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LOCAL MATTERS.

—The roads are in splendid condition.

—Wheat is looking well in all parts of the county.

—The bright spring-like weather Tuesday, brought many farmers to town.

—Quite a number of the farmers of Queen Anne's have commenced breaking ground for corn.

—A meeting of the members of the gymnasium, of Washington College, was held last week, to decide upon what apparatus would be needed.

—Miss Lillie Shaw, the teacher of Piney Neck public school, had sixty dollars stolen from her trunk during last week. There is no clue to the thief as yet.

—Charles Moore, formerly of Chestertown, has rented property in Smyrna, and will as soon as possible, establish himself in that town and open a marble yard.

—Sunday next, March 17, will be St. Patrick's Day; the day set apart in honor of the great patron saint of Ireland. "An Irishman, a very valiant gentleman i'faith. —SHAKESPEARE.

—So far as heard from, some of our farmers have not as yet commenced plowing, but are busy getting ready for vigorous farming operations. A few farmers, however, took advantage of the open winter and did their spring plowing.

—Gardening is now the order of the day. A limited number of persons have already planted their peas and potatoes, while others are busy preparing for their garden work. Mr. Kirby, the florist, is forcing his plants and expects to have tomatoes in the market in June.

—The Chester River Steamboat Company has bought an acre of ground at Rock Hall, just above the Gratitude's wharf, and will begin as soon as possible to build a wharf and the necessary warehouses. It is reported that the steamers will be on the line between the 20th and the last of April.

—Our Edesville correspondent says that the Gratitude has resumed her trips, and that she was met at Rock Hall, on her first trip by a number of admiring friends. The Gratitude is a model of beauty, and in her bright costume, is said to look as bright and attractive as when first built.

—The steamers of the Tolchester line have been taken from their winter quarters, and are now running on regular schedule time, and will offer increased inducements to the public during the present season; fine steamers, a convenient schedule and courteous attentions by its officers. Schedule will be found in the TRANSCRIPT.

—Chestertown game market has been completely flooded during the past week. Many fine ducks have been sent up. On Tuesday Mr. Robert Wickes brought to Chestertown eleven pairs of different kinds of ducks and nine swan, four of the swan which he and his brother had succeeded in killing were picked up by the police boat.

—J. W. Bordley, Esq., now representing the Bell Clothing Company, of New York, one of the largest establishments in this country, has rented the store-room under the *Kent News* office, where he will soon be established in his new business with a full and varied stock. Extensive improvements are now being made preparatory to fitting in.

—T. W. Eliason, Jr., whose lumber yard is now heavily stocked with building material of every description, announces by advertisement in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT, that he will be glad to make estimates for those desiring to build. Mr. Eliason, during the past few days, has received 89,300 feet of lumber, including pine joists, flooring, scantling, etc., from Viginia mills, and is expecting larger shipments.

—Deputy Sheriff Lambert started for Baltimore by steamer yesterday, to take into custody Captain George B. Coleman, who was arrested by the police steamer during the winter for illegal dredging. The dredging season is drawing to a close and the captains will soon surrender their boats. The bondsmen, fearing that when court commenced the captains may be *non est*, have withdrawn their security, as in the case of Capt. Coleman.

—Capt. Joseph W. Thompson, who has made extensive additions to his already roomy carriage repository, announces in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT that his stock of carriages, dog carts, phætons, rockaways, spring wagons, etc., is now complete. In inspecting the captain's assortment of wagons of various kinds, the first thing to impress one is the array of fine work at low prices. The most fastidious can be suited from his complete line, and the most delicate pocket-book can be suited.

—The steamer B. S. Ford, which has been off her line during the past four weeks, undergoing some minor repairs and a new coat of paint, resumed her trips on Tuesday, taking the Emma Ford's place. The Ford, in her spring dress, presents an attractive appearance. The Emma Ford will now be put on the "ways," and will in the course of a month, be ready to take her place on the line, and it will be safe to say that when the two Fords again take their places, there will not be two handsomer steamers sailing from Baltimore.

—The report has been current during the present week, to the effect that the railroad would at once be pushed ahead, and built through to Tolchester, and be ready for travel within two months. The grading of the road has for a number of years been completed to within a short distance of Tolchester, and the time required to complete the work would be very short. This report, however, is not authenticated by either the manager of the road or its attorney, who say that if such an arrangement has been perfected, they are not aware of it.

—The annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, will meet at Lynchburg, Virginia, April 3. Rev. Wm. S. Hammond is the present president, having held the position for three years. In conformity to the custom of the conference, Mr. Hammond will be retired and make an appointment. Numerous changes are mentioned in connection with the position which will be vacated by Mr. Hammond, which will be filled at the approaching conference, among them are Rev. B. F. Mason, of Chesapeake circuit, this county, Rev. D. Kinzer, of Mt. Lebanon, Baltimore, and Rev. Webster M. Strayer, of Church, Baltimore. The Maryland Conference embraces Maryland, excepting Queen Anne's county, Delaware, District of Columbia, and a limited number of charges in Virginia. The members number 18,000; stationers, 1,499; 188 ministers; churches and 70 parsonages. The estimated value of church property is $[illegible].

—Strawberries have already appeared in Baltimore and northern markets, but are small and of inferior quality. It is thought that the general crop will be fully a month earlier this year than usual, owing to the mild winter, which has proved to be specially beneficial in the South. The season usually opens about the middle of March, but in 1875, when the season was mild, berries were placed on the market before February 1. The standard price for early strawberries is about $1 per box.

—Work on the creamery is being pushed forward. The foundation has been dug out and teams are kept running early and late hauling the brick in place. It is estimated that between sixty and seventy thousand bricks will be used. The building which the Messrs. Nicholson's propose to erect will be twenty-four by fifty-two feet, the first story to be of brick, above that to be frame. The present site, in the rear of Mr. James Brice's property, is a particularly elligible one, being more centrally located than the original position near the straw-board mill.

—Dr. C. H. B. Massey, residing near Massey's X roads, met with quite a painful accident on Friday last. The Dr. who has for a number of years been paralyzed in his lower limbs, necessitating his using canes, was walking in the yard at his home when he slipped, and in order to save himself from the fall dropped his stick in order to enable him to lighten the fall with his hands. The canes have curved handles one of which caught the leg above the knee, throwing the doctor across the lower portion of the cane, which snapped the bones in two places, one just above the knee and the other just above the ankle. Dr. Lattimer who was summoned thinks that the bones will knit without any serious trouble.

—The dwelling house of Peter Clare, at Smithville, was entirely destroyed by fire on Friday evening last, about eight o'clock. At the time of the fire Mr. Clare was at work for Mr. French, a farmer in the neighborhood, and Mrs. Clare and her little girl had gone to Smithville for the mail. When the fire was first discovered, the roof was burning, and before assistance could be obtained the flames had spread to such an extent that it was impossible to save anything except a few trifling articles on the first floor. The dwelling was a comfortable frame building and belonged to Mrs Clare. The loss is totat, nothing having been saved and there be-being no insurance either on the house or personal effects. Mrs. Clare usually when she leaves home in the evening, puts her little girl to bed and leaves her at home alone; fortunately, however, on the evening of the fire, she took the child with her. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue, from the fact that when discovered it was burning near the chimney, and there can be no other satisfactory theory for its origin.

Death of Mrs. Sarah M. Pennell.

Mrs. Sarah M. Pennell, wife of Mr. Dell Pennell, died suddenly at her home Monday, of heart disease. Mrs. Pennell, had she lived until April next, would have been sixty years of age. Monday morning she appeared to be in good health, and ate her dinner with the family. After dinner she was in the sitting-room with a four year old child, when she fell to the floor. The child notified the family who at once summoned Dr. Catlin, but before he reached the house the patient died. The Dr. thinks that Mrs. Pennell must have died within a few minutes after falling from her chair.

How the Creamery Pays.

Says the Middletown *Transcript:* The following is the result of twelve months experience of four gentlemen of our neighborhood, who have kept account with the Eagle Creamery of this town. It is a very creditable showing of the superiority of dairying over grain raising:

February,	$52.21	$39.63	$58.86	$37.44
March,	56.84	50.83	51.40	39.00
April,	45.48	58.20	18.06	55.45
May,	63.90	80.01	34.47	77.51
June,	47.77	66.19	39.17	95.22
July,	32.73	54.85	56.92	105.18
August,	27.97	54.83	78.33	85.50
September,	39.07	64.23	90.24	99.17
October,	53.53	79.32	93.48	81.25
November,	51.04	70.43	70.58	27.79
December,	62.92	73.38	93.56	33.50
January,	76.33	81.49	90.88	35.82
Total,	$609.79	$773.39	$775.95	$772.83

The above is included from February 1, 1888, till January 31, 1889.

New Advertisements.

M. T. Goslee's change of advertisement will be found in this issue. Mr. Goslee is making a boom in his fine spring stock, and offers a drive on goods to those who wish to avail themselves of rare bargains.

W. T. Wright announces that he is enlarging his already spacious "Combination Store," preparatory to placing in a handsome and varied stock of spring goods. Watch for his advertisement.

J. K. Aldridge & Co., comes to the front with a rare assortment of spring hardware, plows, fence wires, seed potatoes and a general line of necessary articles for an agricultural district.

D. T. Williamson, jeweler, corrects in this issue the statement that he is selling off his stock of fine watches and jewelery, preparatory to leaving town, and announces that he has come to stay.

T. R. Hubbard & Son, advertise their special oat fertilizer, and give strong references to support their claim of having a first-class article.

John Gale, Esq., advertises that his handsome bay stallion, Operator 3116 will stand at Worton Manor Stock Farm during the present season. Operator No. 3116 is a handsome blood bay, possessing fine qualities for either road or farm.

Personal Mention.

Miss Allie Gregory, of Skaneateles, N. Y., has been visiting Miss Annie Hubbard.

Mr. Dorsey Walters, of Pocomoke City, is now visiting his sister, Miss Nellie Walters.

Mr. Harry Brice has accepted a position in the dress-goods department of Starwbridge & Clothier, of Philadelphia. Mr. Brice has during the past four years been with Mr. R. Bergen, of Chestertown.

Mr. James Brice, Jr., son of James Brice, Esq., of this town, but now of Baltimore, is spending a short holiday with his father.

Prof. W. W. Chapman, receiving teller of the Chestertown National Bank, and chorister of Christ M. P. Church, is away on a ten day's holiday, which will be spent in Washington, New York and other points north. It is not definitely known when he will return.

D. C. Hopper, Esq., and W. Hopper Gibson, brother of Congressman Gibson, of Centreville, were in town yesterday.

John Wilkinson, Esq., one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Queen Anne's county, died at his residence in Centreville on Tuesday last, in the eighty-first year of his age.

John M. Collins, Esq., of Centreville, and Thomas A. Hulme, a former Kent countian, but now living in Baltimore, were in town yesterday, and made the TRANSCRIPT a visit on Wednesday.

Court News.

Orphans' Court, March 12, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Letters of administration upon the estate Mrs. Mary. B. Perkins, were granted to Wm. M. Slay. John W. Hines and Wm. Morris were appointed to appraise the estate. Sarah A. Armstrong, adm'r of John M. Armstrong and Araminta E. I. Armstrong, deceased, filed her bond in the estate of each decedent. Miss Catharine DeFord, executrix of Mrs. Elizabeth DeFord, passed her first and final administratrix account.

The county commissioners met Tuesday, March 12, pursuant to adjournment, with full board. The petition for an appropriation to grade the hill on Fishing Valley road was approved for a levy of $200, and an order passed that that sum be provided for by the levy of 1889. The inquisition on the body of Theodore Groome, colored, who died in jail, was accepted and the legal costs thereof ordered to be provided for by levy. Notice of the death of Robert Crane, county patient at the Maryland Hospital, who died at that institution March 3, was received. Letter received from Robert C. Young, relating to Betterton Landing, ordered to be filed. Board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy and for transfer of property.

In the Churches.

The usual services for the week have been held at the Methodist Episcopal Church. No extra meetings will be held during the remainder of the week except the final meeting of the official board for the conference year which meets this evening.

Rev. R. W. Todd will preach at Union Methodist Episcopal Church, near Worton, next Sunday afternoon.

Rev. J. H. Geoghegan, of Washington College, filled the Union M. E. pulpit last Sunday afternoon.

Christ Church Lyceum met last evening with the following program: Chorus by Glee Club; recitation, by Miss Coe Thompson; cornet solo, by Prof. C. V. Schofield; dialogue, by twelve boys; music, by boy minstrels; charade by Misses Annie Russell, Clara Usilton and James Chapman; solo, Mrs. L. Groves; essay, J. H. Geoghegan; chorus, by Glee Club.

Services at St. Dennis' Catholic Church, Galena, Sunday next, March 17, 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.

The services at the Prothistant Episcopal Church during Lent are as follows;

Sundays, service and sermon, 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Mondays, service at 5 P.M.; Tuesdays, service at 5 P. M.; Wednesdays, Litany 12 M., service at 5 P. M.; Thursdays, service at 5 P. M.; Fridays, Litany, 12 M., service at 5 P. M. Holy Communion every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) at 7.30 A. M.

The Dorcas Society met last evening at Mrs. Blackiston's.

An Historical Society.

One of the most valuable, as well as one of the most interesting organizations which could be formed in Chestertown, would be an Historical Society, a society whose object would be to collect and preserve a vast number of important incidents which the history of the county can poorly afford to lose. Such an organization could not fail to enlist the most earnest support of persons from *every section* of the county, since its object would be to preserve in tact, a common heritage; our county's history. There are a vast number of reminiscences, which we pass unnoticed every day, which are so ineffacably interwoven with the web and woof of the history of Kent, that to suffer one thread of the soft texture to be broken, the historic garment must suffer needless loss. Notwithstanding the value, apart from any local pride which may cluster around the past, many incidents of the county's younger life, and, indeed, her older development, have already stolen away with the lapse of the years, while many others have no record to-day other than the memory of our older citizens, where like the delicate impress upon wax, they too must soon be blotted out and lost forever. There is not a district in the county which has not historic ground; colonial homesteads, evidences of simpler and more primitive modes of life than our own, old stage roads, Caulk's Field and many other interesting spots and incidents well worth preserving. Such a society would be no kinder-garten for the young; but an association in which the most cultured and intelligent citizens of the county might well feel that they were engaged in a work worthy of, and, indeed, demanding their most earnest efforts. Let a meeting be called and such an organization be formed as soon as possible.

Any views which others may have upon the subject, we would be glad to give space in our columns, and ask that an expression upon the matter be given us.

After Peaches, What!

Dr. J. J. Black, of New Castle in a long article on the "yellows" in peach trees in which he concedes the cause is not known but believes it will, and will be materially aided by the scientific department of Delaware College, closes as follows:

"The question is often asked in Delaware: After peaches, what? Although by no means personally despairing of future success of the peach, I am inclined to answer, sorghum. From what I have learned of the process of extracting sugar by diffusion or soaking, I am becoming quite enthusiastic and hope to see Delaware farmers and Delaware land make a great step in advance. If the sorghum industry is successfully established on this Peninsula, I look in the near future to see Delaware land bring $100 per acre, or more, and wealth and happiness enthroned, where now there is doubt and uncertainty as to the future well being of our Peninsula people. Dr. Neal, the director of the agricultural station at Newark, is one of the first, if not the very first authorities on the sorghum industry in this country, and he is quite sanguine as to successful sugar growing and sugar making on the Delaware and Chesapeake Peninsula, and for such purposes thinks it probably has advantages over any other locality in this country. Dr. Neal will talk on this industry in all its phrases at the meeting of the Farmers' Institute in the college oratory at Newark, March 11, at 1 o'clock, P. M. All farmers, especially the dispirited ones, should attend this meeting.

The peach is an enigma, and its treatment has by no means been reduced to an exact science, and its response to treatment is never the same, under the same circumstances, as is apparent to the ordinary observer. Practical work has failed; let science and scientific men enter the arena. May they solve the enigma.—*Smyrna Times*

Some of the precocious boys of Wilmington picked up the empty boxes, that had contained fried oysters, and filling them with mud, sold them to the excursionists passing through that city for the inauguration. One boy realized ten dollars from the fraud.—*Smyrna Record.*

ALMOST AN ESCAPE.

Four Negroes Make an Effort to Break Jail.

Deputy Sheriff Lambert was given a real surprise on Monday morning last, by four of the prisoners confined in the Chestertown jail. On Sunday evening just before retiring, everything was found upon inspection, to be apparently safe and in shipshape. Upon entering the lower corridor, however, at an early hour on Monday morning, Frank Jackson, a negro who is in jail awaiting trial for breaking into the store of Mr. Ivens, at Worton, was found enjoying himself in rather an enthusiastic manner in the hallway outside his cell. Jackson was dancing, and seemed to be heartily enjoying the novelty of his semi-freedom. A thorough investigation disclosed the rather startling facts that two of the half-inch iron bars had been entirely sawed off, and that others were weakened to such an extent by having been subjected to the same process, that it was but a trifling operation for two prisoners in another cell, to make their exit at a moment's warning. When the situation became known to Deputy Lambert, it was the usual hour for a colored boy to enter the corridor through an outer door, for the purpose of fixing the fires, this was known to the prisoners, and they were patiently awaiting the arrival of the boy when the flight was to be made. Fortunately, however, the jail official was the first to put in an appearance, and at once put an end to the proceedings. The four colored men confined in the lower cells, all of whom were participants, were at once leg-ironed in their rooms. The sawing of the bars was done with an old case-knife and a badly worn shoe-knife, which were found in the cell, as was also a brick, which had been used for sharpening purposes. The men positively refused to tell by whom the knives and brick were furnished, but by close questioning, it was learned that operations were commenced on Sunday, just a week from the night upon which Jackson perfected his portion of the program for the escape. He said that the sawing had been kept up at night and during such portions of the day as could be safely availed of. A towel was found carelessly wrapped around the cut bars, in a way that would not attract attention, and effectually conceal the work. Jackson said that he would have made a rush for the front entrance but was afraid of being shot. The opening made by sawing the two bars and through which the man forced his way was about 9½x12 inches. Sheriff Casey was away from home at the time, but returned shortly afterward and said that the prisoners in jail at present have given him more trouble than any set during his term of office. It is believed that Matthew Williams has been the cause of the trouble, since it is thought that he furnished the instruments for the work. Williams is a negro boy of fourteen years of age, but has had a remarkable experience in his chosen profession as a thief. He has already been in jail three times, independent of having spent six months in the House of Correction. His first escapade was a trip to the country, when he stole a turkey, brought it to town and sold it alive to Mrs. Lynch, who keeps a store on Main street, pocketed the money and departed, apparently well pleased with his sale; that night he returned to Mrs. Lynch's, stole the turkey a second time, dressed it and on the following morning took it back and again contracted with Mrs. Lynch for another purchase of her turkey. Williams was released from jail on March 2, but returned on the following morning, claiming to have forgotten some of his clothing, and it is thought that he then quietly passed the concealed articles to his less fortunate friends. Edward Chavis turned State's witness, and has substantially confirmed this statement. Williams was re-arrested on Monday and returned to jail. He claims that James Andrews, alias Cabbage, who is awaiting trial for stealing, gave the men the knives. Anderson, when he was carried to jail, was allowed to go to the furnace to warm, and Williams says that it was then that the knives were passed in None of the men escaped, and are now secure in their old quarters. There is not a cell in the lower corridor, which has not had bricks picked out, and that there are not evidences of an effort to escape.

From Edesville.

EDESVILLE, MD., March 12, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Quite a number assembled at the Rock Hall wharf on Monday to welcome back the steamer Gratitude. She has been thoroughly repaired, and looks like a fair "debutante" in her new dress and coat of paint. I hope the fair "debutante" however, will not take offence, for of course, no one would suppose that her beauty is enhanced by a new dress or coat of artificial coloring. It is a real satisfaction to know that we are not a day's journey from a city which is almost in sight. We understand that the Chester River Steamboat Company will build a wharf a few hundred yards above the Gratitudes wharf at an early date. It has taken this company a long time to discover that the public much prefer a two hours trip to one of four hours, to reach the same destination. In the days of our grand fathers, when wheat was threshed by the slow process of the flail, and grand mothers spent the winter making candles, a trip to Baltimore by way of Grey's Inn was quite the correct thing, but in this age of progress, when every man realizes that time is money, it is not to be thought of.

About fifty attended the "Sociable" at Rev. B. F. Benson's on last Friday evening, and enjoyed the very pleasant occasion with their beloved pastor and his estimable wife.

The stock-holders of the Edesville Hall, gave a supper and entertainment to their friends on the evening of March 5, and though the roads were almost impassible, and several teams got stuck before reaching the hall, the attendance was good. A first class supper was served about 7 o'clock, after which an entertaining program of readings, vocal and instrumental music, was creditably rendered, then followed a dance, in which some of the old fifths fairest daughters tripped the "light fantastic toe," while Messrs. Eugene and Horace Willson drew the bows in a masterly manner. The guest departed at about 11 o'clock, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. The above entertainment proved to be a very expensive one to Miss Lillie Shaw, teacher of Piney Neck school, as on the following morning she discovered that her trunk had been robbed of sixty dollars, which she supposed had been taken while the family were absent on the previous evening. No clue to the robbery has been found.

While returning from the same entertainment, Mrs. J. L. Gale was thrown from her carriage, by some part of it breaking, and sustained severe bruises about the face. MAX.

Mr. James H. Collier, keeper of a "club" house in Bay Hundred, was arraigned before Justice James Benson last Saturday, charged with violating the local option law, by selling whiskey to sundry persons at sundry times. A preliminary hearing was had, and Collier was held to trial in three cases, $200 in each case.—*Ex.*

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

Kindly Light for Foreign Lands.

The interesting services of the annual Missionary Anniversary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were held on Sunday last, commencing at 7.30 o'clock P. M. It was at first expected that the services would take place on the previous Sunday, but owing to the inclemenency of the weather they had to be postponed. At an early hour the church was crowded with the parents and friends of those who were to take part in the thoroughly enjoyable program. The audience, it is safe to say, was not less interested in the great work which has given rise to the noble and widespread endeavor, which the occasion was to commemorate, than in the result of the earnest work of the two hundred and thirty bright young faces, willing heads and generous hearts which compose the school. Under the guidance of the efficient corps of teachers, the result of the past years' work was highly gratifying. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Todd, in his congratulatory remarks to the school, said that never before had the pastor, superintendent and teachers, had greater reason to be glad at the results of the year just closed. After some preliminary preparation in the Sunday school room each class filed into the church, headed by its teacher.

The interesting program was opened by a cornet solo, finely rendered by Irving Twilley, with the following program: An anthem, Hark, the Song of Jubilee, by choir; singing by the congregation, Jesus Shall Reign; The Highway of the Lord, by the school. Recitation, Our Missions, by Miss Mary Vickers; soprano solo, by Mrs. Alice Todd, Give Me Some Work to Do; missionary dialogue, by Arthur Merritt and Wilbur Eliason, Jr.; singing by the school, Gathering for the Master; address by Prof. T. N. Williams; singing, The Church Rallying Song, by Miss Florence Cavender, Mrs. Alice Todd, Rev. R. W. Todd and J. W. Bordley; collection and report of secretary, W. B. Copper; anthem, We Have Thought of Thy Kindness, by the choir; singing, Gates of Praise, by school; doxology, and benediction by Rev. R. W. Todd.

The very appropriate recitation of Miss Mary Vickers, was prettily rendered in a clear and unfaltering voice. The musical portion, was not less a success than the other portions of the program, though it was almost entirely impromptu, owing to the sickness of several of the expected singers. The soprano solo, Give Me Some Work to Do, by Mrs. Todd, was one of the features of the evenings entertainment. Master Wilbur Eliason and Arthur Merritt, showed careful preparation in the missionary dialogue. The address of Prof. T. N. Williams, superintendent of the school, was eloquent, entertaining and instructive; replete with gems of thought and beautiful lessons.

The three classes having made during the year the highest contributions to the missionary cause were the infant class, Misses Nannie Bordley and Belle Pippin, teachers, $17.24; C. S. York's class, $17.01 and Dr. J. T. Twilley's class, $14.38. Total for the year $151.11. The result of the year's work, as well as its closing commemorative services were in every way successful. The music by the choir with Miss Belle Pippin at the organ, was all that could have been desired. The members of the choir are as follows: Prof. R. K. Pippin, chorister; Miss Belle Pippin, organist; Messrs. W. C. Orrell and Irving Twilley, cornetists: sopranos, Misses Dora Hodgskins, Florence Cavender, and Susie Lambert; alto, Miss Annie Lambert; tenors, Thomas Bordley, Wilbur Thomas, Frank Davis; basso, J. W. Bordley, J. W. Crouch, Snowden Thomas and Walter Pippin.

Missionary Anniversary at Still Pond M. E. Church.

STILL POND, March 11, 1889.

About three hundred persons were present last evening at the missionary anniversary held in the Still Poud M. E. Church. It was decidedly the best entertainment the Sabbath school has ever given. The exercises opened by the congregation singing, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," followed by prayer by Pastor Rigg. Then, "Mighty our King" was sung by the S.S. school choir, consisting of Mrs. J. F. Wilson, Mrs. S. J. Barwick, the Misses Susie Jump, Maggie Harper, Sallie Barnard and Mr. Harry Lawton. Mrs. J. S. Clark, a member of the choir, was prevented from attending by sickness. Miss Gulie Parrott, organist. Address of welcome by Benjamin Krusen. "The beautiful light" was then sung by the school. "If I were a little heathen," was well rendered by Mattie Davis. Solo, "The world is growing better," by Sallie Barnard, chorus by the school. Dialogue by Lily Parrott and Sallie Jones, which was very good. "God so loved the world," by Lilian Busick, Sallie Jones and Hattie Barnard, chorus by the school, which was well done. A sermon by Pearce Starkey, was very good. Hymn, "Keep step ever," by the school. The Mystic Cross and Reaper, by ten girls representing China, India, Japan, Sweden, Italy, Corea, Africa, Mexico, Bulgaria and America, was very good. Solo, "His child forevermore," by Hattie Barnard, was very fine. Collection, $215.55 cents. The infant class, Mrs. J. F. Wilson, received the banner, having raised about $48, the highest amount. Doxology, tune old hundred. Benediction. OBSERVER.

Our Kennedyville Letter.

March 13, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The Farmers' Club and the patrons of the Excelsior Creamery turned out in force on Saturday last, and in pursuance to the call, repaired to the hall, when the president, Mr. E. B. Pennington, called the meeting to order, and stated the object of the meeting to be to ascertain if possible, the cause of the dissatisfaction among the patrons of the creamery and the cause of the low price of milk. Mr. Shafer stated that he was not prepared to give an itemized statement for each month, but would give a general synopsis for the month of January. It required 28½ pounds of milk to produce one pound of butter, while in the fall, he obtained 5½ pounds and more from one hundred pounds of milk. He claimed to have one of the latest improved separators, and thought they were getting all the cream from the milk. He, however, intimated that he would send a portion of skimmed milk to a chemist for analysis. He also said that milk over twenty hours standing would not produce results equivalent to fresh milk. The Middletown creamery paid 12 cents for January, while they paid ten cents, and we do not hesitate to admit scarcely made ends meet. In answer to the question, "Do you test the milk?" he said that his applyances for so doing had been broken, but he now had secured a more reliable tester, and would hereafter give this matter more attention; he also admitted, that to test milk accurately, was attended with considerable delay and expense, and thought the chemical process most reliable. He could not say that the milk was diluted, but he had found a dipper in one of the cans, which so far, no one had claimed. In regard to garlic, where the cows are in pasture, he advised that they should be brought in two and a half hours before milking, and given a light dry feed, this, however, only applied to the first two or three weeks. Garlicy milk would not be received, and all creameries reserve the privilege of refusing it. Fresh or warm milk should not be mixed with cold milk, especially in warm weather, but both should be of the same temperature.

On motion, it was decided that a deduction of one cent per gallon would be made on all milk of over twelve hours standing, except Sunday's milk, the new arrangement to take effect on and after March 20, 1889.

Mr. Eshleman, the creamery operator, was next introduced. He said that milk over one day old, would not produce satisfactory results, claiming that the acid consumed the butter fat. As an evidence, he cited Pennsylvania creameries, which received Saturday evening's milk, this milk upon being separated is found to produce ¼ or more than the usual average. Mr. Eshleman thought that old established creameries had a great advantage; he knew of one Mr. Joe Brozen, who was one of the pioneers in the business, who had a reputation much to be envied. For years he regulated the price of milk in quite a large territory of country, and had an established trade greatly in advance of the market price. Other creameries made as good butter, but it was not Joe Brozen's brand, it would not command top prices. Let us hope that our infant industry may soon gain a Joe Brozen reputation, and that all parties concerned may reap a full measure of returns.

Quite a number of those present expressed their views, and favored a liberal and generous policy towards the creamery, and promised to give this branch of industry more attention.

When the meeting adjourned there was a very much improved feeling, and a promise of better results. CRUSOE.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

There are over seven hundred delinquent taxpayers in Knet county, Del.

There are 10,000 young brook trout and 500,000 whitefish at the Wilmington hatchery.

The amount of gas annually consumed in Dover for all purposes is about 5,000,000 feet.

Several large vessels are anchored in the river, near St. Michales, awaiting cargoes of oysters for planting purposes in the Delaware bay.

The new books for the Smyrna Library, 125 volumes, have been received by J. B. Cooper and will be placed on the shelves in a few days.

Postal Clerk W. K. Norris' route from Easton to Clayton, handled 10,509 pounds of mail matter last week.—*Easton Star.*

Over $1,000 has been subscribed toward a creamery at Townsend, which is to be controlled by the farmers.

Over $7000 will be offered by the Wilmington Fair managers as racing premiums at its next fair.

No school on Monday of last week at Harrington on account of the tide being so high. The school building being surrounded by water.

One thousand quail from Huntsville, Alabama, will be distributed down the State by the Delaware Game Protective Association this week.

The stockholders of the Delaware Fruit Exchange will meet this week at Dover to consider the question of abandoning or maintaining the enterprise.

Henry Page, Jr., of Princess Anne, was one of the contestants for the athletic honors at Princeton recently, and proved himself the best wrestler in the ring by taking off first prize.

Mary Davidson, the youngest daughter of Capt. John Davidson, of Elkton, fell off a plank into the race at Vinsinger's mill, and was rescued by her sister Effie, a girl about ten years old.

The Easton Gas Company and the Electric Light Company of that place have consolidated as the Easton Gas and Electric Light Company of Talbot county. The new company assumed control from March 1.

The bill appropriating $1500 for the purpose of purchasing the right of way for the extension of the Assawoman and Delaware Bay Canal, between Rehoboth Bay and Lewis, has passed the House.

The firm of Mitchell & Murrell, proprietors of the Salisbury wood-working factory are now about ready to start work in their new factory. This firm began business a few years ago in Salisbury in a small shop. It soon became necessary to enlarge their mill, and their business has increased to such an extent that they decided to erect a still larger mill, with better machinery.

Mr. Hugh J. Phillips, who recently purchased a track of clay land at Pocomoke City, formed a company last week, known as the Pocomoke Brick Company, for the manufacture of bricks on a large scale. The site is a very eligible one, being located directly on the river, with a wharf and sufficient depth of water for large vessels to lie at the wharf to receive and discharge cargoes.

MARRIED.

TODD—PARLETT.—At the residence of the bride's mother, 220 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, on Tuesday, March 5, by Rev. R. W. Todd assisted by Rev. A. Longacre, D. D., Rev. Geo. Wilson Todd, son of the first named clergyman, and Miss Fannie Isabel Parlett, of Baltimore city.

DOWNEY—OGDEN.—By the Rev. Lehigh West, at West Point, Va., March 5, 1889, Capt. Alvin Downey, of Kent county, and Miss Mary L. Ogden, of West Point, Va.

ALCUTT—COX.—On the 26th of February, at the M. E. Parsonage, Chestertown, by Rev. R. W. Todd, Mr. Walter Alcutt and Miss Ella Cox.

PRICE—PARKS.—February 7, by Rev. J. D. Rigg, of Still Pond, George T. Price and Miss Mary E. Parks.

DIED.

SMITH.—March 8, 1889, in Chestertown, Geo. Edward Smith, son of the late Samuel A. and Anna M. Smith, in the 27, year of his age.

CARR.—In Wilmington, Del., at the residence of his brother, John Carr, recently of Chestertown, aged 51 years.

PERRY.—At the residence of her husband in Centreville, March 4, Emma C. Wife of John Perry, aged 63 years.

WILKINSON.—In Centreville, Queen Anne's county, Tuesday, March 12, 1889, John Wilkinson, aged 81 years.

PENNELL.—Near Chestertown, Monday, March 11, 1889, Mrs. Sarah M., wife of Dell Pennell in the 59th year of her age.

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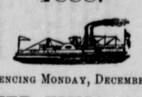

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