DENTON JOURNAL.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18, '96.

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

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

MAILS ARRIVE.

8 45 A. M., via D. & C. Ry. from South.
12 00 M., " " " " North.
8 00 P. M., " " " " North.
12 00 M., " stage " Preston.

MAILS LEAVE.

6 20 A. M., via D. & C. Ry., North.
1 00 P. M., " stage Preston.
9 15 A. M., " " " South.
5 15 P. M., " " " South.

PUBLIC BUSINESS CALENDAR.

CIRCUIT COURT WILL MEET FEB'Y 5.

ORPHANS' COURT WILL MEET JAN. 21.

LEVY COURT WILL MEET JAN. 21.

SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET JAN. 28.

THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

DASHES HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Samuel T. Jones has received his commission as postmaster at Goldsborough.

Mr. D. C. Adams, near Smithville, has a cow that gave birth a few days ago to an 82½-pound calf.

The enterprising Dover *Delawarean* is to issue a daily paper during the coming session of Conference.

MONEY TO LOAN—On first mortgage on first-class real estate. Apply to DEWEESE & OWENS, Denton.

There is now an evening mail to Federalsburg by the late train on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Mr. M. J. Cohee will in a few days open a feed store in the room heretofore occupied by E. M. Dean, the tinsmith.

The county commissioners on Tuesday last appointed Richard J. Shields an additional constable for the Third election district.

A number of prominent Caroline Republicans were in Annapolis early this week booming the Senatorial claims of Hon. George M. Russum.

During the late freeze a number of young men of Chestertown transformed their bicycles into "icycles" and made very fast time on the river and ponds.

Peach-growers note the fact that the weather for some weeks past has been all that they could ask. The prospect for a crop next year could hardly be better, they say.

Ladies' coats, at James H. Nichols', will be sold out at cost now, the season being far advanced. It is better to sell these at cost than to keep them until next season.

Mrs. Cheffins, a widow who resided near Goldsborough, was one day last week taken to the Maryland Hospital. On account of her mental afflictions she was subsequently removed to Spring Grove Asylum.

Of the committees thus far announced by Speaker Mudd, of the House of Delegates, Mr. Lewis is on that of Ways and Means and Judiciary, and Dr. Clark on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries, Public Buildings and Public Hygiene.

Among the recent transfers of property in Oxford were the following: William P. Benson to Elias W. Williamson, lot of land on Front street, $300; John Q. Potter and wife to Elias W. Williamson, parcel of land on the strand, $225.

A Port Deposit man, whose head has been whitened by the frosts of eighty winters, says this will be an open winter, as the Susquehanna never breaks up but once in a winter, and it has already broken up once. He says, "smile if you like, but watch and see."

The Heptasophs are preparing for a musical entertainment in Town Hall next Thursday night. Those who are to take part are a guarantee that the music will be well selected and well rendered. The entertainment will be free. Heptasophs are especially invited to be present, and bring friends with them. Children without their parents will not be admitted.

Director Emory was in Denton Thursday and stated that as the company's time is limited for the construction of the railroad, condemnation proceedings will soon be instituted to settle the questions of right-of-way wherever the property owners had declined to make the grant necessary. There are only a few instances along the entire route where the right has been refused.

A despatch from Dover on Tuesday last stated that Hon. Nathaniel B. Smithers was extremely ill, suffering from kidney disease. Since early manhood Mr. Smithers has been very prominent in public affairs, and held the offices of Secretary of State, member of Congress, &c. He is a lawyer of deep research, rare powers of analysis and peculiarly accurate discrimination, combined with remarkable forensic ability and perspicuity of expression. He is seventy-three years of age. Mr. Smithers died Thursday morning.

Mr. Joseph H. Carroll and Mr. W. Frank Towers have purchased the J. H. Coulbourn & Co. commission store on South Charles street, Baltimore. Mr. Carroll, who is a native of this county, and well and favorably known here, has been for several years connected with the firm of Coulbourn & Co., and is deservedly popular with shippers, as is Mr. Coulbourn, who continues business in Philadelphia. Nearly every business man in the county has a personal acquaintance with Mr. Towers, and the public generally will wish the new firm of Carroll & Towers abundant success.

THE HORTICULTURISTS' MEETING.

Interesting and Instructive Discussions—Some Distinguished Visitors.

A very enteresting and instructive meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society was closed yesterday evening in the Town Hall in this place. Not for many years has such a gathering assembled in this county—at least not since the days when the grangers had a large membership in Caroline, and when a great many leading farmers were active members of that organization. The meeting was opened on Wednesday afternoon. Hon. H. E. Van Deman, of Accomac county, Va., presiding, and Prof. Wesley Webb, of Dover, at the secretary's desk. In the goodly-sized audience present at the opening session were many from various parts of the peninsula, including Prof. M. H. Beckwith, of the Delaware College, Pomologist; Vice-President George Biddle, of Cecil county; Vice-President Robert Emory, and Hon. John S. Harris, of Kent, Md; Mr. Charles Wright, of Seaford; Mr. W. T. Case, of Felton, Prof. James S. Robinson, of the Maryland Agricultural College, Prof. W. F. Massey, of the North Carolina Experiment Station, and others. Mr. Charles Wright, chairman of a committee on fruits, read a paper which elicited a score of short talks, in the nature of a discussion, in which many of the most interesting phases of the planting, and developing of the various varieties of berries and other fruits were explained. The experiences of many were heard and the professors gave useful information on points which had been satisfactorily settled at the various Experiment Stations and Agricultural Colleges. The conclusion seemed to be general that deep cultivation of the ground must always be had before the setting of the strawberry plants; that a patch should not be allowed to remain more than two years in one place, and that nitrate of soda, applied judiciously, not over 100 pounds to the acre, is a good fertilizer for the fruit on nearly all kinds of soil. A number of growers recommended the burning over of the patches at the conclusion of the season to rid them of insects.

The red raspberry occupied some time and was an interesting theme. Some of the visitors from a distance had found the red raspberry a poor crop, which was being abandoned in some parts of the peninsula, but a number of speakers from various parts of this county and Mr. Wright, of Delaware, very spiritedly combatted the discounting of this fruit, saying it still pays handsomely if properly handled. Indeed, they said, they had found it the most remunerative of all.

In the evening Mr M. B. Stephens delivered an address of welcome to the large audience which had gathered, and Prof. James S. Robinson responded. Both speeches were received with enthusiasm. Professor Massey read an instructive paper on apple culture, and a general interchange of views on this and kindred subject followed.

The second day's meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society drew a larger number of visitors than the day before, and the large hall was completely filled. Several hours in the morning were occupied in discussing apple culture, a long paper on which had been read by Prof. Massey, of the North Carolina Experiment Station, the night before. There appears to be a revival of interest in apple-growing, judging by the spirited talks on the subject. Many present were of the opinion that there is a bright prospect for this industry on the peninsula. The various phases of cultivation and the best varieties were touched upon. Mr. Brown, of Camden, Delaware, read a paper on apples and submitted a list of approved varieties for peninsular cultivation. He thinks that the main reason for low prices of apples is due to large shipments of poor fruit. If only the well-matured, perfectly ripe fruit were sent to market, good prices would prevail, and the apple would be restored to its rightful place as a staple fruit crop. Mr. Brown gave his views about planting orchards, saying that it is a mistake to put out many varieties. Mr. S. H. Derby, of Delaware, made a report on apple shipping. He is firmly of the opinion that barrels should be used rather than baskets. At this juncture the meeting passed a vote of thanks to Prof. Massey for his paper.

Mr. J. H. Banning, of Talbot, in the afternoon read a paper on the growing and shipping of peaches, and Dr. F. P. Herr, of Ridgely, and Col. Martin, of Seaford, and others discussed the question. The most effective methods for ridding peach trees from insects, so destructive in the past few years were talked over, and Prof. Beckwith, of Delaware College, thought that proper spraying should be effectual in most cases. Mr. A. W. Slaymaker, of Dover, was of the opinion that thorough cultivation should not be neglected, in fighting the curculio. The insect falls into the soft ground and cannot get out. Capt. Emory's experience did not bear out Mr. Slaymaker. Prof. Beckwith said the ant and some other insects destroy the larvæ of the curculio, and Dr. Herr was thoroughly convinced of the fact that the larva is so destroyed. Peach varieties were discussed. Prof. Chester thought peach rot could be prevented by spraying with Bordeaux mixture.

Captain Emory, as chairman of the committee on pear culture, read a paper on that subject. The failure of orchardists to discover a remedy for blight was alluded to, and sundry remedies, not very effective, were mentioned. Prof. Robinson saw in the enlarging of cold storage capacity of the big fruit markets great advantages and increased prices. He had visited the markets of Baltimore and New York. In the latter city especially he had noted the cold storage system. Apple buyers there had purchased the fruit at from fifty to seventy-five cents per barrel, and by keeping it in cold storage had been enabled to sell it at a great profit. This system would ultimately greatly increase the importance of fruit growing, enlarging the markets for pears and other fruits. The Keifer pear must be picked and ripened before shipment, he said. Capt. Emory thought the same rule must be observed in the harvesting the Bartlett and Duchess. Pick them when they are half ripe, and wait until they are golden in color. If picked too soon the fruit will shrink and shrivel.

Mr. J. C. Carter, of Delaware, read a paper on the "Grape," which showed that he had given a good deal of attention to vine culture. He described his method of cultivating, fertilizing, how to prevent the rosebug from destroying the fruit. Prof. Heiges, U. S. Pomologist, who had arrived in town, took the floor and spoke of the various varieties of grapes. He unqualifiedly praised the Wyoming Red, it being double the size of the Delaware, and of as fine flavor and quality.

On Thursday evening Mr. W. P. Corsa, of Washington, read a paper on "Nut Culture," suggesting still another unexplored field of industry which the average agriculturist has given little or no thought. The audience received a number of good ideas from a lecture with which Prof. Chester, of Delaware College, followed, on "Fungicides." Mr. A. W. Slaymaker entertained the assembly next with a paper on "Small Fruits," giving all present the full benefit of his management of the different varieties, and the relative profits of each.

Before adjournment on Thursday evening the Society decided to meet at Milford, Delaware, in January next.

Yesterday morning officers for the ensuing year were chosen, as follows: President, H. E. Van Deman; first vice-president, John J. Rosa; secretary and treasurer, Wesley Webb; vice-presidents: for New Castle, Dr. John J. Black; Kent county, Del., S. H. Derby; Sussex, Charles Wright; Cecil, George Biddle; Kent, Md., James S. Harris; Queen Anne's, Dr. J. H. Holland; Caroline, H. A. Roe; Talbot, J. H. Banning; Dorchester, Robert S. Gulick; Wicomico, to be supplied; Worcester, Orlando Harrison; Somerset, J. W. Hall; Accomac, A. J. McMath, and Northampton, W. L. Elzey.

Mr. J. W. Kerr read a paper on plums, on which he is one of the best-known authorities; C. L. Marlett made an address on "insecticides;" Prof. Beckwith made a report on "Insects;" Prof. Robinson talked on "Fungous Diseases," and a letter was read from Dr. Black, who could not be present. Later there were reports on "Crimson Clover," by Mr. Derby; "Potatoes," by Mr. Elzey; "Melons," by Mr. P. P. Wyncoop, and "Necessity of Better Methods in Marketing Fruits," by Prof. Robinson. Last evening the program included "Landscape Gardening," by Dr. Lewis Buffett; "Asparagus," by George H. Murray; "Floriculture," &c.

All the session have been highly snteresting. Those who have availed themselves of the opportunity to hear the discussions have gained much valuable information on subjects which are of especial interest to so many farmers and fruit growers in this county.

Wheeler's New Steamer.

The new steamer being built by Charles Reeder & Sons for the Wheeler Transportation Line is fast assuming shape. The frame work is up and the plating has been begun. The work on the machinery is also well under way. The steamer will be fitted up with all the modern improvements, electric lighting, etc., at heavy expense, and will be ready to take her place on the route by June 1st. A Baltimore paper early this week announced that the new steamer would be named Easton, but this is thought to be incorrect. Mr. James W. Holt, secretary and treasurer of the company, said he had not heard the name suggested before and hardly thought it would be adopted, as their route does not touch the town of that name. "Now," said Mr. Holt, "if there were not already a steamer Cambridge the new boat would likely be called for the town of that name." Why not name the steamer Caroline or Tuckahoe?

Bank Stockholders' Meeting.

At the meeting of the stockholders of Denton National Bank on Tuesday last, the following directors were re-elected: B. Gootee Stevens, Ernest Downes, John W. Clark, A. R. Wright, Emory S. Turpin, Thomas W. Jones, Thomas B. Sparklin, C. W. Hobbs, and T. C. West. Mr. Stevens was again chosen president of the institution; Mr. Downes, vice-president, and Mr. West, cashier. Mr. T. Pliny Fisher will continue to be the bank's attorney, Mr. J. Dukes Downes its teller, and Mr. George C. Skirven its book-keeper. Denton Bank occupies a very high position among the financial institutions of the State, and its success is not surprising when such officers as those above named conduct its affairs.

THE CONGRESSMAN FROM CAROLINE.

Sketches of the Life, Times and Contemporaries of Thomas Culbreth.

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In the campaign preceding the Assembly election of 1809 Culbreth did yeoman service for the Democratic ticket. He appears to have had, even thus early, legislative aspirations, but recognized that he must tarry a little longer in the political Jericho. The anti-Federalists resolutely refused to entertain the overtures of their enemies for another "split" delegation, and put their strongest partisans on the ticket. It was headed by Frederick Holbrook, of Collins' Cross Roads. Peter Willis, also from below the Choptank; Henry Driver, of the middle, and Alemby Jump, of the upper district, were the other nominees. The Federalists accepted the challenge, and John Young, Richard Hughlett, Thomas Goldsborough, and John Cooper, of that party, contested the October poll for the Lower House. The Federalists' campaign was in the nature of a still hunt, but one of their representatives fanned the embers of party hatred by drinking a toast—"Damnation to all Democrats, and a speedy passage to hell." Vigorous King's English was still in fashion on public occasions in 1809. The Democratic candidates were elected by goodly majorities. Holbrook's vote was 876. Jump, the lowest candidate on the same ticket, received 765. Young led the Federalist ticket, with exactly 400 less votes than had been cast for Holbrook. Cooper got only 325. Elijah Satterfield, the Federalist candidate for sheriff, polled 521 votes, and Thomas Saulsbury, Democrat, was elected. His majority over Satterfield was 243.

A TOAST OF 1810.

The result of the Leopard's attack on the Chesapeake had been "Jefferson's Embargo," laid December 22, 1807. This had been repealed on the first of March, 1809, in obedience to the outcry in New England against "the terrapin policy," and renewed in the following August. On July 4, 1810, Culbreth drank this toast at Denton:

America—The last asylum of liberty. Though the want of energy, firmness and decision in the Tenth and Eleventh Congresses awoke in the patriot bosom some awful forebodings, he is consoled by the knowledge that the virtue, public spirit and disinterested patriotism of our citizens affords an adamantine shield to the Independence we celebrate, against which the royal orders of an imperial usurper and the diabolical decrees of a despotic tyrant fulminate in vain.

The Democrats, so far as I have been able to ascertain, had no formal celebration of the day at Denton, and this toast must have been offered by Culbreth at a private gathering. The "Caroline Washington Troop" had a dinner and the usual speech-making at Clendenning's Tavern. Captain Thomas Daffin presided, and the vice-president was Dr. Robert Stevens. The Troop, as its name indicates, was largely composed of Federalists. The adherents of the "peace party" were exceedingly fond of calling themselves Washingtonians and cloaking their obnoxious principles and unwillingness to make war upon Great Britain under patriotic professions. Neither Culbreth's name, nor that of any other Democrat, is to be found in the report of the celebration by the Troop. The "America" toast is not in its list. John Young read the Declaration of Independence, and its reading, states the reporter, "seemed to fire every breast with the most patriotic emotions. Never did more harmony and order prevail. The dissention of party spirit was lost in the visible demonstrations of joy, which lighted up every countenance; the conversation was open and manly, and exempt from that warmth and irritation which too often unhappily prevails on such occasions." As to the patriotic emotions that filled every breast, there was a wide difference of opinion, as will be seen hereafter.

Culbreth's toast produced "warmth and irritation." It animadverted on Congress, Napoleon and George IV. Culbreth's own political friends do not appear to have been entirely pleased with its broadness, and in his "attempt to support its sentiments" he had "an unfortunate misunderstanding with a highly valued personal friend." It would be interesting to know who this friend was, but his identity has passed into oblivion, and cannot be now even conjectured. Culbreth maintained that Congress did not lack in wisdom or virtue or patriotism, but that it had shown signal deficiency in energy to adopt, and firmness and resolution to support, such measures as the violated rights and wounded honor of the country imperiously demanded. To counteract versions of the affair that might be spread through the county to his detriment, Culbreth wrote an address, defining his attitude. He said he regretted the loss of friendship as much as anyone, but when its retention was incompatible with a free and independent expression of his sentiments, he had no alternative but to part with it, however reluctantly. He disdained "an ignoble sacrifice and dasdardly suppression" of his honest opinions, or a blind, infatuated and indiscriminate approbation and sycophantic applause of every measure of his political friends. "When my heart does not honestly approve," said Culbreth, "my tongue shall not ignominiously applaud, nor will I ever withhold from the measures of either my political friends or their enemies what I conceive to be merited censure or just reprobation, more especially when I solemnly believe them to be derogatory to the honor and a dereliction of the rights of my country." Upon these principles Culbreth announced that he proposed to act while a vital spark of freedom warmed his bosom; they would govern his conduct in every affair of his life.

Culbreth was one of those who denounced the celebration of the Washington Troop. It was said that the Troop had profaned the day. One of their toasts referred to trial by jury. This was held to be in the nature of supporting "that blessed throng, the lawyers." Lawyers were not very popular among Democrats. From professional reasons, they had opposed a scheme of arbitration of suits. Another toast was held up as being disloyal. The peace party was upbraided with Toryism, and their suggestion to "split" the Assemblymen was scorned. Peter Willis, Henry Driver, Alemby Jump, and Peregrine F. Bayard offered themselves as the Democratic candidates, and Culbreth urged the voters to uphold these "well-tried" partisans. In August a movement was started for the formation of a party committee. At the meeting then called, "Federal intrusion" was avoided by a timely warning to the Federalists that their presence was not desired. The Democrats congratulated themselves upon having copied the plan of party caucuses from the Federalists, seeing the uses to which they had been put. They had caught the weapon out of the Federalists' hands, they said, and had beaten their enemies with it. The Federalists made little effort to stem the Democratic tide. Willis, Jump, Driver and Bayard were the candidates of their party.

On the fifth of September, 1810, the Democratic Congressional district committee met at Hillsborough to nominate a candidate for the Twelfth Congress. Nehemiah Townsend, Nathan Downes, Thomas Saulsbury, John Tillotson, Robert Orrell, and Thomas Culbreth represented Caroline. Colonel Orrell was chosen president. The two candidates before the committee were John Brown and James Brown, both of Queen Anne's. Brown was re-nominated, and re-elected without opposition. On the same day in October the Caroline Democratic candidates for the Assembly were elected. On October 15, just after the election, Governor Lloyd appointed Brown clerk of the Queen Anne's court, and he immediately resigned his seat in Congress. Another meeting of the Congressional committee was held on November 10, at Hillsborough, Dr. William E. Seth, of Talbot, presiding. James Byrn, of Caroline, was secretary. Ex-Governor Robert Wright, of Queen Anne's, was nominated over James Brown, of the same county. Wright was elected five days later at a special election by a small majority. Daniel C. Hopper ran against him as an independent. Wright was *persona non grata* to the Centreville politicians.

Continued Next Week.

Church Notes.

The fourth quarterly conference of Williston M. E. circuit was held at Concord last Saturday. Mr. F. P. Covey was unanimously recommended by his church as a suitable person to be licensed as a local preacher, and the conference, in accordance therewith, granted the license. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Reese, was unanimously invited to serve the charge another year.

The colored Methodists of the city gathered at Sharp-street Methodist Church to pay a tribute to the memory of the late Bishop A. W. Wayman of the African Church. Methodists and African Methodists united in the services, and the addresses and music were appropriate.—*Baltimore News.*

Rev. Z. H. Webster was unanimously requested to return to the Denton M. E. pastorate for the third year by the quarterly conference recently held, and the pastor, it is said, expressed his willingness to do so.

The ladies of Christ Church Guild will have a "Valentine Supper" on the 14th of next month. Particulars have not yet arranged.

Bishop Curtis will hold service and administer the rite of confirmation at the Catholic Church in this place tomorrow morning.

There will be preaching in the New Jerusalem Church at Preston tomorrow by Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, of Boston, Mass.

Bishop W. F. Adams will give service in Christ Church, this place, to-morrow morning at the usual hour.

Concord.

The people of this section who own ice houses took advantage of the freeze and filled them with a good quality of ice.

Protracted services at the M. E. Church have closed. Several conversions are reported.

A social party was held at the residence of Mr. M. L. Sullivane, near Chestnut Grove, on Tuesday night. Our village was well represented, most of the young folks being present.

Everything has quieted down since the holiday season passed. We haven't had any burglaries since Christmas Eve, at which time some one broke into the wheelwright shop of W. W. Dukes and stole nearly all of his tools.

Miss Annie Beachamp, teacher of Chestnut Grove school, has put in a school library of about seventy-five volumes.

Prunes, 5 pounds for 25 cents.

No. 1 Cooking Raisins, 6c. per pound. W. E. BROWN.

DEATH OF HON. JOHN M. ROBINSON.

The Close of a Long and Honorable Career—Sketch of His Life.

Judge John M. Robinson is dead, and no where will his loss be more deeply mourned and his memory more jealously cherished than in Caroline, the county of his birth. At noon on Tuesday the end came at the home of one of his daughters, in Annapolis. On Sunday night he had a severe attack of heart trouble, but no one imagined that his condition was serious. On Monday he made partial arrangements to go to Baltimore to consult a specialist, but he was not able to do so.

Judge Robinson's last visit to Denton was during the October court, and then he was here but a few days, being suddenly called away to hear a *habeas corpus* case. Up to the time of his appointment as Chief Justice the Judge sat with his associates on the bench here at the fall term of each year, but for the past few years his increased duties compelled him to almost altogether forego sitting in the Caroline court. The news of his death was a shock to the people here. The bar will take appropriate action, and Clerk Fields on Thursday heavily draped the court desk, the lamented jurist's chair and the balcony over the front entrance of the building.

A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

John Mitchell Robinson was born December 6, 1827, in Caroline county, being the second son of Peter and Sarah Mitchell Robinson. His father was a farmer and planter. His grandfather was a wealthy planter in Sussex county, Del. The family descended from a Rev. Ralph Robinson, a distinguished Protestant clergyman of England during the Reformation. Their ancestors settled in Delaware over two hundred years ago. Judge Robinson graduated at Dickinson College in 1847, and studied law with Carmichael & Brown, of Centreville. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1849, and settled in Centreville for the practice of his profession. In January, 1850, he was appointed deputy Attorney-General for Kent county, and upon the adoption of the constitution of 1851 was elected State's Attorney for Queen Anne's county, which office he filled for four years. He practiced law with great success till 1864, when he was elected Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, embracing the counties of Kent and Queen Anne's. This office he filled until elected Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, November 5, 1867, which position he held at the time of his death, being a Justice of the Court of Appeals by virtue of that office. Judge Robinson was an indefatigable student, a profound lawyer, and was always regarded by press and people with great respect. In politics he was a Democrat. He was married in 1857 to Miss Marianna Emory. He leaves one son and five daughters.

Judge Robinson was a prominent candidate for the United States Senate before the General Assembly at the time Hon. Ephraim K. Wilson was chosen. In the long balloting which ensued at that time he steadily developed strength, and very many men prominent in State affairs ten years ago expressed the opin on that had the contest gone ever another day the Judge would have been elected. The deceased jurist was chosen for his second term of fifteen years on the bench at the general election of 1881, and his term would have expired in 1897, before he would have attained the age limit of seventy years. His assignment as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals was among the first of the official acts of Ex-Governor Brown in connection with the judiciary, which met with warm approval from the people. He was named to succeed Chief Judge Richard H. Alvey, who has recently been appointed on the Venezuelan Commission.

Preston.

A pleasant masquerade party was held at Dr. Phillips' by the young people on Friday evening of last week, the principal feature of the evening being progressive proposals. Many different characters were represented, among them: Miss Anna Betson, gypsy; Miss Nellie Phillips, Taima; Miss Helen Rawlins, Puritan girl; Miss Mattie Douglass, night; Miss May Williamson, nun; Miss Sallie Moore, ghost; Miss Manie Moore, bicycle girl; Miss Bessie Phillips, Lady Guinirere; Miss Velma Hollis, peasant maiden; Prof. Allen, Blue Beard; Mr. Nelson Fooks, character from Puck; Mr. Lloyd Fooks, sailor boy; Mr. Spry Bradley, Sir Lancelot, Mr. Collins, lieutenant; Mr. Vernon Bradley, tennis-player; Mr. Shockley, Lord Chancellor. Other persons, unmasked, were Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Douglass, Mr. Elbert Bradley, and Mr. Hurlock. Prof. Allen won first prize for receiving the greatest number of hearts.

Miss Belle Percy, who has been very sick, is improving, and is spending several weeks with the family of her uncle, Dr. Phillips.

Miss Anna Betson, of Greensborough, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Thomas R. Green and Mr. F. R. Owens, of Denton, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Will Percy, of Vienna, was a visitor in town last week.

Misses Lula and Mollie Collins, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Anthony L. Hudson, of Claiborne, has been visiting at Poplar Grove, the home of Captain Carmine. He has resigned his position as telegraph operator, and expects to enter Dover Academy, and ultimately the ministry. His many friends here wish him abundant success.

Marydel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Pippin and son, of Wilmington, Del., visited friends in this vicinity this week.

Mrs. Maggie Melvin, of Kennedyville, Md., visited relatives in town Monday.

Mr. Thomas E. Heather left here last Monday for Philadelphia, where he expects to receive a situation.

Mrs. T. E. Heather and daughter are sight-seeing and visiting in Wilmington this week.

It is reported that one of our young merchants will be married shortly.

The young people enjoyed a leap year party at the residence of Mr. Nathan Steele on Wednesday evening.

A reception by the Epworth League was held at the parsonage Thursday evening of last week. Games and music were the principal enjoyments. Refreshments were served at 10.30.

It is said that Mr. H. A. Richardson, of Dover, Del., will run our canning house this season.

Mrs. James Green and son attended a wedding anniversary at Willow Grove last Monday evening.

A movement is in progress to establish a Building and Loan Association in town.

Dr. F. M. Eccles has removed here from Henderson.

Dr. William Hall, of Rhode Island, has purchased the drug-store conducted by J. W. Boyer. Dr. Hall will practice his profession in connection with the drug business.

All the ice-houses in this locality are filled with the best ice that has been harvested for years.

Mr. Will Carter, of Templeville, intends to move into Sheriff Green's property next Monday. After Will gets settled he will handle the yardstick in B. H. Emory's store.

Our young people are making good use of this cold snap. The Choptank Mill pond is covered with ice six inches thick, and every day parties from town and other nearby villages can be seen on the pond. Old skaters, who have not skated any for 25 years, have become interested, also; and now if you want to see anybody from town you must go to the pond. Last Saturday the number of people at the pond was estimated to be 200.

Mr. W. T. Downes made a trip to Ridgely on Monday.

Obituary.

Mrs. Eliza Brown, wife of Rev. Charles Brown, a well-known Presbyterian minister, who for many years was secretary and treasurer of the Philadelphia Presbytery, died at her home in the Quaker City on January 2d. She had attained her 88th birthday. Her husband is over 90 years old. They had been married more than 60 years. Mrs. Brown, who was the eldest daughter of the late William M. Hardcastle, was born at Castle Hall, the ancestral home of the Hardcastles. She was a sister of Dr. Hardcastle, of this town. She was a member of a family noted for long lives, her father having been considerably over 90 at the time of his death. He had spent all of his life at Castle Hall, which in the old days was known throughout the peninsula as one of the finest of homesteads, where a charming hospitality was dispensed. Rev. Mr. Brown, the husband of the deceased lady, is well known to our older citizens. Years ago he was minister of the Presbyterian Church in this place, which building was long since sold, and now is in use by a colored congregation, and a church at Greensborough. Mrs. Brown's husband, two daughters and a son, Mr. William H. Brown, a well-known Philadelphia lawyer, survive.

Miss Josephine Windsor, daughter of Captain Robert D. and Mrs. Elizabeth Windsor, died at her home in Tuckahoe Neck on Sunday afternoon last about four o'clock. She had been in poor health for about three years, but not until a few days before her death did her friends and relatives abandon hope of her recovery. The deceased was a little over 19 years of age. The funeral was held at the house on Tuesday last, Rev. D. W. Anstine officiating. Interment took place at Denton cemetery.

Mrs. Remsen, wife of Mr. Charles R. Remson, who resides near Federalsburg, died on Monday last of pneumonia. Her husband and several children survive. The funeral was held at the late residence of the deceased on Monday evening, Rev. W. L. White officiating. The remains were taken to Brooklyn on Tuesday for interment.

Wellington Expects the Prize.

Since Monday all eyes have been on Annapolis, where the Senatorial battle is being waged by the friends of Wellington, Goldsborough, Westcott, Mullikin, Dryden, Dixon, and Mudd, the last two named receiving one vote each. Mr. Russum's name has not been before the Legislature up to this time, although a number of his friends are on the ground and entertain hope that he will finally be successful. Hon. John Walter Smith, Hon. Henry Page and Hon. Daniel M. Henry have received the Democratic votes, Mr. Smith receiving the largest number. It is impossible to prediet what the outcome will be. A telegram to the JOURNAL yesterday afternoon from Annapolis gave Wellington's vote as 30; Goldsborough's, 22; Smith's, 20; Westcott's, 13; Page's, 9; Mullikin's, 9, and Dixon's, 1. "Wellington's friends," the dispatch concludes, "are confident of winning tomorrow or Monday."

Miss Mattie Hammond, Cecil county, fell on the ice and fractured her skull.

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Coming Nuptial Events—Visitors in Denton and Other Places.

Captain Charles W. Wright, assistant inspector of hulls at Baltimore, and Miss Nellie Stockley, only daughter of Colonel Albert A. Stockley, of the Monumental City, were married at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon, at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, corner Sharp and Barre streets. Rev. J. P. Wilson, pastor, performed the ceremony, which was a most impressive one. The bride, who is pretty and a favorite among her friends, wore a gown of brown silk, trimmed with duchesse lace and velvet, and carried bride roses. The ushers were Messrs. Guy Handley Joseph Wilson, Eugene Hodson, William Reitz, John Prechtel, and Merritt McBride. Captain and Mrs. Wright left for Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon. The groom is very well known in this county, where until his appointment by President Harrison to the Government service he had his residence. Although his office is not under civil service regulations, the Captain's personal popularity and eminent qualifications gave him a support that the Cleveland Administration did not see fit to ignore, and he was reappointed. Captain Wright represented Caroline county in the Maryland House of Delegates during the session of 1886.

The marriage of Mr. Willard S. Russell, of Talbot county, and Miss Kate Eugenia, daughter of Charles H. Fleming, Esq., of Tuckahoe Neck, at the Hillsborough M. E. Church on Wednesday evening last, was an event which drew a large number of friends to the sacred edifice, the interior of which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The ceremony took place at eight o'clock, the playing of a wedding march by Miss Cora Russell, sister of the groom, announcing the coming of the bridal party, who were preceded by little Paul and Laura Knotts who opened the floral gates. Mr. W. P. Fleming, a brother of the bride, was the groom's best man, and Miss Bessie Fleming, a sister, was maid of honor, the ushers being Messrs. H. S. Fisher, of Hillsborough, Frank Fleming, a brother of the bride, Samuel E. Jump and Mr. Reese, of Talbot. The bride and maid of honor were attired in most becoming costumes, and each carried flowers. While the party stood beneath an arch of evergreen the Rev. F. F. Carpenter read the rites of the church. The young couple were the recipients of many handsome presents. They will reside on a farm in Talbot, near the Tuckahoe river.

Hynson M. E. Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday evening of last week, the contracting parties being Mr. A. J. Corkran, of this county, and Miss Aurelia Medford, daughter of Nathaniel Medford, Esq., of Hurlocks. At 7.45 p. m., Miss Maggie Corkran, sister of the groom, announced the arrival of the bridal party by playing Lohengrin's Wedding March. Messrs. Everett Kelley, of Grove, and James Medford, brother of the bride, were the ushers. Rev. E. O. Ewing performed the ceremony. The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of broadcloth. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party were driven to the home of the groom, where supper was served. The presents were useful and handsome.

Mr. S. M. Liden, son of Ex-Judge of the Orphans' Court William E. Liden, and Miss Nettie Lee, eldest daughter of John W. Loockerman, Esq., of Dover, were married at Trinity M. E. Church on Wednesday, January 8th. The groom is a prominent young fruit-packer and business-man of Smithville.

The marriage of Miss Mary Hollis, daughter of William H. Hollis, Esq., and Mr. Sumers Blake is announced to take place at the Preston M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, January 22d, at 6 p. m.

Mr. Thomas Porter and Miss Stella Adams, daughter of Mr. D. A. Adams, of near Smithville, were married at the M. E. parsonage, in Williston, by Rev. J. D. Reese, on Wednesday of last week.

Sheriff Green and Mr. H. L. Cooper attended the fifteenth anniversary celebration of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Cooper, near Willow Grove, on Monday evening last. There was a large gathering.

Rev. Mr. Grubb, who has been visiting Rev. Mr. Lambert, of Hillsborough, and assisting in the revival services there, has returned to his home in Virginia.

Mrs. A. G. Garey has returned to the Choptank Hotel, after an absence of three months spent with friends in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Ellicott City.

Miss Louie Ramsdell, of Denton, and Miss Myra Aldrich, of Wyoming, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. O. O. Morgan, at Danville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Harris, who some time ago removed to Elizabeth, N. J., have returned and will again make their home here.

Miss Sue Smith, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas R. Green, has returned to her home in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Kemler Barnette has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Taylor, in Ellicott City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther M. R. Carter visited Denton relatives this week.

DRESSMAKING.—Having rented the office adjoining the residence of Mr. Melvin, I wish to notify the public that I will begin dressmaking about the first of the year.

LIDA SAULSBURY.