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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1889.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—Frederick Walley, colored, was arrested and lodged in jail for beating his wife on Tuesday.

—St. Patrick's Day, will be March 17, and as a matter of course, will be as blustery as desired.

—Chestertown is now experiencing a dearth of poultry and butter; it is impossible at times to get either.

—The frequent marsh fires along the river have recently given rise to erroneous reports of serious losses of property.

—A building boom is one of the bright anticipations which Millington has in store. It is said that six or eight new buildings will be commenced just as soon as the season opens.

—A peach-grower of experience said Tuesday that peaches are all right, there is no danger to peach buds in February, so long as the thermometer does not register below zero.

—The college boys are preparing to organize a base-ball team to whip any on the shore this season, and as soon as the weather permits will commence practice on the campus.

—How now about the peach prospect? A telegram from Easton says that fruit-growers are very apprehensive. In Kent but little has been heard upon the subject since the cold snap set in.

—While ice on Sassafras river has been seven inches thick, Whaland's mill-pond was not frozen across, and Chester river was only covered by a skim, not thick enough to bear a brick.

—Several colored folks, a few days since, were not a little surprised when told that the bridge is not yet free. They each had a bag and said that they were going over in the State to gather bones.

—A number of persons are making arrangement to take advantage of the trip as scheduled by the Tolchester Steamboat Company to be present at the inaugural ceremonies on Monday dext.

—Capt. Jeff D. Loker, the present captain of the State police steamer Governor Hall, after March 15, become Newman's deputy at Annapolis, Steele removed.

—[illegible] and Hattie Casey, [illegible] TRANSCRIPT, [illegible] delicious snow-[illegible] ladies live [illegible] acts. [illegible]

—[illegible] has been heard from the find[illegible]

—The citizen of Chestertown who [illegible] stopped on the street by White Caps sometime since, came near meeting with even a more serious accident on the 22d. While at target practice the pistol was unexpectedly discharged, just grazing the gentleman's hand.

—Quite a number of school teachers took advantage of the opportunity offered by the holiday of Friday last, to take a short trip to Baltimore. Had it not been that the morning was a thoroughly disagreeable one, many more would have enjoyed the 22d in a similar way.

—Eastern Neck Island, continues to be the Kent county sportsman's paradise. Game of all kinds are still plentiful. Mr. Robert Wickes, the Col. Cody of the ducking shore, sent up to Chestertown on Friday last, six fine swan, which readily sold for two dollars apiece.

—The tie-game of foot-ball, which was arranged for Friday, February 22d inst., between the Washington College team and the Irrepressibles of Chestertown, was postponed on account of the snow fall of Friday morning. It is not now positively known when the contest will take place.

—Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., will offer at mortgagee's sale on Tuesday next, March 5, at the Court House door, Chestertown, at 11 o'clock, the farm known as the Jones Farm, where Mr. Frank Wilkins now resides. This is very desirable and well-located property, being on Chester river.

—The schooner Hope, Capt. Vickers, is now lying in Lankford's bay partially loaded with grain, awaiting the breaking up of the ice. Capt. Vickers reports that his vessel has been lying idle during the greater portion of the winter, and that even now but little corn has been shelled, and that, in poor condition.

—East New Market, Dorchester county, has stepped to the front, and puts Easton in the background as regards the orange-eating capacity of its young men, claiming that a boy ate 24 oranges in 9½ minutes. Even Chestertown is forced to the rear, as her best record so far is 32 oranges by two young men, one 20 and the other 12 in thirty minutes, this, however, is fair work for amateurs.

—Chicken thieves are at work near town. A gentleman one night last week, heard a great commotion in his poultry-house, but the night being cold, determined to let his faithful watch dog manage the thieves, which he did most satisfactorily, for he ran every one of them off, chickens and all, the only thing on the field of battle next morning was a lone rooster, which was at once killed to keep him from getting lonely.

—Ice-getters are unwilling to surrender to the unreasonable dictates of the weather and persist in their efforts to fill their ice-houses. The rain of Friday, February 15, which put a stop to their work, was followed by several days of cold weather, which caused a reopening of the ice harvest to a limited extent on Thursday last, and the ice-wagons were promptly brought out, but [illegible] soon forced back by the snow [illegible] February 22.

[illegible] February, the great national day of the American people, around which clusters so many associations of patriotism and national benefits, [illegible] generally observed in Chestertown. [illegible] all public offices and places of [illegible] were closed, and until the afternoon "the small boy about town" [illegible] appearance, things were generally [illegible] small boy, however, with [illegible] crackers, vociferous yelling, [illegible] patriotic as[illegible] of its loyal ob[illegible]

—In calling attention to the striking peculiarity of February, in that it will have no *new* moon during the month, the new moon of March 1, was unintentionally postponed until March 31, and the question has been frequently asked, what is the matter with Kent's new moon for March? We would answer that "she's all right," and will be on time, and in her appointed place.

—Last Saturday night and Sunday, brought the coldest spell of the season. At Chestertown on Sunday morning the thermometer registered three degrees above zero. The Emma Ford, it was thought, would return to Baltimore on Sunday to prevent being frozen up on this side of the bay, but remained over until her regular trip on Monday, when it was expected that she would encounter heavy ice, and quite a number were at the wharf to see her go out, but the ice was found to be even lighter than during the previous spell when the thermometer was not near so low. The cold wave was general over the entire State. At Havre de-Grace the thermometer registed at six o'clock, four degrees below zero; at Cambridge, eight degrees above; at Bel Air, four degrees below; Elkton, six degrees above; Cumberland, at seven o'clock, one degree below; Hagerstown, four degrees above. At Minneapolis, Mo., it fell to fifty-two degrees below.

New Advertisements.

The Tolchester Steamboat Company offers special rates to those desiring to attend the inauguration of President-elect Harrison. See advertisement.

James A. Casey, Esq., as sheriff, offers at public auction, in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT, the farm and personal property of C. C. and Julia A. Cosden, on Thursday, March 21. See advertisement.

W. Frank Hines, Secretary of Board of Health, publishes a card in another column of this issue, calling attention to contageous and infectious diseases, and urges the public to guard against them.

Court News.

Proceedings of the Orphans' Court, Feb. 26, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Simon H. Moffett was appointed guardian to George, Simon and Edward Moffett, minor children of George W. Moffett, deceased.

January 26.—Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, with all members present. Edward J. Plummer, presented his official bond as constable for Kent county, third district. The bond was approved, and by order of board, directed to be filed to clerk of circuit court for record. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy of 1889.

An Alumni Meeting.

The Alumni Association of Washington College, which was organized last June [illegible] meeting at the office of Major E. F. [illegible] last Thursday afternoon, with Mr. [illegible] president in the chair, M. Wilbur [illegible] secretary.

[illegible] meeting was to adopt [illegible] govern the association. [illegible] composed of R. [illegible] county; M. deK. [illegible] Wood, of [illegible] Caroline; [illegible] bury, of [illegible] Co; [illegible] were authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the banquet to be held after the commencement exercises on commencement day, and to secure a speaker for that occasion. The association now numbers about forty members. An order was given to have two copies of the constitution printed. Mr. Perkins presented the association with the secretary's books &c., which belonged to a similar association organized in 1864, of which he was secretary.

The Y. W. C. T. U.

One of the most pleasant social gatherings of the month, was the meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. at Mrs. H. M. Thomas, on Wednesday evening of last week. Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen, representing various religious denominations, were present and met upon the common ground of an earnest effort to blot out what is acknowledged to be the most threatening evil of the present century; an evil which at once strikes at the very heart of our religious and social life. The evening's program was interesting in every respect. Messrs. W. W. Chapman, J. R. Todd and Wilber and Snowden Thomas, sung several college songs, such as enter in so largely to make the life of the college boy memorable and interesting to those who are not so fortunate as to be allowed a peep behind the sacred curtain which separates his world from that of the ever watchful professor and the outer circle of humanity. Messrs. I. L. Twilley and W. C. Orrell, cornetists, rendered several duets in pleasant style. After a beautiful vocal rendition of "Somebody's Darling," the debate of the evening between Messrs. M. S. Harper and Frederick Porter, of Washington College, was enjoyed by all present. The question was: "Resolved, that intemperance has occasioned a greater amount of suffering and wretchedness than war." The question was not decided, and the contestants may each claim the laurels of divided opinions. Several names were added to the list of honorary members of the young ladies' Y. of Chestertown. The work is a noble one, and right nobly have the young ladies entered upon their self-imposed task in working out this great reform. May success attend their efforts.

Our Millington Correspondent.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Quite a number of our most prominent farmers, of both Kent and Queen Anne's counties, and business men of our town, met in the Building Loan Association room, Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of starting a creamery at Millington. Mr. Robert Cochran, who has had considerable experience in the business, will put in the necessary machinery and attend to the creamery, provided our citizens will build and rent to him a place suitable for carrying on the new enterprise. The importance of such an enterprise, in such a thriving town as Millington, was made quite plain by some of those present. They arrived at no definite conclusion, however, and adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, after appointing Mr. J. H. Mallalieu chairman of a committee consisting of Mr. C. O. Cacy, J. B. Stevens and George Staats, to ascertain a suitable place, and the amount necessary to construct a building.

The cold weather on Saturday night again froze our mill pond over, and some of our young men who are too busily engaged through the week to participate in a good skate, took advantage of the occasion and tried the ice on Sunday, and from all reports, found it in excellent skating con[illegible]. RUSTICUS.

THE FREE BRIDGE.

A Final Decision by the Bridge Company.

The stockholders of the Chester River Bridge Company, met on Tuesday evening for the purpose of considering the offer made by the county commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's counties for the purchase of the bridge spanning Chester river at Chestertown. The offer made by the commissioners was $7,500. The proposition was positively rejectad without comment, and a resolution passed to the effect, that no proposition from the commissioners would be entertained by the stockholders other than an offer for the purchase of the bridge at its par value $11,400. The bridge it is claimed, is worth the amount asked for it, to its present owners. The question has resolved itself to this, that so far as the bridge company is concerned, if the bridge is to be made free, it must be done by the purchase of the stock at the par value of $11,400.

APPROACH OF CONFERENCE.

Easton's Hospitality to be Enjoyed by the Ministers of Kent.

On the 20th of March, proximo, the tweny-first annual session of the Wilmington Conference of the M. E. Church will convene at Easton, Talbot county. The more important arrangements have already been made and when the time arrives it is expected that all minor details will have been arranged, that everything will move smoothly and delightfully exact. Rev. W. W. Willson, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church, has been untiring in his efforts to have all in readiness, and he is now enjoying a resting spell during the interim before conference work commences in earnest. The Reverned gentlemen from Kent will be entertained in real Eastern Shore style, and that alone is warrant of an unrestrained hospitality and a pleasant stay. The ministers from Kent and their respective homes while in Easton will be as follows:

R. K. Stephenson, of Millington, will be the guest of Dr. I. A. Barber; I. G. Fosnocht, Galena, will stay with A. T. Bush, Esq., R. W. Todd, Chestertown, will be entertained by Mrs. Eliza Fountain; the hospitality of W. S. Grace, Esq., will be extended to Rev. A. T. Melvin; Mrs. Sallie Heathers will entertain Rev. J. D. Reese, of Pomona; Rev. Newton McQuay, of Rock Hall, will be provided for by Rev. A. C. Jones; Rev. J. D. Rigg, of Still Pond, will partake of the hospitality of John Mason, Esq.; John R. Todd, of Chestertown, will find a pleasant home with J. F. Turner, Esq. The members of the several committees of Kent found it impossible to be present, consequently no provisions for their entertainment were made.

Personal Mention.

Capt. P. S. McConnor, of the steamer Emma A. Ford, of the Chester River Steamboat Company, who has been quite sick for several weeks past, took command of his vessel on Thursday last. During Capt. McConnor's temporary absence, Capt. Taylor of the Corsica was in command.

Mr. John W. Collins, ex-postmaster of this town, who has been extremely ill in Baltimore, is better.

J. Herman Ireland, Esq., of Locust Grove, has just returned from a trip to Philadelphia, where he has been visiting his brother.

Capt. W. C. Eliason, of the Tolchester [illegible] Steamboat Company, with his wife and [illegible] son, and Miss Louise Naudain, sister of Mrs. Eliason, are spending a few days at Mr. Samuel Vannort's.

Wm. W. Hubbard left on Tuesday for a business trip through New Jersey, but will turn the trip into one of pleasure, visiting New York and other points, returning in about ten days.

Miss Addie Thomas, the accomplished musician of Millington, presided at the organ on the occasion of the rendition of the beautiful cantata of the Haymakers, at Middletown, Del., on the 18, 19, inst.

George Perkins, son of E. F. Perkins, Esq., left yesterday for Philadelphia, where it is possible he may accept a position, and make the city of Brotherly Love his future home.

Mrs. Sallie Strattner, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Miss Ida Vandyde, of Crumpton, is visiting her sister in Chestertown.

Miss Hallie Plumbley, of Philadelphia, is now the guest of Mrs. Joel R. Clements.

J. A. Perkins, of Philadelphia, has spent a portion of the past week with his parents.

Miss Lucy Robertson, of Lynch's and Miss Daisy Stavely, of Still Pond, are visiting the Misses Roberts.

Dr. John Daley and wife, of Pittsburg, are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. John Brice, near Lankford.

George Webb, of Baltimore, but formerly of Chestertown, has been visiting friends in Chestertown.

Mr. Bradford Copper, whose trip to New York was mentioned in last weeks TRANSCRIPT, returned home on Saturday last, and has been quite sick.

Mrs. John W. Crouch, of near Kennedyville, is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Miss Nannie Emory, of near Centreville, is visiting the Misses Ireland.

Miss Florence M. Casey is visiting friends at Rock Hall.

Miss Florence Hall, of Elkton, is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Miss Annie Gale, of Edesville, who has been visiting Mr. J. F. Howard, has returned to her home.

Miss Daisy Welch, who has been visiting friends in Greensborough, Caroline county, for several weeks, returned home Monday.

Mr. Edward Jump, of Trappe, Talbot county, and a former student of Washington College, spent several days at the college the latter part of last and the first of this week. Mr. J. attended the meeting of the alumni.

Miss Emma Blackway, of Cecil county, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blackway.

Locust Grove Items.

LOCUST GROVE, MD., Feb. 26, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—We have had a regular freeze-out during the past week, and the few enclosed items were cut from the ice, and are now sent down without fear of being spoiled by a general thaw.

Mr. S. A. Merritt, met with an accident last week that confined him to the house for several days. In getting over a fence his feet slipped, and threw him heavily on his back.

The thermometer registered 1° above zero here on Sunday morning. Cold! my, so cold! Several persons have finished filling their ice-houses during this freeze. The ice on the Sassafras river at Shallcross' is seven inces thick.

Miss Maggie Hill has returned from a visit to Philadelphia, and Mrs. J. W. Hurtt is visiting in Philadelphia.

Quite a number of farmers of this vicinity are said to be dissatisfied with the creamery business.

We think it a good thing for a certain young man living in Cecil, that there is a "free bridge," as it would be very expensive for him, coming to Kent as often as he does.

A Novel Arrangement.

Mr. Hope H. Barroll has made arrangement with a company in Baltimore for the purchase of the first phonograph which they can secure. Mr. Barroll proposes to use the instrument for rather a novel purpose. Instead of causing interruption to office work during the day, by dictating his answers to correspondents, to his secretary, the instrument will be taken to Mr. Barroll's home, and at night the answers will be given to the phonograph and on the following morning, or month if desired, the answer may be repeated to the emanuensis while Mr. Barroll proceeds with other work wholly unconscious that the second-hand conversation is taking place. This arrangement will be found as useful as it entirely original. The instrument is one of Edison's inventions. The person using it speaks in an instrument shaped like a funnel, so constructed that the sound of the speaker's voice will be collected and conveyed to an arrangement adjusted with beautiful delicacy. To this is attached a needle, the point of which touches a cylinder upon which is a fine foil. The cylinder is turned during the transmission of the message to the instrument and the modulations of the voice has a corresponding effect upon the plate which causes the needle to produce a similar impression on the foil. When the words are desired from the phonograph the cylinder is again revolved and the needle following the delicate lines which were in the first place traced upon the foil reproduces the words with the exact modulations and most delicate shadings of sound. Every characteristic of the speaker's voice is repeated and may be reproduced after having been locked in silence for years.

In the Churches.

Rev. R. K. Stephenson, of Millington, closed the protracted services at his church on Sunday, February 17, after having labored diligently for several weeks. During the meeting ninety-five new members were taken into the church. Mr. Stephenson during the three years of his ministery at Millington, has held forty-one weeks of extra meetings, and has had over three hundred conversions.

The usual services were held at the churches of Chestertown on Sunday last with no changes in the occupants of the pulpits, excepting in the evening, when the, Rev. Mr. Munford occupied the pulpit of the Episcopal Church, Rev. S. C. Roberts, and preached from the text, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." The services for the present week are and have been as follows: Dorcas Society met last evening at the rectory and to-morrow evening the usual Friday services at 7.30 P. M.

Services at St. Denuis' Catholic Church, Galena, Sunday next, March 3, Rev. J. A. Murphy, pastor. Mass and sermon at 10.30 A. M. Sunday school immediately after mass. Vespers, sermon, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30 P. M. March 4, and 5, mass at 8 A. M. Ash Wednesday, blessing and distribution of the ashes at 8 A. M. followed by mass and instructions.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, Ash Wednesday evening services at 7.30 P. M. consisting of distribution of the ashes, sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Services in the Catholic Churches throughout the county during Lent, will be announced in the TRANSCRIPT each successive week.

Rev. J. H. Goghegan, of Washington College, filled the M. E. pulpit at Pomona last Sunday morning, and at Fairlee in the afternoon, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Reese.

The protracted services, which have been held at Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. W. R. Graham, pastor, for the past four weeks, closed on Sunday last. During the meetings there were sixty-seven conversions.

The M. E. Church, Galena, Rev. J. G. Fosnocht, pastor, will hold its Missionary Anniversary, Thursday, March 7. The exercises will be in every way interesting and enjoyable. The program has been carefully arranged and will be appropriate to the occasion, consisting of dialogues, recitations, vocal and instrumental music, rendered by local talent, followed by an address by Rev. L. E. Barnett, of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del. It is intended that the anniversary shall in every way be worthy the noble work which it celebrates.

Our Rock Hall Letter.

MESSRS EDITORS:—Since my last letter a regular old time freeze up has laid seige to Rock Hall, and we spend the time huddled around comfortable fires spinning tales of hardships and perils on both sea and land. To hear some of our jack tars talk of their thrilling experiences, you might suppose that they had been raised with the troubled waters of Cape Horn for a field of practice. Now in nine cases out of every ten among sailors, the man who can spin the best yarn is chief among them. Taking every thing into consideration, the cold blustery winter days on the bay shore are pleasantly passed. The free matter of fact waterman's life which we lead here at work in our watery fields, is productive of, I believe, free, frank and honest men.

The folks down at the Hall, are anxious to find out who your correspondent is from here, yet they are pretty well satisfied since the Rock Hall correspondent is a loyal and patriotic son, and never fails to put in a good word for his prosperous growing town.

I suppose the twenty-second in Chestertown was pretty generally kept as a holiday, and was celebrated in a more elaborate way than was done with us. The day passed away quietly without a single incident to render it memorable in the quaint history of our town, which the future must write for us.

The revival services which have been carried on here have been really remarkable from the great success which has attended them.

Well, TRANSCRIPT, the fourth of March is almost here and we must step down and out. The great fight which we fought was of no avail, and in a few days one of the greatest of American statesmen must pass over the executive of the fairest and most powerful nation upon which the sun shines, to the party entirely unworthy of the sacred trust. I tell you, this rowing up salt river is a bitter dose, a trip which I had rather deputize to my Republican friends, but the worst has come and it is the part of every good Democrat to remain at his post.

Now I must have one word in regard to oysters, the dredgers are still at it, though not to as great an extent as before. Swan Point is still being dragged and dragged, and indeed, I should think that the very bottom had been almost dragged out, but we have little fear of a recurrence of the trouble this season, for our next legislature I believe will give this matter a thorough investigation, and our rights and property will be duly provided for, and that, too, by solid stright-forward Democrats.

Keep the TRANSCRIPT booming and get us out an extra number each week if you can, for we could stand such a paper doubled on us each week mighty well I tell you. JOB.

KENT COUNTY'S HULLESS OAT CASES.

A Question of Interest to Each and Every Farmer.

The approaching April term of the circuit court for Kent county, promises to be one of the most interesting sessions to farmers, which has been held for a number of years, from the fact that the Hulless oat and Seneca wheat notes will be brought before the court for a decision. However strange it may be, that in the very face of the oft-repeated cautions which have been spread broadcast throughout the State by the public press, it is nevertheless true, that many of our shrewdest and most intelligent citizens have allowed themselves to be humbugged by this antiquated swindling ruse. There are in Kent county between fifty and sixty of these notes, aggregating between five and ten thousand dollars. The notes were given by farmers during the spring and fall of 1887 for Hulless oats and Seneca Chief Wheat, at ten dollars per bushel. At the time these notes were given, a bond of the Westminster Hulless Oat Company was given to each maker, by which the company obligated itself to sell at least twenty bushels of the oats and wheat raised by each purchaser. The bond on its face stated that there were no representations made as to value, but that it was a speculative transaction. During the previous year notes amounting to several thousand dollars were given with similar bonds, which had been redeemed. At the last session of the State Legislature, however, an act was passed prohibiting any future transactions in seed-grain of fictitious value.

The Westminster company now claims that this legislative act prevents the fulfillment of their bond, while the farmers who have thus been victimized, hold that the company has never at any time entertained an idea of fulfilling their obligations. These notes which have been given by the farmers, are simple promissory notes, which have been transferred to third parties, who claim to be *bona fide* holders for value without notice. There has been but one trial in Kent county, involving the legal status of these notes. The case was that of Joel T. McGinnis, of Crumpton, against Stephen Johnson, a colored man, who resides near Tolchester. Rich. Hynson, Esq., appeared for Johnson, and H. H. Barroll, Esq., for McGinniss. McGinniss claimed that he held the notes in renewal of a previous note for one hundred dollars, given by Johnson, without notice that the bond above spoken of, had been given to him by the company. The bond was thereupon offered in evidence by Johnson. Objection being made as to its admissibility under the circumstances, Justice C. W. C. Johnson, before whom the case was tried, ruled it out and entered judgment in favor of McGinniss for full value of face of note and interest. Ten or twelve of these notes have been sued on in the circuit court, which will stand for trial at the April term. In nearly every case the notes are held by parties outside the county, and in some instances outside the State. Six or eight are held by national banks, which claim to have discounted them in their regular order of business. About twenty of the Queen Anne's county farmers, who were caught in this same trap, held an informal meeting just previous to the January term of court, and determined to vigorously contest the payment of thirty-two notes, which had been given by them for Hulless oats and Seneca Chief wheat. The notes aggregate between three and four thousand dollars. Whether or not our farmers can get any consolation from the following decision of the Frederick county court is a question, since this case is claimed to have been decided entirely upon the peculiar circumstances which entered into the transaction.

According to the decision of the jury in the case of Sexton vs. Ahalt, in the circuit court for Frederick county, the maker of a promissory note cannot be held responsible for the payment of such a note if it can be shown that it was obtained from him by misrepresentation. The suit referred to, grew out of a Seneca Chief wheat transaction between Mr. Ahalt and several traveling sharpers about a year ago. These men by certain representations induced Mr. Ahalt to give them his note for $50, and as soon afterwards as possible they exchanged the paper with Mr. Saxton, of Woodboro', for a horse. Ahalt refused to pay the note on the ground that it had been obtained from him by fraud. Judgment was given against him, however, by a magistrate, but on appeal, the jury reversed the decision, and thereby relieved Ahalt of any legal obligation to pay the note.

Chesterville Items.

The trustees of the M. E. Church South, of Chesterville, had a final meeting at the parsonage last Friday afternoon. As the date for conference draws near, our people are regretting to lose Rev. W. H. Sanders who has labored so faithfully with them for the past four years. Rev. Mr. Sanders has two carriages and two valuable horses which he is anxious to dispose of at any time to the one making the highest bid.

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held here March 8. All interested persons are invited.

Many boys are leaving the paternal roof and are wandering off; many a mother is plaintively singing (and many a sweet heart too, in Kent, if rumor is correct), "Where is my boy to-night."

Some of our weather prophets have been predicting a stormy season for February and March. We are happy to say, however, that we have had no blizzards hereabouts as yet.

Our teacher dismissed school last Thursday about 2 o'clock, on account of a very sick spell. We have heard that several of our lady teachers have had these peculiar attacks this year. Some suppose they are caused by over-taxing the mind. If many of our teachers did not listen and then worry so much about the oily gossip of those in the community who can make a thing and then keep it going; our teachers would look younger and enjoy rest longer.

Eggs are selling in Chesterville for 12½c., butter for 20c.

There has been quite a little talk and excitement about our postmaster for next year. Mr. Carter who has recently moved into the neighborhood is trying for it, but our prominent people think it best to let well enough alone, as our postmistress, Mrs. E. Carey, is a religious woman and able to fill the position.

A very valuable Mason & Hanlin organ can be bought cheap at the parsonage in Chesterville.

Mr. James Spry and Mr. Edwards, filled their ice houses last Monday with ice two inches thick.

Our young ladies and gentlemen of Chesterville are not so famous for their equestrianism as the *Baltimorean* lately termed it. Although several parties spent a part of Berthington's Wash Day in this delightful exercise.

From all reports I should not be surprised if our teacher is not thinking seriously of going to California. If all be true the prospects seem quite promising.

Miss Sophia Miller continues taking special lessons twice a week, of Mr. Ling Hope, she will improve rapidly as she is very much interested in her studies.

Mr. Samuel Ford's child is quite ill with the diphtheria.

Mr. John Alexander and his daughter Lidia, spent last Saturday and Sunday at Mr. William Miller's.

Mr. Albert Medders is canvassing with two valuable books, and is having good success.

Mr. Samuel Moffett, of Philadelphia, returned home Monday evening. The young people seem glad to hear that Samuel is coming home to stay.

Mr. Alday Clements has lost a valuable young horse named Fashion.

Miss Lou Front expects to start for Texas in the spring.

Mrs. Wesley Jarman goes to New York Wednesday, of this week to see her son Allen, graduate. SUB.

Kennedyville Items.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The late cold snap has caused quite serious inconvenience with our pumps. The creamery was also crippled by reason of the bursting of the head of the steam chest by the excessive cold, which, however, was repaired in time to separate the milk received during the day.

The usual program of Eureka Grange, at its last meeting, was forestalled by the reading of the Grange Gleaner, which by the way, was replete with many useful suggestions. Some ten articles were handed in, embracing numerous subjects, most of which were especially applicable, and reflects much credit upon the authors, as well as upon the very clear and distinct manner in which they were read, and was greatly appreciated by the members and quite a number of invited guests. The music was also a grand feature of the occasion. The organ, which was thought to be out of tune, gave no evidence of such condition. Several very pretty and familiar pieces were rendered by the organist, accompanied by a number of clear melodious voices, which added an additional charm. At the conclusion many regrets were expressed that it was time to adjourn, and all resolved to be on hand when Eureka should again open her doors. The guests were quite profuse in their thanks, and returned home well pleased with the evening spent with the grangers. CRUSOE.

Still Pond Items.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—This community has lost one of its oldest and most respected citizens in the death of Mr. George Washington Price, who died on Thursday morning, February 21, at his home near Turner's Creek, in the 65th year of his age Mr. Price has always been noted through life as a man of strict integrity and uncompromising in what he believed to be right. He was a practical farmer and fruit-grower, and had given much time to a careful study of his chosen occupation, and his opinions upon such subjects were always given with an unusual degree of clearness and force. A member of the Episcopal Church, his life was one of consistency in its every transaction. A Democrat in politics, his political actions were governed by a high sense of duty and devotion to party principals. His funeral took place yesterday, interment at I. U. cemetery, Rev. Mr. Mumford officiating. Pallbearers were Louis Alrich, C. H. Price, Max Price, Hyland Jones, W. R. Price and W. S. Maxwell, all relatives of the deceased.

Yesterday was the coldest day since January 12, 1886. The mercury registered 2° below zero at Barnard's, 6° above in Still Pond Neck, 4° above at Betterton, 3° above at Still Pond and 6° above at Turner's Creek.

This weather will kill a great many peach buds, which will cause an advance in the evaporated fruit market.

Messrs. G. H. Clark and Thomas Bowers, of Still Pond, are visiting Mr. J. C. Roseberry in Virginia. M.

From Crumpton.

We made mention in the last issue of the TRANSCRIPT, of the band which had been organized by the young men of Crumpton, for the purpose of wooing the fair goddess of pleasure to the sacred precincts of the picturesque town by the Chester. Now, as indicating the rapid improvement in the realms of sweet music, made by the members of this new venture, we copy from the *Centreville Record*, the following account of a most enjoyable entertainment:

"Our brass band is making commendable progress. It can now play Yankee Doodle and Old Dan Tucker without a break, and is making rapid strides toward Dixie. Two days after receiving its instruments, it had a street parade and serenaded a citizen. That was rapid progress, but it has been going on the same line ever since, and on Tuesday night last accepted an invitation from our tonsorial artist, Mr. Wm. S. Atkinson, to visit his parlor, on Main street. Promptly at 7.30 P. M., the band was on hand, and played over and over again in two tunes, until the staid old bachelor was filled with rapture from tip to toe. Having invited the band, he thought best to make some preparation. Of course a cake must be had, but how was he to get it? He could not make it himself, and, alas! he had no wife. What must he do. A thought struck him—he would tell his troubles to some other man's wife, and may be she would help him out. Mrs. S., the leader's wife, heard his complaint, and baked him a nice large cake. On this, with an ample supply of cold water (ours is a cold water, not a "Pumpkin" band) the company was regaled, and after tooting again its couple of tunes, bid the lonely bachelor good night, promising him a first class serenade when—when, in the future he tires of single wretchedness and espouses double blessedness."

Our Church Hill Letter.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—About six miles from Chestertown, over in the state, as the people of Kent love to call Queen Anne's, lies the thrifty town of Church Hill. During the last twenty or twenty-five years this village has changed its reputation of the frontier border style to that of one of the most orderly communities in Eastern Marylaud. The fact is, that a great majority of the people of this community are and always have been law abiding citizens, who by their extreme endurance during the civil war, suffered a few local desperadoes to terrorize the place and give it its unsavory reputation. Finally, when endurance had ceased to be a virtue, Judge Lynch was called in, and one of these outlaws was strung up to a limb, and the others warned to leave, which they did, since which time no more peaceable community has existed.

This town, which is the centre of a rapidly developing farming community, has kept pace with its surroundings and to-day, it presents the fact that neither water or rail communication are necessary to sustain a good local business centre. The four and a-half miles to a steamboat, and the three and a-half miles to a railroad depot, serve to keep a good share of its natural trade at home. Its prosperity depends entirely upon agricultural industry and the great number of the farmers who gather here each Saturday afternoon, regardless of the season or weather, shows plainly that they are determined to give this place a generous support. It has none of the signs of dry-rot, so often found in Eastern Shore towns, but has rather the unfinished appearance of a growing town in a newly settled country.

There is about the usual amount of enterprise shown in marrying, dieing, accidents, parties, balls, and etc., which we usually see recorded, but as these matters usually are more interesting to the parties concerned than to the general public, I will not burden your columns with an itemized account of such occurrances at this time. Hoping that after the old bridge is bought or the new one built, you and your readers will become better acquainted with your neighbors in the State over the Chester, I am yours truly, SOL. STRETCHER.

Our Crumpton Letter.

CRUMPTON, Feb. 26, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I was so fortunate as to be the guest at a very enjoyable affair Thursday, the 21st inst. The occasion was the variety wedding given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Newcomb's eighth anniversary at their home near Worton Station. At an early hour the invited friends commenced to arrive, and continued until the social gathering numbered about fifty persons. The presents were of almost endless variety, nearly every article which could possibly be entered upon the catalogue of a perfectly equipped household being represented. The dinner, which was served at precisely 3 o'clock, was all that the most fastidious taste could desire. Among the friends and relatives present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Matthews and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Matthews and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Redmile and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. John Silcox, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Reed, Mr. Stewart R. Matthews, Mr. Oliver M. Matthews, Miss Annie Beck and others. You may rest assured that ample justice was done to the good things with which the table was loaded. Later in the evening, as some of the guests retired to their homes, others arrived, the furniture and carpets were soon removed from one of the rooms, music procured and the young people engaged in dancing, without a break in their enjoyment until exactly 12 o'clock P. M., when the genial host and hostess announced supper. After supper had been served, all again retired to the ball room and continued dancing until the wee sma hours of the morning, when they retired to their homes, wishing the host and hostess many returns of the occasion. A GUEST.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

Ellendale, Del., now boasts of street lamps, having purchased a lot from Milford, where the electric light has superseded the old coal oil lamps.

The ship-yard at Bethel, Del., is full of work. Two large vessels are being repaired. One of these vessels, the Lady Ida, is engaged in the West India trade.

A young man by the name of Brown, who said he had been put ashore from an oyster boat in Pocomoke City, passed through Salisbury Wednesday, walking to Baltimore.

Mr. Henry Schoolfield Parker, of Parsonby, Wicomico county, is eighty-three years old. He is full of life and activity, and offers to wrestle with anybody in the county of the same age and size.

The county commissioners of Cecil county decided at a meeting last week to discontinue taxing the furniture of parsonages, they being informed by council that it was exempt from taxation.

John Tyre, of near Georgetown, Del., was recently whipped with 100 lashes by alleged "White Caps." He was charged with not properly supporting his family, and since the whipping he has left for parts unknown.

Two car loads of Italian laborers passed through Georgetown, Del., on Wednesday on their way to work on the canal which is to connect Chincoteague with Delaware bay. This project will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

The work of shelling the streets goes on bravely. Twenty thousand bushels have been put down already. The shells for Railroad Avenue from Short's store to the depot are being furnished by the Railroad Company.—*Sussex Journal.*

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