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The Transcript

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 9, 1888.

—Are there any bottoms to the roads just now?

—There were not many people in town Tuesday from outside. Too much mud.

—The rain of Wednesday probably cleared the last of the ice from Chester river.

—The card of Mr. Percy T. McFeely, with the commission firm of Wright & Loney, appears in this issue.

—In a few more weeks the peach will have reached the anxious period. The peach item has not been in print as yet.

—Wm. Perkins has filled his ice house with six hundred tons of firm, clear ice, and thinks he will be able to meet the demands of the coming season.

—The creamery question is worthy of consideration by every district in this county. Five creameries in the county would not be too many.

—Joseph Dougherty, the ten-year-old boy reported in the last *Transcript* as dangerously ill with lock-jaw, is in very much improved condition.

—One of the handsomest calendars that has reached the *Transcript's* desk for 1888, is that of the Scott Fertilizer Co., of Elkton. Each leaf produces an artistic engraving.

—The long wharf which runs out into the bay at Tolchester, was thought at one time to be seriously damaged by the ice. A closer inspection, however, shows that the injury will be comparatively slight, and will be soon repaired.

—The directors of the Centreville and Corsica River Steamboat Co. met in Philadelphia yesterday. It is reported that the object of the meeting is to consider the advisability of building one, if not two steamers to ply in the waters of Chester river and its tributaries.—*Centreville Observer.*

—The steamer Corsica came from Baltimore Tuesday afternoon towed by the tug Baltimore. She reports ice rapidly breaking up. She brought over a large quantity of miscellanious freight. She made a return trip yesterday. The Emma Ford is expected to-day, and regular trips will probably be continued unless another freeze-up should prevent.

—The Kent Guards had a well attended meeting on Wednesday night of last week and determined to build a new armory, as the commissioners have notified the company that their present quarters—the old Market House armory—will be torn down after the first of May. The company are to determine at the next meeting whether to attend the battalion drill at Easton on the 22d of February.

—Mr. Robt. G. Nicholson has sold from his Little Grove Nurseries, 28,000 trees to go to Michigan, and 15,000 to go to Ohio. The Michigan purchaser came on here. He is located near the lake region. He says a great many trees are being planted in Michigan. The trees there do not grow as large as they do here. They have yellows there, but he says they prevent the spread by digging up the trees as soon as the disease manifests itself. There is a State law requiring this to be done.

—C. T. Westcott, Esq., expects to visit St. Louis, Mo., shortly to investigate the merits of an electric light system which has headquarters there and which he thinks may be sufficiently practical to justify its introduction in Chestertown. The question,—Shall it be electricity or gas?—has been agitated more than once and there is little doubt but that Chestertown would have had either electricity or gas before this if either one or the other of the two charmers had been out of the way. It is to be hoped that Mr. Westcott will solve the question.

—A correspondent of the *News* from Edesville writes,—"The surprise given Rev. R. L. Lewis, pastor of Wesley Chapel, Friday evening, Jan. 17, was quite a success in all respects. One of the pleasant and solid features was the splendid and abundant supper served to all present. The young folks enjoyed themselves singing, chatting and by giving *candid* answers to very inquisitive questions. The guests dispersed at a late hour, feeling 'it was good to be there.' For the gifts the pastor thanked his donors in very pertinent and impressive language. Mr. Lewis has been with us for nearly three years and it is the wish of the people that he be returned. His conscientious actions and Christian deportment have won for him the admiration, respect and love of those with whom he has associated."

—The public school teachers of the State are required by a recent order of the State Board of Education to take the following oath of affirmation:

I, ——— having been appointed a teacher in the Public Schools of ——— County, State of Maryland, do swear (or affirm) that I will obey the School Law of the State of Maryland and all rules and regulations, touching my position as teacher, passed in pursuance thereof, by the proper authorities; that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, discharge the duties of a teacher in the Public Schools of said county, and will honestly and correctly make quarterly and other reports when required by law or the School authorities of said county so to do. ———, Teacher.

The primary object of the change is to avoid the necessity of the teacher swearing to his quarterly report four times during the school year, which was sometimes done at very great inconvenience and considerable expense to the teacher.

—The entertainment by the Fairlee Minstrels for to-morrow evening, may be set down as a very solemn affair. The fact that Prof. Thomas A. Hulme is responsible for it, insures that it will be solemn. Those who know Prof. Hulme, know that "he never smiles again." Life to him and to the Fairlee Minstrels, is a solemn reality full of hard-pan facts. No jokes funnier than the multiplication table will be allowed to-morrow evening. Those who can afford it, will please wear crepe. The exercises will be as follows: Banjo solos, and variety entertainment; comedy, "The Great Arrival;" "Scene in a Hotel;" drama entitled, "The Practical Joker," and other serious business. Reserved seat tickets are 35 cents, and are now on sale at Stam's drug store. Quite a number of seats have already been sold, and there is a probability that there will be a good attendance.

—The Kent County Teachers' Association will meet in the school-room in Chestertown to-morrow. The following will be the order of exercises,—1st. How can criticism be made most helpful to both pupil and teacher? 2d. In arithmetic would our pupils know better "what to do" if they had more drill in "how to do?" Miss Fannie Wilson will read an essay and Prof. Williams of Washington College will deliver an address. The address will be made between twelve and one o'clock, and friends of the school can probably give an hour to the cause of education. The meetings of the association are open to those who desire to attend, and a better acquaintance with the work being done by the teachers of the county would excite an increased interest in our schools.

—County commissioners met on Tuesday in regular session. Full board present except commissioner from first district.

It was ordered that a check on Chestertown National Bank be drawn to pay note given American Road Machine Company for five improved road machines. Also ordered that an order on Stephen Lecates, collector, be drawn for balance of levy in his hands for 1887 to pay for jail work. A petition asking for the improvement of certain roads in the fifth district was received, read and filed. The board was further engaged in examining certificates for hawks and owls killed and in passing sundry accounts.

—Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1888—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

W. M. Slay, adm'r of G. W. T. Perkins, passed his second and final admin. and dividend account.

W. H. and R. A. Bowers, extrs. of Thos. L. Bowers, returned an inventory of the personal paoperty of their decedent.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Charles Carey, late of Trenton, N. J., were granted to John D. Urie, who filed his bond with approved security.

Richard Hynson, adm'r of Thos. B. Hynson, filed an appraisement of the real estate of his decedent.

H. C. Massey, adm'r of Thomas Massey, passed his first and final admin. account.

New Advertisements.

The following advertisements appear for the first time in this issue:

Card of Wright & Loney.

Entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. Dixie.

Little Grove nurseries.

THE SCHUBERTS.

They Receive a Warm Welcome.

There are few entertainments that have come to Chestertown, that have met with so cordial a reception as that given to the Schubert Quartette, of Chicago. The quartette sang at Stam's Hall for the first time soon after the hall was completed, and was the talk of the town for many days after. When the quartette again appeared here last Saturday evening, it was greeted with a crowded house. Over four hundred seats were sold in advance. The attendance from the county was quite large, as well as from the town. The neighborhoods of Kennedyville and Fairlee were well represented, and there were persons in attendance from as far as East Neck Island. There was also quite a liberal contingent from Church Hill, Queen Anne's county. The entertainment was a delightful one, and met the full expectation of the audience. The Schuberts had no engagement for Monday evening, and Mr. Stam announced before the close of the entertainment that they would remain, and give a change of programme for that evening. They had a fair house for Monday evening, and many thought the entertainment even more delightful than that of the previous one.—The singers were very kind in responding to encores, especially the quartette. Once, when after a prolonged call, the four filed out for the third time, an enthusiastic young lady exclaimed, "The dear lambs, there they come again." Miss Lay, the accomplished pianist who accompanied the quartette last year, was again recognized and greeted. Miss Wycoff, the Mezzo Soprano, sang a number of solos, and possesses a rich, clear voice that accomplishes difficult things with the greatest ease. The Schuberts will always be welcomed to Chestertown.

MATRIMONIAL.

The marriage of Mr. H. H. Barroll to Miss Madge Wethered, is announced to come off at the P. E. Church, Chestertown, about noon to-day. No cards. The bridal couple will spend the remainder of the winter in Florida.

Cards are out announcing the coming marriage of Mr. Hyland P. Stewart, of this county, and Miss Mamie Adams, of Baltimore, which will take place to-day at the Associated Reform Church, in Baltimore.

Roberts—Saxton.

Mr. T. S Roberts, of the Centreville *Observer*, and Miss Mary Jenkins Saxton, daughter of Mr. W. H. Saxton, of Baltimore, were quietly married at the residence of Rev. John Foley, D. D., pastor St. Martin's Catholic Church, Fulton avenue and Fulton street, Baltimore, on Wednesday of last week at 2:15 p. m. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present. At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were driven to the Hotel Rennert, where with a few friends a luncheon was enjoyed. Among those present at the lunch were A. R. Wedeon, B. Palmer Keating, J. Fletcher Rolph, P. B. Hopper, Frank Keating, G. Clinton Roberts, Thos. F. O'Neil, Mrs. B. Palmer Keating, Miss Ada Roberts and Misses Fannie and Nettie Raisin. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts went to Philadelphia Wednesday afternoon, where they remained until Saturday, when they returned to Centreville.

Personal Notes.

The Rev. Robt. W. Todd, who, as announced in last week's *Transcript*, has been invited to fill the Chestertown charge of the M. E. Church, has accepted the invitation, subject to the approval of the bishop.

Rev. J. D. Kemp has received an invitation to go to the M. E. Church at Georgetown, Del. He is holding the matter under consideration.

Mr. William T. Meeds, a highly respected citizen of Church Hill, is spending the winter at Sandford, Fla. Mr. Meeds is an enthusiastic fisherman, and will probably learn much of the peculiar habits of Florida nibblers.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, principal of the Conference Academy at Dover, Del., and Mr. Addison Gooding, of Nebraska, were in Chestertown on Tuesday and paid a pleasant call at the *Transcript* office.

Misses Editha Hines, Nannie Brice and Emma Gilpin left Chestertown Wednesday morning to attend a grand ball at Annapolis this evening. The young ladies will be under the chaperonage of Mrs. John Brice and Mrs. James H. Baker.

Messrs. Allan and Spencer Harris have penetrated the alligator groves of Florida 300 miles below Jacksonville and reached a point not far from the Gulf. A friend recently received a letter from one of them, dated Jan. 30, saying they expected to shortly start for home. They have visited most of the interesting points, and are charmed with the land of the alligator and the orange.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KENNEDYVILLE CLUB

The Creamery Enterprise Discussed.

KENNEDYVILLE, Feb. 3d, 1888.

The Farmers' Club of Kennedyville met and was called to order by Mr. John Barwick. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Barwick then resigned the chair in favor of Mr. E. B. Pennington, when, as chairman of the creamery committee, he introduced Messrs. Spur & Perkins, of Middletown, Del., who after thanking the club for the courtesy extended, proceeded to give the desired information. They estimate cost of plant about $2,500, or for seperator about $1,195, which, however, does not include building, which would be about $1,000 additional. He advised a fifteen-horse power engine, but could do with something less. It would require 350 gallons of milk daily to make it an object, and Sunday milk would be received Monday morning. The milk, however, in all cases must be sweet. He said good creamery butter had not sold for less than 30 cts. for the last five years, and some brands much higher. Milk, therefore, was worth from 12 to 13 cents for ten pounds, and the skim milk returned at one-half cent per gallon. They thought 15 to 20 per cent. of cream could be saved by this process.

Mr. Gibbs, of Sassafras, was then introduced. He, like many others, was not much at speech-making, nor had he much experience with a creamery, but was very favorably impressed with the workings of the Middletown creamery. He had just received $34.00 for 12 days' shipment of milk from 13 cows, nine of which were strippers. The cows were well-housed but no especial attention given to food. He did not claim it to be a heavy paying investment, but infinately better than raising wheat and corn at present prices. Besides it saved a great deal of trouble.

On motion of L. C. Justis, it was decided to form a stockcompany, with cost of each share not to exceed ten dollars. Mr. T. Shaffer reported having visited Baltimore. Saw Mr. E. B. Mallony, who would visit the club in the near future, when he would have a general exchange of opinions, &c.

On motion, it was decided that the secretary answer communication from Arthur Bros., of Harford county, giving them desired information. The committee on creamery was also instruced to extend their boundaries and make further inquiries and report at next meeting.

The number present to-day was greatly in excess of any former meeting. Ten members were added to the roll. The discussions were more animated than usual, and the situation more generally understood.

The club adjourned to meet Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 2 P. M.

D. U. DEWEES, Sec.

Kennedyville Items.

KENNEDYVILLE, Feb. 7, 1888.

Editor Transcript:—The reign of mud has commenced and our village is, thanks to its pavements, a tolerably respectable place to walk around in. Every day we congratulate ourselves on being so much better off than Locust Grove, our neighboring village, where it is not possible to get about at this time of the year at all without gum boots or on stilts, and where the stores have to be swept out with shovels instead of brooms. The Kennedyville pavements are due almost entirely to the public-spiritedness of its people who by a series of entertainments succeeded in raising funds sufficient for the purpose.

Another enterprise, the Kennedyville Fire Company, should be heartily encouraged. There is to be a meeting of the company on Friday next, in the town hall at 8 P. M.

There was a pleasant little gathering of young folks at Mr. Jas. L. Garey's on last Thursday evening, the occasion being a "carpet-rag sewing." After about half an hour's work, in which many a tied rag went into the balls, the room was cleared and the remainder of the evening spent in games, interrupted by refreshments in the shape of cake and lemonade.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. P. Church met at the residence of Capt. Dan'l Hill on Friday evening. The exercises consisted of readings, singing and wound up with a spelling bee, in which the ladies came off victorious.

Miss Mamie Dewees has gone to Norristown, Pa., to spend a few weeks.

Mrs. Copenhaver, of Baltimore, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tilghman Shafer.

Mr. Walter Williams, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. F. A. Roeder.

Mr. John M. Pennington, who has been confined to the house for several weeks, has very much improved and is able to be out.

Quite a number of the villagers went to Chestertown on Saturday night to hear the Schubert Quartette. Notwithstanding the bad roads they considered themselves well repaid. One of our merchants was among the number. It is the first Saturday night he has ever been out of his store since he started in business, in 1875, except while confined to his room a few weeks on one occasion with a broken leg.

Kennedyville will have a cannery or creamery, or both, certain.

The farmers' club is booming.

The 2d District Democratic Club will meet on Feb. 22d, and they expect to have a big time.

The Kennedyville brass band has tooted its last toot. Instruments for sale cheap, if sold out of the village.

A lot of dogs at reasonable prices. They would make good shepherd dogs, if the shepherd had a gun handy all the time to *curtail* their love for sheep in a measure.

Some one a few days ago borrowed a wheel from a carriage in the yard of Shafer & Medders, and up to date has forgotten to return it. As it is a new wheel and the carriage is not in the habit of running on three wheels its early return will be esteemed a favor. K. D.

Chestertown Public School.

The intermediate examination in this school has been concluded and below we give the names of students who have reached an average of 80 per cent or over:

SECOND SEVENTH.			
Maggie Hendrickson	91	James Boston	88
Mamie Catlin	89	Charles Howard	83
Katie Smith	89	Milton Baker	83
Gertie Stewart	88	Annie Estes	82
FIRST SEVENTH.			
Daisy Carvill	94	Marian Lusby	82
Cora Hynson	91	Daisy Usilton	82
Grace Turner	90	Frank Fowler	81
Annie Russell	87	Alice Piatt	80
Gussie Cannan	84		
SECOND SIXTH.			
Arthur Merritt	91	Tommy Perkins	83
Clara Usilton	89	Emma McFeely	83
Fannie Baker	87	Harry Simpers	82
Norman Perkins	86	Grace Needles	81
Nettie Stewart	85	Effie Crouch	81
Allie Shuster	85	Clare Vannort	80
Grace Greenwood	83		
FIRST SIXTH.			
Herbert Perkins	89	Ward Carvill	83
Madge Meteer	85	Alice Thompson	81
Hope Sappington	84	Willie McIntire	80
Macy Hynson	83		
SECOND FIFTH.			
Howard Fowler	95	Vevia Hendrickson	83
Grace Hampton	92	Viva Perkins	83
Ella Thompson	89	Mary Anthony	83
Bessie Stuart	89	Charlie Turner	82
Bertha Hynson	88	Susie Lambert	81
Addie Hampton	86	Paul Graham	80
Mary Burchinal	84		
FIRST FIFTH.			
Earle Usilton	83	Julia Elliott	81
Percy Hendrickson	82	Minnie Peregoy	80
Oliver Jones	81	Maud Stewart	80
FOURTH GRADE.			
Lottie Wickes	95	Mamie Hatcherson	83
Mamie Carroll	94	Harry Hodgkin	83
Clare Perkins	93	Harry Green	83
Rosa McIntire	91	Willie Sherwood	83
Ben Elliott	91	Foster Cannan	83
Jack Westcott	89	Willie Usilton	82
Harry Willis	88	Allie Wright	81
Pearl Coleman	88	Harry Rickey	81
John Harris	86	Maggie McKaig	80
Mary Thompson	86	Mamie Chapman	80
Helen Benjamin	83		
THIRD GRADE.			
Lillie Crow	96	Winnie Hamilton	85
Janava Lewis	96	John McKaig	84
Mamie Kirby	92	Wright Calder	84
John Willis	92	Herman Garrett	84
Mabel Graham	92	Georgie Thompson	84
Emma Greenwood	91	Bertha Bryan	84
May Hill	91	Eddie Edwards	84
Harry Anthony	90	Frank Smith	82
Carrie Sappington	90	Sallie Beck	82
George McFeely	89	Webster McIntire	82
Frank Wood	88	Harry Chapman	82
Lola Willing	88	Harry Barnett	81
Rose Frazier	87	Charlie Clow	81
John Toulson	87	Marion Smith	81
Frazier Estes	85	Frank McWhorter	80
Gertrude Storke	85	Hennie Harris	80
SECOND GRADE.			
May Shuster	97	Harry Fallowfield	88
Lucy Hines	96	Walter Graham	87
Carrie Byrom	95	Raymond Simpers	87
Sadie Hendrickson	95	Katie Shuster	87
Sophie Rose	95	Lottie Blackway	87
Mattie Storke	94	Charlie McWhorter	86
Annie Thompson	94	Grace Stewart	86
Freddie Strong	93	Ralph Coleman	84
Claudia Thompson	93	Willie Godwin	84
Robert McWhorter	92	Arthur Green	84
Waters Russell	90	Owen Crow	83
George Gardner	90	Allie Taylor	83
Charlie Kirby	89	Ella Dilhofer	81
Charlie Pippin	89	Howard Shriver	80
Susie Culp	89	Isabel Beck	80
May Pennell	89		
FIRST GRADE—BOYS.			
Bayard Usilton	98	Willie Dillhofer	91
John Dugan	97	Clarence Coleman	91
Carl Biscoe	97	George Perkins	90
George Hopkins	97	Frank Hines	90
Fred Estes	96	Samuel Gardner	90
Joe McKaig	95	Murray Perkins	88
Arthur Bradley	92	John Hamilton	84
Wilkins Elliott	92	Walter Wright	81
Earle Joiner	92		
FIRST GRADE—GIRLS.			
Dora Thompson	98	Fannie Godwin	94
Clara Hampton	97	May Cannan	92
Hope Pennell	97	Josephine Thompson	92
Lucy Fogwell	96	Ruby Dugan	89
Lizzie Quelcot	96	Ada Barnett	88
Hallie Fogwell	95	Fannie Smith	88
Bessie Coleman	94	Olga Hill	81

SCHOOL No. 2—DISTRICT No. 4.

MISS MAGGIE R. FOWLER, TEACHER.

2-7 Grade—Jennie Wilkins 98; Beile Emory 94.
2-6—Annie McKee 90; Chas. McKee 89; Ro. Emory 89.
2-5—George Z. Roland 87; Phonnie Watts 86.
4th Grade—Grace Wilkins 94; Emma Woodmender 91; Olevia Wilkins 90; Annie Woodmender 88; Annie R. Loud 84
3rd—Mattie Edwards 92; George Watts 88; B. N. S. Wilkins 85; James DeFord 81.
2d—John W. Loud 93; Willie Winchester 83.
1st—George Whiteley 90; Edw. Woodmender 87.

Kent County.

The Baltimore *Sun* has recently published a number of interesting articles descriptive of the various Maryland counties. The following is the sketch of Kent:

"In these times of ninety-cent wheat and fifty-cent corn and heavy tariff taxes on everything the farmer consumes, the average Kent county farmer is able to bear up a little better than the average agriculturist in other sections, because his crops give a larger yield. There are very few unimproved farms in this county. The soil is generally a light loam, with red clay subsoil, slightly rolling. The county is long and narrow, and is bounded by Chesapeake bay and Sassafras river on the west, and by the Chester river, separating it from Queen Anne's county, on the east. Cecil county is its northern neighbor. There is probably not a farm in the 318 square miles comprising the county's area that is more than four miles from navigable waters. This advantage of navigation is undoubtedly one of the causes that have placed Kent in advance of many Maryland counties. Before the days of railroads the Kent farmers began to lime their lands, and found convenient markets for their crops. Lands in this county, when placed upon the market, have for the last five years brought from forty to eighty-five dollars per acre. There have been a few sales at less than $40 per acre, and there are instances where lands have brought over $90. There has not been a brisk demand for land in this county during the past year. A number of fine farms have been offered, but have in most instances been withdrawn, and the farms that have been sold were generally sold at what are considered low figures. The Dr. Thomas C. Kennard farm, located near Kennedyville, was sold in 1875 at $75 per acre. The same farm was resold in 1887 at $65 per acre. The sales in both instances were to settle estates of deceased owners. Wheat, corn and peaches are the chief crops, and as much attention is devoted to peaches as to any one of the three. The largest wheat yield ever reported in this county was fifty-two bushels to the acre, averaging a large field over. Fallow lands frequently yield from 30 to 35 bushels per acre, though the average yield, including corn-land wheat, is probably twenty bushels or less per acre. The yield of corn sometimes reaches 65 and 70 bushels to the acre, though the average yield is, of course, very much less. But the peach crop is the crop upon which the Kent county farmer builds his best hopes. More than twenty years ago Col. Edward Wilkins began peach-growing in this county upon a large scale. Since that time a great many thousands of trees have been planted.

"There are comparatively few farms in the county that have not peach orchards upon them. Many farms are one-half devoted to peaches. There are numerous orchards that cover 100 acres, and some that cover 250 acres. Last year there was an almost total failure in the peach crop in this county. In previous years, however, single orchards are said to have cleared $10,000. Besides peaches, pears and small fruit are grown to a codsiderable extent, and a few farmers grow truck and vegetables in a limited way. The lands of the county are well adapted to grazing, and there are a number of dairy farms in the county. A large number of farmers are also giving attention to breeding improved stock. They keep fully up with the improvements in agricultural machinery. The steam engine and the self-binding reaper have long since ceased to be novelties.—There are three fertilizer factories located at Chestertown, and a straw-board mill that cost $150,000, and has a producing capacity of ten tons per day. It is surprising, however, that other industries have not sprung up. There is only one cannery in the county, at Rock Hall. In a peach year probably a million peach baskets are used in the county, but there is no basket factory except one recently started at Massey's.

"Chestertown, the county seat, has grown more during the past ten years than during the previous twenty. Besides Chestertown, Millington, Galena, Kennedyville, Still Pond and Rock Hall are all flourishing villages. The last census gave the county a population of 17,000! It probably now has more than 20,000. Churches and schools are abundant, the roads are good, the climate mild, and the people hospitable, energetic and thrifty. Kent is, in fact, one of the most attractive and prosperous counties on the Eastern Shore, and offers an inviting field for immigrants who seek comfortable homes in the midst of a compactly settled community which has still considerable room for newcomers. The county tax rate is 86 cents on the $100."

Interesting to Methodists.

The Wilmington M. E. Conference will convene in Union M. E. Church, Wilmington, in about a month, and continue in session about a week. Since lay delegates will be present, they attend conference once in four years, the attendance at the coming session will be much larger than that of the last three sessions. The total number of delegates will be between 330 and 340.

Conference will be asked to either abolish or enlarge the Virginia district, which was created a year ago and which has but eight appointments. The district is a subject of much dissatisfaction because it is dependent on missionary contributions, while, it is contended, it should be self-supporting.

Conference will also elect five delegates, three clerical and two lay, to the General Conference. Presiding Elder Wilson, Rev. Jacob Todd, D. D., and Rev. R. W. Todd will probably be selected as clerical delegate, and Joseph Pyle a lay delegate. It is not known who will be the other lay delegate, but he will come from the southern part of the conference.

Rev. L. E. Barrett's acceptance of a call from St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, after having accepted a call from St. Paul's Church, Odessa, has created a stir in Methodist circles, and the action of Bishop Foss regarding the two calls will be awaited with interest. Mr. Barrett insists that the Odessians misunderstood his reply to their invitation when they interpreted it as an acceptance, but he has asked them to release him and they have refused to do so, preferring to lay his letter before conference and let the bishop decide the contension.

Bishop Warren, who presided at the last conference, is in Japan.

It is said that Presiding Elder Wilson has not been asked to go to Bulgaria, but it is possible that the board of bishops will offer him the superintendency of that mission.

The quardrennial session of the General Conference will be held in New York next May. In this body the ratio of clerical delegates from the subordinate conference is one for every 40 ministers. Large conferences also elect two lay delegates and small conferences one lay delegate. The General Conference will probably elect several bishops and the Rev. Jacob Todd, D. D., will be one of the nominees. The Rev. Mr. Ridgway, who will also be a nominee, is not the Rev. D. C. Ridgway, formerly of Elkton. The episcopacy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is a unit, and when there is a vacancy in the board of bishops it is not filled unless the creation of another bishop is absolutely necessary. It differs from that of the Protestant Episcopal and the Catholic church in that the Methodist Episcopal bishops are not sent to a district to remain permanently. They meet annually and then map out their work for the year. The Methodist Episcopal episcopacy is a life-tenure and the lowest salary is $4,000 per annum, besides hour rent and traveling expenses.—*Milford News.*

First District Items.

Mr. T. A. Jacobs, who farms near Sassafras, is suffering much pain and inconvenience, the result of a violent kick from a horse in his stock yard a few days since. Fortunately the blow was dealt on the fleshy portion of the thigh, or the consequences might have proved more serious or even fatal. Mr. Jacobs has the full sympathy of his many warm friends, in this community.

Since the removal of a certain talented young physician to an adjoining village, we very much miss the breezy items from your Sassafras correspondent, "Innominata." He should extend his ride and gather in the news from his old quarter.

It is said the village of Massey's is to have two bran new stores; so we may infer that things are not entirely dead in that section.

At the opening of spring, Mr. Whitaker, of Galena, contemplates the erection of a commodious and well-finished store-house on the site of the one burned last August. In connection therewith, he will also erect a fine dwelling for his personal occupancy. These buildings will doubtlessly improve our principal street very much.

Capt. A. Woodall, of Georgetown, is still confined to his room by the painful complaint termed "shingles." His son, Richard, is still residing in North Carolina, but without receiving any marked improvement in his health.

A glass-ball shooting match that recently came off near the Sassafras river bridge, in which the young "bloods" of Georgetown and Fredericktown were concerned, resulted in a victory for Chas. Hall, Esq. "Charlie" is a pretty sure marksman.

It is reported that E. W. Gaylord, formerly of Kent county, will make a stop over and form the Presbyterian congregation of Smyrna, with preaching, a Sunday or two hence. This will occur in connection with his business trip to the lower part of our Peninsula. His old friends in Kent may be favored by a visit from him also.

Protracted services at Olivet Church, Galena, yet continue, with results in the conversion of souls almost nightly. The element of success that seems to underlie this movement apparently, is the fact that the people recently put their hands to the gospel plough and by much self-sacrifice in liberal giving, succeeded in reconstructing the old church edifice. Having thus "proved God," they are now receiving the spiritual blessing, "such as there is scarce room to contain." Truly He verifies His promises. OBSERVER.

Galena, Feb. 7, 1888.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixie.

There is to be another entertainment at Stam's Hall before the beginning of the Lenten season. Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Dixie will appear next Monday evening. They come with such indorsements as will insure the entertainment to be of a high order. The programme consists largely of selections from the popular comic operas. Here is what two prominent newspapers say of them,—

ATLANTA, GA., "CONSTITUTION."

A large audience greeted Mr. and Mrs. Dixie last night. Mr. Dixie fully sustained his reputation as a comedian, and Mrs. Dixie was charming and beautiful as ever. She sings like a lark, and all are charmed by her smooth and graceful movements on the stage. Mr. and Mrs. Dixie were called before the curtain three times. They are indeed well worth seeing.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., "TIMES-UNION."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Dixie, two of the most versatile and clever artists that ever appeared in Jacksonville, held the boards at the Park Opera House last evening, and met with an unbounded approval from a large and appreciative audience. They are simply perfect. Mrs. Dixie was bewitching, and was the recipient of several floral gifts. Harry Dixie brought down the house and was compelled to respond to many encores. The charm of their acting and singing is in the evident pleasure which they seem to extract from it themselves.

Peninsula Notes.

Will the farmers of this vicinity read without regret that the farmers of Odessa, Del., promptly promised the canning firm of Baker Bros., of Harford county, the four hund red acreage in corn required and that the cannery, intended to have been started here, will consequently be erected at Odessa?—*Cecil Democrat.*

The finishing touches are being put on the two handsome new churches built in Salisbury since the fire. The Protestant Episcopal Church is a fine brick structure, built after the Italian style of architecture and finished inside with different colored bricks. The church will be adorned with a num ber of memorials. All the windows are in memory of deceased persons, and the altar, font, lectern, etc., will also be memorials. The church will cost, when complete, about $15,000. The new Methodist Church is built entirely of Port Deposit granite. Jackson Gott, of Baltimore, is the architect, and when completed the church will have cost about $25,000.

A letter passed through the Centreville postoffice this week addressed as follows:

Fly away at a rapid rate
To Millington P. O., in Maryland State,
In Kent Co., you will find
Miss ——— ———, a friend of mine.
—*Centreville Record.*

As Mr. McLane, who lives on Blakeford, was crossing Queenstown Creek, Monday, he stepped into an air-hole in the ice and fell through up to his chin. Only for his presence of mind he would have drowned, as no one was with him. After struggling for some time he got out, thoroughly wet from head to foot but uninjured.—*Queenstown News.*

The committee of citizens of this place who have had in charge the work of securing appropriations from Congress for dredging Corsica river will make their annual pilgrimage to Washington this week. The committee is composed of Messrs. William McKenney, John B. Brown, W. W. Busteed, Geo. Warfield, Dr. S. E. Ford, and are usually accompanied by one or two other gentlemen who desire to aid in this work. They hope this time to secure an appropriation of at least $10,000, which is believed to be sufficient to complete the work and give us a safe and reliable channel, with a good turn basin. This will be the fifth or sixth pilgrimage made by these gentlemen, and they have accomplished much thus far, and hope now to make a finality of it.—*Centreville Observer.*

At a meeting of the committee to select a site for the Episcopal residence of the diocese of Easton, held last Friday, the matter was settled and a piece of land containing about 2½ acres was purchased from John C. Earle, on the southern suburbs of Easton between the town limits and the fair grounds. The house will be built on Harrison street extended, on that part of the lot in the rear of Mr. W. M. Taylor's residence. From the line between Messrs. Taylor's and Gillingham's properties the tract extends towards the fair grounds. This is an admirable selection, and furnishes the best site for the purpose, it is thought, in or adjacent to Easton. The committee are Bishop, chairman, ex-officio, Rev. C. E. Buck, Rev. W. Y. Beaven, Rev J A Mitchell, Dr I L Adkins, G R Goldsborough, James Alfred Pearce, Col H E Bateman, Edwin H Brown, Dr P S Reynolds.—*Ledger.*

A Letter from Paris.

[The following interesting letter, which is dated New Year's Eve, was considerably delayed in reaching the *Transcript*, hence in late publication.—ED. TRANSCRIPT.]

NEW YEAR'S EVE, PARIS, Dec. 31, '87.

Dear Transcript:—I am writing this letter in the renowned capital of the French nation.

Everything is quiet, and very cold. The ice is very thick, and people are enjoying the skating on the small ponds in the jardins des Tiuleries and the jardins du Luxembourg, which ponds correspond with those in our parks in America.

These jardins (gardens) are very well kept and very beautiful, filled with handsome trees and the most elegant statues of animals and figures from history and mythology.

Christmas and New Year are not celebrated with as much eclat here as at home, or as in England. There is not a general interchange of presents, nor a display of attractive holiday presents and goods in the stores as in New York or Philadelphia. Everything moves on about as usual. One is not disturbed early on New Year's or Christmas morning by the din of tin horns or squeaks of bladder whistles. But one meets with very good-natured expressions, and a hearty (Bonne Annie) a New Year's greeting, on Jan. 1st. Some persons exchange gifts of friendship and good-will.

I was crossing a narrow street, a few evenings ago, when a cab, coming at a furious pace, struck me suddenly. In a moment I was completely twisted under the heels of the horses.

I found myself extricated, and surrounded by a group of men—working men in blue blowses and caps (which is the costume of the peasantry)—all gesticulating and talking rapidly in French, while one man from a pharmacy near by felt my arms to see if any bones were broken.

I was very much bruised and confused, and quite forgot for the time being every *French word* that I knew. It was fortunate that I was not much hurt, for if any bones had been broken I would *have* been immediately conveyed to the hospital for treatment, and a fine of 40 francs ($8.00) imposed upon me by the city authorities for being in the way of the cab. Such is the French law.

I must also state that if *letters* sent here from America are not sufficiently stamped, there is a heavy fine on the letter *here!*

There are some curious laws and customs in these old countries. Very opposite from those in America.

The great event of the week is the marriage of the son of the great tragedienne, Sara Bernhardt, to a Swedish princess, who has been an art student in the Julian ateliers, and is a personal friend of several of my art companions who received tickets to the wedding.

This is the head centre of art. Men and women from every country come here to study, because there is a *live* appreciation of such things here. Art is held in such high esteem in Paris, that every one aspires to do his best. The Louvre has a continuous string of grand paintings, by the greatest of past artists—Murillos and Titians and Rubens Van Dykes, Raphaels, Michael Angelos, all are in the galleries, extending for a quarter of a mile in length upon the walls, and daily surrounded by a crowd of visitors from every quarter of the globe while numbers of persons are engaged in making copies from these master-pieces of the past. Besides the paintings and statues, there are hundreds of exquisite paintings in other galleries by modern artists, whose talent is simply astonishing, and whose careful and loving appreciation of nature surrounds them with an atmosphere most delicate and refined. This is not a nation of music. We must go to Germany and Italy for rich songs and musical notes. Here one seldom hears a band of music, and still stranger, never a hand organ.

The new year is fast approaching. Old '87 is sinking into his eternal rest among the shadows of the frosty midnight air. 12 o'clock is *striking*—all hail to 1888.

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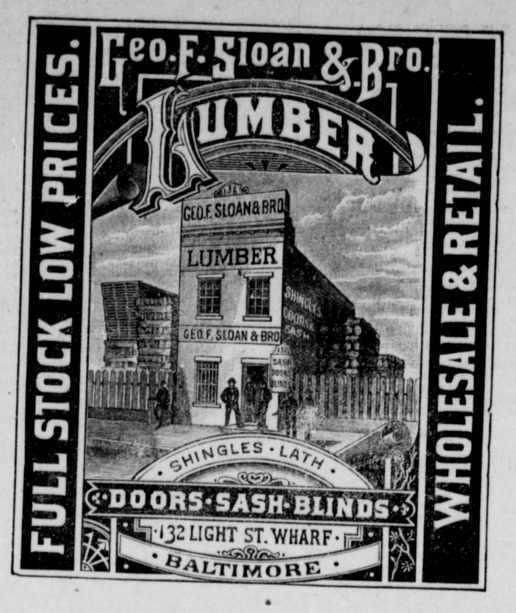

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