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The Transcript

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 3, 1887.

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The *Transcript* with this issue dons a new dress of brevier type.

—The first ball in Stam's new hall will be given to-night by young men of Chestertown.

—The schooner Annie E. Adams left her wharf in Chestertown Tuesday morning for Baltimore loaded with grain.

—Senator E. K. Wilson has presented to Washington College a new map of the U. S., prepared under authority of the government at Washington.

—Some of the members of the Schubert Quartette sang a solo and duette at the Episcopal Church, Chestertown, to a delighted audience on last Sunday night.

—W. A. Elliott is having built on Cross street an agricultural implement warehouse 18x90 feet. This would seem to indicate that he expects the implement business to boom in the spring.

—On Sunday next, Feb. 6th, there will be a change of pulpits between Revs. R. L. Lewis, of Chesapeake circuit, and A. W. Mather, of St. James'. Service at St. James', 10.30; service at Lynch's, 3 P. M.

—Mr. Emory Wroth proposes to conduct a cloak and dressing room in connection with the ball to-night, and will give checks for overcoats, wraps, &c., charging ten cents each for the trouble. His check room will be on the same floor as ball room.

—Yesterday was Ground Hog Day. As we don't happen to have a ground hog of our own, and as people who do keep a ground hog as a weather indicator, are not always to be depended on to watch and report him correctly, and as the weather up to this time has been so uncertain, the *Transcript* ventures to prophecy that the back-bone of winter will be broken on or before the 1st day of April, 1887.

—Oats, oats, ten-dollar oats, are making considerable talk in Chestertown vicinity and other parts of the county just now. A number of farmers and business men have invested largely, in a number of cases to the extent of one hundred and one hundred and fifty dollars. A great many people believe the thing to be a swindling racket, but if it is a swindling racket it has caught a number of people who are not generally taken in by swindling rackets.

—At a meeting of Fairlee Grange, No. 8, held at the Grange Hall, Jan. 13, 1887, the following officers were installed for the ensueing year: Worthy master, Jas. H. Gale; overseer, W. P. Crosby; lecturer, T. A. Hulme; stewart, A. Remage; assistant stewart, T. W. Skirven; chaplain, J. W. Corey; treasurer, J. P. Nicholson; secretary, Mrs. S. C. Corey; gate-keeper, Mrs. T. Lamb; Pomono, Miss Hallie Usilton; Flora, Miss Mollie Lamb; Ceres, Mrs. L. A. Gale; lady assistant stewart, Miss L. M. Corey.

—The lecture at Armory Hall on Friday evening of last week on phrenology by Mr. John Wesley Wright, was fairly well attended, and we think a success. The lecturer handled his subject intelligently. He illustrated his lecture with a large number of portraits of people who have distinguished themselves in one way or another, and convinced that there is more in phrenology than some of his hearers had supposed. Mr. Wright, we understand, was at one time a professional lecturer on the subject of phrenology.

—The Chestertown Gun Club, or, as one of its members calls it, the "no name" gun club, left on the schooner "Barbara Anna," belonging to a leading up-town merchant, on last Tuesday morning for an extended ducking expedition. Capt. Jas. H. Thompson, the veteran of the Chester, was in command of the vessel and naval forces. The gun club on this cruise is composed of Messrs. Jesse Duyer, Geo. C. Adkinson, D. P. Cox, W. C. A. Thompson, J. T. Strattner. The club expects to return the latter part of this week, bringing a shipload of canvas-back and red-head ducks. The *Transcript* is obliged to omit a longer account, kindly furnished by a friend of the club, because manuscript was not received until yesterday morning, when space was nearly filled.

—Orphans' Court—Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1887—Present, Judges Walker and Stevens.

The last will and testament of Hiram M. Hubbard, was admitted to probate.

Letters testamentary on the personal estate of Hiram M. Hubbard, were granted unto John W. Hubbard, who filed his bond with security approved by the court.

Thos. J. Fletcher, adm'r c. t. a. of Sam'l Black, passed his first and final administration account.

Jas. T. Lamb, adm'r of Mary F. Clark, passed his first and final admin. account.

The Schubert Quartette.

To say that the audience at Stam's Hall was pleased on last Saturday evening with the concert given by the Schubert Quartette, is to express but mildly the enthusiastic appreciation with which the singers were greeted. The entertainment was undoubtedly one of the best that has ever been given in Chestertown. All the singers have voices that are naturally gifted, and in addition they have the merit of most careful training. Opening with "The Tar's Song," the quartette brought down the house in a storm of applause. They responded to encores with humorous pieces, and were as successful with these as with the more classic renderings. Probably "The Serenade" and the anthem "Remember Now Thy Creator" pleased the audience most. Miss Georgella Lay in her piano solos also succeeded in winning the applause of lovers of good music,—and Miss Edwards sang several operatic airs very successfully. A return of the Schubert Quartette would draw a crowded house. It is to be hoped that some future arrangement may be made by which they may again appear before a Chestertown audience.

County Commissioner Notes.

County commissioners met Feb. 1. Full board present.

The board executed a paper releasing all claim they might be supposed to have to the armory over the market house, transfering the same and all their interests therein to the commissioners of Chestertown.

The board also entered into an agreement with the American Road Machine Co. for five of their four-wheeled road machines.

An order was drawn on Wm. L. Meredith, collector, for levy for jail bonds and interest, amounting to $600, which was paid by check.

James T. Lamb, collector, presented coupons for July, 1886, and Jan., 1887, interest on sundry jail bonds, aggregating $420, which was credited to his account, and the same destroyed.

The board examined and approved sundry accounts, and ordered them to be paid by orders on collectors, and ordered sundry accounts to be provided for by levy.

They then adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 8th, 1887.

Personal Notes.

Mrs. Joseph A. Wickes has been confined to her bed during the past week by a very serious attack of heart trouble. On Tuesday there were symptoms that gave the greatest uneasiness to her family, and Dr. J. W. Pepper, a distinguished specialist of Philadelphia, under whose treatment Mrs. Wickes has for sometime been, was telegraphed for. He reached Clayton after the regular train had left, and a special engine and car were sent up from Chestertown to bring him down. Mrs. Wickes' condition was, we understood yesterday, very much better. Judge Wickes, who has been in attendance at the Cecil county court, is at home with his wife.

Mr. C. H. Baker's general condition is improving, though he yet has fever.

Mr. Wm. Stevens, of the Kent county Orphans' Court, was absent from the court Tuesday, kept away, we understand, by severe sickness.

Mr. James B. Sappington, of Chestertown, is up from a recent illness and is again able to attend to his mercantile duties.

Vicar-General McGrave, of the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Wilmington, died at his residence in Wilmington Monday last. He was next in dignity to the archbishop of the diocese.

Mr. B. P. Alrich, son of Mr. Lucas Alrich of the third district, recently passed successfully the civil service examination at the Baltimore postoffice, and has been appointed to a regular clerkship.

Master William Beck, his friends will be sorry to learn, failed to attain the high average required by the naval academy in mathematics, in the recent examination. Naval academy examinations are very severe, especially in mathematics, and the cadets who pass are generally those who have careful special training before entering the academy. Will has undoubtedly been a close student and has put in an uncommon quantity of hard work since he has been at the academy, but the ground which he was compelled to cover was rather too extensive. In addition to his regular studies, he was compelled to do work that really should have been done before entering the academy.

A New Church in Chestertown.

The Methodist Protestant congregation of this town met last Thursday evening to consider the subject of a new church building. The propriety of beginning operations at once with a view of completing the structure the present year was thoroughly discussed and the decision was unanimous in favor of immediate work. As a further and more practical test of the purpose of those present it was decided to open a subscription at once for the new building—the said subscriptions to be paid in four installments—on the first of April, June, August and November—and about seven thousand dollars were at once subscribed. This was certainly a handsome beginning. The congregation, as heretofore stated, have purchased and paid for a building lot on High street, costing over $3,000, and without asking a dollar from any one outside their own numbers. In this large undertaking of a church building they will, of course, gratefully appreciate the assistance which we are assured will be cheerfully tendered by the community generally. The improvement will not only be of service to that particular church, but also an ornament to the town, and as such appeals to the good wishes and practical sympathy of all. No plans have been adopted as yet, but the desire of the congregation generally seems to be favorable to a modern Gothic structure of green serpentine stone. The building committee appointed at the Thursday night meeting consists of the following persons, with the pastor, Rev. W. R. Graham, as chairman: W. B. Usilton, W. J. Vannort, J. K. Aldridge, T. R. Hubbard, James W. Lambert, S. F. Smith, Jas. W. Chapman, T. W. Russell, John H. Simpers and William Archibald, Jr.—*News.*

The New Fairlee Hall.

The Fairlee grangers are very proud of their new hall, and justly, for it is large, well appointed, and when entirely completed will be comfortable and convenient to a degree that is rarely reached by audience rooms in the country. There is a main audience hall, that will accommodate about three hundred persons, and in addition to this, there is another room separated by folding doors, that can be thrown to the main audience room, and the seating capacity can thus be increased to probably six hundred. There is a large stage, and extensive and costly theatric scenery is shortly to be put in. Back of the stage are two large dressing-rooms. The hall is thoroughly heated by a large furnace in the basement, put in by Messrs. John K. Aldridge & Co., of Chestertown, from which several registers open in various parts of the hall. In the third story, there are dining and cloak rooms. The hall, we understand, is the enterprise of a stock company. It furnishes ample convenience for all manner of entertainment.

Items from Sassafras.

Fox-hunting is the go.

Sassafras Ducking Club is ready for business.

Miss Carrie Johns returned home on Thursday last after a long and pleasant visit with friends in Middletown.

Miss Mary M. Lees, our assistant school teacher, spent Sunday and Saturday with her mother in Millington.

Miss Jennie Stewart is on her way home to Camden. She has been visiting friends near here.

Mr. Robert M. Griffith left his father's home on Saturday for Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Griffith is one of the managers of Mr. John Wannamaker's branch store at that place.

Mr. Jos. Sinnickson's horse broke loose from a post in front of the postoffice on Wednesday evening last and ran away. He was found at Mr. Chas. Price's, near Warwick the following morning. Fortunately there was but little damage.

INNOMINATA.

A GREAT FRUIT DISPLAY.

Energetic Work of the Peninsula Horticultural Association.

We clip the following from a last-week issue of the Wilmington, Del., *Every Evening*:

Thomas Holcomb, Norris Barnard of Still Pond, Kent county, Md., John S. Barnhart and J. P. R. Polk, of the executive committee of the Peninsula Horticultural Association, Jacob Brown of Wyoming, the fifth member of the committee, not being able to be present, met to-day at the house of J. P. R. Polk in this city to perfect the plans for the exhibition which will be held in the Opera House, Tuesday to Saturday, Sept. 20-4 inclusive.

They have decided to offer $100 each for the best display of peaches, pears, grapes and apples. In all probability to this will be added a silver cup for the handsomest display of fruit of any kind.

Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware will be especially well represented, but competition is open to the world. There will be other prizes for fruits and flowers. It is expected that all grangers of Maryland and Delaware will interest themselves and citizens of both States are invited.

The Board of Trade is circulating a paper among merchants to aid the movement. E. L. Rice, Jr., will design the booths, Hassler's orchestra will probably be engaged, electric lights will be used, there will be a restaurant, and $3,000 will probably be expended on the affair, which it is intended to make the finest that has ever taken place anywhere in the United States.

KENT FIFTY YEARS AGO.

SOME REMINISCENSES BY A KENT COUNTIAN, WHO WAS HERE THEN AND IS HERE NOW.

The Surprising Changes Made by Fifty Years.

The following reminiscenses, from an aged Kent countian, who lived away back in the good old times, and who remembers clearly the manners, customs and events of those days, will prove interesting, both to later generations and to those whose recollection goes back to the olden times talked of:

In the year 1831 my father rented what was called Worton Manor for the sum of one hundred dollars per year. This estate consisted of seven hundred acres. We tilled it in two shifts, one in corn and one in oats, having about 50 acres in each. Of the corn we usually got five or six hundred bushels, the oats did better, the crop from the 50 acres sometimes reaching 2,000 bushels. The oats were trampled out with horses, and brought from 18 cents to 30 cents per bushel, running measure. Corn was worth 60 cents. We raised about fifty bushels of wheat and the same amount of rye; the rich ground near the house was used for this purpose. The Hessian Fly had made the seeding of wheat as a crop useless. We raised some buckwheat but it was a very uncertain crop, as witness the experience of Old Sam Short, who one year planted a hat crown full and raised 70 bushels. The next year he did the same thing, and didn't raise a hat crown full. The remainder of the farm was in commons, and was used as a pasture ground by the general public, as well as ourselves. My father kept from 30 to 40 head of cattle. Good milch cows sold from $6 to $7 per head. No shelter was provided for cattle, and they had to depend on the pine woods for protection from the storms of winter. As a consequence of this and insufficient food, murrian hides were plentiful. One spring we skinned nine cows. Good farm horses sold from thirty to forty dollars. Father bought a splendid mare, 16 hands high and five years old, for $75 from a man who had ridden her in from Ohio. This included saddle, bridle and martingal, and was considered a tremendous price. The mare was blooded and very handsome.

Farm implements were of the rudest kind. We used wooden plows with an old saw for the land side, and the mold board covered with a gar skin. Corn was worked with the fluke harrow and hoe. The labor was principally done by slaves, whom we hired from their masters for $50 a year and the usual amount of clothes. Free negroes worked for the same price by the year. By the day they got 25 cents. The facilities for getting the products of the farm to market were limited. The "Lafayette," Capt. Baker, made a trip once a week to Baltimore and return. From Chestertown she carried the crops from this section.—Baltimore mail was received once a week. The smaller products of the farm were taken to Chestertown every Wednesday and Saturday, where they were exposed in the market for sale until 9 A. M. if not disposed of by that time they were exchanged with the merchants for their goods. The object of this was to allow the housekeepers to have a chance to get them at first hands. The market was under control of a market-master whose business it was to see that the weight and measurements were correct and to confiscate that which did not come up to the standard. One matron from Worton had a quantity of butter on a pewter plate, and the market-master condemned it. She said to him: "You shall not have it, anyway." She then dumped it on the floor of the market, and as the master stooped to pick it up, she came down on his head with the pewter-plate, cutting it badly.

Clothing was of the simplest kind, and very often homespun, though there were at the time several woolen mills in Kent. Shoes were made at the farmers' houses by an itenerant shoemaker, whose avocation was called by the euphonious name of "whipping the cat." Roads were generally very poor, and laid out without regard to straight lines. If a mud-hole was in the middle of the road they drove around it, and made a new road. From Cats Corner to Chestertown there were five gates on the main road. Horseback was the favorite method of traveling. On Sunday the families would generally pile in an ox-cart and go that way to church. There were a few gigs, but they, like coaches were costly, and were only used by the very rich.

There were several kinds of amusements indulged in by the men, one of which was horse racing. The distance run was generally a quarter of a mile, and the stakes a gallon of whiskey. The very best whiskey cost fifty cents per gallon. Husking matches were common in the winter. The husking was generally done by the negroes, while the white folks had a good time in the house. The huskers were always provided with a good supper; plenty of roast pig, corn-bread and whiskey. Once a year there was a day appointed for a squirrel hunt, generally in June when the young squirrels were tender, and eating fit for the Gods. The place of meeting was Coburn's Rock Spring. Six or eight gunners were appointed whose duty it was to go out at daybreak and report at 11 A. M., with the game. It was no unusual thing for them to come in with ten or twenty squirrels each, the one who succeeded in bagging the greater number was the hero of the day. Servants were then put to skinning and preparing the squirrels for the feast. The older men had brought plenty of other good things to eat and drink, and the day was spent beneath the trees in a very pleasant way.

People were generally very sociable, and families were constantly exchanging visits. If they walked to a neighbor's, which they often did, their best shoes were carried under their arm, and an old pair worn on the feet, which were changed when the house was reached. Worton Manor was the property of an Englishman named Chalmers, who had fled the country in 1812. Wm. Barroll of Chestertown, acted as his agent, and to him my father paid the one hundred dollars yearly rent until the death of Barroll. John B. Eccleston was his executor, and when father went to pay him his rent, he was informed that he, Eccleston, had no authority to receive it. My father then lived on the farm, rent free, until the time of his death, which occurred in 1841. We, his heirs, continued in undisturbed possession for some time; then a man named Primrose, living in Queen Anne's, cast covetous eyes on it, and succeeded in getting an escheat warrant for the whole tract, but as we had been in possession so long we did not feel like giving it up without a struggle. We entered into a law suit with Primrose, which was carried on for years, and was of considerable profit to the lawyers. The matter was finally settled by Primrose accepting one hundred and fifty-six acres, and we taking the remainder at the escheat price of 60 cents per acre. This property is now owned by Daniel Jewell, Wm. Vannort, Wm. McCleester, Dulaney Rasin and numerous small holdings, and is worth considerably over $30,000.

The financial condition of the county was bad. The people had not recovered from the demorilization that followed the war of 1812. Many of those who were called into service contracted habits of indolence that took a whole generation to remove.

About the Concert.

Messrs. Editors:—I attended the concert on Saturday evening last at "Stam's Hall" and was, as most of the audience were, pleased with the music, but there were two things which greatly detracted from the enjoyment of the evening. The lady who sat in front of me wore a very pretty three-story hat with a pinnacle of feathers, and when I got tired of admiring it, I found that the angle my eye made with the top of the pinnacle limited vision in front to the top of the drop curtain. When the singing commenced I wanted to see the singers, especially when the ladies appeared, and tried dodging, but unfortunately in front of the lady who sat before me was a *four*-story hat with the universal eagles' wings, after the manner of the American aborigines, and about the time that I made a dodge my lady in front would be executing the same manœuvre. Then the second lady in front commenced the same performance, and so we went see-saw until nearly dazed. I gave up, and determined to look around to see if I was the only unfortunate individual who had struck a line of wings. The inspection proved somewhat comforting, for there were wings in front of me, wings to the right of me, wings to the left of me, wings all around me. Bewildered in a forest of wings I closed my eyes, determined to drink in the melody of the unseen performers. Vanity of vanities, to expect an evening of undisturbed rational enjoyment in a public gathering in Chestertown. A sharp clacking burst upon the air, and with limited vision I began to speculate whether the stage had been transformed into a beer garden. Again and again and still again the almost terrifying clacking was repeated, and I was not re-assured until I heard the notes of a sweet soprano struggling through the din.

If the ladies will not determine to lay aside their steeple hats at such entertainments, we recommend a return to the old-time plan of sitting, the brethren on one side and the sisters on the other. But, Messrs. Editors, this ill-timed, annoying clacking, how is it to be remedied? Now that we have the advantage of a comfortable public hall it may be expected that refined entertainments will be more frequent than usual. How shall we teach a part of our community that much of the clacking of Saturday evening was ill-timed and bad taste, if nothing worse, and very objectionable to the majority of the audience? May we not look to the press to make an effort at reform in this direction? Shall the otherwise fair fame of our town be clouded by this senseless clacking? May we not also look to the *manager* of our Opera House for some relief on such occasions? Regular machine clacking differs from applause in the same degree as refinement does from vulgarity.

QUILP.

Death of Aged Citizen.

Simon Welch, aged seventy-six years, died at his home in Chestertown on last Tuesday night, of typhoid-pneumonia. A great many years ago he was fifer for two military companies in this county,—the "Anthony Wayne Rifles" and the old Kent Guards. He also filled the position in Baltimore, through a considerable period, of police magistrate. He leaves a number of children and grandchildren, residing mostly in Baltimore.

In the Land Where the Tender-foot is Received with an Ovation.

The *Transcript* recently received a copy of the San Francisco *Chronicle*—a perfect encyclopedia of a paper—about as big as twelve ordinary editions of the Baltimore *American*. We credit the receipt of the unabridged to the kindness of Mr. W. Scott Way, who is now having oranges for breakfast and strawberries for dinner, and leading a life, all in all, bubbling over with sunshine and poetry, in the celistial city of San Jose. The *Chronicle*, in its something less than one hundred pages, pictures California as an earthly paradise. It differs, however, from the paradise promised to the faithful in the great hereafter, in that it is not to be had without money and without price. In fact, the early settlers seem to have very generally gobbled up this earthly paradise, and to be retailing it out to the "tender-feet" at princely profits. Even our friend Way, we note, has caught on to the idea of working the tender-foot for all there is in him—he proposes to buy a fruit farm for $350 per acre, and to hold it until some tender-foot comes along and offers him $1000 per acre. The natives of Florida are said to live on sweet potatoes in summer and Yankees in winter. Californians probably have tender-feet served up to them all the year round.

THE SILVER WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. HULME.

A Very Interesting Occasion, a Pleasant Dance and a Delightful Supper.

Fairlee, as all Kent county knows, even if the outside world does not know it, is a village of modest proportions lying about midway between Tolchester and Chestertown. Like most Kent county villages, it is surrounded by an intelligent and prosperous community. One of the favored sons of the Fairlee section is Mr. Thomas A. Hulme, and Mrs. Thomas A. Hulme also has a popularity that is as wide as her husband's. Consequently, when the 25th anniversary of their wedding day was celebrated on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult., it took the Fairlee grange hall to accommodate the large number of friends and acquaintances who responded to invitations to be present on the occasion. The Fairlee grange hall is not only adapted to purposes of a farmers' club, but it is admirably suitable for purposes of entertainment, and certainly proved to be first-rate for the purpose of a silver wedding celebration on a large scale. The hall was hung in wreaths of evergreen. A stage had been erected for the occasion, and back of the curtains hung mottoes of welcome in large gilt letters. Directly overhanging the front of the stage, there was a large evergreen bell, under which the bride and groom later appeared. Chairs were arranged in half circular form fronting the stage, for the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulme provided for the entertainment of their guests a programme embracing literary and dramatic features. A charade, in which characters were taken by the Misses Lena Jessup and Lucy Wall and Messrs. Arthur and Percy Skirven, proved very amusing. Miss Clara Vannort of Chestertown sang in solo "I'll Take You Back Again," and received an encore. Mrs. W. J. Vannort read with dramatic effectiveness "The Silver Wedding." Messrs. C. Hurlock, Jesse Usilton, Lewis Alrich and Arthur Skirven sang in quartette "Annie, Dear, I'm Called Away." Mr. Hurlock, who sang the principal part, has a clear, magnetic voice, and the quartette pleased the audience so thoroughly that it was called for a second and third time. Miss Lucy Wall read "The Brides of Enderby," and in response to an encore recited a snappy selection, in which "the devil" played an important part. Mr. John N. Dodd played "Evangeline," in cornet solo. Messrs. Lewis Alrich and Edward, Arthur and Percy Skirven sang in solo and chorus "The Silver Wedding." It was written for the occasion, and contained a number of references to the happy event that were received with applause. An anniversary poem, contributed by Mr. Howard Meeks, also full of happy references, was read by the Rev. Mr. Wall, Jr. Mr. Hulme then made a few remarks, reviewing in a decidedly humorous vein the changes that have taken place during the past twenty-five years,—the period leading from his first wedding day to the present silver celebration.

The wedding ceremony, which followed, was not altogether after the manner of wedding ceremonies,—it was very much livelier, and the guests were not near so solemn as they usually are when the knot is being tied. Mr. H. C. Rickey personated the parson,—and a solemn enough parson he looked. He put a number of searching questions to the groom, and after having received his fee skipped without performing the ceremony at all. At the reception which followed, however, cordial congratulations were poured upon the happy pair and many wishes were expressed that they might enjoy health, happiness, wealth and long life.

The bride wore a handsome white lace dress, with light blue underdress, pink roses, pearl and diamond ornaments. If she was not so beautiful as at the like ceremony performed twenty-five years ago, she yet looked very charming, and few would have supposed her to be the mother of a grown son, who was witnessing the performance from the audience, bearing the double dignity of a swallow-tail coat, and a moustache two summers old. The groom—what shall we say of the groom—grooms are generally ignored on such occasions. The groom, however, was too large a part of the ceremony to be left out on this occasion. The young ladies crowded around him after the ceremony, and showered bewitching smiles upon him in such a manner as to establish one of two facts—he must be either handsome or must have winning ways.

After the reception dancing began, music being supplied by the orchestra of Middletown, Del. Those who did not dance gathered in groups that observed and discussed the dancers and other congenial topics, or inspected the numerous wedding presents.

The presents were very numerous, and were generally handsome and tasteful. Among the most noticeable was a large silver coffee urn, standing upon a handsome silver tray. The urn and tray were a present from the members of Fairlee Grange, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Hulme are members, Mr. Hulme being the lecturer at present in office. An egg set, consisting of six silver goblets upon silver stands, was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Brice. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vannort presented a large silver pudding dish, lined with porcelaine. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McIlwain, an embossed silver pitcher; Mrs. J. Cambell, embossed cream pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. S. Vannort, glass fruit dish, set in silver. The following presents were all of silver: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burchinal, sugar bowl; Mrs. M. A. Nicholson, cream pitcher; Mr. W. S. Wilmer, revolving butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Boyce, fruit stand, glass dish; G. E. Leary and Son, soup ladle; F. Percy Peale, old silver fruit spoon: one-half dozen tablespoons, with initial, Fannie H. Cunningham; Dr. and Mrs. Hessey, cream pitcher; Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Eliason, spoon-holder with breakfast bell and boquet-holder attached; Messrs. W. W. Hubbard, C. F. Stam, L. C. Justis, M. deK. Smith and C. G. Woodall, one dozen old silver spoons, in plush case; one dozen knives, from C. Hulme; one dozen soup spoons from Mary C. Hulme; one dozen dessert spoons from Charlie and Zaidee Hulme; tea-pot, from Mr. and Mrs. Clendaniel; fruit spoon in morocco case, from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell; ice cream spoon from Dr. A. P. Sharp, and fruit spoons from Mrs. A. P. Sharp and Mr. Geo. Sharp; butter knife from Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Wall; tea-pot from Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Keyser; butter dish and waiter from Drs. Hines and Gilpin, Messrs. H. C. and H. P. Brown, Edw. Emory and C. F. Hollis; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wickes, card receiver; Messrs. Richard D. Hynson, H. Beck and John Welch, ice cream spoon in plush case; Mr. and Mrs. Tylden Brice, sugar bowl for tea set; W. B. Strong, breakfast bell; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fleming, vases set in silver; Dr. and Mrs. Houston, pickle dish in silver setting; W. E. Wilson, butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kendall, breakfast castors; Mr. and Mrs. James W. Skirven, old silver plaque; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hynson, waiter; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Beck, nut-picks in plush case; Miss Emma A. Gilpin, smoking set; Mr. W. Archibald, Jr., silver plate; Mr. J. H. Aldridge, silver cup; Mr. Frederick Fountain and Dr. T. H. Cooper, breakfast bell with spoon-holder and boquet vase; Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Whaland, silver cup; Miss Hope Wickes, cup and saucer; Miss Ida Camp, sugar spoon; sterling silver spoons, in moracco case, Mr. and Mrs. George Jessup; one dozen tea-spoons, Mrs. Alice Hartshorn; set of dinner castors, with salt cellars attached, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stephens; fruit dish, in silver setting, Mrs. H. W. Carvill; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Beck, fruit spoon in morocco case; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rickey, breakfast castors; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beck, chow-chow dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simpers, pickle dish; L. K. Stam, lamp; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stephens, fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dodd, fruit spoon; breakfast castor and napkin ring, Mr. J. DeCorse; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Deputy, egg dish; Mr. Robt. S. Wickes, knife rests; Percy Arthur and Edw. Skirven, vase; Mr. W. Y. Baker, mint julep spoon. The presents were numerous, and in a number of instances the cards were detached—in view of these two facts, doubtless a number of interesting presents have been omitted in the above list.

The supper was served at about twelve o'clock, and it was half past two before the last table was cleared. It was served upon a handsomely appointed table, in a room separated from the audience hall by folding doors. It consisted of cold fowl, ham, tongue, salads, jellies, with tropical fruits, water ices, ice cream and nuts for dessert. The supper, we understand, was prepared directly under Mrs. Hulme's supervision. Praise of Mrs. Hulme's chicken and lobster salads was very general. One young man enthusiastically declared that he had never eaten such ideal lobster salad before in all his life. In short, the supper was a delightful one, and was very pleasantly served.

After supper, dancing again. The young ladies present were generally sweet, charming, bewitching, enchanting, &c. Indeed, some of them were exceedingly lovely. A great many of them also were dressed very charmingly. We beg to be excused, however, from going into minute and personal details; so also it would prove something of an extensive task if we should attempt to name those who were present. The general estimate was that there were from 250 to 300 persons present.

The occasion was made most enjoyable to all present. Mr. and Mrs. Hulme from the start disarded all formal ceremony, and the guests took the hint and went in for a good time. The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hulme is a social event that will be remembered by those who were present, long after the occasion has floated into the past.

The following poem, written by Mr. Howard Meeks, and dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hulme, on the occasion of their silver wedding, was read by Mr. Julian Wall:

To Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hulme,
On the occasion of the silver wedding, January 26th, 1887.

DEDICATION.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hulme,
I dedicate this sugar plum.
Of "silver and gold I have none,"
May this afford a little fun,
A ripple of pleasure, and simple gleam
Of sincere respect, and warm esteem.

We greet you both on this anniversary
Of a quarter century of your wedded life,
With cheer we meet you, and bid you be merry,
Thou jovial husband, and thou genial wife.
Almost unconsciously the years have sped
Since each to each Love's sacred pledge you gave;
The fleeting years have blessings on you shed;
And, as the winged seasons glide around
May other days bring naught to mar your peace;
Yet greater blessings more and more abound
Till God shall bid your earthly course to cease.
A golden wedding may you next enjoy,
And yet a diamond in your ripe old age,
Till, after worldly pleasures all do cloy,
May bliss eternal be your heritage.
And now from themes so grave
We turn to matters gay,
Little, indeed, is left for you to crave
On this, your Silver Wedding day.
Surrounded by your son and daughters,
Lottie, Zaidee, Mary, Fanny, sweet,
Sparking, dancing, like the rippling waters,
A quartette radiant and complete.
And yet another, priz'd above the rest,
The gentle birdling of the sweet home nest,
Her face like a sun beam,
Like violets her eyes,
Her smile is a fay's dream,
Just sent from the skies;
Ah! the Gods had *their* Hebe
To bear their nectar and wine;
Perhaps the same may she be;
(To this thought we incline)
For surely *those* lips must be the chalice,
Of your beautiful darling, sweet little Alice.
Thomas Albert,
By no means, to slight him do we intend,
May he have plenty of lucre to help a poor friend,
Manly and stalwart, healthy and stout,
(None will suspect him of courting the gout)
To solid work by no means a stranger,
May he remain a most worthy Granger,
Nor want a girl to take a stich,
To mend his pants or darn his socks,
In love and truth immensely rich,
If not in lands and bonds and stocks,
His wardrobe may she ne'er invade,
For crazy quilts purloin his ties,
And of them make a grand parade,
And at the fair secure the prize:
That coat, as well, which fits so snug,
She should not take to make a rug,
Or, with much pains and toil, a mat
On which may sleep a lazy cat.
And now to end these rigmaroles,
(The saints have pity on your souls)
May you, dear Tom, and your good Hannah
Long live beneath the Patron's banner,
And all your days, like this be merry
Without the aid of Tom and Jerry.

Et Cetera Nunc Desunt.

Most kindly yours,
HOWARD MEEKS AND MARY F. MEEKS.

Still Pond Items.

Mrs. Thomas L. Bowers died last Wednesday, of diabetes, and Mrs. Lewis Hepbron, Jr., last Saturday, of uræmic convulsions.

The M. E. Sabbath school is preparing for its missionary anniversary, and the Good Templars for a literary entertainment.

The hotel is in the same place, though some parties want it moved to the centre of the village.

Samuel J. Busic has re-raised his house, and is working hard to get it completed before another blow comes.

Some farmers are husking corn.

Feb. 1st, '87.

New Advertisements.

The following new advertisements appear in this issue:

Hardware adv. of John K. Aldridge & Co.

Notice to creditors by James A. Pearce, Esq., as administrator.

Notice concerning water rentals.

Money to loan by H. H. Barroll, Esq.

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WHEAT & CORN

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I am always prepared to pay the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE for any amount of Grain that can be offered in Kent county.

E. T. COMEGYS,

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THE WM. LEA & SONS CO.,

Brandywine Mills, Wilmington, Del.

Oct. 7, 1886.

C. M. LUCAS,

Has just received a Large and Beautiful stock o

Holiday Goods,

Consisting of the latest designs in JEWELRY, Laties' Gold Watches, &c., &c.

Young gentlemen contemplating matrimony will do well to give him a call, as he makes a specialty of

Wedding Rings.

His stock of Rogers Silverware embraces many articles both Useful and Ornamental, and suitable for holiday and wedding presents. He cordially invites all to give him a call before going to the city. d.2, 1886.

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I have rented the Stables belonging to

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These Stables have been recently Enlarged and put in Thorough Repair. I intend keeping

A FIRST-CLASS LIVERY,

and will take Horses on Board by the day, week or month at reasonable rates.

C. H. DAVIS.

April 15, 1886.

DO YOU WANT PLOW CASTINGS THIS SPRING?

If you do, $1.00 will buy 10 Points or Shares No. 9, 10 or 11. We also have first-class Mino and Horton Castings for sale. Do you want Single Trees or Double Trees, made of good hickory and well-ironed, Cheaper than you ever heard of? Go to

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Monuments! Head-stones
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For Monuments, Head-stones, and Marble or Granite Curbing,

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FOR TABLE & WASH-STAND TOPS,

FOR IRON FENCING, CRESTING, AND GALVANIZED TUBING,

For Everything in the Marble, Granite or Stone Line

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A FULL LINE ALWAYS IN STOCK.

Since locating in Chestertown our business has steadily increased, and we are steadily increasing our facilities. We are prepared to do Fine Work lower than the regular market price in the cities, and we believe we can give invariable satisfaction. Designs furnished on application, and all orders by mail promptly attended to. Would respectfully solicit, that you visit or communicate with us before ordering elsewhere.

CHAS. H. MOORE,

July 29, 1886. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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Only perfect family sewing machine. Accurate, simple, silent, swift, sure and strong. The only machine making a lock stitch without the use of a shuttle.

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