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County Correspondence

Oxford.

The closing society function of the old year here was a ball given at the Grape Vine House on New Year's Eve. The dining room was brilliantly illuminated, and the decorations presented a fitting festive appearance for the closing gathering of 1904. At 11.30 refreshments were served consisting of cake and cocoa. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Valliant, Mrs. Oliver S. Gallup, Mrs. H. Spencer Matthews, Mrs. Robert Kirby, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Misses Adella H. Valliant, Carrol Willis, Augusta Bringman, Alice Haddaway, Elizabeth Middleton, Marjory Schroeter, Myrtle Thompson, Ella Haddaway, Dew Dawson, Sadie Seth, Margaret Kirby, Doyle Dawson and Elanor Matthews; Messrs. Alex Stevens, Raymond Seth, Emory Matthews, Herbert Schroeter, Edward Schutz, Merrick Dawson and Howard Leonard, of Oxford; Miss Mary Kirby, Mr. William Kirby and Mr. Martin, of Trappe; Miss Ellena Merrick and Miss Hattye E. Merrick, of Hambleton; Miss Lulu Rice, of Easton; Miss Alice Bartlett, Bryn Mawr; Miss Carrie Williams, Georgia; Miss Elanor Wooters, of Dover, Del.; and Mr Lewis Willis, of Longwoods.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 138, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers for the present term: Chancellor Commander, C. F. Posey; Vice Chancellor, Walter Gorsuch; Prelate, H. J. Miller; Master of Work, Gustavus Bell; Master of Finance and Keeper of Records and Seal, George M. Tull; Master of Exchequer, Jno. Ridgaway; Master at Arms, G. L. Cook; Representative to Grand Lodge, Gustavus Bell.

Mr. Gordon Pope, of this town, who died Monday at his home on Pleasant street after a lingering illness of several months, was buried Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at 2.30 o'clock from the M. P. Church. The Rev. W. M. Strayer officiated; bearers, M. G. Newnam, T. E. Davis, Clyde Croswell, Anderton Hubbard, Arthur Corkran and Julius Haddaway. M. E. Newnam & Bro. funeral directors.

The Christian Endeavor Society held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bratt, Monday evening; games of all kinds were in order for the younger ones, while the seniors were charmingly entertained by their hostess. Bananas, oranges and cake were served during the evening, and a jolly good time was had by all who attended. Many thanks are due Mr. and Mrs. Bratt for their hospitality.

Mr. Gordy Pope, who was ill with consumption for many months, died on Monday and on Wednesday was buried in the town cemetery. Rev. W. M. Strayer officiated at the funeral services. Mr. Pope left a wife, many relatives and friends who mourn his loss.

The Potter house has again been quarantined because of scarlet fever, but the one little patient, Miss Mildred, had but a slight attack, and is rapidly recovering.

Miss Elizabeth Blades, who has been so ill for a twelve-month, is more hopeful of ultimate recovery now than at any time since her illness began.

The Misses Ida and Nellie Stevens received a warm welcome home on their return from Baltimore, where they had spent the holidays.

Mr. J. C. Fleishman and Miss Jennie Fine were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Naiman Sunday and Monday.

Rev. W. M. Strayer has been assisting the M. P. pastor at Greenwich in a series of meetings

Mrs. Captain Gustavus Bell, who had a severe fall some days ago, is rapidly recovering.

Mrs. Moore, of Royal Oak, visited her sister, Mrs. Lightbourn, this week.

Miss Hettye I. Newnam visited friends in town Monday.

Hon. L. H. Tull is slowly improving.

Cordova.

R. Q. Tarbutton spent Sunday in Easton at J. A. Gannon's.

J. Dudley Lynch has gone to Ashville, N. C., for his health.

H. F. Lynch spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lynch.

Mrs. C. S. Thomas, of Selbyville, Del., visited Dr. C. H. Rose last Sunday.

Miss Lucie Warren, of Poplar Island, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William F. Jump.

Misses Mary and Susie Samis spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. S. R. Randall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hicks and son Frank visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gadd.

Floyd and Aaron Samis spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Ethel V. Perry spent several days last week with her cousin, Florence E. Ross.

Mrs. S. C. Carrow and little daughter enjoyed the holidays with relatives at Henderson, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher spent Xmas with her sons, Milton and Daniel Easter, Ellicott City.

Dudley Rose, of Baltimore, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Rose.

Clarence and Stanley Ayers, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with their uncle, Mr. A. Smith.

Miss Lula Elkin has gone to Baltimore and other places to visit, then expects to go to her home at Ripley Mills, Va., to stay several months.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss Nora Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carroll, to Mr. Walton R. Frampton, on Wednesday, January the 11th, 1905, at 5 o'clock p. m. at M. E. Church, Cordova.

Longwoods.

Miss Lillie Marshall was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Irene James, in Easton, during the holidays.

Mrs. Irene James and daughter Eva visited the family of Capt. Greenbury Marshall on Sunday last.

Mr. Wm. Sharp has moved into the house which was recently occupied by Mr. Joseph Plummer.

Miss Helen Beaven has gone back to school after spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. Y. Beaven.

The young people will give an entertainment at the school house on Friday evening, January the 13th. Admission ten and twenty cents. Door open at eight o'clock. Everybody invited.

William Chelton, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Mollie Sterling, of Crisfield, were quietly married at the parsonage of Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church Thursday evening. Rev. S. N. Pilchard performed the ceremony. A reception followed. Mr. Chelton is one of the best captains on the Chesapeake waters. He has the record of saving 33 lives, rescued from wrecks and terrific storms.

Salisbury Tribe of Red Men is now the largest in Maryland, with 236 members.

THE YAHO AGAIN YAHOING.

A FAVORITE OLD STORY APPEARS IN PRINT AGAIN.

Persons Expecting to Become Corresponnents Advised to File this Article and Use It Whenever Possible.

Again it comes to the front, and yields so much per line from the Baltimore Evening Herald of Jan. 3d. Reference is made to the following article which has served as a "filler" for more than one ambitious correspondent to the city press from this county. It is non-perishable and no doubt will bob up again in after years when the excitement of the present occasion has subsided sufficiently. It is reproduced here for the benefit of young correspondents not yet fully fledged, who are advised to soak it away in a scrap book and pull it out on some city paper in the coming years. A never failing source of revenue.

Here is the article in full as it appeared in the paper above mentioned:

The lowlands of Miles River Neck are again echoing the bloodcurdling shrieks of the hideous yaho, proclaiming to the terrified colored populace of Unionville and to the by no means indifferent white people of the neighborhood that this strange and unfathomable creature is again in their midst—an announcement which causes uneasiness to everyone in this section.

This is the fifth time within fifteen years that this mysterious animal has made its appearance in the vicinity. Many reputable people of tried veracity both white and black, testify to having at one time or another heard the soul-piercing screams of the yaho, but the number who claim to have seen the creature is small. Of this number no one can give a detailed description of the animal, for none stopped long enough to make a close inspection. Indeed, there is doubt whether it is a human being bereft of reason and living the life of a wild beast, or is a dumb animal. Certain it is that the thing is a most uncommon creature, and either seen or heard is sufficient to strike terror to the hearts of the most valiant.

Sunday, as a gentleman of this place was journeying on foot to the home of his mother, in Miles River Neck, he heard the unearthly shrieks of the yaho near Unionville. Thoroughly frightened by the weird cries, which proceeded from a dense wood a few hundred yards away, he did not deem an investigation advisable, but quickened his steps toward his destination, not neglecting to cast an uneasy glance over his shoulder every few feet in the direction from which came the sounds.

After advancing a short distance the gentleman met Robert Jackson, a colored man who had also heard the shrieks, and was in an extremely agitated state of mind. He refused to continue on his trip, which would have carried him past the woods and loser to the source of the mysterious cries, and the two men hurried to Unionville.

The colored people there soon learned of the return of the yaho, and they immediately took steps to guard themselves against a possible attack.

It is solemnly averred that the animal has, upon one or two occasions, attacked parties in vehicles, and in one case made a horse run away and injure its driver.

Some people who claim to have seen it say that it is similar to a gorilla, only taller, and has a head twice as large as that of a man, with long, large, projecting teeth, and that its eyes are sunken deep into the head. Its body is covered with a long, thick growth of hair, and its arms, legs, hands and feet correspond in general make up to those of a man, except that they are much larger.

Three years ago it made its appearance in the vicinity of Kirkham, about five miles from Easton, but it soon found its way back to its old haunts near Unionville, where it was heard a number of times during the nights and days thereafter.

A distinguishing feature of the animal is its piercing voice, which cannot be imitated. When it shrieks it sounds much like "Ya-ho! ya-ho! ya-ho!" It generally makes this cry three times in quick succession and then remains quiet for some minutes.

Several persons give it as their opinion that the creature is a wild animal of some kind that made its escape from the Robinson and Franklin Circus, that was touring this peninsula a number of years ago. The circus train met with a railroad wreck, and several wild animals were freed from their cages. Many of these beasts were captured and others were shot, while a few were never seen again by the circus people.

A bear which was believed to have been one that escaped at the time of the wreck was slain in Chapel district, this county, several years afterward.

The last time the creature made its appearance here, a gentleman from Baltimore, who read an account of it, came to Talbot, and made a valiant search for it, saying he believed it was his wife's brother, who had become demented, and had disappeared from his home, and they knew notthing of his whereabouts. He was unable to locate the animal, and returned to the city uncertain whether his theory was right or wrong.

The people, especially the colored population, are much wrought up over the affair and are hoping that some action will soon be taken to hunt it down.

Some of the daring ones are for organizing a hunting party to make diligent search for the animal, and this will probably be done.

Among the reputable people who have heard the creature are Wildie E. Todd. William Henry Roe and Mrs. Sarah A. Todd.

BIG PENINSULA CORPORATION.

The Projected Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Baltimore, Cheseapeake and Atlantic Railway Company has been called for January 26 to vote on a proposition for the sale and delivery to the Company of a majority of the capital stock of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company in consideration of the guarantee of the bonds of that Company. This arrangement is covered under an agreement made with Messrs. Nicholas P. Bond and Henry P. Scott, who are forming the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway by the consolidation of the Queen Anne's Railroad, the Weems Steamboat Company and the Chester River Steamboat Company. The issue which the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway is to guarantee will consist of $2,000,000 of 5 per cent, 50 year gold bonds. A syndicate formed by Messrs. Bond and Scott, with associates in Boston, has already underwritten the bonds of this issue to be sold, and practically the entire block will go to New England investors, who already own most of the bonds of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway.

Of the issue there is reserved $330,000 to take up at maturity the preference bonds of the Queen Anne's Railroad, amounting to $330,000. The proceeds from the remainder will be applied to financing the purchase of the Weems Steamboat Company and the Chester River Steamboat Company, and to provide new equipment and clean up sundry claims of the Queen Anne's Railroad Company. The first consolidated bondholders of the Queen Anne's Railroad will receive preferred stock for their bonds on the basis of $1200 of this stock for each $1000 bond. Preferred and common stock will be used in exchange for the income bonds of the Queen Anne's. It is not definitely determined how much of each class of stock will be issued, but it is not contemplated to put out more than $1,500,000 of each. If the whole amount be used this would make a stock capitalization of $5,000,000 and a bond issue of $2,000,000.

The present arrangement in regard to the purchase of the Queen Anne's Railroad permits a bond issue of $2,500,000, but as the success of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic showed that surplus earnings were sufficient to take care of improvements and betterments, it is not expected to avail of the whole amount, the idea being to keep the bond issue as low as possible, so that there will be a larger earning capacity for the stock. The gross earnings on the three properties aggregate about $800,000. It is expected that these will be greatly increased when the consolidation becomes effective, and with concentrated management the net earnings will expand at an even more rapid rate.

As a part of the details of the consolidation, the Queen Anne's Railroad will be sold under foreclosure proceedings on January 27 at Love Point. Mr. Willard Thomson, vice-president and general manager of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic, will occupy a similar position with the new Company. Mr. N. P. Bond, after carrying out of the consolidation plans, will become a director. It is expected that one of the vice-presidents of the Pennsylvania Railroad will be president.

St. Michaels.

Attorney M. R. Richards who has been visiting his parents at their Navy Point residence left on Monday for his home in New York. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Edith, who will be gone one week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Caulk entertained a number of friends at their home on Wednesday evening. Music and games were the features of the evening. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Price, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Larrimore, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. H. Blades Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Larrimore, Misses Estelle and Annie Smithman, Nina Sutton, Florence Davis and David Edmond.

Mrs. John Wyatt, who fell down stairs a few days ago, and received painful injuries has recovered sufficiently to attend to her household duties.

Mr. Robert D. Lambdin, of Philadelphia, has been among his St. Michaels friends this week.

Miss Ida B. Marshall is substituting for Miss Edith Richards in St. Michaels High School this week.

Miss Lucie S. Dodson delightfully entertained the members of the Methodist church choir at her home on Cherry St. on Thursday eveeing. Music and games were the features of the occasion. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Price, Mrs. George Barnes, Misses Estelle Smithman, Mary Townsend, Virginia L. Tarr, Maggie E. Hambleton, Kattie Marshall, Annie Williams, Ella Wales, Gracie Dodson, Messrs. O. Harper Benson, Melvin Barnes and Chester Lee.



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New Books in Mercantile Library.

The following books will be placed on the book shelves this morning at nine o'clock for the use of the subscribers:

Lady Rose's Daughter, Ward; Letters of Mlle. Julie de Lespinasse, the original of Lady Rose's Daughter, trans. by Wormeley; The Fugitive, Breedno; The Queen's Quair, Hewlett; Two bound vols. of Harper's Monthly, June to Nov., 1896-1897.

We place upon the shelves today by special request Lady Rose's Daughter with the Letters of Mlle. de Lespinasse.

Young Girl Arrested.

A telegram from Cambridge to Sheriff Gannon on Tuesday authorized him to arrest a Miss Lola Hubbard, who is not of age. It is reported that the girl left Cambridge Monday night in the company of a woman on the steamer and got off at Easton Point. Arriving in Easton, they engaged board at Ledum's boarding house, near the depot, where they spent the night, and where she was arrested by the Sheriff on Wednesday. She was sent back to Cambridge.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

Services Tomorrow—Other Items of the Churches.

Ebenezer M. E. Church, Rev. E. P. Roberts, pastor. Services tomorrow as follows: — Class-meeting 9.30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m.; 2.30 p. m., Sunday School; 8 p. m., preaching by the pastor. Monday and Wednesday, 8 p. m., Class-meetings. Friday, 8 p. m., prayer meeting.

Trinity M. E. Church, South, the Rev. William Eustace Henry, pastor. Sunday services will be held as usual. Rev. J. Howard Wells, of Baltimore, who is assisting in the special services being held by the pastor, will preach at both the morning and evening service. Public cordially invited to worship with us and hear this able young preacher.

Calvary Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. Dr. Walter R. Graham, Pastor. Sabbath services: preaching 11 a. m. Revival services continued at 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School 2 p. m. Christian Endeavor 6.45 p. m.

Rev. O. W. De Venish, a well known preacher in the Wilmington M. E. Conference, withdrew from the conference last Sunday and entered the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church becoming rector of St. Michaels Parish, which consists of a church at St. Michaels and missions at Royal Oak and McDaniel. For the past nine months he has been pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bozman.

Rev. Alexander M. Rich, nephew of Dean and Mrs. Rich, has been called to Snow Hill. At present he is rector at Stanton and Newport, Del.