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LOCAL MATTERS.

—The interest in the subject of the free bridge increases as the time approaches when the question of such general interest shall be definitely decided. The prevailing impression at present is, that at the meeting of the joint committee to-day at Centreville the question will be decided in favor of a free bridge, each county to defray one half of the expense of purchase.

—J. F. Vandergrift has just completed a most striking improvement in the appearance of his barber shop. The room has been papered with beautiful paper, bright and chaste in design; handsome curtains have been hung and his headquarters are now notable for their neat and attractive appearance. F. J. Carter exercised his skill in bringing about the decided change.

—The finest literary treat of the season is promised for February, 9 at Stam's Hall in the lecture by Frederck A. Ober—subject, Africa. Mr. Ober is an attractive and fluent speaker and comes highly endorsed by competent judges and lovers of first class lectures. The history of Africa, the greater portion of which was until recently almost entirely unknown, is replete with descriptive beauty and interesting narrative. The lectures are all elegantly illustrated.

—One of the citizens of Chestertown was accosted on the street on Tuesday night by three of the Kent county order of White Caps. The command was given to "halt," which was several times repeated, followed by shells which were thrown by the caps. Notwithstanding the spectral appearance and determined commands of the nocturnal intruders upon the serene meditations of the citizen addressed, he claims to have been "the noblest Roman of them all," and stood his ground undismayed, it has been suggested, however, that possibly the powers of locomotion of our friend was somewhat interfered with by the unexpected guest, or in other words he was so badly frightened that he couldn't move.

—The annual stockholders' meeting of the Chester River Steamboat Company was held on Wednesday. President Warfield made a very satisfactory report of the company's business during the past year, showing the amount of improvements to have been about $12,000, having been expended upon new wharves at Eastern Neck Island, this county, Chambers, Buckinham and the pier adjoining the one which the company have accupied for a number of years past, Light St. Baltimore. The old board of directors was reelected as follows; F. C. Latrobe, Geo. Warfield, Sherlock Swann, Wm. S. Taylor and Dr. S. E. Ford, and the following were elected officers to serve the ensuring year: President George Warfield; treasurer, Ferdinand C. Latrobe: secretary, Dr. S. E. Ford.

Court News.

Proceedings of the Orphans' Court, Jan. 29, 1889. Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Samuel Cacy, adm'r of Jas. J. Spear, passed his first and final admin. account. A. L. Corey, adm'r of Catharine Reed, passed his final admin. account. Charles H. Davis was appointed guardian to Lizzie Ringgold. W. L. Slay and Mary H. Townsend, adm'rs of Moses Lamboson, filed an account of sale of the personal property of their decedent.

January 29, 1889.—Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, with all the members present. An order was passed accepting the suggestion from the Queen Anne's county commissioners, to meet in joint session to-day if fair, to consider the proposition of the Chester River Bridge Company. An order was passed in favor of Robert N. Boston, contractor, for the payment of Kent county's proportion for the new draw at Crumpton bridge. In the matter of the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Poor, an order was passed appointing J. Walter Skirven, trustee for the unexpired term of A. J. Wickes, deceased. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for orders for collection.

In the Churches.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, Rev. J. A. Murphy, pastor, held services last sunday, January 27. Services were as follows; mass and sermon at 10.30 o'clock A. M. Sunday school at 2.30 o'clock P. M. evening service, vespers, sermon and benediction at 7.30 P. M. At Galena on Saturday next, Feburary 2, there will be Feast of the Purification, mass and blessing of the candles at 8.30 A. M. On Sunday, Feburary 3, mass and sermon at 10.30 A. M. Sunday school immediately after mass, vespers, sermon and benediction 7.30 P. M. Right Rev. A. A. Curtis will hold mass at Mr. Bennett Willson's Chapel, Eastern Neck Island, on Saturday morning, Feburary 2. The Rt. Rev. Bishop will remain at Mr. Willson's for about a week and will officiate at St. John's Church Rock Hall, on Sunday next, Feburary 3, mass, sermon and benediction.

Rev. Dr. William Buttler, the heroic apostle, who planted the Methodist Episcopal Missions in India amid the exciting scenes of the great Sepoy rebellion, and afterwards supervised similar Missions in Mexico, will preach in the M. E. Church Sunday, both morning and night. On Monday night, at 8 o'clock, he will lecture in the M. E. Church on his experiences in India—particularly on those thrilling experiences and adventures connected with the Sepoy rebellion. The lecture will be free. The public is invited cordially to all these services.

The regular church services were held on Sunday last with good congregations present. In the evening, Rev. R. W. Todd of the Methodist Episcopal Church continued his very successful protracted services which will be continued during the present week, excepting Saturday.

Protracted services were commenced at Christ Methodist Protestant Church on Sunday evening last, Rev. Walter R. Graham, pastor, assisted by Rev. Quincy L. Morrow. Mr. Morrow is a minister possessing peculiar power in the great work to which he has devoted his time and talents, that of an evangelist. The protracted services will be continued at least for two weeks.

The usual Friday evening service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Rev. S. C. Roberts, will be held to-morrow evening. The Dercas Society met last night at Mrs. Josiah Ringgold's.

Bishop Brewer, missionary bishop of the Episcopal Church in Montant, preached Sunday in Ascension Chapel, Baltimore, giving a sketch of his missionary work in his field of labor. He remarked that one of the best men there is from Maryland, Rev. Slater Blackiston. He has an important station at a large mining camp.

—On Saturday, January 26, the ladies of the congregation of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, gave their pastor a most substantial and enjoyable treat in the way of an ideal donation party. The ladies without in any way consulting his wishes, constituted themselves a committee of arrangements and presented their pastor, Rev. J. A. Murphy, with many useful household articles. All participating gave evidence of the double pleasure experienced both by those who give and those who receive.

New Advertisements.

See advertisement in another column of Joseph Turner of money wanted.

Read the advertisement of the Wm. Lea & Son's Company, the largest manufacturers of the finest goods of flour in the South.

C. G. Woodall gives notice in this issue of sending out a large number of subscription bills, to which he requests prompt attention.

Downes & Jennings, importers and tailors, Baltimore, give notice by advertisement elsewhere in this issue of TRANSCRIPT, that they have removed to Neal Building, 313 E. Baltimore Street.

The graduating class of the Chestertown public school will give an entertainment at Stam's Hall, Saturday evening of this week. The change from Friday to Saturday evening has been made on account of services being held in the different churches. See advertisement in this issue.

A grand supper will be given in the basement of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings February 12, 13. The arrangements will be under the entire control and management of the ladies of the church, and no further guarantee of an elegant supper should be needed, all are invited. See advertisement in this issue of TRANTCRIPT.

Matrimonial.

As all marriages are surrounded by so much which has a tendency to render them occasions of particular beauty and happiness, it were indeed hard to designate any *one* as either the most beautiful or the most joyous, for it has become an axiom which even the hardy agnostic does not question, that the proverbial, "all went merry as a marriage bell," is an almost unexceptional accompanyment of the commencement of matrimonial bliss.

MILLER—LAMBERT.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, on the corner of Queen St. and Maple Ave. on, Wednesday evening. The contracting parties were Frank M. Miller, supervising machinist at the Chestertown Strawboard Mill, and Miss Emma J. Lambert, daughter of William H. Lambert Esq. The parlors were made bright and beautiful by potted plants, graceful vines and rich and fragrant blossoms. The bride and bridegroom were preceded by the petite couple, Leon Brown and Miss Bertie Burchinal, the little nephew and niece of the bride. Mendelssohn's beautiful wedding march was rendered by the bride's sister, Miss Annie Lambert. The bride wore a fawn-colored silk trimmed with plush, corsage and Marechal Neil roses. The ceremony was preformed by Rev. J. D. Kemp, of Georgetown Del., after which a beautifully arranged refreshment table was appropriately remembered. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were the recipients of many costly and beautiful presents. Their future home will be in Chestertown.

Items from Locust Grove.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—We were paid a visit by C. H. J. Sparks and William Rittenhouse, of Queen Anne's county, on Saturday. Both the gentlemen are looking well, and are in fine spirits.

Miss Helen Hayes has returned from Seaford, Del., where she has been enjoying a delightful visit to friends in the town.

Miss Daniels, of Delaware, has been visiting Miss Annie Atwell, and has apparently had a pleasant time.

George M. Beasten, Esq., our postmaster, who has been quite sick for some time past is improving, and we hope will soon be enjoying his usual good health. The children of Owen Hayes, Esq., who have been quite sick, are also better. Mrs. J. E. Willis is reported as being very sick at her home.

The White Caps have put in an appearance, and are running things to suit themselves. One of our young men has been notified that he must forsake home and friends and take his departure within ten days, and forget the girl he leaves behind him.

Dr. Kelley left us a few days ago. We hope, however, to see him often, but as was said by a correspondent of the TRANSCRIPT sometime ago, we hope that the pleasure may be afforded by social and not professional visits.

T. Benton Sutton, after a lingering and painful sickness of several weeks, died on the night of January 28. J. I. C.

Capt. Kerr Still at Work.

Captain Charles Kerr, of the police schooner Baughman, continues in his good work of protecting the State oyster beds, and in every case he has shown himself to be too much for the wiley dredgers. On Thursday last, the dredge boat, Martha A. Jones, Capt. Walters, of Baltimore, was added to the list of Capt. Kerr's captures. The vessel and Captain Walters were taken in to Rock Hall and given a hearing before justice Davis. The captain was placed on his own recognizance in $300 to appear at court, while his vessel was held in $1,000. Captain Walters was allowed to go to Baltimore to procure the necessary bail for himself and boat and returned by steamer Gratitude on Friday with the necessary bond and crew to take possession of the Jones, upon rowing out to his vessel however, and finding the State guard temporarily absent, the captain thought the joke too rich to be missed, so he at once took charge of his old vessel and set sail for Baltimore. States Attorney Marion deK. Smith was notified on the following morning and he at once telegraphed Commander Plowman and Marshall Frey to watch out for the vessel and take charge of her as soon as possible, Marshall Frey telegraphed back on Sunday that the vessel had been captured and was held in Baltimore. Edward Fitzgerald, attorney for the owners of the Jones, also telegraphed to States Attorney Smith that he would send approved appeal bond, and make the necessary arrangements for the relief of the vessel. Deputy Sheriff Lambert took the steamer at Rock Hall on Tuesday morning for Baltimore to take charge of the vessel and bring her to Chestertown, the crew and captain took the Fopd from Chestertown and met Deputy Lambert in Baltimore.

Captain Kerr of the Baughman, arrested the dredge boats, William Nelson, Capt. James Sanford, and the Shiloh, Capt. George Coleman, on Saturday. The captains were given a hearing before Justice Davis at Rock Hall, and were committed for the action of the grand jury, and their boats forfeited and are now lying at anchor in Swan Creek.

Mr. Thomas A. Hulme Moves to Baltimore.

The sale of the personal property of Mr. Thomas A. Hulme was held on Thursday of last week, the 24th inst., at his farm near Fairlee. The attendance was large, and the prices at which property was struck off, were generally satisfactory. Mr. Hulme has removed to Baltimore, where he will in future reside, dropping over as a matter of course, at frequent intervals to see his Kent county friends and to look after his Kent county interests. Mr. Hulme is a loss to the fifth in more ways than one. He was the life of many a genial gathering, and leaves with an established reputation for having been a very useful all-round man, socially, politically and otherwise. He represented the county once in the General Assembly of the State, and his name was frequently mentioned in connection with the Democratic ticket this fall as a candidate for legislative honors. The fifth can probably find another good man, however, who will fill Mr. Hulme's sphere politically, if not in all other respects.

In the Social World.

Mrs. Mary A. Wilkins, gave an elegant supper at her home near town, on Thursday evening last. The supper was given in honor of lady friends who were visiting her daughter, Miss Sue, and was in every way characteristic of the delightful teas of which the host has given so many, and on which occasions she has in every instance shown her complete mastery of the little arts and mystrious combinations which go so far in completing a sumptuous meal, and the supper on Thursday evening was no exception to their usual high standard of excellence. Many delicacies to tempt and satisfy the appetite, were on the beautifully arranged table. After supper the evening was rendered thoroughly enjoyable by a program consisting of select readings, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Among those present were: Miss Nannie Deaver, of Frederick; Miss Nelie Walker, Miss Mary Beck, Miss Belle Aldridge, Miss Anna Hubbard. Little Miss Gracie Wilkins was the belle of the evening. The gentlemen present were: John Gittings, of Washington; William Walker, Horace Beck, H. Clay Brown, Lewin Wickes and W. W. Hubbard.

A WILD DUCK SUPPER.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Walker gave a most enjoyable wild duck supper at their home in the suburbs of town, on Saturday last. The supper was given to Miss Nannie Deaver, of Frederick, Md., who is visiting their daughte. The supper was purely a game supper, and filled every requirement. Those present were: The Misses Nannie and Mary Dever, of Frederick; Miss Nelie Walker, Miss Mary Beck and Miss Belle Aldridge. Mr. Allan Harris, John Gittings, of Washington, D. C., Wilbur Hubbard, Horace Beck and Willie Walker.

Letter from Millington.

CHESTERTOWN TRASNCRIPT:—As Millington has been basking in the bright warm weather, so she is now reveling in the cold, bracing breezes and is looking forward with pleasure to the prospects of having a slight touch of winter weather and winter times sports; Millington has some good teams and some first-rate skaters and when cold weather and winter does set in the town will be alive with pleasure. The fire company, which was organized some weeks ago, have ordered quite a number of buckets, ladders and other necessary equipments, and we hope that in a short time we will be prepared to suppress any fire which may break out in our town.

Protracted services are still in progress and have been very successful.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Jennie, daughter of John McMcWhorter, Esq., to Dr. Ned Jeter, of Virginia.

Miss Emma McWhorter, of Del., is now visiting her cousin, Miss Jennie.

Miss Lillian Bowen and Mr. William S. Collins, of Queen Anne's, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mrs. A. E. Cranes.

RUSTICUS.

Our Kennedyville Letter.

MESSRS EDITORS: Our town is still on the move, winter does not delay our push to the front.

Our creamery is still short of milk although the flow is increasing daily and the demand for butter is greatly in excess of the supply.

The sale of Messrs. Spurr & Perkins, was largelp attended; twenty-seven head of fine stock were sold, perhaps over half the number were yearlings and heifers and nearly all of the Holstein strain. The average price per head was $25.90, which is considered low by the judges in such matters. They expect to offer another lot of cattle for sale in February.

John P. Carter, of Chatham, Chester county, Penn., will deliver a lecture at Middletown, Del., on Thursday, January 31, at 2 P. M. subject: "Best dairy qualities of the different strains of cattle," a subject of particular interes to those in the neighborhood of a creamery, perhaps he could be induced to come here and give our people the benefit of his experience, which I have no doubt would be appreciated and would benefit our infant industry greatly. For years it has been the custom of our farmers to sell their cows when in profit to drovers from Penn. and elsewhere, now this state of affairs has changed very much. Our farmers are now securing improved cattle from the North and are giving this branch of industry the attention it rightly deserves and we a re now using the advantages with which kind Providence has favored us, verdant fields and geniel skyes, our labors in the future no doubt will prove successful and will place Kent county where she rightly belongs, among the leading counties of the State.

The fire company met again last night, but as the committee was not ready to report the meeting adjourned to meet again next Monday night. Fire extinguishers and force pumps had but few supporters. One gentleman predicted that at a depth of one thousand feet natural gas could be obtained which could be utilized to run the machinery, without depending upon the fickle wind which sometimes carried the mill away. Some thought gas could be procured at a less cost than boring one thousand feet in the earth, but the trouble was how could it be secured, and as no favorable way was offered the matter was laid over.

The fire at the store house of Mr. Weer, is the real wonder of the day, that it should have been extinguished after it had gained such fearful headway. A large water-tank however, on the back building assisted greatly, and without its timely aid the entire building together with some of the adjoining property would have been consumed.

Messrs Arthur & Bro., have again notified the club that they desired to meet them Wednesday night at the Kennedyville hall January, 30, 1889, to arrange for another crop of tomatoes, and that they wish to double that of last year. Those in want of tomato seed will have an opportunity to get a supply of the best quality and best variety for canning purposes, CRUSOE

Educational.

The Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association of the United States, will hold a meeting on March 6, 7 and 8, at Washington, D. C. An attractive program has been arranged covering many of the most interesting departments of educational work, prepared by able male and female educators of the country. The dates of the meeting have been so arranged, that those desiring to attend the inauguration of March 4, may do so, and combine the two pleasures at but little additional expense or loss of time. Maryland being so situated that her teachers may be present at the interesting proceedings at a minimum amount of expenditure of either money or time, and the State as a State, being so deeply interested in the great educational advancement of the country, it is fair to presume will be largely represented at the association.

The twenty-second annual report of the State Board of Education which has been submitted to the Governor of Maryland, gives the following interesting statistics: The number of schools in the counties, 2,031; increase in 1888 over 1887, 35; number of pupils in the county schools, 122,377; average daily attendance, 61,007; receipts in county schools from all sources, $1,085,990.04; teachers salaries, $740,171.40; building, repairs, etc., $97,089.26.

Comparing the figures for 1888 with 1883 gives the following result: Increase in pupils, 9,494—8 per cent.; increase in average enrollment, 11,614—14 per cent., increase in daily attendance, 7,288—14 per cent.; increase in amount received from State, $36,977—33 per cent.; increase in amount received from counties, $80,355.35—19 per cent.; increase in total receipts, $124,266.41—13 per cent.; increase in total expenditures, $111,334.83—12 per cent.

Kent county is shown to have 79 teachers enrolled, cost of schools, $32,651.48; cost per pupil, $9.36.

The second meeting of the colored teacher's institute of Kent county was held Friday, January 25, with the president, J; L. Thompson, in the chair. The proceedings were opened by religious exercises by Rev. T. B. H. Coleman, pastor or Jane's M. E. Church. After roll call, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and instructions on the revised schedule by the county examiner, the regular program was at once taken up. Miss Mary A. Thomas read a paper on corporal punishment and some of the best methods of punishment for children in school, the question was fully discussed from its numerous standpoints. A solo was sung by Miss C. M. Sterling. The question "How shall we spend Friday afternoon's," called forth a lengthy discussion. Miss R. Jane Elbert gave a reading, Mrs. C. L. Augustus, a declamation. An amendment to the constitution was offered by Mr. D. T. Hill which was adopted. Sixteen teachers were present.

News from Fairlee.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Since the appearance of "Sharp Simon's" letter in "ye" *Kent News*, entitled "Fairlee excited," the candidates for pugilistic honors are springing up like mushrooms, in other words, the woods are full of them and one on every stump, but like that political body, the "Know Nothings," their stay is brief, for they come in a night and they go in a night. Their names will go down to posterity "unwept, unhonored and unsung." The Shakepearian pen of the gifted scribe of Fairlee, their modest merit never will disclose, nor drag their frailties from their dread abode. Why? Why simply because Sullivan and Kilrain are still on top and expect to stay there. By the way, it seems that our "Noble Bard of Avon," the indubitable Fairlee reporter, being out of a job at the time (his late employer having given him the sack, and with the assistance of an ebony-hued son of Ham by the name of Emory Ward Beecher, no relation, however, to Henry Ward Beecher, who by the free use of a plow-wrench instead of a hatchet succeeded in finishing the job himself), the said redoubtable Fairlee reporter with an active brain and a short memory, allows his facts to succumb to his fancy until he makes it appear that the Sullivan-Kilrain musical combination of Fairlee, Md., were making night hideous with most unearthly yells. Stick to the facts, Brother "Sharp," there is still room at the top.

It seems that there are candidates for literary preferment other than those before mentioned, but in a widely different field. This little army will (nothing preventing) soon appear as a knight of the quill, and consequently the goal of their ambition is for literary fame. So Brother "Sharp" should look to his laurels.

There are, or rather have been, other candidates, and for political honors at that; one, a worthy colored citizen, was told that according to the 14th amendment he should have the postoffice. After waiting two or three weeks, the postoffice not coming to him, he left the village in disgust.

There are still candidates to appear, and they are not only for political *honors* but *places* as well. Rumor has it that the smiling village of Fairlee will soon have a magistrate, a constable and a "man about town," i. e., town bailiff. The undersigned thinks that a "counsel for the defence" would be a valuable adjunct to this august body, and has been seriously thinking of applying for that office himself.

Some of our tenants may well be compared to "Aunt Jemina's plaster." Why? Because the more you try to pull them off, the more they stick the faster.

SIMON SIMPLE.

Another Pounding.

That a minister of the gospel and his family were the recipients of it, gives at least local interest to the affair. Shortly after dark on Tuesday evening, January 22, the Presbyterian manse, Georgetown, Md., was invaded, in fact, taken by storm, and the inmates were so heavily pounded that the marks thereof will remain for many days to come. The storming party were members of Westminster congregation, and while they enjoyed the cover of darkness for their assault, they might have been observed, by the light of the midnight moon, moving off to their several homes. Our table groaned under the substantial tokens left by our friends. Now may these kind friends receive from the Great Father of the greater blessing of those that give. Our prayers and our gratitude are alike called forth anew for our people. F. W. P.

[It is always a pleasure to note in our columns the friendly poundings administered by an affectionate congregation to its pastor, for it is literally true in all such cases that they are but the "wounds of a friend," and that the besieging army selected the night season for their charge, rendered it none the less enjoyable, for the pale moon looks with as much delight upon such scenes as does the sun of the brighest day.—EDS.]

George Robinson and James Pinkell, became engaged in a fight at Salisbury Saturday night, in which the latter was shot. Pinkell made a pass at Robinson and Robinson shot at him. Pinkell threw up his hands to ward off the shot and perhaps saved his life, the ball taking effect in his left hand.

CADET BARROLL'S CASE.

Lieut. Morris Barroll's Fistic Encounter at West Point—The Chestertonian Not Beaten.

The New York papers during the past week have published particulars of a personal encounter between two cadets at West Point, which was brought about by the presence of the negro cadet at that institution. The two cadets involved were Cadet-Captain George T. Langhorne, of Virginia, and Cadet-Lieutenant Morris K. Barroll, a native of this town. Considerable interest has been manifested here and throughout the county, owing to the fact that Mr. Barroll has many relatives and friends in Kent. The negro cadet is named Young, and was appointed from Ohio. He is a full-blooded African, and stands forty-sixth in his class. It seems that none of the cadets at the academy associated with him, and none of them desired to have him at their tables in the Mess Hall. There are some twenty or thirty tables in the dining-room, and since the negro has been in the corps it has been the invariable custom to cast lots as to which table should have him, and at whichever table he was drawn, there was his seat until the next reassignment. At the January examinations a number of the students were found disqualified and resigned, leaving vacancies at the tables at which they had sat. On Sunday, two weeks since, it appears that no provision had been made for the seating of Young and of several others. The head waiter, thereupon, told the negro boy to take his seat at Captain Langhorne's table, but an objection was raised by the cadets there, and Langhorne requested Lieutenant Bethel to give him a place at his table. Bethel objected, saying he had had Young the previous year, and without drawing lots for the negro as had been usual, and without consulting Lieutenat Barroll, Captain Langhorne assigned the negro youth to Cadet Barroll's table, and took the white cadet, a friend of Barroll's, whose place was thus occupied by Young, to his own table.

Barroll, when he saw the negro at his table, at once went to Langhorne and complained that he had acted arbitrarily, and that he should have let the tables draw for Young as had been customary. A heated controversy arose, and Young withdrew from the Mess Hall without finishing the meal Whereupon Langhorne characterized Barroll's action as ungentlemanly, and reported Barroll for complaining of Cadet Young in Young's presence. Before this report was acted upon by the authorities, Barroll, feeling himself insulted by Langhorne, sent his friend, Cadet-Captain Charles B. Hagadon, of New York, to demand an apology of Langhorne. The latter replied that a Virginia gentleman never apologized as long as he was in the right. And then a challenge was duly delivered and as promptly accepted. Hagadon was to act as Barroll's second, while Langhorne selected Cadet William W. Harts, of Illinois. The referee was Cadet Sidney A. Cloman, of Ohio. It was agreed to have a regular prize ring set-to, and Tuesday afternoon was set for the encounter.

The New York *World*, which, however, seems to be badly informed as to the particulars of the fight, which it says occurred in the open air in the barracks yard, thus describes the two duilests:

"What West Point girl does not know Cadet Landhorne? Tall, with massive shoulders, the very embodiment of a perfect soldier, his black hair contrasting with his light complexion. George D. Langhorne is one of the prides of his class, both as a soldier and a gentleman. He is a native of Virginia, and of that generous, impetuous disposition so common to the natives of that State. Since he has been in the corps he has had several fisticuffs and won honors for his knocking-out abilities. The fact that he is ranking captain is sufficient commendation for his character and standing in the corps.

"His opponent, Cadet Barroll, is a lieutenant of B. Company, and of a very excitable temperament. Reared in Maryland, he is said to have a strong antipathy to his colored brethren. He ranks high as a student. He is much shorter than Langhorne; is of a stouter build, but is very active, muscular and energetic in his movements. His manly and soldierly demeanor has made him very popular among the young ladies who visit West Point during the social season. The fair readers of the *World*, who have perchance felt the gentle, waist-encircling powers of those brawny arms in time of peace, may have learned how these same arms, with muscles attuned to war, cruelly battered those manly cheeks once so fair to look upon."

They are each twenty-three years of age and expect to graduate next June as full-fledged lieutenants in the regular army. Cadet Barroll, as the official register shows, stands seventeenth in a class of forty-nine, and Cadet Langhorne stands twenty-nineth. A vacant room was found in the quarters, and immediately after parade on Tuesday, the little party gathered in the apartment and prepared for the duel. The glove-fitting dress coats were thrown off and the two Herculese buckled their belts tightly, and squared off in position like real prize-fighters. There was no ring, but the room was large enough for a good fight, and they had it.

An account of the fight says that the first three rounds were fought without especial incident, and consisted of sparring and counter sparring. In the fourth round Langhorne's bare knuckles came in contact with his opponent's nose and drew first blood. Then followed two more rounds in which Barroll got in some of his fine work, and gave his antagonist a beautiful pair of shining black eyes. Then the battle became fast and furious, and up to the thirteenth round there were four knock-downs and many hard blows exchanged. In the next two rounds the cadets punched each other fearfully, and the boys stood up and took the punishment splendidly. The sixteenth and last round the two cadets were resting their wind, and honors were about evenly divided, when the battle, after an hour and 4 minutes duration, was brought suddenly to a close. Both boys were covered with blood and each lost at least a pint of that fluid.

The bugle-call to duty rang out, the referee decided the fight a draw, the two battle-dishevelled youths hastily buttoned their coats and assumed their places at the head of their companies. A silk handkerchief adorned the face of Cadet Barroll for several days after the fight, and Cadet Langhorne meanwhile inspected his company through a green pasteboard shade, which covered his left eye. After the fight, the custom of drawing for the negro cadet was followed, and a permanent seat was given him by lot to one of the tables. Cadet-Lieutenant Barroll is not known here as of a "very excitable temperament," but his friends all say he is of an unusually quiet and peaceable disposition. If the Virginia youth had followed the custom, so long prevalent at the academy, of drawing by lot for an undesirable messmate, it is altogether unlikely th[illegible] Barroll would ever have give[illegible] of offence. His "report [illegible] rolls has not yet b[illegible] regarded as a personal affair between the two cadets. The Baltimore *Sun* of Friday last, says in an editorial upon the affair: "Smarting under what he considered a double insult, Barroll communicated through a friend with Langhorne, and demanded an apology. Langhorne replied 'that a Virginia gentleman never apologized as long as he was right.' Barroll, not able to perceive in what particular a 'Virginia gentleman' was entitled to occupy higher ground than one from any other part of the world, immediately challenged him, and seconds and referee were appointed. There will be many who will see in young Barroll's conduct nothing that discredits either his manhood or his personal honor."

Letters from Rock Hall.

ROCK HALL, January 28, 1889.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT, DEAR SIRS:—Many times have we read with pleasure the old, reliable household journal, the TRANSCRIPT, and gained a great deal of important news and valuable facts from so doing, but since the change in editorship has begun, we read with more pleasure, and at the same time (without any flattery whatever) we can truly say, that we hardly knew her, such a great change for the better has taken place. Seeing that quite a number of letters have been written from various parts of the county, we thought we would inform you that we were still in the land of the living. Rock Hall may be looked upon by some as a place of small importance; but we hope they will dispel this ignorant idea from their minds as soon as possible. Once—and that time has passed only a short time—we could boast of having the finest oyster beds in existence, but since the many depredations have been going on, we look with sorrow at our once valuable beds and sigh. Only a few years ago one man could go on Swan Point bar and catch and cull 125 bushels of oysters in four days, but now, if we catch 125 bushels in four weeks we consider ourselves doing grandly, all of which is due to the depredations committed by the dredger and the non-execution of the police authorities. We can now also state with great pleasure, that we have a captain in charge of the Ellen Baughman who is not afraid to do his duty. Brother Kerr we can rely upon every time. Since his fight with the schooner McAllister, they flee from him like sheep. On the 23d of January the schooner Martha A. Jones was captured by our Noble Duke for dredging in Chester river contrary to law. The captain was taken before Justice Davis, where a hearing was held. The boat was held under $1000 bail, and the captain under $300. The captain, being a stranger in this community, could get no one to go his bail, whereupon he asked of the justice the privilege of going to Baltimore, promising he would return with ample security. The justice, contrary to law and good order, allowed him the privilege, and the captain took the steamer Gratitude for his native city. A day afterwards the captain, to the surprise of the community, returned, but not with the bail bond, but with a company of three unknown individuals. They made their way to the captured schooner, and after getting the boat clear of visitors and ready for the voyage, hoisted sail and bid Rock Hall harbor an affectionate adieu, and at the same time hoped that blessings might descend on the justice who had been so lenient to him in that his hour of distress.

Again, on January 26, Captain Kerr arrested and brought before Justice Davis, Captains Geo. B. Coleman and James B. Sanford of the schooners Wm. Nelson and Shiloh, charged with dredging in Chester river contrary to law. At the hearing, Coleman, one of the parties arraigned, wished a drink of water to sooth his parching lips, whereupon the justice granted him his request. As the raised window was so tempting to his sight, and thinking escape was at hand, he plunged through the window and started off for the woods. The officers, being duly apprised of the escape, started in hot pursuit. Any one of ordinary comprehension can easily imagine the sight of the two Noble Dukes of the old fifth, plowing through the mud, with overcoats on and wearing a pair of snag-proof gum boots, flying at lightning speed and throwing mud in all directions of the compass. One of the officers asked an old colored lady as he was flying by her premises, if she had a gun, whereupon the old lady replied, "Lors, no, child; wherefore you want a gun?" The officer's flight was so swift that he was out of hearing distance and could not wait to hear the old lady's reply. While all this was going on, his colleague was hoarse from calling to his game (who was far in the lead) to "haul down his jib," evidently thinking he was Captain Kerr, and in an engagement in Chester river. The prisoner, either from exhaustion or the report of a Winchester in the neighborhood, did haul down his jib in or near the centre of one of the fields of Dr. Sharp, and the officers who were then near at hand, took possession of him and brought him before the justice again. After due deliberation, and hearing all the facts in the case, the justice held them for court. One of the officers in the pursuit was asked why he did not use his pistol, and replied that he did not know his old "boliver" was in his pocket.

We must not forget to speak also of the great inconvenience caused by the post-office being some distance from the vicinity, far from the centre of the town. We have no doubt it will be removed to what is known as Rock Hall X Roads, and we will not keep it in the top of the tree either, as one of our public servants wished, or at least did not care.

The storekeepers in our village have been complaining of hard times, and this is caused by the scarcity of oysters.

We must also state that the White Caps are about. Hoping that I am not intruding too much, and also hoping that your valuable paper may be found in every household in the county, I remain yours,

RUSTUS.

DEAR TRANSCRIPT: Upon examining your newsy columns of last week, I find that because Job for one week retired from the correspondents sanctum, Rock Hall, the adopted daughter of the sea-shore was completely left out in your weekly correspondence, now we don't intend, because we partake of some of the characteristics and nature of unromantic Jack Tars, to be completely ignored, and when all other subjects fail we will talk to our friends on the subject of the oysters, for the delicately flavored oyster is the grand chorus of a song in which the most unmusical of us can join and create a harnony, sweet, if for no other reason than its sweet simplicity. This grave question of oyster protection is one which assumes so many peculiar phrases and presents itself in so many different lights to persons considering it from various standpoints, that our next Legistature will find themselves confronted with a puzzle as perplexing as the great riddle of the Sphynx. It is a question that must be [illegible] with promptly and judicio[illegible] and [illegible]kers will fi[illegible] con-[illegible] of money, political preferment and advancement. Owing to the vast and peculiar bearing of the oyster interests of the State, touching as it does two distinct and widely different classes, the forces to be used in influencing if possible the Legislation upon the subject will be distinct and widely different. The packers and vessel owners who have collected the golden eggs laid by the goose of open rebellion and the utter disdegard of both State and individual rights will open the coffers of their ill-gotten gains and make a strenuous effort to fashion State Legislation in favor of the "honest and law-abiding citizen," the dredger, while the tongmen, whose rights have been violated and their means of a livelihood depleted and in instances destroyed, will hold above the heads of our State Legislature the mill stone of a political balance of power, which the public voice expressed through the ballot box, may hurl upon them at any moment. The result of the last election shows beyond any shadow of a doubt, that the tongmen can not be ignored. Now Messrs. Editors, this is only what your Rock Hall correspondent thinks of the matter, or at least it is a small portion of what he thinks, but I suppose that it would prove too long and uninteresting to the general reader to allow my going into the question to any greate extent, at any rate our town must not be forgotten, for we "still live." and notwithstanding the fact that the dredgers very often steal in upon forbidden ground we are still in good spirits and are awaiting Mr. Johnson's convenience to "Orate" again in behalf to his "honest and law-abiding citizens." Jon.

MARRIED.

MILLER—LAMBERT.—At the residence of the bride's parents in Chestertown, on January 23, 1889, by Rev. John D. Kemp, Frank M. Miller and Miss Emma J. Lambert, both of Chestertown, Kent county, Md.

DIED.

SUTTON.—At his home near Locust Grove, Kent county, on Monday night, January, 28, T. Burton Sutton.

SAPPINGTON.—Miss Avarilla Sappington died on Monday, January, 28, at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. A. Sappington, Eastern Neck Island. Miss Sappington died of pneumonia, and was sick but a few days. The interment will take place to-day at Wesley Chapel.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

Gov. Jackson has been unanimously re-elected President of the Sussex National Bank of Seaford, Del.

A contract has been made for wharf improvements in Cambridge harbor, amounting to $2000.

The Seaford *Review* asks all Peninsula papers to say that the Sussex National Bank will not be moved to Laurel.

The large Oyster Packing establishment of Wm. H. Stevens & Co., Salisbury has been closed on account of exorbitant transportation railroad rates.

An enthusiastic Republican club was organized in Duck Creek Hundred Del. on Tuesday Jan. 22.

Miss Annie Neal, of this place gathered a beautiful bouquet of Blue Bells on the hill near Canal station one day last week.—*Cecil County News.*

Secretary of the Treasury Fairchild, on Thursday last, appointed Mr. Moses W. Legg of Kent Island, to be assistant keeper of Love Point light-house.

A number of colored men of Easton, and from other points in Talbot county are endeavoring to form a club or association, the object being to attend the inauguration in a body and join in the procession.

The disease known as pink eye, is prevalent among the horses in the Eastern part of West Dover hundred. Mr. Elisha L. Wright and Walter Massey, have both lost fine horses within the last few days.

William Thomas planted peas on his lot in Cambridge early in January. The favorable weather has caused them to sprout and they present a healthy and vigorous appearance.

The Parks Fertilizer Company, of Baltimore, purchased a site in Salisbury on which to place their large plant, which is worth $35,000. Over $5,000 will be required to move the plant from Baltimore and erect the buildings.

Mr. Thomas Pratt, living on Dr. Neal's farm near Longwood, Talbot county, says his hogs are dying from a peculiar disease. Their head swells and then the flesh seems to decay and falls off in pieces. Wherever such swelling appears on the hog it seems to affect them in the same manner, and Mr. Pratt knows no name for the disease.

Thieves entered the office of the railroad agent at Sudlersville on Friday night, and relieved it of a lot of whiskey consigned to citizens of the neighborhood. The money drawer was opened, but as the agent had taken the precaution to put the money in the safe, no boodle was secured. The theives have not been apprehended.—*Centreville Record.*

A Boston girl who wanted a pair of garters, a few days ago, entered a store and addressed the gallant young man who presides behind the counter thusly: "I desire to obtain a pair of circular appendages, capable of being contracted or expanded by means of oscilated burnish steel applicances that sparkles like gold leaf setting with Alaska Diamonds, and which are utilized for retaining in proper position the habiliments of the lower extremities which innate delicacy forbids me to mention."—*Easton Gazette.*

News reached Salisbury Monday last, of the accidental shooting of Mrs. Mills on a farm in Trappe district, about six miles from Salisbury. Mrs. Mills was sitting in her library doing some fancy work, when her 10-year-old daughter entered the room, and taking a small pistol from the cabinet pointed it at her mother and said: "Look out, mamma, I will shoot you." The mother looked up just as the child pulled the trigger. The pistol, which was supposed not to be loaded, went off, and the ball entered the left breast of Mrs. Mills just about the nipple.

The Smyrna *Times* says: Thomas McLane died at his residence, near Taylor's Bridge last week, at the age of 68 years. He was a noted trapper, as was his father before him, making this nearly the only occupation of his life. It is computed by those who knew him that he caught fron first to last 100,000 muskrats