of inquisition was summoned Wednesday morning as follows: Wm. G. Horsey, Jno. R. Fountain, Wm. W. Lowe, R. G. Stewart, O. E. Rochester, James Melvin, L. H. Gadd, R. K. Williams, C. H. Blackiston, Wm. Driggis, Jas. L. Sylvester and James Bryan. Dr. Enoch George testified that he thought, after examining the remains, the deceased came to his death from congestion of the lungs; which concluded the testmiony, and the jury returned a verdict in accordance therewith.

Mr. Dunning had many friends who were strongly attached to him by his kindly and jovial disposition and frank manner. Particularly is he spoken of as thoughtful of the poor who came under his notice. Last summer a family of small pox sufferers in his neighborhood was cared for by him, he providing them with food, clothing and attention. Mr. Dunning was a member in good standing in the masonic fraternity, in which he had held prominent offices. He was also connected with two beneficiary and insurance organizations, the Heptasophs and the Mutual Relief Association of Rochester, N. Y., in each of which he held a life insurance policy of $2,000. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, under the masonic ritual, and interment was in the Choptank cemetery.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.—It has for many years been the custom of the Pennsylvania Railroad to make reduced rates for round-trip tickets extending over the Holidays, and it is announced by the Passenger Department that the practice will be observed this year on not only the Pennsylvania Railroad but on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore. West Jersey, Northern Central, Baltimore and Potomac, and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroads. Reduced rate round-trip tickets will be sold on December 23d, 24th and 25th, good to return until the 2d of January, and on the 30th and 31st of December and the 1st of January, good to return until the 2d of January.

—George & Redden, druggist, earnestly desire a settlement of the standing bills by January 1. These bills they now need to meet obligations of their own. Please call early.

Wedding at Potter's Landing.

Last Wednesday evening at Potter's Landing M. E. church was the scene of a brilliant wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Carrie Elma Stevens, daughter of B. G. Stevens, Esq., a prominent and wealthy merchant of Potter's Landing, and Mr. William Crosby, of Houston, Texas. The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Smith at 8 o'clock, Messrs. J. E. Tylor, G. A. Deakyne and Howard Bryant being the efficient ushers. The sister of the bride presided at the organ, and greeted the bridal party with a beautiful wedding march. The bride, a charming blonde, was most becomingly and elegantly attired in strawberry-red satin skirt with plush basque trimmed with marabout fringe, and a hat to match the dress with terracotta trimmings; this was called a traveling suit. The groom wore a black walking suit. The ceremony over, the party with numerous friends repaired to the hospitable residence of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous supper was prepared. Many friends called to congratulate the newly wedded pair, and the evening was spent in social enjoyment. The house was a scene of dazzling brilliancy, being illuminated from top to bottom, and the interior decorated with flowers. A number of fine presents were received by the bride, mostly silverware. She was the recipient of a valuable diamond set from the groom. They took the train Thursday for a tour through the north, after which they will start south, stopping for a farewell reception at Potter's Landing, and finally taking up their residence at El Paso, Texas, where Mr. Crosby is interested in mining.

County Schools.

To the Editor of the JOURNAL.

Would you allow me to venture a few suggestsons that I am sure will tend to the puclic welfare?

Our county schools are supported by taxpayers generally, so that children of poor and rich are educated alike. But look deeply into the matter and see if the system has not a hump on its back

What is a county school but a a charity one? The originators of these institutions intended them for those parents whose means did not enable them to pay private school teachers to give their children an elementary course of instruction — reading, plain writing and arithmetic to division.

Is this what county schools (or city schools) are now? Not at all. All is mixed up. Refined education is smattered in with elementary instruction. A first grade school can command the services of a high-toned teacher, somewhat equal to a college graduate, and all these subjects he has to teach by himself alone to a large number of pupils, male and female of all ages and capacities, just when he chances to have them in attendance, and at the end of the year what has the poor teacher been able to accomplish? Nothing but a slip-shod, piece-meal, smattering education after all.

But put things in order; let the county school teacher give the poor man's children a simple education, and send the rich man's to suitable institutions such as his purse can pay.

There are many taxpayers who have no children, yet they must support the fancy county school, shall it be called. You cannot justify this; you have no right to levy a tax on any citizen for county education except for what is indispensable for public welfare, namely, repelling the direful effects of the great curse of ignorance. You call drink and a host of bad things curses. Well, have it so; but look further and deeper—what is behind? Ignorance in one form or another. And what is the cure, I mean in a social sense? Education. And what education? The three R's. in the county school with all its plumage and ramifications? Well this is a part—a very good part and easy to carry in after life, but there is an education of the mind that can be imparted without pupils, books, slates and pencils—that can do quite an equal share in training youth to become good, useful, worthy, and it may be well-to-do members of society.

Let us have some of this kind of instruction in our county schools, whether given by teacher, visitor, or any philanthropist, so that what we do we may do well.

What is the reason that many so-called highly educated young people fail in after life? It is because their education has been imperfect. They have had the books, the coach, and the cram, but not having the mental part trained to regulate the puffs, they have burst to atoms spite of all their pretentious qualifications; whilst hosts that could never either read or write did well.

As to religious instruction, Sunday schools can furnish this, but the day teacher is indispensable to pave the way to fit pupils minds to receive any religious instruction. D.

A $20 Bible Reward.

The publishers of Rutledge's Monthly offer twelve valuable rewards in their Monthly for January, among which is the following: We will give $20.00 in gold to the person telling us how many verses there are in the New Testament Scriptures (not the New Revision) containing but two verses each, by January 12, 1883. Should two or more correct answers be received the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner January 15, 1883. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the February Monthly, in which the name and address of the winner and the correct answer will be published. This may be worth $20.00 to you; cut it out. Address Rutlege Publishing Company, Easton, Penn.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.

There is good demand for southern wheat and the market is fairly firm and active. Good to choice parcels sell at $1.03@1.09 for Fultz and $1.08@1.15 for longberry.

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MINOR MATTERS.

—"Gutta percha gobbler," is the latest designation for tough turkey.

—Christmas novelties are numerous and beautiful this season.

—Clinton Cook, as agent, offers at private sale a small farm near Andersontown.

—Christmas is nearly here. There is no use of mincing words about it, so mince-meat.

—Christmas is so near that visions of Santa Claus in all his glory rises up in the minds the little ones.

—A good stand for the undertaking business in Greensborough will be sold on Tuesday next by George T. Melvin, trustee.

—Miss Linnie Bryant Thursday returned from school at Winchester, Va., for the holiday vacation, accompanied by Miss Violetta Ring of Baltimore.

—Christmas day and New Year's day being legal holidays, the bank will be closed on those days. Notes maturing on three days must be paid on the days previous.

—Subscribers who change their post-offices at the beginning of the new year will please notify us of the fact, in order that their papers may be sent to the proper places.

—On account of stormy weather the public sale of personal property at the residence of James A. Dixon, near Andersontown, was postponed to December 26th, or the first fair day thereafter.

—You should encourage newspaper reading among your children, and you will discover what a fondness they will have for their family journal, and how rapidly they will improve. Every family should have a good newspaper.

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—Mr. Clinton Cook, agent for the Mutual Relief Society of Rochester, N. Y., since the announcement of the death of Mr. Charles A. Dunning, who had just received a policy of $2,000 in that company, has insured over a dozen persons.

—Rev. A. D. Davis will preach in the M. E. church to-morrow at 10 A. M. a sermon preparatary to the approaching revival services, and on Monday at the same hour he will preach a Christmas sermon. The M. E. Sunday school will hold Christmas concert exercises on Sabbath evening.

—Mr. George W. Wilson, one of the largest real estate owners in Talbot county, died on Wednesday last in the 74th year of his age. Mr. Willson was long known as a prominent and highly respectable citizen. He was the father of Mr. Alfred J. Willson and Mrs. Henry C. Fisher, both of Tuckahoe Neck.

—Mrs. Corrinne M. Bartol, wife of Chief Judge James M. Bartol, of the Court of Appeals, died Saturday morning last at the residence of her son in law, Mr. C. E. Hitchcock, in Baltimore city, of diphtheria. Mrs. Bartol has been ill about four weeks. She was the daughter of Dr. P. O. Cherbonnier. Judge Bartol, who has been ill for some time, is still quite sick, and cannot leave his room.

MARRIED.

HUGHES—DILL.—On the 14th of December, by Rev. T. E. Terry, Mr. Asa Hughes of Caroline county, and Miss Mary Dill of Queen Anne county.

LEONARD—WRIGHT.—At the residence of the bride, Dec. 13, by Rev. W. A. McDonald, Charles H. Leonard, of Talbot, and Miss Cora L. Wright, of Caroline county.

MERRIDITH—HORSEY.—Thursday evening last at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. A. D. Davis, Alphonso Merridith and Miss Annie W. Horsey, both of Caroline county.

DIED.

GRACE.—At Baltimore on Sunday, Dec. 10th, Sallie P., wife of John W. Grace and daughter of the late Aaron and Arah A. Conrad.

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